International conference
Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Cyberspace
Yakutsk, Russian Federation
July 2-4, 2008
Message from Mr Koichiro Matsuura,
Director-General of UNESCO
to the participants of the International Conference
“Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Cyberspace”

Yakutsk, 2-4 July 2008

The Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity, proclaimed by the UNESCO General Conference in 2001, recognizes cultural diversity as part of the common heritage of humanity and an endless source of new ideas and creative development. Considered by UNESCO Member States as a vital part of human identity, and as essential to humanity as biological diversity is to nature, cultural diversity must be safeguarded for the sake of the present and future generations.

Indeed, there is a strong correlation between cultural diversity and linguistic diversity. Languages are an important element of a people’s identity and the primary means of human communication, knowledge and experience sharing. They are also among the principal factors of progress towards sustainable development, playing a vital role in social integration and economic progress. A world devoid of linguistic diversity would not only be a world in which hundreds of thousands of people were denied the opportunity to engage fully in public life, it would also be culturally impoverished.

Yet, within the space of a few generations, more than 50 per cent of the 7,000 languages spoken in the world may disappear. As it is, fewer than a quarter of those languages are used in schools and most are used only sporadically. Thousands of languages – though mastered by those populations for whom they are the daily means of expression – are absent from education systems, the media, publishing and the public domain in general. Less than a hundred are represented in the digital world.
I cannot emphasize strongly enough the theme of my message for the International Year of Languages 2008: we must act now as a matter of urgency to encourage and develop language policies that enable each linguistic community to use its first language as widely and as often as possible, while also mastering a national or regional language and an international language. We should also encourage speakers of a dominant language to master another national or regional language and one or two international languages, because only if multilingualism is fully accepted can all languages find their place in our globalized world.

That is why, as part of its Medium Term Strategy 2008-2013, UNESCO is reinforcing its work to develop national and regional initiatives that promote and safeguard both linguistic and cultural diversity. Given the increasingly dominant role that information and communication technologies play in the daily lives of people around the world, it is vital that these initiatives cover access to multilingual content in cyberspace, as advocated by the Organization’s 2003 Recommendation concerning the Promotion of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace.

This international conference is both timely and relevant. I am confident that it will offer ample opportunities to discuss all aspects of preserving and developing linguistic and cultural diversity in cyberspace, and in so doing help us to focus greater attention on the challenges facing the global community in this regard, as well as identifying possible solutions at local, national and regional level.

Please accept my best wishes for a stimulating and fruitful debate over the coming days.

Koichiro Matsuura
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- Government of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
- Federal Agency for Culture and Cinematography
- Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO
- Russian Committee of the UNESCO Information for All Program
- Interregional Library Cooperation Centre
- UNESCO Moscow Office
- National Library of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
- National Committee of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) for UNESCO

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**Working languages: Russian and English**
Conference Schedule

July 2 (Wednesday)

08.00  Arrival of participants in Yakutsk. Meeting at the airport
8.30-9.30  Route to the riverboat Mikhail Svetlov. Embarkation
9.30-11.00  Breakfast on board the riverboat Mikhail Svetlov
11.00-12.30  Excursion about the city, visiting museums (optional)
11.00-12.30  Conference Organizing Committee and Program Committee meeting (Common Room)
13.00-14.30  Lunch on board the riverboat Mikhail Svetlov
14.30-14.50  Route to Government House No. 1
15.00-15.30  Conference participants registration (Government House No. 1)
15.30-16.40  Conference opening gala in the Republic Hall of the Government House. Plenary meeting
16.40-17.00  Coffee break
17.00-18.00  Continuation of plenary meeting
19.00-21.15  Reception in honor of conference opening. Concert (Tygyn Darhan Restaurant)
21.15-22.00  Route to the riverboat Mikhail Svetlov
22.00  The boat departs for the Lena Pillars natural park

July 3 (Thursday)

08.00-10.00  Breakfast
10.00-11.30  Plenary meeting
11.30-11.45  Coffee break
11.45-13.00  Section work
13.00-15.00  Lunch
15.00-18.00  Blessing rite in the Lena Pillars natural park. A round of the park
18.00-20.00  Dinner
**July 4 (Friday)**

