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President praises role of diaspora in developing independent Ukraine

President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovich noted the important role of foreign Ukrainians in the development of a sovereign independent state in his welcoming address at the 10th Ukrainian World Congress in Lviv.

President also noted the importance of Ukrainian diaspora's potential for the economic reforms implementation and European aspirations fulfillment.

The 10th Ukrainian World Congress took place on 20–22 August 2013 at the Lviv Polytechnic National University.

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Ukraine — Russia readmission agreement comes into force

A Ukrainian – Russian agreement on readmission, which was signed in October 2012, has come into force. It was ratified by the Ukrainian Parliament and signed by the Ukrainian President in June 2013. The agreement is a requirement for the visa liberalization between Ukraine and the European Union.

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State Border Guard Service provides irregular migration overview

The migration situation in Ukraine has undergone some changes over recent years. In particular, there is an increase in irregular border crossing by citizens of the former Soviet Union, primarily Georgia, Russia and Moldova, the press service of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine reports.

“In 2012, 68 per cent of migrants detained for irregular border crossing and other offenses, were from the post-Soviet countries,” the statement reads. The relevant figure for the first half of 2013 is 65 per cent.

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Israel concerned about irregular migrants from Ukraine

Israel is interested in the work force from Ukraine and plans to sign the relevant bilateral agreement with Ukraine, Deputy Interior Minister of Israel Faina Kirshenbaum stated at a press conference in Kyiv.

Ms. Kirshenbaum reminded that Ukraine and Israel enjoy visa-free regime since 2011. According to her, over this time the flow of tourists has increased two-fold. However, the number of irregular migrant workers has also increased.



“Currently there are about 5,000 irregular immigrants from Ukraine in Israel,” Deputy Interior Minister said.

The delegation of the Interior Ministry of Israel was going to discuss the possibility of signing a bilateral agreement on exchange of labour personnel. “Israel is interested in employees to work in agriculture, construction, and especially in medicine,” Ms. Kirshenbaum noted.

The programme of her visit to Ukraine provided for series of interagency meetings to coordinate security cooperation, including issues of biometrics and migration control.

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Unemployment in Europe to make Ukrainian labour migrants return home — expert

Unemployment rate increases in such EU countries as Greece, Spain and Portugal, where the number of Ukrainian migrants is high. This will lead to the return of migrants home, the experts of the Human Resources Professionals Association predict.

“Ukrainian labour migrants may return from European countries with the high unemployment rate, such as Spain, Portugal and Greece,” the Chairman of the Certification Committee of the Human Resources Professionals Association HRFORUM Dmytro Kozlov noted.

Labour migrants send USD 6–7 billion to Ukraine annually.

According to the Director of the Institute of Demography and Social Studies under the National Academy of Science of Ukraine Ella Libanova, 80 per cent of Ukrainian labour migrants move abroad because of low salaries.

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http://www.ihrpex.org/en/article/5717/ukrainian_labour_migrants_will_return_home_because_of_unemployment_in_europe__expert

Over 7,000 Ukrainians prohibited entry to Russia

Since the beginning of 2013, the entry to Russia was prohibited for more than 180,000 foreigners who violated Russian laws, including for more than 7,000 Ukrainian citizens.

“Since the beginning of the year, 180,000 suffered this fate. Citizens of Uzbekistan lead (41%), they are followed by representatives of Tajikistan (21%), Kyrgyzstan (9%), Azerbaijan (6%), and Ukraine (4%),” the spokesperson of the Federal Migration Service (FMS) of the Russian Federation told the Interfax news agency.

“About 300,000 foreign citizens who violated the procedure of staying in the country shall not be able to enter Russia according to the current legislation,” the FMS representative noted.

Earlier, the Deputy Head of the FMS Department for Work with Foreign Citizens, Dmitrii Demidenko, informed that there are more than three million migrants in the “risk group”, who exceeded the term of staying in the country and did not registered their status in Russia. According to his opinion, the entry to Russia must be prohibited to all of them.

Read more: Institute of Human Rights and Prevention of Extremism and Xenophobia, 23 August 2013

http://www.ihrpex.org/en/article/5731/russia_prohibited_entry_for_more_than_7000_ukrainians_in_2013



Ukrainians may visit Panama visa-free

Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Panama on abolition of visas came into force on 16 August 2013, the press office of Ministry of Foreign Affairs reports.

The agreement provides for the possibility of nationals of the parties to enter and reside in the territory of the another state without a visa for up to a maximum 90 days within 180 days from the date of the first entry, if the purpose of the visit is tourism or other non-profit activities.

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Colombia partially simplifies visa regime for Ukrainians

The Foreign Ministers of Ukraine and Colombia have signed an agreement on the waiver of visas for holders of diplomatic and official passports.

The document was signed following a meeting between Ukrainian and Colombian Foreign Ministers Leonid Kozhara and Maria Angela Holguin. Ukrainian Minister was on an official visit to Colombia on 20-21 August 2013.

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Ukrainian Minister of Foreign Affairs opened Ukraine's Honorary Consulate in Panama

Ukrainian Minister of Foreign Affairs Leonid Kozhara has attended the opening of Ukraine's Honorary Consulate in Panama, the press service of the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry reported.

"As part of his official visit to Panama, Ukrainian Minister of Foreign Affairs Leonid Kozhara attended the opening ceremony for Ukraine's Honorary Consulate in this Central American country," reads the statement.

Leonid Kozhara said that Ukraine's Honorary Consulate would play an important role in deepening Ukrainian-Panamanian cooperation and, in particular, protecting the interests of Ukrainian citizens in the country.

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