

Message of the Honorary President of 2014 DMCW International Charity Bazaar, H.E. Mrs. Dusanka Divjak -Tomic



Dear Friends,

Honoured to be the Honorary President of 2014 DMCW International Charity Bazaar, I am very pleased to announce that this important event has become a traditional gathering of the people of goodwill from different countries and different nations for celebrating the International Children's Day. The event has started due to the great devotion of the *Dobredojde* Macedonia Welcome Centre of Skopje to the promotion of friendship and better understanding among peoples and its work for humanitarian purposes. It is the fourth time in a row that representatives of the diplomatic and consular missions in Skopje support the international charity bazaar, and this year they are joined by the Municipality of the City of Skopje.

2014 DMWC International Charity Bazaar will take place on Saturday, 7 June from

11:00 to 16:00 on the premises of the City Shopping Centre (GTC), in the very centre of Skopje. As part of the programme, we will have several performances by children from various schools and organisations: American School of Macedonia, Ecole Francaise Internationale, KUD Cvetan Dimov Performing Arts Society, NOVA Schools, Pianoforte Music School, QSI International School of Skopje, Sumnal Association for the Development of the Roma Community, Yahya Kemal School, Zlatan Sremec School, and others. There will also be an art workshop for children.

This humanitarian event offers you the opportunity to spend a pleasant and relaxed day together with your children and friends, and, at the same time, to contribute to the charity fund that will be used for the renovation of the premises of Zlatan Sremec School for Children with Special Needs.

The project speaks for itself. Its main

aim is to provide a better educational environment for the pupils of Zlatan Sremec School so that they could live their lives with dignity and respect, and to facilitate their integration into society. By supporting this project all participants of the Bazaar make their small contribution to the promotion of the awareness of the entire society, both domestic and international, of the responsibility to protect and help children, particularly, those with special needs.

This year we have prepared a really interesting programme. I am sure that you will enjoy its variety and would be able to choose what fits your interests best. Thanks to our donors we will be able to offer you some nice surprises.

In the afternoon the children will join the art workshop and complete a special „Tree of Happiness“ painting under the inspiring guidance of Zaneta Gelevska-Veljanoska. This will be a real opportunity for them to use their creativity and imagination, express their emotions and demonstrate their talent, and what is most valuable, to build their capacity for interaction and collective creation. The key event of the Bazaar is the National Stands Sale organized by the Embassies of China, Slovakia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Italy, the honorary Consulate of India and the Greek community in Macedonia, where the visitors will have the opportunity to buy products originating from these countries.

The afternoon lottery draw usually stands out as the most attractive part of the programme. Many interesting prizes are waiting for the luckiest of us. You could get some of the following: a voucher for a visit to Struga (from the EU Commission); vines (from the Embassies of Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary); books (from the Embassies of France and Slovakia); decorative glass pieces (from the Embassy of Sweden).

Finally, I would like to express my



appreciation of *Dobredoje* Macedonia Welcome Centre for its devotion, eagerness and working spirit in accomplishing the noble aims of the Bazaar and for its excellent organization. My appreciation goes to the Mayor of the City of Skopje Mr. Koce Trajanovski for his support so that the event could be successful and the tradition continued. And, at last, let me express my profound thanks to my dear colleagues from the international community in Skopje for their unselfish contribution and sincere wish to help the noble cause of the Bazaar, as well as to use yet another opportunity to further promote friendship and better understanding among all of us, who come from different parts of the world.

Knowing that we have done something for children by helping this humanitarian cause must make us feel proud, happy and content. It obliges us to do whatever we can to keep this noble tradition alive for a long time. For all your goodwill and efforts so that it is successfully accomplished, you will get the most precious thanks – and those come from the children whom we intend to help. God bless you all and see you next year in the same spirit and mood!