



## GPKT Phase II – Education Committee Report No. 12

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### Students from GPKT Schools Annualize the International Day of Tolerance

The GPKT Schools gathered in Kumanovo on 16 November 2007 to mark and annualize the International Day of Tolerance, kindly hosted by *Koco Racin*, GPKT Education Committee school member.

Over 100 school students joint schools from across the border: *Musa Zajmi*, *Bora Stankovic* and *Thimi Mitko* from Gjilan/Gnjilane, 9 Maj and 15 Nentori from Presevo, *Naim Frasheri*, *Toli Zordumis* from Kumanovo and *Branko Radicevic* from Trgoviste.



Mr. Dragisa Cvetkovic, Koco Racin school director, opened the event, welcoming all participating schools, GPKT donor SIDA and other representatives, and emphasizing 'Education is the most effective means of preventing intolerance'. His speech was followed by Macedonian and European hymn as well as other songs performed by school choir, modern dancing, drama poems and several students read quotations in Macedonian and Albanian languages from famous thinkers on the theme of tolerance. Also the host school students read the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance, proclaimed and signed by the Member State of UNESCO on 16 November 1995 putting the main focus on the Article 4 that is related to education.

Other school students from *Bora Stankovic*, 9 Maj and *Musa Zajmi* enrich the program by their drama performances in English related to the 'English Across borders' phrasebook topics.



'Love each-other because we are all the same, all equal' was the written message students from 9 Maj School exposed at the end of their drama performance to all participants. At the end of the day around 1000 copies of the 'English Across Borders' phrasebook was distributed to all the participating schools who have been involved in the whole process of preparation and production This event was organized as part of GPKT Education Committee to promote tolerance between school students representing GPKT communities.

Local Kumanovo stations TV Nova and TV Hana covered the event and interviewed the school director.