

## YOUTH IS READY TO MAKE THE WORLD SECURE FOR THE PEOPLE

On November 23-24, 2012 in Kyiv was held the 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Kyiv Security Forum, where the modern issues of «human security» were discussed. The Forum gathered young experts from 10 countries of the world. Experienced specialists from Japan, Germany, US, Switzerland, the Netherlands as well as representatives of international organizations in Ukraine have given their speeches to the youth.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Kyiv Security Forum was started with special address from the Founder of the Open Ukraine Foundation **Mr. Arseniy YATSENIUK**. He mentioned that the young generation is an «I»-generation – Intellectual, Independent, Internet-dependend. The young generation is also intended to solve global challenges, to fight for free world and to become the leaders of this world. Mr. Arseniy YATSENIUK has also awarded the participants of essay contest, who were recognized the best during the competitive selection before the Forum. The winners are Anna VACHADZE, representative of the International Republican Institute (Tbilisi, Georgia), Ivan HORODYSKYI, PhD student at Lviv National University named after Ivan Franko (Lviv, Ukraine), Kyrylo MOLODYKO, fellow of the MA Program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government (Kyiv, Ukraine), and James YAN, representative of the organization «World Boston» (USA).

The opening session presented the idea of «human security». **Ms. Hanna SHELEST**, Senior Fellow at the Odessa branch of the Institute for Strategic Studies, told about correlation between «human» and state security. **Ms. Jiji GYA**, Deputy Director of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces, attracted attention to the importance of security sector reforms due to the ideas of «human security». Deputy Head of EU Delegation to Ukraine, **Ms. Maria YURIKOVA**, explained, why the EU is engaged in human security dimension globally. It is connected with the nature of modern threats, which have been changed and come, in particular, from the states with an experience of state power crisis. Those states threaten the world security. **H. E. Mr. Toichi SAKATA**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ukraine, told about active role of Japan in spreading of «human security» philosophy worldwide. Even this philosophy and its main priorities – reducing of poverty, sustainable development, global problems resolving, peace-making – became fundamental principle of Japan's foreign policy.

Second part of the Forum was aimed to the practical tasks solving. The experience of implementation of «human security» ideas were shared by **Mr. Stefan de SPIGELEIRE** from the Hague Centre of international relation and by **Mr. Gaspar BERGMAN**, Human Development Advisor at the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Ukraine. Mr. Stefan de SPIGELEIRE emphasized that human security becomes more important than territorial security. Mr. Gaspar BERGMAN confirmed that the «human security» idea in the UN becomes really more popular, but it is hard to say uniquely about successful future of this concept. One more dimension of practical implementation of «human security» – its social dimension – was presented by the Member of Bundestag **Ms. Bärbel KOFLER**. To her mind, it is important to create such a social security, which will be resistant to the crisis and will worn the citizens from the social help deprivation.

It is interesting that within the 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Kyiv Security Forum were practiced new working methods, which have helped the participants to look at the problems far and wide. During the work in groups the well experienced experts helped the young participants. In particular, human rights were discussed in the group headed by **Ms. Mridula GHOSH**, women rights were discussed with **Ms. Vitalia DERYABINA** from the NDI Office in Ukraine, peacekeeper **Mr. Sergiy GRABSKYI** helped the participants to understand the activity of humanitarian organizations in the conflict zones, and international journalists **Mr. Mykola SIRUK** and **Ms. Natalia GUMENIUK** have shared the ideas concerning freedom of speech in the countries with authoritarian

regime and the experience of working in «hot spots». As a result, the participants have elaborated different «action plans» for implementing «human security» ideas.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Kyiv Security Forum created a nice atmosphere of understanding and trust. The participants had the possibility for active work as well as for communication with interesting people. So, the guests of the Forum were **Mr. Igor MALCHENIUK**, representative of the Microsoft in Ukraine, who told about importance of online-reputation, and **Maksym KIDRUK**, traveler and writer, who shared his experience of visiting African countries during revolutions there.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Kyiv Security Forum was initiated by Arseniy Yatseniuk Open Ukraine Foundation. The partners of the Forum are Victor Pinchuk Foundation, the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, Office of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Ukraine, Center of Information and Documentation of NATO, Center for International and European Studies at Kadir Has University (Turkey) and the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Kyiv Security Forum (KSF-Y) is a new initiative of the Open Ukraine Foundation within the project «Kyiv Security Forum», which annually gathers leading specialists for discussion of actual security issues in Europe, in the Black Sea region as well as in Ukraine. KSF-Y aims to create the possibilities and a platform for youth from different countries for discussion of current problems of international security and foreign policy of Ukraine. The main task of the Forum is strengthening the role of the young experts, improvements their skills in the policy analysis and development process. You can find out more at: [www.openukraine.org](http://www.openukraine.org)