8.00-10.00  Breakfast
10.00-11.30  Plenary meeting
11.30-11.45  Coffee break
11.45-13.30  Section work
13.30-15.30  Lunch
15.30-17.00  Section work
17.00-18.00  Plenary meeting. Summarizing the conference
18.00  Arrival of the boat in Yakutsk. Yakut participants move to Yakutsk
19.00-21.00  Reception on behalf of the leadership of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) in honor of the opening of the 4th Children of Asia international athletic games
21.30-21.45  Route to the Tuimaada Stadium
22.00-0.30  The opening gala of the 4th Children of Asia international athletic games at the Tuimaada Stadium
00.30  Route to the riverboat Mikhail Svetlov

**July 5 (Saturday)**

From 5.30  Breakfast
Departure from Yakutsk
Conference Schedule

July 2, Wednesday

15.30 - 16.40
Conference gala opening
Plenary meeting (Republic Hall)

Chairpersons:

MIKHAILOVA Evgenia, Vice-President of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia); Organizing Committee Chair (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)

KUZMIN Evgeny, Chairman, Russian Committee of the UNESCO Information for All Program; President, Interregional Libraries Cooperation Centre; Program Committee Chair (Moscow, Russian Federation)

Greetings:

MIKHAILOVA Evgenia, Vice-President of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
Greetings on behalf of Vyacheslav Shtyrov, President of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)

NIKOLAYEV Mikhail, first President of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Deputy Speaker of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (Moscow, Russian Federation)
Greetings

IOUCHKIAVITCHIOUS Henrikas, UNESCO Director General advisor (Paris, France)
Greetings on behalf of UNESCO Director General Koichiro Matsuura

ORJONIKIDZE Grigory, Secretary-General, Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO (Moscow, Russian Federation)
Greetings on behalf of Sergei Lavrov, Chairman of the Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Communications:

SAMASSEKOU Adama, Executive Secretary, African Academy of Languages (Bamako, Mali)
Linguistic Diversity as a Basis of the Unity of Human Communication

KUZMIN Evgeny, Chairman, Russian Committee of the UNESCO Information for All Program; President, Interregional Libraries Cooperation Centre (Moscow, Russian Federation)
Preservation and Development of Multilingualism in Russia: a Fascinating Job

16.40 - 17.00
Coffee break
17.00 - 18.00
Plenary meeting (continued)

Communications:

MIKHAIOLOVA Evgenia, Vice-President of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
*Language Policy in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)*

IOUCHKIAVITCHIOUS Henrikas, UNESCO Director General advisor (Paris, France)
*Ethical, Legal and Social Aspects of the Development of New Information and Communication Technologies*

GABYSHEVA Feodosia, Minister of Education of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
*Promoting the Preservation and Development of Languages of the Indigenous Peoples of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) in the System of General Education*

19.00-21.00
Reception in honor of conference opening. Concert
(Tygyn Darhan Restaurant)
July 3, Thursday

10.00 - 11.30

Plenary meeting

Moderator:

LUKOSIUNAS Marius, UNESCO Moscow Office advisor (UNESCO)

Communications:

MONTVILOFF Victor, former UNESCO Senior Program Specialist in Information, Infoethics, and Linguistic Diversity in Cyberspace (Paris, France)
Internet and Linguistic Diversity: Is It Possible?

