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EDITOR'S NOTE

The present issue of the Knowledge Society Magazine combines articles and studies that examining various aspects of a modern society.

This edition includes three scientific papers and two scientific studies. Two of the papers are devoted to the civilizational development and civilization system. The discussed system of evolutionary cycles of the world economic and political system allows not only to rationalize the most important social processes that happen in different countries and civilizations, but also to disclose the logic behind the unexpected bifurcational points and periods in the world development.

The third paper is in the filed of the management and presents a brief overview of modern trends in production/ operational management. According to the author the progress of the production and operational management are in close relation to the choice and functioning of the Production/operational management systems and have also marked the way for their perfection.

The first scientific study explores Internet-based education and its forms for future development. In the conditions of growing competition the educational institutions have to take into much greater consideration the requirement for a financial effectiveness in its activities and sphere. It is of great importance that the measures that limit the expenses do not have a negative impact on the quality of the education that is demanded and supplied.

The second study examines one of the most important topics for the European Union agenda – mechanisms for fight corruption. Prevention and the actions against corruption is one of the most significant priorities in the EU activities in relation with ensuring the protection of the financial interests on the Union, the normal functioning of the home market and the real competition in it. The article analyzes the following directions given for anticorruption policy in EU.

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