**The National Technical University of Ukraine**

**"Kyiv Polytechnic Institute"**

The National Technical University of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute” (NTUU”KPI”) is one of the oldest and biggest higher educational institutions in Ukraine.

The University is situated not far from the center of the city in a beautiful shady park. At present the number of students in the NTUU ”KPI” are 50000. They obtain qualifications in 68 specialties and 70 specializations.

The teaching staff of our university consists of highly qualified teachers, professors and scientists.

Many students live in twenty-one hostels. Three of them are at the disposal of married students.

The Institute was founded in 1898. It had only four departments: mechanical, chemical, agricultural and civil engineering ones.

The first rector of the Institute was Professor Viktor Kirpichov**,** the greatscientist in the field of mechanics and strength of materials. In 1934 - 1944 KPI was called the IndustrialInstitute.

A large number of prominent scientists studied and worked at our university: Eugene Paton, the founder of electric welding; M.L. Konovalov, a well-known chemist; LP. Bardin, the greatest metallurgist in the country; A.M. Lyulka, the designer of airplane engines, S.P. Korolyov, the designer of the first spaceship in the world; Igor Sikorsky, the designer of the first helicopter, and others. The President of the First Exam Board at chemistry faculty was Dmitry Mendeleyev.

The most active international scientific and technological co-operation is carried out by the departments of the University with the partners from Poland, Germany, Bulgaria, Denmark, Lebanon etc.

Great importance is attached to the development of physical culture at our University. There are many sport grounds, a football field, volleyball and basketball courts. Many students go in for different kinds of sport, which helps them feel healthy and strong.

The KPI graduators now as well as many years ago feel proud to have studied at the Polytech.