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Promoting Eco-Consciousness Among Students

As part of the “Science Week: Armenia 2025” festival, members of CEPFA's Eco Club and first-year students of the “Dental Tech-nology” department visited the Botanical Garden of Yerevan. Du-ring the visit, participants had the opportunity to immerse themselves in an eco-focused environment and explore the museums located within the



botanical garden. The students were accompanied by N. Aba-zyan, lecturer of Ecology and Biology, A. Stepanyan, Head of the Career Center, and psycho-logist A. Aslanyan.

Later on, CEPFA's Student Council and Eco Club initiated students' participation in a tree-planting activity in the “Jrvezh”



Forest Park. This environmental initiative aimed not only to improve the surrounding natural environment but also to foster and promote ecological awareness a-mong young people.

CEPFA at EfVET 2025: Wellbeing and Digitalization in VET

CEPFA Director Gohar Gri-goryan and Deputy Peda-gogical Director Yelena Marti-rosyan participated in the 2025 annual conference of EfVET (Euro-pean Forum of Vocational Edu-cation and Training) held in Fatima, Portugal, the year's theme was “Wellbeing in a Digitalized World: Shaping the Future of VET 2035.”

Digital transformation offers numerous opportunities for efficiency, flexibility, and inno-vation, while simultaneously presenting new challenges-particularly regarding the well-being of students, educators, and institutional leaders.

During their visit to Portugal, the CEPFA delegation also visited the Lisbon College of Commerce.

Accompanied by students and tea-chers, the delegation toured the college, learned about educa-tional programs, and explored the organization of the learning pro-cess.

The meetings provided a platform to discuss potential collaboration op-portunities and initiatives for ex-perience exchange, aiming to strengthen ties between Armenian and European vocational edu-cation institutions.



French Architects and Students Visit CEPFA

Within the framework of the collaboration esta-blished between the Lyon Met-ropolis and



the Yerevan Muni-cipality, CEPFA recently hosted a working group of lecturers and students from the École Natio-nale Supérieure d'Architecture de Lyon (ENSAL).
The visit is part of the inter-university workshop conducted jointly by ENSAL and the National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia (NUA-



CA). During the program, students carried out urban planning studies aimed at facilitating the exchange of educational and research experience.This inter-university collaboration forms an integral part of the broader partnership between the cities of Lyon and Yerevan, fostering international cooperation in architectural education and urban development initiatives.

IMPROVET_AM: New Collaborations in Medical Education

Within the framework of the Erasmus+ IMPROVET_AM program, specialists from CEPFA and the Italian APRO Formazione Training Center visited the Ararat State Medical College to present the IMPRO-VET_AM program, learn about the college's activities, and discuss potential directions for future collaboration.



As part of the same program, CEPFA teacher Lilith Papyan ("Dental Technology" department) and psychologist Ashkhen Aslanyan participated in the training of trainers that was held by APRO Formazione at the Gyumri State Medical College and aimed at presenting the essence of training for personal healthcare assistants / sanitary staff. The topics included care and transfer of seriously ill patients, communication between patients and sanitary staff, hygiene and ethical standards in healthcare, as well as promoting inclusivity within the educational process.



The Flavor of Armenia at the Heart of Tourism Development

The SEPR Campus in Lyon and CEPFA are jointly implementing the project "Training Future Tourism Professionals to Support Armenia's Economic Development", co-funded by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs.
The project aims to transform sustainable tourism and Armenia's local culinary heritage into drivers of regional attractiveness, as well as effective cultural and economic tools. The initiative focuses on the development of guesthouses, introducing new training modules tailored to the



specific characteristics of each region, while highlighting local recipes, traditions, and unique culinary identities.
Through this approach, visitors will be invited to discover Armenia through its flavours and the stories behind them.
As part of the project's implementation, a monitoring visit was carried out in the Syunik region with the participation of SEPR culinary arts and hospitality experts Jean-François Julliat and Christophe Zion.

A Motivational Meeting at CEPFA

Mr. André Nersessian, President of the «Diaspora Arménienne du Grand Est» association and CEO of the C2IM industrial accelerator, who was in Armenia, met with CEPFA students. During the meeting, Mr. Nersessian presented his professional journey, emphasizing the importance of hard work, perseverance, and continuous development. He also specifically highlighted the role of the French language, viewing it as an important tool for international opportunities and effective cooperation.

Mr. Nersessian was accompanied by Ms. Blandine Buro, Director of «Œuvre d'Orient» in Armenia, as well as representatives of the Swiss humanitarian foundation KASA.



A Day of Professional Exchange and Francophone Connection

CEPFA hosted first-year students of the "Fashion Design" department from the Ararat Regional State College, led by their



French teacher, Gayane Hayrapetyan.

