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OPENING OF KOREAN CENTER WAS HELD AT KHAZAR

On October 17, 2012, the opening of the Korea Center and an exhibition dedicated to "Korean Alphabet Day" was held at Khazar University. Along with Khazar employees, representatives of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, representatives of the Korean community, and Korean businessmen participated in the event.

The opening of the Korean Center, founded at the university with the joint support of Khazar University and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, started with the opening speeches of the founder of Khazar University and chairman of its Board of Directors and Trustees, Professor Hamlet Isaxanli, and Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Korean Republic to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Cho Suk-Inn.

Professor Hamlet Isaxanli mentioned in his opening speech that the Korean language has a special place among "The languages assuming strategic importance" which is have great importance in their study at Khazar University, and noted that in the future, along with the Korean language, the center will assume a great importance in the study of the history, literature and culture of this country. Then, as the organizer of the event, Head of De-



Many Khazar University students attended the opening of the Korean Center. Pictured are four students who enjoyed the interactive displays. They tapped on the drums and gongs before looking at the other exhibits.

partment of Eastern Languages and Religious Studies Elnura Azizova reported on "Korean language and culture at "Khazar."

Despite the fact that the Korean language has been taught in the department for two years, a series of events entitled "Korean Culture Days" has been planned for the current academic year, and the "Korean alphabet day" exhibition is a first step in this direction. The founder of teaching Korean language at Khazar University, Younhong Lee, noted that in the fall of 2011 when he began teaching the subject, he didn't expect that students and the university would show such a great interest in it and carry it forward to such levels.

Then the university students offered the participants pleasant surprises by showing examples of Korean poetry and music. After the opening of the Korean Center, participants were invited to the exhibition dedicated to the "Korean Alphabet Day"..

The exhibition demonstrated national and handicrafts belonging to Korean people and culture, were very interesting to the participants. Each of the two amazing events were met with the satisfaction of the participants.

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The earliest examples of Korean art consist of Stone Age works dating from 3000 BCE. These mainly consist of votive sculptures, although petro glyphs have also been recently rediscovered.

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An American Halloween was studied and celebrated in Khuraman Mammadova's classroom, and many curious students and professors peeked into the room to see the costumes and hear student presentations in English.

KOREAN ARCHITECTURE continued...

The Korean art market is concentrated in the Insadong district of Seoul, where over 50 small galleries exhibit and there are occasional fine arts auctions.

In every town there are smaller regional galleries, with local artists showing in traditional and contemporary media.

Art galleries usually have a mix of media. South Korea is divided into the various fields of architecture, the architecture of bronze, iron, and gold can be found in the architecture. The Goryeo Dynasty lasted from 918 CE to 1392. The most famous art produced by Goryeo artisans was Korean celadon pottery which was produced from circa 1050 CE to 1250 CE.

While celadon originated in China, Korean potters created their own unique style of pottery that was so valued that the Chinese considered it "first under heaven" and one of the "twelve best things in the world." The Korean celadon had a unique glaze known as "king-fisher" color, an iron-based blue-green glaze created by reducing oxygen in the kiln. Korean celadon displayed organic shapes and free-flowing style, such as pieces that were made to look like fish, melons, and other animals.

Research and article by **Arzu JALILOVA**



WOMEN CAN PLAY FOOTBALL

Sports

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By Elgun Seyidov

Also the acrobatic group Cirque du Soleil performed. The World Cup started with Azerbaijan and Colombia national teams. In this world cup, the top 16 teams participated: Azerbaijan, Brazil, Canada, China RP, Colombia, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Japan, Korea DPR, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Uruguay and USA.

Fifteen teams struggled to qualify in October 2010. Only Azerbaijan joined the world cup directly, because it was the host country.

Azerbaijan had prepared at a high level for this championship as the host country. During three years three new stadiums were built and two stadiums reconstructed.

Officials also organized different meetings and festivals in different regions of Azerbaijan to be celebrated during September.

At the same time Azerbaijan and foreign singers sang for the public in the seaside Boulevard Park. By the way, the famous singer Okeana said good things about Azerbaijan to the media: "This is my first visit to Azerbaijan, and I am so happy to be here. Baku is such a beautiful city, and the people are kind."

