2017 report on the work done by the Center for Inclusive Education

Education for all – inclusive education environment is being expanded at UNEC

A seminar on "Creating an inclusive environment for students with physical disabilities to use educational services with equal rights" was held at UNEC.

In the seminar organized at the "Center for Students with Disabilities", the work done in order to further improve the services provided to physically disabled students of UNEC was discussed. It was stated that, in accordance with national and international legislation, UNEC aims to remove existing barriers for students with disabilities and create the necessary conditions for them to use the university's services, programs and other educational opportunities. For this purpose, an inclusive educational environment has been created at the university. This environment will ensure that education is accessible to all, protect social equality, and meet the educational and other special needs of young people with disabilities.

At the seminar, it was brought to attention that the Advisory Committee was created under the center to monitor and evaluate the activities of the "Center for Students with Disabilities". It was noted that the committee will hold a meeting with the members of the center once a year and participate in the preparation of the center's action plan and strategy. At the same time, according to the needs of students with disabilities, he will reevaluate and review the activity plan of the center and hold discussions based on the students' request.

Director of the Department of International Relations Anar Kazimov, who spoke about UNEC's exchange and double diploma programs at the seminar, invited physically challenged students studying at the university to actively participate in these programs. He noted that necessary opportunities will be created for them to join the exchange programs.

Then Gulshan Valiyeva, a specialist of the Department of International Relations, spoke about the measures implemented within the framework of the ESFIDIP Project called "Establishment of a fund for the integration of people with special needs in higher education institutions of Azerbaijan".

Associate professor Valida Aliyeva, psychologist of the Center for Students with Disabilities, said that regular educational trainings will be held at UNEC. At the same time, students with disabilities will be instilled with feelings of self-confidence, self-esteem, adaptation to the surrounding world, and will be supported to discover their

talents and intelligence. The psychologist also emphasized that students with disabilities will be supported in establishing a proper teacher-student relationship, solving the psychological problems they face during their education, and acquiring self-defense skills.

<u>UNEC – Azərbaycan Dövlət İqtisad Universiteti — Təhsil hamı üçün – UNEC-də inklüziv təhsil mühiti genişləndirilir</u>

UNEC is expanding its activities in the field of inclusive education

UNEC "Opportunities created for people with physical disabilities and the challenges they face. He was represented at the seminar organized on "Inclusive education". The event, attended by Sevinj Mahsimova, coordinator of the Center for Students with Disabilities operating under UNEC, was organized by Azerbaijan University of Languages.

S. Mahsimova, who made a broad presentation at the seminar where the goals of inclusive education and current international experience in this field were discussed, gave detailed information about the measures implemented at UNEC in the field of inclusive education. The establishment of such a Center under UNEC and the benefit of UNEC's international experience in the field of inclusive education were welcomed by the participants of the event.

<u>UNEC – Azərbaycan Dövlət İqtisad Universiteti — UNEC inklüziv təhsil sahəsində fəaliyyətini genişləndirir</u>

The project "Problems of adapting young people with disabilities to society" was presented

In UNEC, an educational seminar on the adaptation of young people with disabilities to society was held and the project of the same name was presented. The event was jointly organized by the UNEC Center for Students with Disabilities, the Youth Fund under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Public Union for Social Assistance to Women War Veterans.

Coordinator, young writer, Gabil Shirinov said that the main goal of the project is adaptation of our physically disabled youth to society, detection of those with special talents, and further increase of their love for life.

Sevinj Mahsimova, coordinator of the Center for Students with Disabilities of UNEC, stated that the university pays special attention to young people from this category, spoke about the work done in the field of their adaptation to society, the implemented projects, the attention paid to inclusive education, and the measures taken by the center for this purpose.

At the event, a discussion was held on the project "Movement Route for Persons with Disabilities", which will be jointly implemented by the Center and the Department of Marketing and Communication for Students with Disabilities of UNEC. The project was positively evaluated by the event participants.

At the end, UNEC students were awarded diplomas for their active participation in the project.

<u>UNEC – Azərbaycan Dövlət İqtisad Universiteti — "Əlilliyi olan gənclərin cəmiyyətə adaptasiya</u> problemləri" layihəsinin təqdimatı keçirilib

The activities of the Center for students with disabilities were listened to

On March 6, the next meeting of the commission created to assess the activity of the Center for Students with Disabilities was held at UNEC.

At the meeting, the results of the works and future directions of action were discussed. Problems faced by students with disabilities in the learning process and proposals for their elimination were heard.

At the meeting, Gulshan Valiyeva, an employee of the International Relations Department, informed about the Tempus project called "Establishing the foundation for the integration of persons with disabilities into higher education institutions of Azerbaijan" (ESFIDIP).

