UCCA President Andriy Futey held a series of high-level meetings in Ukraine’s capital from January 22nd through the 29th. During his working visit to Kyiv, he met with Prime Minister Groysman, Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin, Acting Minister of Health Dr. Ulana Suprun, Minister of Internal Affairs Arsen Avakov, Minister of Culture Yevhen Nyshchuk, Minister of Education Liliya Hrynevych, Head of the Security Service of Ukraine Vasyl Hrytsak, Senior Officials in the Administration of the President of Ukraine, Member of Parliament Andriy Levus, Head...
Yatseniuk, the Mayor of Ternopil Serhiy Nadal, Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine George Kent, high-ranking religious hierarchy and representatives of various NGOs.

During his meetings, Mr. Futey discussed Russia’s continuing hybrid war against Ukraine, the need to strengthen sanctions against Russia until it de-occupies Crimea and fully removes its military and weapons from eastern Ukraine, and the idea of a UN peacekeeping mission in Donbas. He also devoted particular attention to the need to implement comprehensive reforms to combat corruption and institute judicial reforms. Futey also discussed, in detail, the need for swift implementation of the recently passed and signed into law by President Poroshenko Medical reform legislation. The issue of Ukrainian-Polish relations was also discussed throughout his meetings. Of utmost importance was coordinating a united message and the continued strengthening of the US-Ukraine strategic partnership.

While in Kyiv, Mr. Futey also held a very productive meeting with Ksana Nechyporenko, Director of GoGlobal in Ukraine. The initiative of the social organization GoGlobal is aimed at promoting foreign languages (English) learning and development of a volunteer movement in Ukraine, as well as facilitating intercultural dialogue and public diplomacy. As a partner organization of GoGlobal, UCCA calls on Ukrainian-Americans to consider volunteering in Ukraine, teaching English to some 80,000
supporting the volunteer initiative and stressed the importance of learning the English language and the impact that volunteers can have on the young generations in Ukraine. Mr. Futey discussed the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of North America with Culture Minister Nyshchuk, including the "Kapelia's" proposed tour plans in the Fall of 2018. He also met with family members of the Community Organization "Families of the Heroes Nebesnoyi Sotnyi" (Heavenly Hundred) to hear their concerns and issues.

In addition to his meetings, on January 23rd, Andriy Futey had the honor to extend warmest birthday greetings on behalf of UCCA and the Ukrainian-American community to Patriarch Filaret of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church - Kyiv Patriarchate. Blessed 89th Birthday! On January 29th, Futey attended a solemn Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Kruty with President Poroshenko and other Ukrainian government officials at the Kruty Memorial at Askolda Mohyla. Along with President Poroshenko, he laid flowers on behalf of the Ukrainian-American community for the fallen heroes, and paid his respects at the grave of Mark Paslawsky.

UCCA External Affairs Committee member Borys Potapenko, and the Head of the Center of U.S.-Ukrainian Relations (CUSUR) Washington, D.C. Office - Mykola Hryckowian - participated in some of the discussions held in Kyiv.
Україна у Вашингтоні - Микола Грицковян - брали участь у деяких офіційних зустрічах та розмовах що відбулися в Києві.
We are glad that Ukrainian Americans actively participate in GoCamp as volunteers. That is how they contribute to the education of young leaders generation who will lead Ukraine just in the nearest future.

Many thanks to the President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America Andriy Futey for his willingness to volunteer for GoCamp this summer and encouraging the Ukrainian diaspora in the USA to join him!

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