***Students’ Symposium “The Importance of English”***

**Date:** 10 November 2022

**Time:** 14:30

**Place:** Dining Hall

**Present:** IUCA freshmen; senior students of the IR department;

English language instructors - Nurila Sharshekeeva, Akinai Satarova, Marina Tsaritsyna, Leila Serikova, Tatiana Dubina;

German language instructor - professor Raisa Abdrahmanova;

French language instructor - Mirana Tsoi.

**Introductory speech** – professor Raisa Adrahmanova.

**Moderators:** Sania Baimbaeva, Aizhana Baktybekova – IUCA freshmen.

1. IUCA alumni talk about the importance of

learning the English language (videos);

1. Video with the map “English as a Global language”.

**“Global English”** – PowerPoint presentation by Dennis Bricault, Ph.D. Fulbright Core Scholar at IUCA, Professor of Spanish and ESL, North Park University, Chicago USA

* Varieties of English
* Three circles of English-speaking countries
* Number of speakers of English
* English used as a global language

**Watching the video**: “When a Frenchman Calls an Indian Call center”

*Discussion questions:*

1. Why is this video funny?

2. India and China are both developing countries with large

populations. Why are there so many English-language call

centers in India?

3. Why is the Frenchman speaking English?

4. How do people react to strong accents in Russian? In Kyrgyz?

**“The Culture of France” –** presentation by Jiutsan Al-Shahid (IR-119)

**“French Cuisine” –** presentation by Sagynbek u. Jarkynbek (IR-119)

**Watching the video** “World Englishes: 30 countries with a million English speakers”

*Final Discussion questions:*

1. How is English used as a global language?
2. What are the benefits of learning English?
3. What are the best ways to improve English outside of the classroom?
4. Besides English, are there other languages that play a similar role in the world?
5. For what kinds of careers is English important?
6. Any final questions or thoughts.