Rihanna also was a guest in Azerbaijan after Okeana, and also she said, "I can't believe myself yet; I am in Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan is so beautiful and a historical country."

The Azerbaijan Under-17 girl football national team played against Colombia.

In the first match our team's members were: Aytaj Sharifova, Jala Majidova, Laman Baghirova, Maya Danqadze, Amina Heydarova (c), Nigar Jalilli, Shafag Nasirova, Suheylyla Iltar, Melis Sarialtin, Olya Shioshvili, and Leyla Solmaz.

Unfortunately, in the first match the winner was Colombia. And in the second match our girls lost versus Nigeria.

The last match for our team also was not good, as Canada earned the victory over our national team.

Although our team lost in this champion-

ship, our girls had an opportunity to experience some good practice.

The captain of our national team, Amina Haydarova, answered several questions, about the competition:

- How was the championship?

- Everything was organized on the high level. People are also interested to this championship, and they always support our national team.

-What was the importance of this tournament for you?

-This tournament gave me a lot of things. It is the first time we were participating in so big of a tournament.

It is alright that we couldn't get any good results, because we had great practices, and at the same time we made many new friends and good memories.

- Which team did you like best?

-I think the best team is Korea DPR. They can play football as a team.

-What do you think, in the next tournament, will Azerbaijan participate or not?

Why not? I think in future we will get many good results, because our team has good potential.

At least, I hope in the future we will get many wins.

Sissi Rayt, coach of the Azerbaijan national team, said:

"It was a really interesting tournament. It is good that people were interested in this tournament as a great sports holiday, and also came for our national team to all matches. In this tournament participated many powerful teams.

Semi-final matches also were interesting, and as a result two strong teams participated in the final.

Korea DPR and the French national teams, both of them are good teams. Both of them showed good and interesting games during the tournament."

By the way, the coaches of other National teams, which participated in this tournament, have good opinions of Azerbaijani as host of the championship. The Coach of Mexico national team, Kuellar Kristofer, estimated that this tournament was the best tournament among all others.

Also the Japanese national team coach, Brayn Rosenfeld, said that every condition was taken care of for every team.

The president of the FIFA, Jozeph Blatter, shared his opinion in front of the international media.

"Already one week ago, I came to Azerbaijan. We organized the World Cup in this country.

Everything was good here. In front of the stadium is the football referee's monument. That referee is Tofiq Bahramov.

"Azerbaijan is an interesting country. This is



the first time we have organized a World Cup for women in a Muslim country.

This is the important signal for all the world --girls and women can play football. But in some Muslim countries, women can't use their skills.

That is why it is such an important event. I talked to the president of Azerbaijan Republic, Ilham Aliyev, and I congratulated him for the excellent organization.

This event will be an important step for the improvement of women's football in the world.

As you know, Under-17 Women's World Cup finished on October 13, 2012. After the match in the closing ceremony of the tournament, another world star, Shakira, sang excel-



A KHAZAR GRADUATE'S AMERICAN ADVENTURES

Leyla Niyazova. She is one of the most successful graduates of Khazar.
Let's hear Leyla's story in her own words.

Introduce yourself please:

I am Leyla Niyazova. I received my BA and LLM from Khazar University. Later I pursued my education through the Fulbright Program at George Washington University Law School as a young visiting scholar.

I have been working at Khazar University since 2004 at different positions, such as Assistant Dean, and Vice Dean of the School of Law, currently,

I am the Director of Migration Competence Center within the Tempus Program and an Assistant Professor.

You have spent a lot of time in Khazar University and held different positions. What does Khazar mean for you?

- Khazar is like a second home for me. I feel myself as a member of the Khazar family.

So how long did you study in the George Washington University?

- A year.

How did your experience at Khazar help you in the US?

- Independent and critical thinking that Khazar taught me made me confident among American students and professionals. Also, similarities of the educational system of Khazar and American universities helped me while I was in the US.

What was the thing you missed most there?

- I missed my parents and Azeri food. I tried to cook at different events but it did not taste as it did in Azerbaijan.

How was the community you lived in the US different from



your Azeri community?