PRADO Daniel, Director of the Terminology and Language Engineering Department, Union Latine (Paris, France)
Languages and Cyberspace

ZAIKOVA Nadezhda, First Deputy Minister of Culture and Spiritual Development of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
BAJOROV Afanasy, Head of the Chair of Information Technologies, Arctic State Institute of Culture and the Arts
Memory of Yakutia Portal: First Achievements

AHO Maire, Expert Librarian of the Slavonic Library of the National Library of Finland, Board member of the Finno-Ugrian Society and M.A. Castren Society (Helsinki, Finland)
Multilingualism in the Library Sphere of Finland

MC LENDON William, Director, IT Technical Services, Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) (Dallas, USA)
SIL Technology for Multilingualism in Cyberspace

11.30 - 11.45

Coffee break
Section 1. Political, Ethical and Legal Aspects of the Development of Multilingualism in Cyberspace

Moderator:

IOUCHKI AVITCHEIOUS Henrikas, UNESCO Director General advisor (Paris, France)

Communications:

LUKOSIUNAS Marius, UNESCO Moscow Office advisor (UNESCO)

UNESCO Moscow Office Activities to Develop Multilingualism

BRAKKER Nadezhda, Senior Expert, Centre of Informatization in the Sphere of Culture (Moscow, Russian Federation)

Multilingualism in European Commission Projects

VALEYEVA Zilya, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Culture of the Republic of Tatarstan (Kazan, Tatarstan, Russian Federation)

Language Situation in the Republic of Tatarstan

ZHIRKOVA Rimma, Executive Secretary, Council for Linguistic Policy under the President of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)

The Legal Bases and Implementation Mechanism of State Language Policy in the Situation of Linguistic and Cultural Diversity

Lunch
Section 2. Internet and Other Media

Moderator:

BATOROV Afanasy, Head, Chair of Information Technologies, Arctic State Institute of Culture and the Arts (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)

Communications:

ZHOZHIKOV Anatoly, Director, New Information Technologies Centre of the Ammosov Yakut State University (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)

Problems and Prospects of the Representation of Linguistic and Cultural Diversity of Indigenous Northern Ethnic Minorities in the Global Internet

DIKI-KIDIRI Marcel, Senior Expert of the National Centre for Scientific Research (Poitiers, France)

How to Guarantee the Presence of Particular Languages in Cyberspace

TOMSKY Arsen, Director General, SakhaInternet Company (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)

Internet as Platform for Yakut Language Development

BOBRYSHEV Sergei, business manager, ParaType Company (Moscow, Russian Federation)

Ethnic Fonts for Internet

VASILYEV Sergei, Head, Radio Engineering Department, Physical Technical Institute of the Ammosov Yakut State University (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)

Epic Heritage in Cyberspace: the Olonkho Information System

13.00-15.00

Lunch
Section 3. The Role of Libraries in the Preservation of Linguistic and Cultural Diversity

Moderators:

SAMSONOVA Valentina, Director, National Library of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)

MAMMADOVA Latifa, Head, Department of Libraries, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Baku, Azerbaijan)

Communications:

MATULSKI Raman, Director, National Library of Belarus (Minsk, Belarus)
Activities of the National Library of Belarus for the Preservation and Development of Linguistic and Cultural Diversity

YAKUBOV Elmir, Director, Khasavyurt Central Municipal Library System (Khasavyurt, Republic of Dagestan, Russian Federation)
Weekend Schools of Ethnic Language and Literature as Model of Library Services for Ethnic Minorities in the Situation of Limited Access to Cultural Information

BERDIGALIYEV A Roza, Director, National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan (Astana, Kazakhstan)
The national program and the national portal Cultural Heritage in the Republic of Kazakhstan

GALANICHEVA Galina, Head, Department of Communications and Information Technology, National Library of the Republic of Karelia (Petrozavodsk, Karelia, Russian Federation)
Promotion of Languages in Cyberspace by Libraries

13.00-15.00
Lunch
July 4, Friday

10.00 - 11.30
Plenary meeting

Moderator:

KUZMIN Evgeny, Chairman, Russian Committee of the UNESCO Information for All Program; President, Interregional Libraries Cooperation Centre (Moscow, Russian Federation)

Communications:

MOHI John, Director, Kaiwhakahaere, Services to Maori, responsible for Maori, Pacific and International, National Library of New Zealand (Wellington, New Zealand)
The Maori Language Strategy 2003-2028: Cyberspace Developments

AZGALDOV Erik, translator and editor, journal Studies on Russian Economic Development (Moscow, Russian Federation)
Single language versus multilingual translation

MARLIERE Bernard Andre, secondary school tuition inspector, Ministry of Education of Belgium (Jodoigne, Belgium)
Latin: A Dead Language?