During the visit, the guests became acquainted with the professional programs at CEPFA, and engaged in interesting professional exchanges with students of the "Garment Manufacturing Technology" department.

The students also met CEPFA alumni who had participated in international exchange programs, and listened to their stories of experience and success.

The main purpose of the visit was to present and emphasize the importance of learning the French language in vocational education and training institutions.

Opportunities for the Development of Ecotourism in Vanadzor



Volunteers from the French company "AFRAT", accompanied by Anush Stepanyan, Coordinator of Youth Activities for the "Arahet Armenia" program, visited the Lori Regional State College.

As part of the visit, they met with the college director, Tigran Tadevosyan, and then toured the institution, becoming familiar with the existing academic programs.

Discussions with the lecturers of the "Tourism" department referred to the opportunities of ecotourism development in Vanadzor. During the discussions, attention was given to the necessary resources, as well as to the pedagogical tools and methods that could contribute to promoting ecotourism in the region.



SEN Assessment

The teaching staff of CEPFA participated in a seminar organized by the Yerevan Territorial Pedagogical-Psychological Support Center No. 4 on the topic "Assessment of Learners with Special Educational Needs (SEN)." The seminar provided participants with the opportunity to

discuss best practices and share valuable information available in the field.



CEPFA Graduate at WorldSkills Armenia

Louiza Zakaryan, a CEPFA graduate of “Garment Production Technology”, won the first prize in the “Fashion Technology” category at the “WorldSkills Armenia 2025” competition.

It is worth noting that last year another CEPFA graduate, Mira Nersisyan, participated in the WorldSkills International and was awarded the “Best of Nation” prize.

WorldSkills International currently has 89 member countries and regions. Armenia has been a member of the WorldSkills international organization since 2012, represented by the National Center for the Development of Vocational Education and Training.



One Success Story

Anush Stepanyan, Head of the Career Center, organized a special meeting with CEPFA graduate Levon Martirosyan, who began his professional journey as a chef and is now the founder of LEO Café. The event brought together current culinary and pastry students for an inspiring and engaging exchange.

During the meeting, Levon Martirosyan reflected on his student years, shared key milestones in his culinary career, and spoke about the challenges and achieve-



ments involved in establishing his own business. He emphasized his continued connection with CEPFA and highlighted the vital role vocational education played in shaping his professional growth and entrepreneurial success.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Levon Martirosyan pleasantly surprised participants by offering discount cards to everyone wishing to visit his café, extending the gesture to both CEPFA staff and students.

Eco-Hiking: “Angels' Gorge”



As part of the “Arahet Armenia” program, French volunteers and members of CEPFA's Eco Club organized a hike to the natural landmark “Angels' Gorge,” located just outside the town of Vedi. The hike gave students the chance to observe the area's diverse bird species and learn about their unique behaviors. The initiative aimed to promote ecotourism while fostering environmental awareness among participants.

In addition to enjoying the stunning scenery, participants actively contributed to the preservation of the environment by taking part in clean-up activities.



Life-Saving Skills

On the initiative of Military Instructor Gohar Kzlyan and Lilith Papyan, lecturer of the “First



Aid" module, students had a merged lesson on the topic "First Aid on the Battlefield, in Everyday Life, and During Excursions and Hikes."

During the class, first-year students learned the basic principles



of providing first aid, the essential steps to take before professional help arrives, and skills for responding quickly and correct in case of emergency, accidents and injuries.

Certificates to CEPFA's Volunteer Students

On the occasion of International Volunteer Day, CEPFA hosted an event dedicated to volunteer activities, during which students who actively participated in volunteer work were awarded certificates of appreciation.

The certificates were presented by CEPFA Director Gohar Grigoryan, who emphasized the importance of young people's engagement and dedication to social, educational, and community initiatives. In her speech, the Director highlighted that volunteering is not merely an activity but a value system—devoting time,



energy, and care to the community and society. She praised the students' initiative and willingness to contribute to various programs and events.



New Year Food Fair 2026

CEPFA participated in the New Year Food Fair 2026 titled "Tarehats". Tarehats is traditional Armenian bread baked for New Year's or Christmas to bring good fortune. This culinary event was held in Yerevan to celebrate Armenian culinary heritage and highlight New Year customs, creating a warm and festive atmosphere for visitors.



The event was supported by the RA Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports, and in collaboration with the Yerevan City Hall, the "Service for the Preservation of Historical-Cultural Monuments and Historical Environment" SNCO, the Museum of Folk Arts, and the Cultural Development Foundation.

in December, CEPFA also participated in the Francophonie Christmas Fair in Masis, showcasing the distinctive traditions of French holiday cuisine.