Sevinj Mahsimova, the coordinator of the Center for students with disabilities, spoke about the work done in accordance with the action plan.

Student organizations were instructed to inform disabled students studying at UNEC about the activities of the Center. Propaganda should be carried out so that they can actively participate in the social and cultural life of the university.

UNEC chief bibliographer Arzu Mammadova informed about the audio book project.

Valida Aliyeva, psychologist of the Center for Students with Disabilities, spoke about the importance of a suitable social environment for every student to receive an equal education at the university. He emphasized that positive relations between students and teachers are important, and for this purpose seminars are important.

<u>UNEC – Azərbaycan Dövlət İqtisad Universiteti — Əlilliyi olan tələbələr üçün Mərkəzin fəaliyyəti dinlənilib</u>

Equitable quality education is the right of everyone

Representatives of Joint and Healthy Public Union visited UNEC.

The head of the International Relations Department, Anar Kazimov, told the guests about the successes achieved by UNEC in recent years and provided information about

international programs and projects. Speaking about the activities of the Center for Students with Disabilities established at UNEC, the head of the department said that educational work in this direction is given great importance at the university.

Aytan Eynalova, head of Joint and Healthy Public Union, informed about the activities of the union. He spoke about the work done in the country regarding autism. Expressing their satisfaction with UNEC's special attention and care in this field, the representatives of the union noted the necessity of organizing joint events and projects.

At the meeting, the head of the union presented materials and information sheets on autism to UNEC students.

<u>UNEC – Azərbaycan Dövlət İqtisad Universiteti — Bərabərhüquqlu keyfiyyətli təhsil hər kəsin hüququdur</u>

The activity of UNEC in the field of work with physically disabled students was highly appreciated

UNEC acted as a partner in the TEMPUS (ESFIDIP) project "Laying the foundation for the integration of persons with disabilities into Azerbaijan's higher education institutions", which was coordinated by Khazar University.

Within the framework of the project, an international conference entitled "Equal opportunities for students with disabilities in higher educational institutions of Azerbaijan" was held at Khazar University. Sevinj Mahsimova, coordinator of UNEC's Center for Students with Disabilities, and Gulshan Valiyeva, coordinator of the ESFIDIP project, specialist of the International Cooperation Department, participated in the two-day conference. UNEC representatives gave detailed information about the activities of the center established at the university. Speaking about the work done, they talked about the projects to be implemented in the next years. The partners of the project highly appreciated the activities of UNEC in the field of work with students with physical disabilities.

Orkhan Adigözel, a 4th year student of UNEC, who could not attend the conference in person due to serious health problems, joined the event via Skype and talked about the achievements of the project. He spoke about the interest of students with disabilities in education.

The results achieved by local partner universities and future action plans were widely discussed at the meeting.

European partners of the project, University of Macedonia, LODZ University of Poland, GRAZ University of Austria, representatives of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population, Khazar

University, Sumgait State University, Ganja State University, Lankaran State University and Nakhchivan State University also participated in the conference.

<u>UNEC – Azərbaycan Dövlət İqtisad Universiteti — UNEC-in fiziki məhdudiyyətli tələbələrlə iş</u> sahəsində fəaliyyəti yüksək qiymətləndirilib

The activity of UNEC's Center for Students with Disabilities was highly appreciated

A monitoring was held to evaluate the activity and project results of UNEC's Center for Students with Disabilities created within the framework of the TEMPUS project called "Establishing the foundation for the integration of people with special needs in Azerbaijan's higher education institutions" (ESFIDIP).

The evaluation was carried out by Davud Rahimli, chairman of the Union of Disabled Organizations, ESFIDIP project coordinator, Khazar University Center coordinator Rima Mammadova and other representatives of the monitoring group.

At the meeting organized at UNEC, the coordinator of the Center, Sevinj Mahsimova, and associate professor of the Department of Humanities of UNEC, candidate of psychological sciences, Valida Aliyeva, who are working at the Center, informed about the work done. The preparation of teaching materials for the center, the distribution of instructions to all structures of the university, and the use of auxiliary equipment were considered. The results of the pilot program were evaluated, the documents of the Center and the efficiency of the infrastructure were checked. The coordinator of the center gave information about the activities that ensure the continuity of the project. The representatives of the assessment group highly appreciated the work carried out in the Center and gave recommendations for future activities.

