



REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA HONORARY CONSULATE IN BULGARIA

Report

of the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Moldova
in the Republic of Bulgaria – Plovdiv
for year 2019

During 2019, the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Moldova in the Republic of Bulgaria – Plovdiv, Mr. VESELIN CHIPEV, with consular authority on the regions Plovdiv, Haskovo and Stara Zagora gave personal contribution to intensify the relations between Republic of Moldova and Republic of Bulgaria at political, economic and cultural level, as well as actively promoted the economic interests of the Republic of Moldova in the region of Plovdiv.

On the day of the Parliamentary elections, held February 24th, Moldovan citizens located in Plovdiv had the opportunity to give their vote in the Embassy of the Republic of Moldova in Sofia with provided transport by the Honorary consul.

On the 3rd of April, the Honorary consul had the honor to welcome the Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova in Plovdiv. The working visit began with a meeting at the most prestigious Bulgarian higher educational institution in agrarian sciences - Agrarian University-Plovdiv, where the delegation was greeted by the rector of the university - Prof. Kristina Yancheva and in which the Ambassador delivered a public lecture on "A New Chance for the European Future of the Republic of Moldova" to students and professors. Later during the day, at the meeting with Mr. Ivan Sokolov, General Director of the International Fair Plovdiv, opportunities for economic cooperation and promotion of Moldovan production on the Bulgarian and regional market were presented. The delegation also visited the Regional Ethnographic Museum, in deference to Bulgarian history and civilization, and to launch partnerships for cultural cooperation. In the evening, at the seat of the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Moldova, members of the Diaspora and local Moldovan citizens had the opportunity to watch the film "Wedding in Basarabia", with over 40 people attending the event, and a wine presentation took place at the end of the evening of the Moldovan company Purcari.

The Honorary consul was the main sponsor of the conference "*Bulgaria in the Eurozone*" co-organized by the Bulgarian Business Leaders Forum and under the auspices of Ms. Ekaterina Zaharieva – Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, held on the 9th of April.

Mr. Veselin Chipev sponsored an International football tournament, which was organized by the Moldovan Diaspora and took place in Sofia on the 20th of April.

On the 9th of May, the Honorary Consul participated in the laying of wreaths for the celebration of 74 years of Victory in the Great Patriotic War. Veterans and heirs of the soldiers which had fought against fascism, climbed to the top of Bunardzhika where a ceremony was held in front of the monument of Alyosha.

In June, Mr. Veselin Chipev donated toiletries, food and clothes to the arrested Moldovans in Haskovo.

The Honorary consul sponsored the *Third FICAC SEE REGIONAL CONFERENCE*, held from the 12th to the 16th of June, and in which the Prime Minister – Mr. Boyko Borisov, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs – Ms. Ekaterina Zaharieva, members of the Association of the Honorary Consuls in Bulgaria and many other delegates participated.

On the 9th of September, the Honorary consul had the honor to support the official reception of the *28th Independence day of the Republic of Moldova*. The Honorary Consulate gave support to the Embassy of the Republic of Moldova in Sofia, concerning the organization of the reception at Hotel Marinela Sofia. The reception was hosted by the Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova – Mr. Stefan Gorda and his wife – Mrs. Lidia Gorda and gave the opportunity to enhance the cooperation between the members of the Diplomatic Corps in the country, including the good diplomatic relations between the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Bulgaria.

On October 7th, Mr. Veselin Chipev was a special guest at the *Anniversary Edition of the Evening of Virtues*, a charity event dedicated to children at risk of separation from their birth families and children in foster and adoptive families.

The Honorary consul attended the Graduation ceremony at the University of food technologies in Plovdiv held on the 29th of November and greeted the Moldovan graduates.

In December 2019, Mr. Veselin Chihev donated to the National St.Nicolas fund in help of disadvantaged children.

Throughout the past year, the Honorary consul of the Republic of Moldova was intensively engaged in projects of social, economic, cultural and political sphere in the country and abroad, and he honestly and honorably represented the interest of the Republic of Moldova.

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