

# **Moscow State University**

**The Faculty of Foreign  
Languages and Area Studies**

## To start with...

- We do appreciate the opportunity to meet you.
- We do appreciate the opportunity to communicate with you.
- We do appreciate your interest and we promise to do our best for it not to fade.
- We do..
- ..what we can where we can, and we do like it. Let's have a look together!

# Moscow State University





# The foundation

## When?

In 1755 on the 25-th of January (St. Tatiana's Day)

## By whom?

By the Empress Elizabeth.



# The foundation

## **Mikhail Vasilyevich Lomonosov...**

...was a Russian polymath, scientist and writer. Among his discoveries was the atmosphere of Venus. In 1755 Lomonosov joined Count Ivan Shuvalov in founding the Moscow State University.







**The Pharmaceutical House - the first building of Moscow University. XVIII century**





**The Lecture-Halls building at the end of the XIX century**





**Today's 31-stored Main Building on the Sparrow Hills**

## **Some figures about MSU**

- 41 departments
- a choice of 128 qualifications
- 11 Nobel prize winners among professors and academicians
- the number of students, postgraduates and interns - more than 60 000
- more than 8000 professors
- about 4000 students and postgraduates from 80 countries

# Back in USSR

- **In Soviet Russia:**

- Languages are taught for comprehension
- No opportunity to communicate with the native speakers
- Language learners put their life at risk

**“perestroyka”**



- **Today:**

- Languages are taught for production
- Here we are, talking to each other!
- Everybody has to learn at least one foreign language



# The Faculty of Foreign Languages and Area Studies



- comparatively new – founded in 1988 under the direction of our dean, Svetlana Grigorievna Ter-Minasova

## Set up for:

- training the experts in international communication, required by the changes in the country
- learning a **real** foreign language:  
**2 or more + Latin**  
*(as the father of European languages)*

**Our faculty is divided into *five* main departments:**

- ◆ ***Translation and interpretation***
- ◆ ***Teaching***
- ◆ ***Cross-cultural communication***
- ◆ ***Area studies***
- ◆ ***Cultural studies***



## **Our thanks to...**

- ...our beloved dean  
Svetlana Grigorievna, who  
filled the faculty with that  
wonderful spirit of family,  
confidence and creativity.





# Leisure time

The first organized meeting with the first-year students

of the year is called “**flowerbed**” because it is traditionally held at the backyard of the faculty next to the flowerbed



Great opportunity for the freshmen and exchange students to get to know the main people of the faculty





# The Day of the Faculty

It's an anniversary of the foundation of our department – the Faculty of Foreign languages and area studies.



According to a tradition our dean makes a speech



Then first year students give an oath of allegiance



Students and professors make performances







**We're having a great time!**

# Lingva – the students' magazine



Anyone can try their hand at journalism and write an article for our faculty magazine.

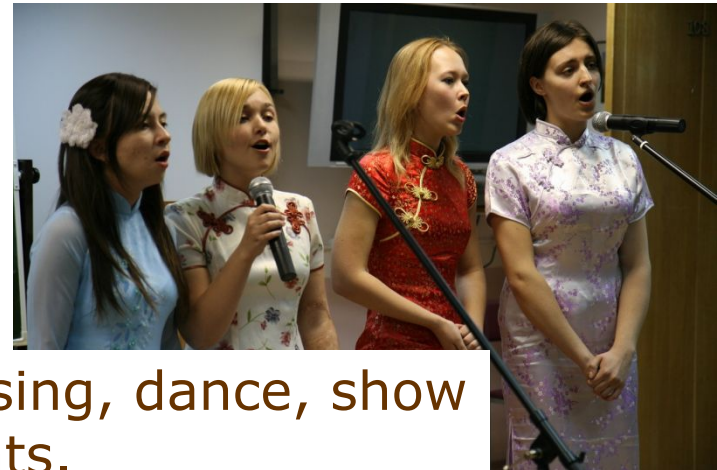




## «Muz salon» – or music lounge



Students sing, dance, show their talents.



The atmosphere is very friendly there.

