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A Short History of
“I L Caragiale” National College, Ploiesti
1864- 2014
150 years of continuous educational activity

On the 1st/ 15th November 1864 the Secondary School is founded in Ploiesti, which had two classes of students, one of them being Ion Luca Caragiale.

On the 31st May 1865 the foundation stone of a new building is laid, designed by Architect Alexandru Orascu. On the 1st September 1866 the courses are open in the new building (the present-day Museum of History and Archaeology of Prahova County).

On the 5th August 1866 the name “Saints Peter and Paul Secondary School” is officially approved, the same name with the old church in town.

In 1878 the 5th grade also functioned here and in the autumn of 1880, The Ministry of Public instruction approved the changing name of the secondary school into “ Saints Peter and Paul High-school”.

In April 1892 the Minister Take Ionescu requests that a project should be submitted on the basis of a preposition coming from Architect Toma N. Socolescu for the construction of a monumental building, also allocating an annual subvention of 300000 lei, which was added to the town contribution. Between 1895- 1898 the construction on Independence Avenue was built.



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In the years to follow the high-school became one of the most famous in the country.

During the American aviation attacks in the summer of 1944, the building was bombarded and was severely damaged, a big part of the building being destroyed.

In 1948 the high-school is relocated in the Palace of Commercial Schools where it still functions nowadays.

In 1952 the High-school for boys is named "Ion Luca Caragiale".

In 1954 it will be named The Medium School no 1 "Ion Luca Caragiale". Starting with the year 1956-1957, mixed classes are organized.

On the 1st September 1965 it will be named high-school. In 1977 it will be acknowledged as high-school of Mathematics and Physics. After this date, it will stand other transformations, after new classes of industrial profile are included, its name being "Ion Luca Caragiale" Theoretical High-school.

On the 25th November 1997 its official name is "I.L. Caragiale" National College.

The history of this school is marked by honoured teachers (Nicolae Simache, Ion Th. Grigore, Olga Petrescu) and it is interweaven with the destinies of many personalities of Romanian and world culture and science field (Eugen Ioan Simion, Nichita Stanescu, Mircea Stelian Petrescu, Nicolescu Basarab, Bujor Nedelcovici), among its students being 26 academicians. Our students are either scientists or business men all over the world, as well as students at prestigious universities.

At present our College takes pride in very good results obtained at national and international levels: Informatics, Mathematics, Chemistry, Geography, Biology, English, Informatics and Communication Technology, Philosophy, etc.