

"TO BECOME A CITIZEN OF OUR COUNTRY IS SIGNIFICANT"

Chairman of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of Belarus Igor Sergeenko presented passports to talented young people



GDL of 1588, the Code of Laws of the Russian Empire of the end of the XIXth century, the Constitution of 1927 written in four languages. The main constitutional provisions of that time were also recorded by artists, as evidenced by a series of posters presented at the exhibition.

Olympiad winners, laureates of creative contests and sports competitions learned directly from the deputies about the history of the Government House and how modern laws are adopted. A separate page, which the current generation of legislators is proud of, is the feat of the deputies of the Supreme Soviet of the BSSR of the first convocation during the Great Patriotic War. 94 of them did not return from the front, but the memory of them is preserved – the names of these courageous people are immortalized in the memorial plaque

However, before receiving the main document of the country, pupils from different regions familiarized themselves with the history of the formation of the Belarusian statehood. For boys and girls, as well as their parents, deputies and guests of the House of Representatives, an exhibition “The Basic Law of the State” dedicated to Constitution Day was organized in the foyer of the Oval Hall.

Young Belarusians had an opportunity to touch the unique editions from the National Library’s collections, characterizing the main stages of legislative activity in our country. Among them are the original of the Statute of the

at the entrance to the Oval Hall.

Addressing the young citizens, Chairman of the House of Representatives Igor Sergeenko noted that Aleksandr Lukashenko started his political biography in the Government House as a deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the BSSR. It was in the Oval Hall that the President of our country took his first oath, and on March 15, 1994 the deputies voted for the first Constitution of the sovereign Belarus.

“The Basic Law of our country embodies all our past (both those historical traditions and our spiritual values), forms the legal basis for the functioning and development of our



The Chairman of the House of Representatives wished the talented young people to move forward confidently, master knowledge, respect for their history, respect for their native land. "It is the attitude to the small homeland that forms the attitude to the country, our Republic of Belarus," the speaker emphasized. "It is up to you to live and work under today's laws and those laws that will be adopted in the future."

After the ceremony of granting passports, the participants and guests of the celebration were expected to enjoy a festive program – it was the first time that the All-Belarusian campaign "We are citizens of Belarus!"

dedicated to Constitution Day was held in the House of Representatives in such a format.

As Igor Sergeenko explained in a conversation with journalists, it was done to make this day memorable for the kids. Receiving a passport is not an ordinary event," he said. "To become a citizen of



- During an excursion for participants of the All-Belarusian campaign "We are citizens of Belarus!"

state," the speaker emphasized. "In fact, on the basis of the Constitution the whole legislative base is formed in many areas of activity, laws are adopted, by which our country lives, the national economy functions, laws, by which people live."

According to Igor Sergeenko, the passport of a citizen of the Republic of Belarus is one of the main documents that opens the way to adulthood for young people. "I would like you to walk confidently through life, become true patriots, citizens of our country," he said addressing the young people. "Being a citizen is not only a lot of rights, but it is also a lot of responsibilities: starting with the observance of the Constitution and respect for our symbols – coat of arms, anthem and flag."



our country is significant". According to him, passports in the Oval Hall were given to the best representatives of today's youth, who tomorrow will choose a profession, the day after tomorrow will continue the work that their parents do, will develop our economy, will move the country forward.

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