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Abstract of the Bachelor's Thesis

**Studying abroad for Kazakh students:
socioeconomic factors**

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Summary

This bachelor's thesis is dedicated to the reasons why students from Kazakhstan go studying abroad to European countries, in particular - to the Czech Republic. The main aim of the thesis is to analyze, find and evaluate the main reasons and motivation of Kazakh students and their parents to study in the Czech Republic. The second aim of the research is to understand how many students are planning to stay in Europe after graduating from the high school or the university, and how many students decide to come back to their native country and apply theoretical and practical knowledge gained in the Czech Republic.

Bachelor's thesis contains different methods of analysis, for example the analysis of the economic situation in Kazakhstan, primarily of indicators in the sphere of education; the second analysis is quantitative analysis, which includes questionnaire research; and the method of empirical research is synthesis. It includes evaluation of the current situation in the analyzed sphere and making proper conclusions.

Keywords: Kazakhstan, education, high school, motivation, economic indicators, GDP, questionnaire research.

Introduction

Choice of higher educational institution is a quite serious decision. Young people and their parents most often make the choice in advance, in a year or two, planning the future education.

Nowadays we can observe the situation, that modern youth prefers to study abroad and the number of such students grows every year. There is a certain logic: the European and American education is at the moment highly appreciated. Respectively the diplomas of these higher educational institutions is much more preferable, than diplomas issued in Kazakhstan or in other CIS countries, including also Russian, that is also very popular in educational respect among Kazakh people. Also study abroad assumes communication directly with native speakers, excellent language practice in international language.

This bachelor's thesis is dedicated to the reasons why students from Kazakhstan go studying abroad to European countries, in particular - to the Czech Republic. As I am one of these examples of foreign students in the Czech Republic, I would like to investigate the main motives, reasons and goals of Kazakh students and their parents to go studying abroad.

Aims and objectives

The main aim of the thesis is to analyze, find and evaluate the main reasons and motivation of Kazakh students and their parents to study in the Czech Republic. The second aim of the research is to understand how many students are planning to stay in Europe after graduating from the high school or the university, and how many students decide to come back to their native country and apply theoretical and practical knowledge gained in the Czech Republic.

Aim fulfillment involves the covering of the following objectives:

- To examine the economic and demographic situation in Kazakhstan;
- To give an education overview of Government and donation programs in Kazakhstan in the sphere of education;
- To compile questionnaire for Kazakh students studying in the Czech Republic;

- To hold an opinion poll;
- To evaluate the results and make conclusions.

Methodology

Bachelor's thesis contains different methods of analysis. First of all I should mention analysis of the economic situation in Kazakhstan, primarily of indicators in the sphere of education. Those are: demography of Kazakhstan (number of students and young people), GDP per inhabitant, overall economic situation and economic growth.

The second analysis is quantitative analysis. It includes questionnaire research. Questionnaire is designed for Kazakh students in the Czech Republic in order to know their main intentions, aims and reasons to study in this country.

The next method of empirical research is synthesis. It includes evaluation of the current situation in the analyzed sphere and making proper conclusions.

One of the analyses is the one of donation and support programs of the government of Kazakhstan in the sphere of education.

Conclusion

For the purpose of our research we have conducted a polling of Kazakh students, studying in Czech Republic. We designed questioner and distributed it among the young people of target group in total amount of 50 persons.

The results showed, that the most students in Czech Republic, who came from Kazakhstan are in an age of 20-22, normally - Secondary General School gradulators, equal number of girls and boys, the costs of education are covered by the parents.

The biggest part of the students came from Astana and Almaty, which is explained by the high rates of population income, accumulated in these cities. Big number of students from Kostanay is accounted for good PR and activity of the agencies, working with Czech Republic at this city.

The decision of the students (and their parents also) to study abroad is based mainly on the reasons of "Absence of the perspective to obtain good education and good job in home country" and the fact, that "The quality of the education is higher, than in Kazakhstan".

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