# Small family...



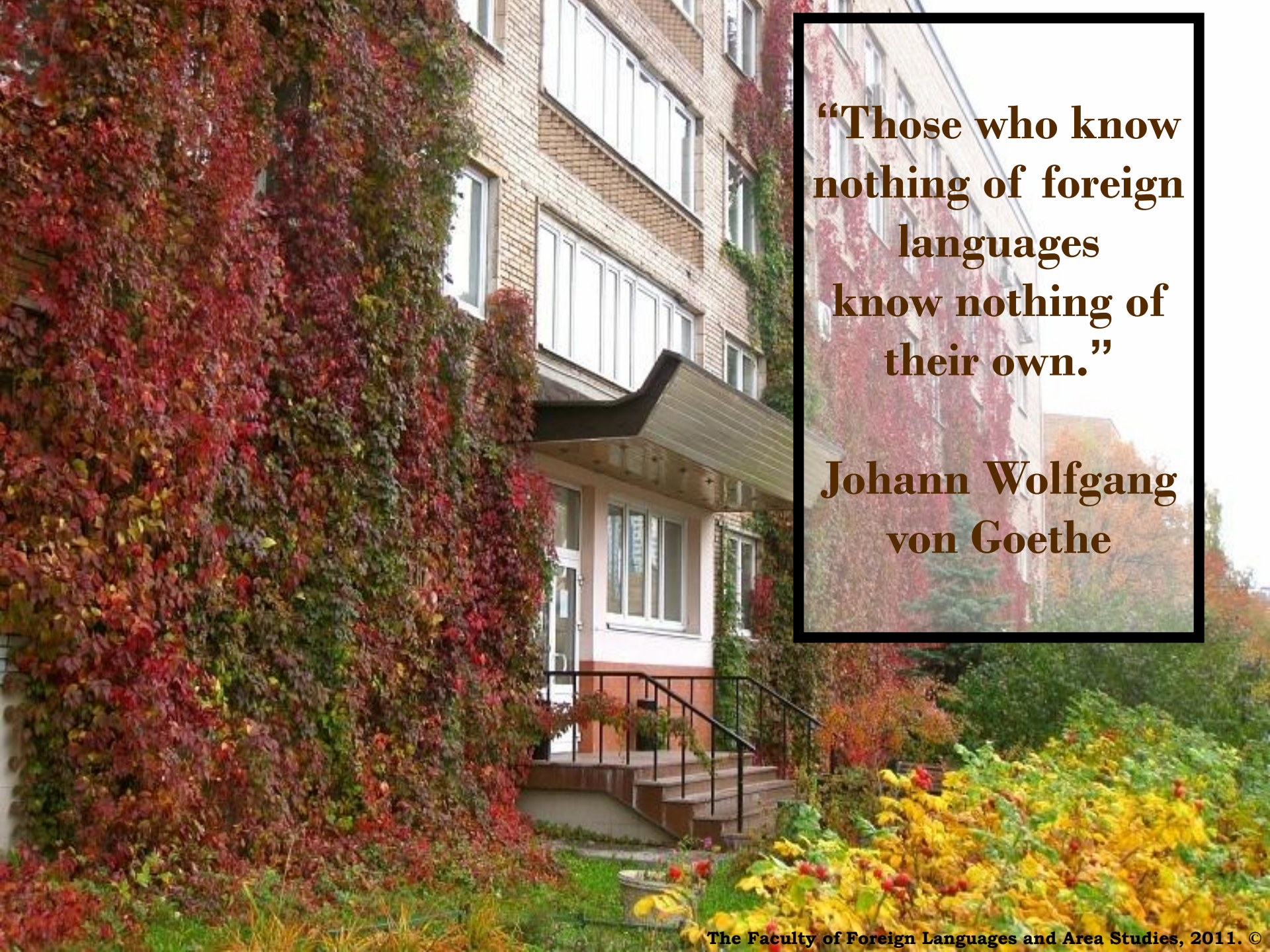
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**“Those who know  
nothing of foreign  
languages  
know nothing of  
their own.”**

**Johann Wolfgang  
von Goethe**