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DIPLO CALENDAR

— 2015 —

Learning never exhausts the mind

Leonardo da Vinci

About the Calendar

There is a widespread quotation on the Internet that goes like this: "If all you need is a pretty picture and some smart words to motivate you, you have an easy job. The kind of job that robots will be doing soon."

We do not think it likely that diplomatic work will be substituted by robots: human factors are fundamental to its success. What we do firmly believe is that some of the wisdom accumulated by humanity over the centuries has stood the test of time and remains as valid as ever.

The intention behind the 2015 Diplo calendar is to present a selection of this wisdom in the hope that it will inspire you and lead you to explore the thoughts of the people who in one way or another have changed human history for the better .

We are convinced that curiosity and knowledge are essential for professional and personal progress. If every month you can find a little time to reflect on our selected quotation, we hope that you will find it rewarding.

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The secret to getting ahead
is getting started

Mark Twain



Diplo Calendar (What do you intend to learn this month?)

January 2015

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		What have you learned this month?			"Learning never exhausts the mind" (Leonardo da Vinci)	
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**IF YOU FAIL
TO PLAN,
YOU ARE PLANNING TO FAIL!**

Benjamin Franklin


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**Rank does not confer
privilege or give power.
It imposes
responsibility**

Peter F. Drucker




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March 2015

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The great leaders are like the best conductors – they reach beyond the notes to reach the magic in the players

Blaine Lee



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What have you learned this month?

"Learning never exhausts the mind"
(Leonardo da Vinci)



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**When you become a leader
success is all about growing others**

Jack Welch



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A photograph of a person climbing a large tree in a lush forest. The tree has a complex structure with a thatched roof made of dried grass or straw. The person is wearing a harness and is climbing a rope. The background shows a dense forest with many trees and a hazy sky.

Edward De Bono

It is better to have enough ideas
for some of them to be wrong,
than to be always right by
having no ideas at all


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**You can delegate authority
but you cannot delegate
responsibility**

Byron Dorgan


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**YOU CAN'T BUILD A REPUTATION
ON WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO**

HENRY FORD



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CHANCE FAVOURS THE PREPARED MIND

LOUIS PASTEUR




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**The illiterate of the 21st century will not
be those who cannot read and write,
*but those who cannot learn, unlearn,
and relearn***

Alvin Toffler



I am still learning
michelangelo


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**A VISION WITHOUT ACTION IS ONLY A DREAM.
ACTION WITHOUT A VISION IS A NIGHTMARE.**

Proverb


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Never confuse Motion with Action

Benjamin Franklin




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Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519) - Italian Renaissance genius: painter, sculptor, architect, musician, mathematician, engineer, inventor, anatomist, geologist, cartographer, botanist, and writer.

Mark Twain (1835-1910) - Actual name: Samuel Langhorne Clemens. American author and humorist. His books and quotations continue to be highly regarded.

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) - One of the founding fathers of the United States of America, a man whose talents ranged from politics to science, author and inventor (including the lightning rod and bifocal lenses).

Peter Drucker (1909-2005) - Management consultant, educator and author, author of several books on management and a leader in establishing management education.

Blaine Lee (1946–2009) - One of the founders of the Covey Leadership Centre, author, educator and consultant. Widely regarded as an inspirational figure.

Jack Welch (1935-) - Former Chief Executive Officer of General Electric between 1981 and 2001. During his tenure, the value of the company increased by 4,000%. He has published several books.

Edward de Bono (1933-) - Inventor, author and educator, graduated in medicine as well as in psychology. Author on numerous books on thinking and creativity.

Byron Dorgan (1942-) - Former U.S. Senator for North Dakota, author of several books about politics and money.

Henry Ford (1863-1947) - American industrialist converted the automobile from an expensive luxury into an affordable vehicle that had massive impact on the United States and the world.

Louis Pasteur (1822-1895) - French chemist and microbiologist renowned for his discoveries of the principles of vaccination, microbial fermentation and pasteurization. A major contributor to understanding the causes and preventions of diseases.

Alvin Toffler (1928-) - American writer and futurist known for his works discussing the digital, communications and corporate revolutions arising from technological innovation.

Michelangelo Buonarroti (1475-1564) - Italian sculptor, painter, architect, poet and engineer. Considered one of the greatest artists of his time and one of the best documented artists of the 16th Century.