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International Youth Festival of Cultural Diversity

FOLLOWING FRIENDSHIP ROADS

Devoted to the 10\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, 21 May 2012

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The International Youth Festival of Cultural Diversity “\textit{Following Friendship Roads}” in the Republic of Khakassia, Russian Federation is arranging by the UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Development, Environmental Studies and Social Issues of the Novosibirsk National Research State University in partnership with the UNESCO Office in Moscow and with the support of the Delegation of the European Union to Russia in the framework of celebrating the 10\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary of the World Day for Culture Diversity, Dialogue and Development on 21 May under the motto “\textit{LIVING TOGETHER HARMONIOUSLY}”.

A complex of the Festival’s celebrating activities-2012 is dedicated to Honoured Khakasian Cultural Worker Nikolai Katanov’s 150 Anniversary. The Festival activities will be carried out at the base of the Khakasian mission of the UNESCO Chair in sustainable development, environmental studies and social issues in partnership with the Khakas National Boarding Classical School named by Nikolai Katanov with support of the Government of the Republic of Khakasia and the Askiz Education Department with support of the Askyz Regional Admistration of the Republic of Khakassia.

SHEDULE OF FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

\textbf{20 MAY 2012. ABAKAN MEETS FRIENDS}

\textit{Abakan city}

10:00. Khakas traditional ceremony of meeting the guests at the Khakasian National Boarding School.

Excursions to Khakasian School’s Museum and to the Khakasian yurta.

Presentations of local cultures by Khakasian, Chukchee, Koryak, Nenets, Khanty, Dolgan, Exhibitions “Youth of Russia for Sustainable Development and Dialogue”.

Videoconference “Networking for Support and Development of Cultural Diversity of Russia”.

Master-classes of the participants of the guests’ delegations, best practices exchange.

20:00. Disco «Sparks of the Friendship» for youth.

\textbf{21 MAY 2012. «TUN PAIRAM - 2012»}

\textit{Republic of Khakasia, municipal region Askiz.}

10:30. Traditional ceremony for the Festival guests’ meeting at the sacred Khakasian place: the Ujtag Mountain.

Dramatized opening of a holiday in the national style - elements of staging of the national epos, legends, folklore); a competitive presentation “Yurtas”.
A variety of creative ethno-cultural platforms - representations in ethno-cultural subject area; national exhibitions, presentations, performances, competitions in national sports. Competitions of Khakasian national dishes “Chiess paramy”. Exhibitions of Khakas arts and crafts “Uss kholle”. Competitions of the performers of Khakasian takpakhs “Aitys”; beauty competitions of Khakasian girls “Aj silii”, performances of ethnic cultures of the delegations from the guest delegations.

An excursion travel "Jurtochnaja Ethno-Village":
Khakasian sports activities as elements of the Askiz general schools’ lessons in physical cuture - “Tobit” - Khakasian table game; Khazykh” - Khakasian dicing with animals’ bones; "Kholl pazys” - a competition in the arm’s power, implementing on the earth; “Khurma and tartyzary”- Khaksian pulling a belt on the adversary’s neck; "Tas khakphany” (throwing a stone through a shoulder on distance); ”Urukh tastaany” (throwing of a lasso); ”Okhchaada and atys” (shooting from bows, the young men and the girls separately); ”Agasna and tartys” (tug-of-stick); ”Pakpa oinaany” (the game alike Russian game “babki”); Khakasian struggle “Kures” (only for young men); ”Syrgailyg charys” (running with a pole with overcoming of obstacles).

The final ceremonial procedure of “Tun Pairam - 2012” closing.
20:00. Departure of the guests of Festival from the Askizsky area and the return to Abakan city.

22 MAY 2012. “LEGENDS OF THE ANCIENT TUMULI”.

Excursions to the Khakasian sacramental places: Bogradsky area - the «Two-eye» grotto (a parking of the ancient people); the Boyarian painting, the Kopensky Chaa-tas, the Borodino caves, the Open-Air Museums (in Askizski area, in Tashtybski area, in Ust-Abakan area). Note: duration of a one visit is 8-10 hours long. Choice of the places is free for the guests of the Festival according their preferences.