DE GRAAF Tjeerd, Mercator European Research Centre on Multilingualism and Language Learning (Paterswolde, Netherlands)
Voices from Tundra and Taiga: The Use of Sound Archives for the Study and Teaching of Endangered Languages

TANAKA-NAKAHIRA Katsuko, Assistant Professor, Management and Information Science Department, Language Observatory, Nagaoka University of Technology (Nagaoka, Japan)
Measuring Language Diversity in Cyberspace

11.30 - 11.45
Coffee break
Section 4. Languages and Education

Moderator:

MUROVANA Tatiana, project coordinator, Russian Committee of the UNESCO Information for All Program (Moscow, Russian Federation)

Communications:

KIM Gwang-Jo, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development (Seoul, South Korea)
*The Role of IT in Education in Korea*

FEDOROV Gavril, Senior Researcher, Federal State Research Institute of Ethnic Schools of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
*The Revival, Preservation and Development of Ethnic Language and Culture as an Instrument of Natural Scientific and Ecological Education of Nomad Primary School*

LEKHANOVA Faina, Director, Life Centre for the Development of Education, Culture and Gender Public Education of the Association of Small Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and Far East of the Russian Federation; Senior Researcher, Federal State Research Institute of Ethnic Schools of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) (Moscow, Russian Federation)
*Endangered Languages and Multimedia Teaching Aids*

YEFIMOVA Diana, Senior Researcher, Federal State Research Institute of Ethnic Schools of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
*The Role of Ethnic Cultural Environment in the Mastery of Native Language by Children of Preschool Age*

KANG Ducksoo, professor, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, President, Korea-Sakha Association (Hankuk, Republic of Korea)
*Theme to be specified*

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Section 5. The Preservation and Development of Cultural Diversity

Moderator:

NIKIFOROVA Vera, Head, Research and Education Department, Ministry of Culture and Spiritual Development of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)

Communications:

MENEZES Claudio, Administrative Coordinator, Instituto Brasileiro de Informacao em Ciencia e Tecnologia (IBICT), Ministieio da Ciencia e Tecnologia, Brasil, UNESCO expert (Brasilia, Brazil)
Multilingualism in Cyberspace: Utopias and Realities of a Worldwide Challenge

PETROVA Maria, Deputy Director, Institute of Education Development (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)

VINOKUROVA Ulyana, Deputy Rector for Research, Arctic State Institute of Culture and the Arts (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
www.kuyaar.ru - A Portal in the Languages of Indigenous Peoples of Yakutia

MOUZAFAROV A-MARLIÅRE Lioudmila, municipal functionary of Jodoigne (Jodoigne, Belgium)
Cognitive Exchanges as Information Source on Cultural Heritage and Information Society

ZAKHAROVA Agafya, Senior Researcher, Folklore Department, Institute of Humanitarian Studies and Ethnic Minorities of the North, Russian Academy of Sciences, Siberian Branch (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
The Yakut Heroic Epic Olonkho - Masterpiece of World Oral and Non-Material Heritage

POLIKARPOVA Evdokia, Professor, Chair of Teaching Yakut Language and Literature, Department of Yakut Philology and Culture, Ammosov Yakut State University (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
Online Conferences on Yakut Writers as a Factor of Preserving Literary Heritage in Cyberspace

SHEIKIN Yuri, Head, Chair of Art Studies, Arctic State Institute of Culture and the Arts (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
Information Systems in Ethnic Music Studies

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Section 2. Internet and Other Media

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MONTVILOFF Victor, former UNESCO Senior Program Specialist in Information, Infoethics, and Linguistic Diversity in Cyberspace (Paris, France)

Communications:

HALA Georges, Vice-President AAT/TBM, Thomson S.A. (Paris, France)
*Digital Television in Minority Languages*

VARLAMOV Alexander, Research Associate, Institute of Humanitarian Studies and Ethnic Minorities of the North (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
*About problem of Northern minorities alphabets’ application into computer systems*

