Inauguration of the academic year in the National School of Public Administration

This year’s inauguration of the 2007/2008 academic year in the National School of Public Administration took place on 5 September. The event was attended, inter alia, by Ewa Junczyk-Ziomecka, Undersecretary of State in the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland, and Władysław Stasiak, Minister of Interior and Administration.

E. Junczyk-Ziomecka, on behalf of Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland, read a letter addressed to the inauguration participants, lecturers, students, and graduates of the National School of Public Administration.

This academic year, 57 first-year students and 52 second-year-students started full-time education.

The current full-time curriculum, according to prof. Józefa Hrynkiewicz, Director of the National School of Public Administration, takes into account many new issues from the field of public law and administration, economic and social issues, public finances, European Union, international cooperation and management in administration. The educational offer was broadened with a series of trainings concerning “Management of Structural Funds”. In the foreseeable future, students will be recruited to the European Issues Studies and the Internal Audit Studies. The target candidates are employees of ministries and central offices, who have at least the Polish master degree and prospects of professional stabilisation. Priority is given to civil servants dealing with European issues. An interview conducted by a committee is decisive for being admitted or not.

Candidates to the National School of Public Administration have to fulfil the following requirements:

- not have attained the age of 32;
- have a higher education diploma and have obtained a Master or equivalent degree;
- have a good command of one of the following languages: English, French, German;
- fulfil the requirements of official practices in place in administration, including the law on civil service and the law on civil servants, and in particular they must be Polish citizens, enjoy full public rights, not have a
criminal record in respect of an intentional crime, and have good enough health to work in public administration.

The education in the National School of Public Administration lasts a year and a half, it is full time, continuous education not broken into semesters, and it can be combined with neither work nor study in other institutions.

The condition that has to be fulfilled to start education in the National School of Public Administration is to take on the obligation to start and perform, for a period of not less than 5 years from graduating from the school, work in administration offices occupying posts offered immediately after graduating by the President of the Council of Ministers.