- It is quite different. Americans are more independent and joyful. What I liked most is how they spend their weekends. But they are not as hospitable as we are.

Tell me an interesting story about what happened to you while you were there.

- I had a friend there whom I was often talking to about strict laws in the US. Once we decided to go fishing and I made him believe that for fishing you needed to wear underwater glasses. And he bought them... (*laughing..*) I told him that while you were in the boat fishing, there is a danger of falling into the water. Therefore glasses are important. And he believed.

Do you still keep in touch with people you met in the US? And with Whom?

- Yes I do. With professors, group mates and neighbors.

Would you want to go back?

- Yesss... I wanna go back to do my PhD, in law it is SJD... but for living... ummmm... (*laughing...*) I wanna go back for myself and my family and to educate my kids in the US in the future.

Are you married?

- I am. I have a baby. He was one month old when we went to the US.

So, the last question. What is your advice to students as a young successful Khazar graduate?

- Study hard and explore all possible opportunities both within and outside of the country. Do not forget about your social life. Interact, socialize and meet new people. Set your goals and contribute to society.

Thanks for the interview.

- My pleasure.

Interviewed
by **Shahlar Mammadov**

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Education

In Azerbaijan Republic most young people want to study in state universities. The first reason is they think that if they graduate from state universities they will find governmental jobs. It's a fact.

That's why most of students don't think about how they study, how they spend their time. They think that they need only a university diploma. But in foreign countries, such as America, UK and etc., they don't study for diploma or for their work. They study because they want to, and they think that it is useful for them. It will help them to achieve something in their lives.

Nowadays in Azerbaijan there are some universities which are modern and well known. Today if you want to work in governmental

jobs you have to know foreign languages, computer programs and you have to pass governmental exams. All these reasons make students study and learn English or some other foreign languages.

They choose universities in which they can learn foreign languages and computer programs. They participate in some conversation clubs and student councils.

They discuss some global problems to help improve their language skills and world outlook.

Nowadays most state universities are not modern and they can't provide or persuade students. But there are exceptions, such as the Diplomatic Academy, the Academy of Public



Administration, the Azerbaijan Tourism Institute and some private universities such as Khazar University and Qafqaz University. After graduating, all these students can achieve something in their life. They can find a good job, not only in Azerbaijan but in the foreign countries. as well.

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Please, Keep Baku Beautiful

We don't throw cigarette and candy papers on the floors of our homes, so please don't throw paper, plastics, cigarettes and trash onto the streets and side walks of Baku, the home of all of us.



It's My Understanding of Russian Life

By Alina Pankratova

"Russia is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma," said Winston Churchill more than half a century ago. I completely agree with him. Since my childhood I have been visiting Russia every summer, staying at my aunt and uncle's house with my mother and grandmother. My aunt and uncle live in Moscow in the center of the city.

The main thing that each tourist comes to Russia for is Russian sightseeing. There are a lot of historical, art, musical and modern places to visit. I have seen a lot. I got to see some amazing sights, particularly the Red Square area, and went to the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts – at least the section that had the Impressionist paintings. This museum has quite an amazing collection of impressionist works. For example, there is a beautiful Picasso there that recently went on tour. But in Moscow, it was just one of a handful of Picassos on a rather plain wall. There were also a handful of famous Van Gogh's that I don't



Alina uses a globe to show her teacher, Gulnaz, some of the places she has visited in Russia.

think I've seen in person. As I was a child I didn't remember some things and places which we visited, so I went to these amazing places again, after finishing the 10th form.

My first impression was noticing how similar this was to most other major

cities where I've been: traffic, companies everywhere, pubs/bars, crazy drivers, flashy signs and billboards. I was also noticing the differences: position of stop lights, how many crazy drivers there are, uniqueness of buildings, banner advertisements hanging in the middle of the streets. As Moscow is a very crowded city from 17:00 till 20:00, there becomes a big traffic jam. The best way to reach your destination in the city is by subway. It's definitely the best subway system I have ever seen. It is really impressive. Many of the stops have beautiful architecture with a lot of attention to detail.

