

**FIRST CHILDREN'S EMBASSY IN THE WORLD-MEGJASHI
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**



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- 1. 13 YEARS SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST CHILDREN'S EMBASSY IN THE WORLD – MEGJASHI**

On April 29th the First Children's Embassy in the World – Megjashi celebrated its thirteenth birthday. On that occasion we have received many congratulations. Also, we received a greeting from the President of the Republic of Macedonia, Branko Crvenkovski. He says:

“We all know the old wise sentence that children and youth are the greatest treasure. This is not just a phrase. To invest in prevention in order to protect children rights, to invest in the quality of their education and protection from any kind of abuse, means to invest in a better future for us all.

Let me use this opportunity to give recognition for continues your work and engagement for the realization of the program goals for respecting the child personality through protection and promotion of their rights and interests.

I believe that your organization through the practical realization on this kind of activities is going to give essential contribution for supporting and creating young people who will be prepared to become a part of the European family and to accept global challenges.”

2. GLOBAL ACTION WEEK 2005 – CAMPAIGN FOR INCLUDING CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS

When we received the invitation to participate in the Global Campaign for Education, we accepted it immediately, knowing that the participation of children of the ages between seven and eighteen in education is 95%, which means that 5%, or over 15,000 children, are not included in the process of education.



We implemented this campaign because we believe that Macedonia requires an action of this nature, in order to be able to raise public awareness that many children do not attend school for different reasons. In addition, it was required to identify mechanisms to decrease the number of children that do not

attend school, so that this number can gradually be reduced to null.

The First Children Embassy in the World – Megjashi implemented this campaign together with its partner organizations from all over the country, like ZG Soncogledi, ZPD, COP Dendovas, Sumnal, Mir, Irhom and the Faculty of Philosophy – The Defectology Institute (all of which from Skopje), as well as ROZM Daja, CRZ Dron, and ZG Doverba from Kumanovo, Svetla Idnina from Kocani, and the Special Institute from Demir Kapija.

The Action began with a march organized at 11:55 am on April 24th 2005. Around 400 children joined this activity, marching with transparencies that clearly displayed messages aimed at including children in schools. Beside the children, the following promoters also participated in campaign: Kaliopi Bukle, Vlatko Stefanovski, Esma Redzepova, Violeta Tomovska and Edin Hajdarpasic, as well as the Mayor of the City of Skopje Mr. Trifun Kostovski. Three books for remarks were placed on the city square, so that anybody could sign them in support of the campaign.

The following three days, from the 24th until the 27th of April were reserved for the creation of “schoolmates” – figures made of paper, cardboard, cloth and other materials available to children from elementary schools and organizations from all over the country. Symbolically, “schoolmates” represent those children who cannot attend school due to various reasons (economic, social, etc.).



These “schoolmates” were signed by celebrities, mayors, members of Parliament, and other citizens (28th - 29th of April) who can contribute to changes of education system. They also signed pledges that they will continue to engage themselves to include all children in the schools. A meeting with the President of Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Branko Crvenkovski is also planned, aimed at providing guarantees that during his mandate he will strive to

contribute to the aforementioned goal.

We also organized an exhibition displaying all the created “schoolmates” on April 30th 2005, on the city square in Skopje, where children also presented their own acts (musical and theatrical), thereby urging those children not attending school

to join them in the classrooms. This exhibition was started with jugglers, and several celebrities and six MPs also joined the proceedings.

We hereby express our gratitude to all media covering the event, where by the entire campaign was covered by TV stations, radios and printed dailies, and we also had several appearances on national and local televisions and radio stations.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the Public Transportation Company – Skopje, the patisserie “Vegeza,” the bakery “Kozle”, Pivara Skopje and Fusse Bubble jugglers group.

Zarko Radicevski, Elena Damjanova and Ubavka Zimbakova coordinated this campaign.

3. CHILD AMBASSADOR – MEETING

Our new-elected Child Ambassador-Stefan Pleskonjik (10) met the General Secretary of NATO, Jaab De Hoop Schaefer, with the center of the North Atlantic Alliance in Brussels. On the meeting, Schaefer got the newest Stefan’s pictures named “From Macedonia” and the declaration of the FCEW-Megjashi:



“The children are special folk. They are not religious or national army leaders. They are a folk that has never risen a revolution or contra revolution neither they have started a war. The children are not the question of classes or nation: they are the question above all the questions. They are the people that suffer the most in the war conflicts and human tragedies.

The children are only children. All the ideals of the world are meaningless in comparison with the tears of one child...”

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4. NEW MEMBER IN OUR DIPLOMATIC CORE

According to our rules for the use of our Diplomatic passport, the Executive Board of the First Children Embassy in the World - Megjashi, has decided that Mister Marko Martiucci from Italy will be nominated with the title Revered General

Consul for Italy of the FCEW - Megjashi, Republic Macedonia. The Executive Director is hand over credentials with nomination and the Embassy's Diplomatic passport with the number 216 from the FCEW - Megjashi. The membership is increasing and that proves that our ideas, vision and mission are spreading worldwide.

5. MAKING FRIENDS THROUGH THE MULTIETHNIC COOPERATION IN FIVE MULTIETHNIC CLUBS IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS IN SKOPJE, TETOVO AND KUMANOVO

A lot of plans have been made in April. Some of them are: the activities in development of peace and trust and the language workshops.

At the end of the month a workshop for the Albanian language started for the students and teachers of the secondary school "Dr.Pance Karagozov" visited by around 30 audience. Also, the group for the dance-theater has begun. This activity has been visited by around 15 juveniles, who were eager to learn how to send messages through the dance. In the same school 7 workshops for the peaceful elaboration of the conflicts has been held, together with the professors and mentors.

On the workshops for peaceful elaboration of the conflicts, 23 children from various nationalities and both sexes took part. The group in this month has visited two theatre shows from which, one was in the Drama Theatre and the other one in the Theater of the Nationalities. The group has also visited one cinema show in the Millennium cinema (the movie Balkankan).

This month another workshop for the peaceful elaboration of the conflicts has been organized in the high school "Nikola Karev". The same subjects are covered like in the high school mentioned above by the professors. In the frame of this group, a visit to the various religious places has been planned. In the high school "Nace Bugjoni" from Kumanovo, a visit to different religious objects is planned and also too many cultural-historical sites.

These activities are contributing a lot to the better understanding and cooperation between the teacher and the pupils, from different ethnical origins and at the same time-it strengthens the capacity of the multiethnic clubs in these high schools.

The project is financed from the European Commission and is coordinated from Mitko Gjorgiev.

Till the next edition

Warm greetings from the team of The First Children Embassy in the World-
Megjashi - Republic of Macedonia

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