

CUPP Participants say it best:

We are continually pleased by the appreciative and enthusiastic letters which CUPP alumni and friends write. We realized that we should be sharing them with you, members of the Canadian Parliament, our supporters and volunteers who have participated in CUPP for the past seven years.

"I applaud the initiative of this outstanding program which I and many of my colleagues consider to be the best kind of aid that Canada can give to Ukraine."

*Boris Kormich - CUPP '97
University of Odesa*

*Faculty of Law
My MPs: Clifford Lincoln ('96)
Dan McTeague ('97)*



"Canada is an amazing country. It has wonderful people, beautiful scenery and a rich economy. This is not just my opinion but is also the opinion of the United Nations, which has considered Canada to be the best country in the world to live in for the fourth year in a row.

But I love Ukraine. I like its people and its traditions. I like the mountains in the west, the forests in the north, the steppes in the east and the seas in the south. Of course we have problems at the present time. It takes time to change a society. It is impossible to rebuild a state in five years.

Yet we have achieved a lot, in a peaceful way, since 1991.

Nations of the world have accepted the fact that Ukraine is now an independent state, and that it stands for democracy. It is striving to bring in reforms to its economic and social life. There is an amazing opportunity for students like us to take part in this process. There is huge potential for development and I believe that someday Ukraine will be as good a country to live in as Canada or any other Western state. So the answer is that yes, I love Canada and I am returning home to do as much as I can in order to make true my prediction that someday soon Ukraine will be as good country as Canada to live in and we'll both be No. 1."

*Natalie Mylenko - CUPP '97
Zaporizhia Technical University,
Management 4th Year.
My MPP: Mario Sergio,
My team: Arctic*

"What I like most about Canada is the safety and yet the diversity of the city and citizens. There are many ethnocultural groups living together but there is no "melting pot" pressure to assimilate as in the U.S.A. Canadians say they have a mosaic. They are left to develop their own culture if they wish to do so, yet there are no problems between ethnic groups as they seem to be united. They call themselves Canadians."

*Oleksander Krainyukov - CUPP '97
University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy*

*Economics
My MPP: Gerry Phillips
My Team: Pacific*