Participants of 2nd International research conference “Internationalization of higher education of Ukraine in global multicultural space: state-of-the-art, challenges and prospects” consider universities play key role in providing and practical realization of internationalization of higher education that has become strategic way of their development. Taking into account the vital role of higher education as the most important factor of improving the quality of human capital and forming intellectual potential of mankind in general, the driving force of the socio-economic development of the countries worldwide and factor of their international competitive ability,

    stressing the need to revise the content and forms of higher pedagogical education as a determining factor for preparing a teacher for the New Ukrainian school as an educated, harmoniously developed personality capable of lifelong learning, high professional competence and mobility, which requires the development of its new concept on the basis of integral unity of competence, synergistic, axiological, acmeological, and deontological approaches aimed at training teachers of a new generation,

    emphasizing the special role of internationalization as an instrument for ensuring the quality of higher education, which promotes the development of the intellectual potential of students, faculty and administrative staff, contributes to the development of the competitiveness of modern universities,

    admitting the fact that the development of multicultural higher education is an important component of the integration processes taking place in the world market of educational services and stressing the need for the development and modernization of higher education in Ukraine as a multinational, multicultural state, in accordance with the national educational strategy reflected in special documents (Law of Ukraine “On Education”, Law of Ukraine “On Higher Education”, Law of Ukraine “On Scientific and Scientific-Technical Activity”, National Doctrine of Education Development, etc.) and the World the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the Vienna Declaration, etc.), taking into account the urgent need in multicultural education,

    supporting the efforts of the President of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine, local authorities and local self-government bodies, universities, and the public, aimed at developing the Ukrainian higher education, its integration into the European and global educational and scientific space

    **We consider it expedient to:**

    1. Develop strategies for the internationalization of national universities that ensure their competitiveness, based on a high level of academic and scientific reputation, through the creation of effective polystyrene systems for international academic mobility, the development of international research projects and joint scientific infrastructure.

    2. Improve the quality assurance system of higher education, which is a significant factor in strengthening the position of the educational institution in the world educational
space and is based on the principles of transparency (clarity and predictability of the processes of ensuring the quality of education in the operational mode for all stakeholders), objectivity (independence of the sub-objective will or desire, impartiality, impartiality), reliability (justification and evidence).

3. Further modernize the system of higher education with the view to the principles of multicultural education as a special way of thinking based on the ideas of tolerance, freedom, equality, ethics and aesthetics, and improving the strategy of developing a national multicultural higher education, taking into account world educational experience and national traditions, on the basis of didactic, experimental, culturally peculiar, general-scientific, emotional and behavioral approaches that will allow national universities to develop their own educational environment, a culture of training teachers and students.

4. Adapt and introduce the experience of the leading countries in the world to ensure the quality of higher education and its comprehensive monitoring, which will promote the qualitative development of educational institutions in general and educational programs in particular, thus strengthening the position of Ukrainian universities in world rankings, increasing the competitiveness of graduates of higher education in national and European labour markets.

5. Create an effective mechanism for the reform of higher pedagogical education on the basis of the dialectical unity of integration and differentiation of educational programs, the overriding integrative tendency in them, the correspondence of the content of professional pedagogical education of speed and the power of integration processes in accordance with the growth of the main components of science.

The conference participants pay attention to the problems of the development of the Ukrainian system of university education and science, which require urgent resolution by:

- introducing the internationalization strategy to ensure diversification and growth of financial revenues of national universities by attracting foreign students to study, attracting funds from international scientific and technical assistance, etc.; strategies of multicultural education, the basis of which is the formation of higher education at all levels of learning the ability to intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding and mutual respect to other cultures as well as awareness of their own cultural values;
- strengthening a scientific component of internationalization of higher education;
- improving quality of educational services, which provides continuous improvement of various fields of activity of the modern university; increases the competitiveness of graduates in the national and foreign labour markets and the level of satisfaction of employers with the results of training specialists; extends the range of educational services provided and maintains their high quality; improves the organization of work and competence of the teaching staff and auxiliary staff, the effectiveness and efficiency of the work of the institution of higher education in general;
- strengthening responsibility and solidarity of the university community for academic integrity;
- ensuring the presence of Ukrainian universities in the major international rankings of the best universities in the world, increasing the competitiveness of research and development.

