

## First Ever Graduation from Metinvest Polytechnic: 143 Master's Students Receive Diplomas

Metinvest Polytechnic, a Ukrainian private mining and metals university, has graduated its first specialists in modern engineering and technical specialities. It issued diplomas to 143 master's students enabling them to work at any enterprise worldwide. The National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance has accredited all the university's educational programmes.



The graduation ceremony took place on 3 April in Kyiv. The ceremony was attended by the management of the university and Metinvest Group, representatives of the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance and the Federation of Metallurgists of Ukraine, as well as rectors of other technical universities in the country.

Students were enrolled in 11 educational programmes. Among the 143 master's students, 89 graduated with distinction and 35 students received diplomas with honours. The chosen specialities included intelligent control systems in mining and metals production, business processes and operational efficiency, computer sciences and digital intelligence, audit and consulting of occupational safety, innovative technologies and environmental protection systems, project management of changes in the mining and metals business, computer-aided design of mechatronic systems, innovative activities in materials science, modern technologies of rolling production, steel metallurgy and the latest technologies for the development of mineral deposits.



Yuriy Ryzhenkov, CEO of Metinvest Group, said: "I am confident that the graduates of Metinvest Polytechnic will be the drivers of Ukraine's restoration and the establishment of a powerful and technological industry. This graduation is the first step towards a new approach to engineering education, a new technical elite and a new future for the country."

Most of the graduates are employees of Metinvest's enterprises planning to further develop in the profession and advance their careers while remaining a reliable pillar of Ukraine.

Oleksandr Povazhniy, rector of Metinvest Polytechnic, said: "During your diploma defence, you distinguished yourself with your expertise in various industries, and the diversity and depth of knowledge demonstrated in your projects has impressed both the academic and business communities. I am sure this is just the beginning. New career opportunities are ahead of you. Choose what you like, whether to grow in business or science. I would also like to invite you to our postgraduate studies. We are always open to cooperation and ready to support all your endeavours."



The students attended more than 200 lectures, over 500 practical and offline sessions, and more than 200 hours of workshops at Metinvest's enterprises in Kamianske, Zaporizhzhia and Kryvyi Rih during their studies.

Oksen Lisovyi, Ukraine's minister of education and science, said: "Amid the war, engineering education is essential for the revival of Ukraine's economy and industry. The key tasks facing higher education today are to increase the number of specialists and prepare them for the real needs of the economy. Such specialised universities with a focus on engineering and technological areas are particularly important for mining and metals enterprises and should become the basis for overcoming the personnel shortage as well as a driver for the development of Ukrainian industry and science."



Metinvest Polytechnic is the university of the future, offering broad new opportunities for young people and using modern digital systems and platforms in education. Metinvest Group established the university in June 2020 and the first students were enrolled in 2022. The project's key goal is to create European-level higher education in Ukraine. The people studying at the university have chosen technical professions that are in demand in the labour market. Metinvest Group guarantees a first job and career growth for the top students, in addition to financial and other incentives. The third admissions round is currently in progress.

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