



THE CENTENARY OF MODERN UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT

Ukrainian state remains today at the determinant stage of its development. We have achieved the significant success in the development of the civil society and the democracy, we've been working unceasingly for the reaching of economic growth and prosperity of citizens. During the workdays we do not for a moment forget the experience of the past generations.

Celebrating the centenary of Ukrainian national revolution of 1917–1921, which is a starting point of modern Ukrainian statehood, we have to pay a special attention to the activity of the first Ukrainian governments and especially of the General Secretariat.

In the far 1917 the Central Rada and the Ukrainian community were able to organize and to adjust reasonably effective system of governing and state administration. Being guided by the world examples of political process, the Ukrainians hoped to obtain the political independence gradually, in the way of agile accrual of the autonomy. Though, the suddenness of revolutionary events and the reluctance of Russian government in Ukrainian independence directed our country to the thorny road of the struggle for liberty.

The events of 1917–1921 were cruel testing for the nation and the authorities. More than ten governments took turns in Ukraine during that period of time. The Ukrainian officials were trying to ensure the basis of effective governance in the conditions of war, total discouragement and anarchy. In many cases we see the very successful initiatives and the attempts of the reformation

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of economy, justicement, education. Still, under the pressure of the unfavourable conditions and the successes of Bolsheviks' army, the Ukrainian authorities couldn't implement their plan.

Our past, experience, traditions and values are the grains, which growth through today, and are the guaranty of our future. Having properly estimated the development of Ukrainian statehood in the XX century, we would not only avoid the mistakes of our precursors, but we also could succeed in the improvement of independent Ukraine. Thus this photograph album purposes to attract an attention to the historical achievements of Ukrainian officials and to set high the bar of responsibility and patriotism to every government official and every citizen.