



MEDIA ADVISORY

Official Closing of the Fourth Montenegrin Summer School for Young Diplomats "Gavro Vuković" (6 – 11 July 2011)

What: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro, with the support of the Capacity Development Programme (CDP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway, will organize an official closing of the Fourth Montenegrin Summer School for Young Diplomats "Gavro Vuković", that took place from 6 – 11 July 2011.

Participants in the School were young diplomats from thirty five countries of the world: Italy, Estonia, Greece, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Malta, France, Great Britain, Russia, Turkey, Germany, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Egypt, Thailand, Mexico, Indonesia, China, Israel, Australia, Albania, Slovenia, Croatia, Kosovo UN ATSCR 1244, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYR Macedonia and Montenegro.

The Montenegrin Summer School for Young Diplomats will officially be closed by:

Mr. Nebojša Kaluđerović, State Secretary for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro

Ms. Kristine Blokhus, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative to Montenegro

Mr. Vuka Golubović, Mayor of Berane

When: **Monday, 11 July 2011, at noon**

Where: **Villa Gorica, Podgorica**

Note: Media outlets interested to cover this event should send their requests for credentials with names of journalists, cameramen and photographers at: biro@gov.me; Tel.: +382 20 482 848, or Fax: +382 20 482 919.

The Fourth Montenegrin Summer School for Young Diplomats was dedicated to diplomacy as a factor of security, stability and development in a changing environment, it was an excellent opportunity for young diplomats to exchange opinions and share experiences related to the current security, political and economic aspects of development in the region and the world.

Lecturers at the Fourth Summer School for Young Diplomats were prominent practitioners and theoreticians of international politics: **dr Radoslav Raspopović, Director of the Historical Institute of Montenegro** spoke about the history of Montenegro and its diplomacy, **Mr. Paige E. Reffe, founder of the Reffe Group** spoke about the evolution of the process of Euro-Atlantic Integration over the past 15 years, **Ms. Sue K. Brown, Ambassador of the USA to Montenegro** spoke about the importance of constant learning and training models for young diplomats; **Ms. Kristine Blokhus, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative to Montenegro** spoke about human development; **Mr. Sergio Barbanti, Ambassador of the Republic of Italy to Montenegro** held a lecture about the relations between the Balkans and the European Union; **Mr. Tibor Csaszar, Ambassador of Hungary to Montenegro** spoke

about challenges from the perspective of the Hungarian presidency of the EU; **Ms. Ehtel Halliste, international expert from Estonia** held a workshop on communications methods and tools for effective diplomacy; **Mr. Martin Pammer, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Montenegro** held a presentation on how to run a small embassy in the time of small budget; **Mr. Hans Winkler, Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna** spoke about development trends of diplomacy in the 21st century; about regional initiatives and multilateral cooperation in the Balkans spoke **Ms. Jasminka Kronja, member of the Executive Board of the European Movement in Serbia**; **Mr. Jaroslaw Lindenberg, Chargé d'affaires of the Republic of Poland to Montenegro** spoke about tasks and goals of the current Polish presidency of the European Union; **Ambassador Michael Steiner, Special Representative of the German Federal Government for Afghanistan and Pakistan** spoke about changes in the traditional role of diplomacy in a changing world; **Mr. Paul Meerts, Professor at the Clingendael – the Netherland Institute of International Relations** held a workshop on diplomatic negotiations, while the closing lecture at the Faculty of Law in Podgorica will be held on Monday by **Mr. Jorge Sampaio, President of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, former president of Portugal**.

During the School participants also visited museums in the Old Royal Capital of Montenegro Cetinje, in order to learn about the history of Montenegrin state and diplomacy.

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