



OPENING REMARKS

The year 2004 has come to end. It was year of an important examination for the idea of European integration of Ukraine. Viktor Yushechenko has finally won the bitter battle to become Ukraine's President. A corrupted power at all levels spared lots of facilities and efforts do not allow people's candidate Viktor Yushchenko to state administration. We are proud to have Viktor Yushchenko as the alumnus of Ternopil Academy of National Economy, where he received higher economic education. Moreover, we are pleased that our President highly appreciates the Academy faculty's contribution into fostering him as a personality and a specialist.

The main difference between the candidates for presidency in Ukraine consisted of following: the program of the candidate from opposition was based on Euro-integration direction of country development, while the pro-government candidate was – «east vector-biased». The victory of Mr. Yushchenko testifies that Ukraine people are eager to live in a large European family of civilized people.

Issues like prospects of Ukraine membership into the European Union; the European Union and the USA recognition of Ukraine as a country with market economy; creation of free trade zone with the EU; establishing a free trade zone with Russia; and finally Ukraine entrance into the WTO were broadly highlighted on the pages of our journal.

The presidential election campaign 2004 resembled a competition of promises. There are grounds to admit that the authorities promised everything one wished to have with the unique purpose to get more votes for their candidate. They were directed by the principle that «the end justifies the means». As you noticed, the Ukrainian laws do not imply responsibilities for nonfeasance of the election obligations. The opposition challenged the power and undertook even more social obligations relying on the opportunity to restore in post-election time legality of privatization and fiscal processes. Tremendous attention was given to elimination of shadow economy. These are the reserves that former power by no means could manage to realize.

Alongside with this, we should take into account that opposition has come to power on the critical wave. Restoration of lawfulness, elimination of corruption, surrender of illegally privatized objects into the state ownership – all is fun-

damental for country. These reserves properly employed would bring to new stage – reformation. These objectives need innovative model of economic development that failed to be formulated during pre-election discussions.

Current year the journal editorial board considers as a main task to publish as much as possible scientific researches of national and foreign authors. Moreover, special attention will be paid to the aspects related to the integration of Ukraine into the European Union.



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