

DIPLOMATIC CLUB OF KAZAKH UNIVERSITY OF HUMANITIES AND LAW: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS



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Diplomacy is the means by which States conduct their affairs throughout the world in ways to maintain peaceful relations. The main task of diplomatic services is to safeguard the interests of their respective countries abroad. This concerns as much the promotion of political, economic, cultural or scientific relations as it does international commitments to defend human rights or the peaceful settlement of disputes. It is generally agreed today that nowadays the world is entering the period of co-called post-crisis. This fact is well known not only by situation in global economy, but also in big-time politics.

The political life of Kazakhstan was also forced to struggle at the dawn of independence. It had to decide many interrelated issues. Among the most significant current issues was the lack of experience in modern diplomatic service and diplomatic agencies abroad, the scarcity of diplomatic personnel. However, since then our country has rapidly developed, proved its effectiveness and today gains the trust of world leaders.

This year our country is celebrating 20 years of the creation of diplomatic service. The fact of the matter is surely that in this period foundation of professional diplomatic personnel was established. By all odds, education is the main factor in preparing professionals in any field. Mostly graduates from faculty of international relations become the specialists in diplomacy.

However, research has consistently shown that despite the dozens of graduates from faculties of international relations, only few can really display high level of education in diplomatic theory and practice as well. As many students argue, the main reason of this tendency is the lack of educational tools based in practice. This is same as the argument of students of faculty of international law, demanding more practical exercises in teaching of "International law of treaties". Therefore there is a need for non-profit student organization where members will meet to participate in all- or half-day, diplomacy role-playing events. It will aim to educate members in the practice and conduct of international diplomacy by engaging them in a fictitious scenarios.

Traditionally, co-called "diplomatic clubs" have long history. Europeans have created most of the "clubs" for hosting debates which encourage intellectual and thought-provoking exchanges between the resident community and inviting guests of international renown. It also organized informal social events for its members and their spouses, including receptions, day trips, conferences and cultural or sporting activities. For example, Young

Diplomats in London (YDL) aim to assist young diplomats to network through social and multi-cultural events and activities. These kind of "diplomatic clubs" usually requires membership fees.

The type of club that we offer to open under the umbrella of Kazakh University of Humanities and Law (KazUHL) will be the very first non-profit student organization which will serve as a basement for formation of new international school for preparation of professionally educated diplomats.

This club as a project, created by KazUHL will give an opportunity to any student come to University and meet the ambassadors or diplomats in format of lecture with opened discussion. Once in two month students will choose a topic for upcoming meetings in order to hear the position of each side according to the problematic issue.

These meetings encourage students to obtain knowledge and experience on diplomatic issues. Such meetings created under the umbrella of Diplomacy Club will become a tradition in KazUHL and give the opportunity to create the community of intelligent people united by the common interest.

In order to attend the meetings one should become a member of the club. The idea of membership is to eliminate people, who are not particularly interested in the event. Apart from the possibility to attend the lectures, membership will allow to obtain information about the details of the upcoming events by e-mail. The club purpose - development of discussions on problems of the international relations and foreign policy in English language at the faculty of international law and international relations. The club work plan is constituted by general discussion together with students of faculty. According to the work plan students and teachers of chair act with reports on the confirmed subjects.

The "club" as a student club aims for its members to further experience and knowledge over social sciences like law, international relations, over methodology in social sciences, as well as over diplomacy through organizations it undertakes. Members will organize activities in cooperation with other university clubs, also with clubs from various universities of the country.

Thus, the diplomatic club of KazUHL will aim to help students to better understand global developments and foreign policy choices facing Kazakhstan and other countries. The club meetings convene key Kazakh government decision-makers, former ministers of foreign affairs, senior diplomats.

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