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The Embassy of Ukraine in the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Association of Dutch Universities and the Association of Universities of Applied Sciences and has the honour to inform on the following.

The Embassy of Ukraine is grateful to associations and Dutch higher education institutions for the support provided to Ukrainian students studying in the Netherlands.

Appreciating this cooperation, the Embassy asks to support Ukrainian educational institutions, in particular universities and local libraries, which were directly affected by Russian aggression. There is an urgent and great need for books and educational materials (in English).

As a result of the full-scale Russian invasion, 358 libraries were damaged or destroyed, also some universities had to be evacuated – for instance, educational institutions in Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, and Chernihiv were bombed, and Mariupol and Luhansk universities cannot work as usual because of the occupation. These circumstances led to a difficult situation with book funds. For example, due to the aggressive actions of Russian occupants, only Mariupol libraries lost over 400,000 books. At the same time, this city's library network is trying to work in the evacuation in the city of Dnipro and to continue its educational activities.

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In this regard, the Embassy is kindly requesting the Association of Dutch Universities and the Association of Universities of Applied Sciences to consider the possibility of donating books from Dutch higher education institutions book stocks to Ukrainian educational institutions to renew their educational potential.

The Embassy of Ukraine is ready to provide contacts with a specific educational institution in Ukraine and take care of the transportation of these books and materials to Ukraine. Contact person at the Embassy: 2nd Secretary Yuliia Malynovska, [yuliia.malynovska@mfa.gov.ua](mailto:yuliia.malynovska@mfa.gov.ua).

The Ukrainian side would welcome any support that may be offered and would kindly ask the Association of Dutch Universities and the Association of Universities of Applied Sciences to dispatch this information to any educational institution that could help within the framework of this initiative.

The Embassy of Ukraine in the Kingdom of the Netherlands avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Association of Dutch Universities and the Association of Universities of Applied Sciences the assurances of its highest consideration.

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