Ukraine in the Modern World

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Askold Lozinski is a true patriot of Ukraine, an outstanding and talented person and writer. His book "Ukraine in the Modern World" was recently presented at the meeting, where Askold spoke about his current vision of Ukraine.

First of all, according to the author, today Ukraine is a key state that stands for the protection of democracy. Ukrainians want their opinion to be taken into account, for the country to be honest because we respect our own values and there are many events in the history of Ukraine that can confirm this. We are proud of our country and ready to share our culture even in other countries.

For example, Ukrainians who go to other countries not only leave the country but also try to gain new knowledge from other cultures, show Ukraine on the world stage, and contribute to their country even when they are not at home. The mission of each of us should be to take care of the well-being of all Ukrainians, wherever they live. Askold Lozinski did the same because his parents emigrated to the United States. At that time, many emigrants were scientists and intellectuals who could contribute to the development of Ukraine even abroad, and Askold, in the United States, continued to speak Ukrainian at home, because it was respected. And now many Ukrainians are doing the same.

Secondly, Ukraine is developing and will have a great future if young people will learn how to build their own country.

As an example, Askold Lozinski addressed the students with a key appeal – to learn to develop their critical thinking, which should never be a reflection of other people's thoughts and ideas. Students today have a lot of urgent tasks, for which it is important to remain dreamers, idealists. The author mentioned that now adults can be a little tired of life, and students, thanks to their idealistic thinking and strength of spirit, can be inspired to build Ukraine and bring it to a new stage.

Summing up, I can say that history is being built now and Ukraine has a chance to become a state of justice and to play an important place on the world stage, if Ukrainians unite and overcome all obstacles together.