

TO 70 YEARS ANNIVERSARY
OF VIKTOR ANDRUSHCHENKO

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Viktor Andrushchenko is a Doctor of Philosophy, Professor, Rector of the National Pedagogical Dragomanov University, Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Member (Academician) of the National Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine, the First Vice-President of the Union of Rectors of the State Universities of Ukraine, President of the Association of Rectors of the Pedagogical Universities of Ukraine and Europe, a Vice-President of the Oxford European Rectors' Club, Honored Worker of Science and Technology of Ukraine, Laureate of the State Prizes of Ukraine in the field of education and in the field of science and technology science and technology, Laureate of the International Award “The Name in Science” in the field of scientific researches from the International Socrates Committee (Oxford, UK), Laureate of The First Diploma of the National Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine of Dmitry Chizhevsky Award of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, famous scientist, philosopher, teacher and organizer of education and science, Doctor Honoris Causa of 15 Ukrainian and foreign universities. He is an initiator and co-author of the Pedagogical Constitution of Europe, adopted by the Second Congress of the International Association of Rectors of Pedagogical Universities in Europe (Frankfurt-on-Main, 2013).

He was born on 1 January 1949 in the village Sovynka, Konotop district of Sumy region, Ukraine, in the family of teachers. He graduated from Sosnivska secondary school with a gold medal, continued his studies at the Konotop Industrial Technical School, served in the army, entered the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv on the Faculty of Philosophy that graduated with honors. During 1970–1995 in his native alma mater went from student, postgraduate, lecturer, senior lecturer to assistant professor and professor. He defended a Ph.D. (1979), then a doctor's dissertation (1991), received an academic rank Docent (1986) and Professor (1992). For five years he served as Deputy Minister of Education of Ukraine and First Deputy Minister of Education of Ukraine (1995–1999), later — Director of the Institute of Higher Education of the Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine (1999–2006). A new stage in his life was the activity at the National Pedagogical Dragomanov University, which he headed in 2003. During the period of V. Andrushchenko's leadership the university became a reputable and well-known institution of higher education in the spaces not only of Ukraine, but also of Europe and the world, declaring

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the significance of the profession of teacher as a leader and educator of the future elite of the state.

V. Andrushchenko has been the head of the expert council of the Higher Attestation Commission of Ukraine for Philosophy, Political Science and Sociology for many years. Under his guidance and supervision 66 candidate and 53 doctoral dissertations were prepared and defended. He is an editor-in-chief or member of the editorial boards of the journals "Higher Education of Ukraine", "Philosophy of Education", "Director of School, Lyceum, Gymnasium", "Human and Politics", "Tribune", "Gilea: History, Political Science, Philosophy", "Memory of the Centuries", "Pedagogy and Psychology. Scientific Bulletin of the Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine", "Political Management: Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Conflictology", "Native School", "Social Psychology", etc.

His research concentrates on the socio-philosophical problems of human development, the philosophy of education, science and culture, the modernization of Ukrainian education, strategies for the development of higher pedagogical education and teacher training in the conditions of globalization, the formation of an information society, the education of student youth, and much more.

Scientist is a specialist in the field of Philosophy, Political Science, Cultural Studies, the Pedagogy of Higher Education. He is the author of more than 850 scientific works, among them 75 individual and about 40 collective monographs, textbooks, manuals for students of higher educational institutions. The general recognition was given by the books "The History of Social Philosophy", "Reflections on Education," "Introduction to Philosophy. Great Philosophers", "Organized Society", "Modern Social Philosophy", "Culture. Ideology. Personality" (in co-authorship), "Social Work" (in co-authorship), "The Dawn of Europe: The Problem of Creating a New Teacher for a United Europe of the 21st Century".

As a scholar-philosopher he substantiated the modern concept of human, his preparation for life, learning and upbringing in the conditions of social transformations. Particular attention deserves the concept of organized society proposed by the philosopher. It is a society for the rehabilitation of humanistic values, a return to the first principle of human existence and cultural progress, as well as the intelligent interaction of people on the basis of their creative cooperation and internal, determined responsibility and conscience, respect for law, order and justice ("Organized society"). The path to such a society is ensured, according to the logic of the thinker, through education, first of all pedagogical, which needs a new philosophy. In fact, the foundations and principles of this philosophy of education in general and pedagogical education in particular are developed by V. Andrushchenko in the works "Reflections on Education: Philosophy and Methodology" (2004), "The Dawn of Europe: The Problem of Creating a New Teacher for a United Europe of the 21st Century" (2011), "Educational Policy" (2012, in co-authorship), etc., in addition, its ideas became the basis of the "National Doctrine of the Development of Ukraine's Education in the 21st Century".

According to his ideas, the center of this new philosophy is a human as an intrinsic value in all his full creative attitude towards life and such full

completeness of possibilities for its own self-realization. It “must be based on universal values in their organic combination with national priorities and must unfold as “reverence for life” (A. Schweitzer), the desire for “eternal peace” (I. Kant), the introduction of humanity into the kingdom of eternal rest and freedom—the noospheric phase of its civilization advancement (V. Vernadsky, P. Teilhard de Chardin)” [Andrushchenko V. Pedagogical Education: Historical and Philosophical Reflection for Future Development. *Philosophy of Education*. 2007. No. 1 (6). P. 6].

Viktor Andrushchenko was awarded with the Order of the Prince Yaroslav the Wise of the V degree, the “Order of Merit” of I, II and III degrees, the Diploma of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, award signs “For Scientific Achievements” and “Excellence in Education of Ukraine”, Diplomas of the Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, the State Committee for Youth and Tourism, the All-Ukrainian Taras Shevchenko Society “Prosvita”, “Znannya” Society of Ukraine, awards and medals of many other organizations.