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EXPERIENCE OF INTERNATIONAL INTEGRATION IN EDUCATION

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Education of the XXI century is the most important social institution, which is functioning in order to meet social needs, and is intended to respond quickly to all social changes and processes. Growth of international openness of national cultures, the main global trends in human civilization are reflected in the education system. With the fight against unemployment of young people, today's labor market creates the need for professionals, competitive specialists who would conform "international standards" training of qualified specialists, which would have the critical thinking, the ability to respond quickly to changes in the labor market, to acquire new knowledge.

In order to prepare such specialists, since 2001 Odessa Higher Vocational School of Maritime Tourism Service (OHVS MTS) is the member of the European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools (AEHT). During long-term cooperation of OHVS MTS and AEHT a significant number of different activities which are aimed for development and education of students and teachers have passed. Through membership in the Association, students have the opportunity to annually participate in international competitions of professional skill of the service sector (eg, the annual international competition of junior bartenders, held in Presov, Slovakia), and teachers - to raise the level of their knowledge and skills at the Annual International Conference which are organized and carried out by the European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools in different parts of Europe.

With the AEHT's membership, in addition to participating in large projects, OHVS MTS have the opportunity to uncrease its educational level. For more than ten

years history of cooperation with the Association, students and teachers of OHVS MTS participated in conferences, seminars and meetings with the assistance of native speaker of language being studied, as well as professionals of their working sphere, listened to lectures by famous masters of their profession. Students travel to international competitions, participated in bilateral cooperation projects with the schools of the European Union.

In the future, with AEHT`s cooperation it is planned to be opened the Training travel agency, "Workshop of the coffee art" for learning the art of coffee in Odessa Higher Vocational School of Maritime Tourism Service.

Today in Ukraine there is a consistent trend of interest of educational institutions of different levels of accreditation in the establishment of international relations by participating in vocational training projects. We can talk about that in the foreign policy of vocational schools we can see greater interaction aimed at developing cooperation with the aim of establishing joint projects and developments for the purpose of academic exchange. Participation in international projects is aimed at promoting the academic mobility of students and teachers, as well as to develop effective tools for such exchange.

Creation of international educational exchanges - it is always a step ahead. Through such cooperation we can provide practical work on specific areas and projects of interaction between two or more countries, regulate the relations between educational institutions, we can introduce the innovative technologies, establish the relevant training programs, exchange with educational material, promote career development, it is possible to expand the distance learning and the introduce with modern internet technologies . Today international cooperation and integration in the field of education is an important rule of modern educated society.