The meals in Russia are very tasty. At every step you can find restaurants with different kinds of meals from various countries, pubs, cafés, fast food, etc. Prices at new, big and shiny shopping malls are much higher than at markets and little stores, which is why not all Russian people may afford to shop there. And all of them are in front of people's houses. There are various groceries, bakeries, dairies, etc. So food shopping in Russia is usually done right in the neighborhood. If you are lucky, you may even live next to a small food market where you will find anything you need.

In general it is easy to spend money for shopping in Russia, not only in its capital, but in any other city. It seems like stops are scattered all around Russian cities. The best thing is to shop in Russian clothes markets (or as they call them "flea markets"), which are less widespread but still always available. However, there are either second-hand stores or special clothing shops and very expensive stores selling designer clothes. That is why common people prefer shopping in Russia at flea markets, which sell almost everything at moderate prices.

These days, Russian clothing styles are more edgy. Russians are dazzling and each dress that they wear seems to be prepared for going out. Russian fashion is distinctively different. They wear what they want. If we compare Azerbaijan style, it is a little bit different, though nowadays every person wears just like in Europe without any complexes. Russian clothing styles feature bright colors and eye-catching designs. Trendy Russian men and women tend to dress as though they're going out on the town, opting for high heels and leather over sneakers and T-shirts. But some people wear very simple clothes. For example, when I went to the theatre, I thought to look very nice and smartly but, to my surprise, people were wearing very simple outfits, some even sports clothes.

People in Russia are much freer than in Azerbaijan. Russians can seem unceremonious for people from other countries. They can touch your clothes, ask where you bought it and what is their price. They can stare at you or your things and they think that it is normal. Foreign people usually think that their behavior is too personal. But a long stare at the eyes is considered to be immodest in Russia. Russians are very social. They can't understand if a foreign person comes to them in a room and just sits. It is strange for them that he doesn't want to communicate. Most people are too rude. However, there is a lot of crime. Many young people use drugs instead of having a healthy life. But it doesn't scare me much. The only thing that I don't like in Russian people is drinking too much alcohol. They like such drinks as vodka and beer. When I was going out for a walk in summer I saw that almost every person used beer instead of Cola, Fanta and other non-alcoholic drinks. They think that it is normal to drink it the whole or each day.

Nature in Russia is perfect. Even in its capital there are a lot of trees and flowers. Each park is covered by green grass. You feel the fresh air. The most beautiful season is autumn. The trees change their color from green into yellow, orange or even red-orange. Unfortunately, we can't see such nature in Baku.

If I am asked which city I prefer to live in, my answer will be Moscow!

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Foreign Student Seeks Khazar University Engineering Degree

What is your name and surname?

-My name is Nayef Aouil.

Where are you from?

-I am from Damascus, Syria.

Why did you decide to choose Khazar University for your Education?

-I asked about universities in Azerbaijan and Khazar was the best.

Yes, it is. I agree with you. In which department do you study and is your faculty interesting for you or not?

-My faculty is Electronic Engineering and it is interesting for me, because all my life I've wanted to be an engineer.

What can you say about education in Azerbaijan or our university?

What would you like to change or add something?

-I don't have much information about the education in Azerbaijan, because I have only been here for three weeks.

Have you any difficulty with the language in Baku? And have you got friends here?

-Yes, there is some difficulty because not too many people speak English here. Yes, I made some friends but I haven't had the time to hang out with them yet.

Do you like our culture or people? What are you interested in?

-Yes, I liked it here. The people are so nice and kind and I am interested to know the culture of Azerbaijan.

Do you miss your parents or home?

-Well yes, I miss home and I miss my family in Syria.



An interview by Mahira Naibova

Do you have brothers or sisters? What do they do?

-I have one sister. She is 23 years old. She is an interior designer.

What do you parents do for living?

-My dad works in Baku. He is an engineer and my mother teaches at the University of Damascus.

Where do you visit in our country?

-I hang out with my friends most of the time and I play a lot of video games.

What do you think about the war in your country?

-I feel really bad and I think that no one should die for any reason.

What is your expectation for the future?

-I wish that I could be a great engineer like my dad.



Nayef Aouil is a Khazar University student from Syria.

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