

Oleksandra Romanovska: Is there any life after the university?

"Winning in life is not a matter of form or appearances. It has nothing to do with vanity. Victory in life ultimately hinges on whether one has truly fought, whether one has truly advanced." - Daisaku Ikeda

Unlike the Japanese demographic situation, or the like in the United Kingdom, there is no strong, impressive distinction during the after-graduation hiring as for the young people and an old regime' style, or analogue of the sadden pattern of pretending.

The Ukrainian educational system was changed for better since 1991. The books and style of teaching can approximately meet the world standards, but what isolates from being a proud citizen of Ukraine is there seems to be little life for me after university. Work experience greatly differences from the study experience. In the higher education institution you are presented with a dramatically different situation than in real life surroundings. University shows you a theoretical approach to the work tasks that is often invaluable when coming to basics of first-time job. I have had experience of working in the bank and a factory and I can say that the university that I have been studying at didn't prepare me to the challenges that I had to face. University professors cover you up with a sophisticated cellophane of economic struggle experience giving you hope of being a leader of young Ukrainian's generation; generation, that had a university experience of studying and appraising the market economy's success of the world developed countries. I faced the diagram of low wages, picky managers, protege's hiring tactics, lack of furtherance of information and informative technologies, low technical and science progress due to the low wages that are often delayed to be paid.

Also I want to mention the lack of teaching of corporate culture and work ethics. There is a lack of conferences, workshops on making a successful first-time work experience after the graduation.

My suggestion to this problem is that there would be visits of top regional businessman who would like to visit group of fourth year students to share the first-hand experience and tell the real ins and outs of the profession that students are acquiring.

My approach could be illustrated by the following stages. Stage 1 : Innocent hopes and aspirations. "We are the hope of the nation". Stage 2: University degree. Studying under pressure combinations of economic approaches. Stage 3: Real-life obstacles. Discrimination. Rejection of innovative ideas, being called "naive".

It was like learning to swim and then instead of getting to Olympics being ship-wrecked. I describe the tragedy of interaction in working conditions between the generation of people who had worked in the sphere for a longer time than the graduates of the university. I express a hope, like a prayer, that Ukraine's work market will start to function more effectively and the government will provide to graduates more fresh positions to implement the knowledge that they acquired through 4-year experience of studying at a higher education institute. I also would like to expect the current political situation to come to a logical settlement of people's inner desires and individual effort and presentation of Ukraine in the world arena. As a student of International Economics department I would like to tell from my experience. My co-students express lack of inspiration due to the poor structured and proportional labor force, divisionment throughout Ukraine. Students after universities often have to accept low-paid jobs that they are underqualified to work at. So does anybody hear us when we cry out: "We have a quality pass to a quality life"? To be exact, the statistic data on the job market shows that the posts are fully occupied and work load is running at full capacity.

On the contrary, Ukraine is still a stagnant economy with high level of inflation and human rights discrimination. I want to feel insured that my knowledge will not be wasted or rotten by time due to the bureaucracy, difficulty and impediment of current times. Financial difficulties often affect this

disproportion for educational opportunities of village- and city-livers.

The diversion of work opportunities for the center and the periphery mark the government's refuse to leave the premises that were given during the Orange Revolution. It symbolizes a civil disobedience in which demonstrators occupy a public place and refuse to leave voluntarily the work section skeleton - the bony framework of the erroneous infra-work society's body. The old outdated bones (old bureaucratic segment) separated from flesh which is my generation of future graduates are preserved in their natural position. Instead of stretching into a supporting structure, a framework or an outline of polished-up and positive life-programs for people of Ukraine with positive inner self-fund.

What do I suggest?

- a) Inviting prominent business leaders and politics of so-called "New Age" to share their working-start experience and advice on their practical implementation of work-management passage;
- b) To trust Western type of social and economic development, make it penetrate into nation's subconsciousness;
- c) To instil a practice-action approach into the educational universities' program;
- d) To work at seizing more financial statistical data to get a better idea of financial revenue of a potential work unit;
- e) Transparency must be a need in all work interactions for recent graduates;
- f) European integration orientation has to become an imperative for the life after university;
- g) Isolation and separation on the basis of racial or minority groups are impossible to affect employment;
- h) The destruction of long odds, segregation and bribing at the starting jump to a career after the university graduation.

If the process of losing youth of the generation will not be stopped now, it may expand to catastrophic figures and may lead Ukraine to another social-economic crisis. That will destroy all the privileges of the battle of the fortunate nation that we have all the chances to become.

European society can instruct and provide us with information on holding our controlling instruments up high, for measuring and indicating the erroneous acts at work offices, sexual harassments. One learns from one's mistakes. The study gained at university seems to be insufficient to earn a living but we can occupy a position called "a public place"-"open (tolerant) area" and refuse to leave voluntarily.

I do believe that there is life after university.