Taking into account the aforementioned, the participants of the Conference offer concrete ways for further development of internationalization of higher education of Ukraine in the conditions of the modern global multicultural space, namely:
Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to draw attention to the expediency:

- development of a national program for the modernization of the system of continuous professional education of Ukraine with clear and specific mechanisms for increasing financial investments by the state in the development of higher education institutions with the involvement of interested institutions and public organizations, with the involvement of the business environment in order to form a high level of human capital in Ukraine;
- creation of conditions for reduction of investment risks of in the educational sphere by means of development of public educational institutions;
- development of a National Program for the Ensuring of the Leadership of National Education in the World Educational Space, where leading research and educational centers should assume the role of identifying the main trends of the future society development, generate effective approaches and concrete solutions for successful global competition, creation of effective formats for the generation and transfer of knowledge in modern society.

Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine to pay attention to expediency:

- development of the internationalization program of higher education in Ukraine in the nearest future, which ensures the implementation of the international dimension in the university's scientific and educational activities, in which the tasks and mechanisms of the organization of rendering services become international in order to transform the best universities into international ones with high standards of quality of education and research, entry to a group of world leading universities;
- acceleration of the adoption of higher education standards in specialties for the purpose of development of student-centered and competent approaches, programs of academic mobility of higher education graduates and scientific and pedagogical (scientific) staff;
- development and approval of the Concept of Polycultural Higher Education in Ukraine. Initiation of consideration by the Committee on Economic Reforms under the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine regarding the holding of a meeting on problems of further ways of multiculturalization of Ukrainian higher education with the invitation of representatives of scientific institutions, higher education institutions and public organizations;
- improving the financial and logistical support of universities, organizing the work of the teaching staff, applicants for higher education, which have recognized the achievements of their research and educational activities and promote the internationalization of the Ukrainian higher education.

Local authorities should pay attention to the need of:

- creation and development of regional educational and scientific innovation systems, integrated into the global educational and scientific space, in order to promote the perspective socio-economic development of the city and region;
- development of multiculturalism in the region, the implementation of the principles of multiculturalism in all areas of the region;
- formation and implementation of regional models of university, business and community partnerships in the “knowledge society” system through the interaction of universities with business and community, where each institution performs its own functions and becomes an important source of innovation.
Higher education institutions provide:

- dissemination of the practice adopting strategies for internationalization (with the definition of the basic strategy components, the main stages of its implementation, the directions of development, organizational and institutional support, resource provision and monitoring indicators) in order to ensure a high level quality of training specialists, development of scientific and pedagogical potential, formation of high level of competitiveness of Ukrainian universities in world rankings;
- comprehensive support and implementation of the policy of academic integrity on the basis of transparency in accordance with the rules of the current legislation;
- continued work on updating the content and improving the quality of educational professional programs, opening new specialties focusing on the most significant for the region and the country as a whole, taking into account the demands of the labour market and the possibilities of educational institutions focusing on multicultural education;
- updating the contents of professional training courses of higher education graduates for the branch “Education”, taking into account the requirements of the New Ukrainian school, in particular, regarding the organization and implementation of the educational process in the conditions of inclusion, the implementation of pedagogy of partnership, professional activity in the conditions of the level of institutions of general secondary education;
- creation of conditions for the development of leadership potential of teachers, higher education graduates, staff who combine new methods and principles of educational management with academic freedoms, rights and collegiality in making the most important decisions for the expansion of balanced international academic mobility of lecturers and applicants of higher education as an important integrated component of multilateral and multicultural cooperation;
- strengthening through the development of international cooperation the identity of the Ukrainian nation as a consolidated multicultural community, development of society on the basis of internal dialogue, humanistic values and tolerance.

Having acquainted with the content, main components, directions of the development of international cooperation at Mariupol State University, the participants of the conference determine the model of international activity of the MSU as a multifunctional in terms of content that is effective in its effectiveness, which makes it relevant to its dissemination and introduction into the practical activities of national universities.

The participants of the 2nd International Research Conference “Internationalization of Higher Education of Ukraine in Multicultural Global Space: State-of-the-Art, Challenges and Prospects” note the coordinated work of the organizing Committee and emphasize that the chosen theme of the scientific forum served as a fruitful basis for the exchange of ideas from the mentioned issues and will promote the modernization of the university education of Ukraine, integration into the European and world educational and scientific spaces.

Organizing Committee