

## **Viktoria Stefchyshyna: Your choice for future job: Ukraine or abroad?**

*“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are”  
Theodore Roosevelt*

Ukraine affords great opportunities to its citizens, but then why are many of them seeking for better life abroad? Why is the foreign state believed to take care about you better than your native one? Graduating the university and starting my independent life I will face the choice too: Ukraine or abroad? I have to choose...

I thank my country for having a chance to admire its picturesque scenery, melodious language, national culture. I am happy to have been born in Ukraine. Here I am educated, here I can realize my potential, and here I will create my future.

Ukraine is very young and promising. In spite of the present political crisis people are still having aspiration for living better. Though our state so far takes only the 128 place in the rating of 175 countries by conducting business, as The World Bank reported, I am convinced that the large amount, invested by foreign countries, will bring business into an absolutely new level.

Theodore Dreiser said that youthful enthusiasm and hopes are foundation of each creative activity in the world. And he was right. Youth – is treasure of the nation. It is very important that young ambitious and perspective people could replace present public figures and not to draw past stereotypes. They are fervent and full of strength for reforms in each area of life, full of aspiration for making Ukraine better. They should be good specialists, and, as is generally known, growing the professional begins with good education. In my opinion the educational system in the country is not irreproachable. To tell the truth, sometimes I meditate upon whether the knowledge I got here will be enough for the successful career. I know by my own experience that education abroad is pretty different from Ukrainian. Everything differs: students' attitude to study, methods of lecturers' work, application of new technology. Ukrainian students should be in earnest about their study, and the educational establishment in its turn should encourage this aspiration in every possible way. Here it is appropriate to introduce more cultural and educational students exchanges. Thus they can get an invaluable experience from the economically developed countries and provide Ukraine with successful and prosper future.

Nowadays everyone understands the importance of education, that's why certainly preference is given to the states where you can get it the best way. So why not bring it up to standard? Why should we pay another country when we can direct the financial money resources to improve educational system in our motherland? Undoubtedly it is cheaper to teach future specialist abroad than to raise this whole branch. But it is so short-sighted! It is just a display of passiveness! If we improve the scientific standard in Ukraine it will be repaid a hundredfold in future, won't it? Moreover, foreign students will come to study to us, because we have a huge intellectual potential. It makes me happy that Ukraine has however subscribed to Bologna process. Now Ukrainian diplomas will be recognized in the leading countries of the world. The government and citizens pursue the same object – to make necessary and useful transformations in Ukraine. I like the words of our president Viktor Yushenko: “Experience of the most successful countries shows: nation has a chance to take a deserved stand in the world if it realizes the importance of educational, cultural and spirituality development. The spirituality brings the nation together, makes it solid and this allows the country move faster. Our closest neighbours learned to appreciate each historical monument, to direct considerable funds to support native language, culture, publishing and cinema”. And we will learn!

The sharp question is also the graduating students' job placement. Not many employers understand that it is more advantageous to invest money in training their own personnel than to buy them from the competitors. I would like the companies in Ukraine to enable people starting the career to

discover their professional skills. Train them, organize internships abroad, let them understand their importance for your company – and they will become irreplaceable employees.

I know that nowadays is not such an easy time for Ukrainian people: the standard of living leaves much to be desired, expensive education, it is difficult to find work, but I remember the Latin proverb: “Ad augusta per angusta!” which means “To high places by narrow roads”.

Opinions differ, but my choice for future is Ukraine, and it depends on each of us, what kind of country it will be.