<u>UNEC – Azərbaycan Dövlət İqtisad Universiteti — UNEC-in Əlilliyi olan tələbələr üçün Mərkəzinin</u> fəaliyyəti yüksək giymətləndirilib

UNEC student was successful in Azerbaijan National Championship

On September 15, the Azerbaijan Cyber Sports Federation and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan held the next championship on computer games. In the 1st round of the 11th Azerbaijan National Championship, Zahid Aliyev, a third-year student of the Faculty of Finance and Accounting of UNEC, was successful.

We congratulate our student we are proud of him!

<u>UNEC – Azərbaycan Dövlət İqtisad Universiteti — UNEC tələbəsi Azərbaycan Milli Çempionatında uğur qazanıb</u>

The young writer was interested in the educational opportunities at UNEC Physically disabled writer Samir Imanov visited UNEC.

Sevinj Mahsimova, the coordinator of UNEC's center for students with disabilities, gave the writer detailed information about the activities of the center. He spoke about the

conditions created at the university for students with physical disabilities to study at a high level.

The young writer talked about his work and the books he authored. He noted that he conducts extensive research on the problems of people with disabilities.

Currently, he is the author of 4 books and continues to work in this direction.

S.Imanov said that he likes the "Audio library" project prepared by UNEC bibliographer Arzu Mammadova with students and that he will support the increase of the audio-book fund and will closely participate in educational events organized at the university. Appreciating the educational opportunities at UNEC, the young writer expressed his desire to study here.

At the end of the meeting, Samir Imanov presented the book "Be proud of yourself" to the library of UNEC.

<u>UNEC – Azərbaycan Dövlət İqtisad Universiteti — Gənc yazar UNEC-də təhsil imkanları ilə maraqlanıb</u>

"Inclusive education is one of the priority issues of UNEC"

II international scientific-practical conference on "Professional orientation of young people with disabilities in inclusive education conditions" was held in Moscow.

UNEC was also represented at the conference organized by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation at the Moscow State Humanitarian and Economic University. Heads of educational institutions, scientific and pedagogical workers of the Republic of Russia and Belarus participated in the conference.

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A different day for UNEC students

Measures are being taken in order to effectively spend the free time of UNEC students.

In the next meeting organized by UNEC's "Center for Students with Disabilities", employees and students also participated. During the meeting, students shared their ideas about their special talents, hobbies, creative plans. At the same time, they said they want to participate in self-development training.

Orkhan Adigözel, who studied part-time in the 5th year of UNEC, spoke about his newly published story, his work in the "ASA" theater, and the roles he played. Then Sarkhan Jafarov, a first-year student of the Faculty of Technology and Design, a participant in the "UNEC Young Poet" project, recited his poems. Zahid Aliyev, a third-year student studying part-time in accounting and auditing, shared his success in the cyber sports championship. Amin Huseynov, a fourth-year student of the Faculty of Economics, who actively participates in public and social events, and Amin Farajzade, a first-year student

studying part-time in business management, talked about the goals they set for themselves.

At the meeting held in an interesting and friendly atmosphere, after the exchange of ideas on various topics, students and employees watched a movie together.

<u>UNEC – Azərbaycan Dövlət İqtisad Universiteti — UNEC tələbələri üçün fərqli gün</u>

"The Color of My Emotions"

On November 3, an exhibition called "THE COLOR OF MY EMOTIONS" was opened at the Azerbaijan National History Museum, consisting of the handiwork of young people.

December 3 - Sevinj Mahsimova, coordinator of the Center for Students with Disabilities and UNEC students, participated in the exhibition dedicated to the International Day of Disabled People.

Mainly, in the exhibition where the handicrafts of young people learning various professions are displayed in the vocational rehabilitation center for youth with disabilities No. 1, it was stated that the center organizes social rehabilitation of youth with disabilities through vocational training. The goal is to achieve their integration into the labor market with their skills.

S. Mahsimova stated that such exhibitions give impetus to the individual entrepreneurial activity of young people, and appreciated the revelation of their talents. He said that he was impressed by their boundless talent and the way they presented their rich emotions so beautifully.

<u>UNEC – Azərbaycan Dövlət İqtisad Universiteti — "Duyğularıımın rəngi"</u>

Nowruz celebration at "Shagan treatment boarding house for the disabled".

On the occasion of Novruz holiday, UNEC students visited "Shagan treatment boarding house for the disabled" located in Shagan settlement of Khazar region. Associate Professor Saadat Gandilova, vice-rector for work with students, congratulated the residents of the boarding house on behalf of UNEC management. He talked about the ancient history of Novruz holiday, how our people have preserved this historic holiday for centuries, and even despite the bans on celebrating this holiday during the Soviet rule, our people always celebrate this holiday.

The members of the UNEC Creative Center sang songs and recited poems at the Nowruz celebration, which was attended by the professors and teachers of the University of Economics.

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