

Stopping Autumn-Time Sadness and Blues

It is hard to believe that it is already a half-way through the term in Academic year. Time is passing unnoticeably. Summer is far away and New Year is far ahead...Gradually blues is seizing students.

The International Students' Day appears as the best remedy.



Celebrated November 17th worldwide it unities students in their equal status and mission that is of being meant to make a difference, a progress and as a result to create a new prosperous future.

This holiday is associated with youth, romance and fun, but its history, which began in Czechoslovakia during the Second World War, is associated with

the tragic events.

The history says on this day in 1939 the Czechoslovakian students fell victim to the Nazis. On 17 November 1939 the Nazis stormed the dormitories of the University in Prague. More than 1200 students were send to concentration camps, 9 student representatives were executed on the spot, the university was shut down and the buildings were used by the German occupation forces. Students from all Europe fled to London and there the International Students Council, in accordance with the allies, declared 17 November as the 'International Students Day'. This date has always symbolized the moments in history when students were struggling for change and often gave their own lives for the idea of a better society.

The International Students' Day is annually celebrated at BrSTU as well. Being home to about 11,000 students where almost 300 of them are international, represented by 12 countries (Turkmenistan, China, Nigeria, Russia, Sri-Lanka, Iran, Sudan, Ukraine, Turkey, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Azerbaijan) BrSTU as an International University brings them all together in studies, celebrations.

Traditionally this day celebration is mostly devoted to sizing up of “BrSTU New Stars” contest held among freshmen to reveal their talents and special abilities in different kinds of arts.



The International Students Day 2012 was not an exception. This year it took place at Youth Creativity Centre. Best performances chosen from a great many presented in different nominations were shown to the audience. The audience

enjoyed lyrical and rhythmical songs, rousing dances, overwhelming plays and other performances.

Thus, new talents were introduced to BrSTU students and staff. The most promising and perspective first-year students were solemnly awarded by Vice-rector on Academic affairs, Bazenkov T.N., assistant professor, and were met with great ovations by the audience. Congratulations to all participants and winners! In particular, the students of Faculty of Water Supply Systems and Soil Conservation, the winners 2012. They were really on top.



The extract from musical “Metro” performed by students from the Students’

Club was presented as a gift to the participants, winners and the audience and turned to be a really worthy final to that great concert.

And finally the disco devoted to the International Students Day held November 22th at “Gallery” continued students’ celebrations and gave them a needed supply of energy for their further creative and educational activities.

