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The world in the 21 century: Social and economic issues

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WE ALL ARE DIFFERENT BUT WITH EQUAL POSSIBILITIES

The welfare of each country of the world is characterized by different criteria. But the most important one is the welfare of its citizens which depends not so much on their place of work, size of salary, education but on the possibility to realize. Unfortunately, not all people are born healthy. Some of them due to particular circumstances have to live with lifelong pathologies. So, the goal of the country is to provide proper care not only for healthy people but take into consideration the needs and interests of disabled people. Despite the country's efforts to help disabled people to adapt in their community, we can still observe the situations where disabled people get discriminated: denials of employment, limited participation in community life and public affairs. This paper draws attention to the problem of discrimination of disabled people's rights and attempts to find solutions to this problem.

Looking at the current situation of society's attitude towards disabled people, we can make sure that the level of tolerance to disabled people in Belarusian society has grown in many respects. Both the government and citizens are concerned about the problem of oppressing the rights of the people with limited possibilities. They create various organizations of medical, social, and labor rehabilitation, humanitarian support, adaptive physical education, social protection. Some of them are the Belarus Disabled People Society, Association of Parents Raising Children with Disabilities and many others.

The Belarusian people and organizations show their concern for disabled people by making donations, volunteering and creating opportunities for them to work and fulfill their dreams. There are very strong people among the disabled. The National Paralympic Committee in Belarus helps disabled people to realize

themselves in sport by participation in sport competitions. For example, the Belarusian Ihar Bokii is the 5-times Paralympic Champion-2012, who set many World Records in sprint and distance swimming, proved that impaired vision isn't a barrier for competing and victory. Belarus paralympic athletes are well-known in many countries of the World by their excellent performances during Paralympics. Without any doubt each performance at Paralympics is equal to heroism. The results achieved by our athletes show that despite their health limitations they keep on loving life and not giving up. Such care and many-sided development helps disabled people to feel themselves as equal with the rest of the people and integrated into the society.

Alongside with the positive steps taken in the country to protect the people with disabilities there are still some problems regarding the society's attitude towards disabled people. We can see heartlessness of teenagers and indifference of adults towards health-limited people considering these people as social outcasts. Because of the absence of properly equipped facilities disabled people lose their right to visit cultural or other establishments in order to broaden their outlook or to satisfy their necessities equally to others. All that leads to discrimination of their rights for equal opportunities.

So we can say that the state's support alone is not enough for full adaptation of health-limited people among other people. We think that changing the society's mentality in combination with the support of government and special organizations will change existing attitude to disabled people. Gandhi said "If you want to change the world you have to change yourself first". So, it depends on each of us whether we let disabled people feel themselves as full citizens of our country with equal rights and possibilities by our activities aimed at support, care and protection of rights of people with disabilities.

Nobody gave us the right to think that disabled people are outcasts of our society for they are not guilty that they got certain health restrictions by birth or after accidents. And they want to live, to live among other people, because living outside the society in self-isolation is impossible. Thus, discrimination of disabled people

means that you discriminate a person equal to you, which is against all moral norms and punishable by the Criminal Law of any country.

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PROFESSIONS OF OUR FUTURE

We often dream of having jobs that will involve minimal work and maximum payouts. Though, that is not possible, as even the best of us have to move a muscle when it comes to earning money. Someone possessing a job that involves negligible hard work, which is interesting and offers a fat paycheck, is probably the luckiest person on this Earth. Many will consider such a situation where you get paid like this as a dream job.

Professional Sleeper. As amazing as sleeping for money sounds, it also serves an excellent medical purpose. Professional sleepers help scientists and doctors figure out the mysteries of insomnia and other disorders.

Lipsologist. Like a cross between a handwriting and palm analyst and a fingerprint archivist, a lipsologist claims to be able to read and identify a person's personality based on their unique lip prints.

Gum Buster. Have you ever got that disgustful feeling when you sat at a public bench and an unwanted gum got stuck to your hand? Well, some guys are there to help you out from sticking in such situations, they are Gum Busters. These people get out gums from public places being in this sticky job.

Island Caretaker. What can be the best job other than living in all natural surroundings! This exotic job has its own demands which includes exploring the islands and discovering what the area has to offer. One has to be smart in some fundamental skills including general carpentry, plumbing, gardening skills, communication skills, management skills and above all adventurous attitude. Each island is unique, so requirements differ for upkeep. Nowadays, many private island owners hire caretakers to look after their islands.