BADAGAROV Zhargal, Senior Lecturer, Chair of Central Asian Philology, Buryat State University (Ulan Udeh, Republic of Buryatia, Russian Federation)
*Buryat-Language Cyberworld: Problems and Prospects*

PAVLOV Nikolai, Director, Centre of Immunologic Prophylaxis (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
*Problems of Increasing the Number of Sahka-Language Internet Users*

IVANOVA Nina, Head, Language Policy Centre, Institute of Humanitarian Studies and Ethnic Minorities of the North, Russian Academy of Sciences, Siberian Branch (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
*Language Orientations and the Establishment of Linguistic Resources in the Cyberspace of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)*

13.30 - 15.30
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Section work

Section 1. Political, Ethical and Legal Aspects of the Development of Multilingualism in Cyberspace

Moderator:

SAMASSEKOU Adama, Executive Secretary, African Academy of Languages (Bamako, Mali)

Communications:

VOLODINA Natalya, Deputy Prime Minister of the Chuvash Republic (before May 2008) (Cheboksary, Chuvashia, Russian Federation)
The Language Situation in the Chuvash Republic

SIDOROVA Elizaveta, Co-Chair, Committee for UNESCO of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
Participation of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) in UNESCO Programs

YAKUBOV Elmir, Director, Khasavyurt Central Municipal Library System (Khasavyurt, Republic of Dagestan, Russian Federation)
Multilingualism in Dagestan

MUROVANA Tatiana, project coordinator, Russian Committee of the UNESCO Information for All Program (Moscow, Russian Federation)
Ethical Aspects of Preserving Linguistic Diversity in the Information Society

PLYS Ekaterina, project coordinator, Interregional Libraries Cooperation Centre (Moscow, Russian Federation)
Presentation of Languages of the Peoples of Russia in the Russian Segment of the Internet: research results within the project Promoting linguistic diversity in cyberspace

17.00 - 18.00
Plenary meeting
Section 5. Preservation and Development of Cultural Diversity

Moderator:

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Communications:

MOHI John, Director, Kaiwhakahaere, Services to Maori, responsible for Maori, Pacific and International, National Library of New Zealand (Wellington, New Zealand)
*A National Digital Heritage Archive to go live in late 2008 capable of supporting New Zealand’s three official languages: English, Maori and New Zealand Sign Language*

MAMMADOVA Latifa, Head, Department of Libraries, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Baku, Azerbaijan)
*Azerbaijan: Cultural Symbiosis and Diversity of Traditions*

BURTSEV Anatoli, Dean, Department of Philology, Ammosov Yakut State University (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
*Cultural Dialogue in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)*

ROBBEK Vasili, Head, Even Philology Centre, Institute of Humanitarian Studies and Ethnic Minorities of the North, Russian Academy of Sciences, Siberian Branch (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
*Languages of Ethnic Minorities of the Russian North, Siberia and Far East: Historical Retrospective and Problems of Preservation*

ZAMORSHCHIKOVA Ludmila, associate professor of Foreign languages faculty of Yakut state university.
*Ethnocultural specificity of the World image of the Northern peoples in context of globalization*

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Moderators:

MATULSKI Raman, Director, National Library of Belarus (Minsk, Belarus)

BEGDIGALIYEV Roza, Director, National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan (Astana, Kazakhstan)

Communications:

SAMSONOVA Valentina, Director, National Library of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) (Yakutsk, Russian Federation)
Activities of the National Library of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) for the Preservation and Presentation of Languages of the Peoples of Yakutia in Cyberspace

BALKHAYEVA Irina, Director, National Library of the Republic of Buryatia (Ulan Udeh, Buryatia, Russian Federation)
Library Activities in the Republic of Buryatia to Promote Multilingualism in the Internet

LOGINOV Boris, Director General, Libnet National Information Library Centre (Moscow, Russian Federation)
Access to Multilingual Information Resources through the Central Catalogue of Russian Libraries

FILATKINA Irina, Director, Far Eastern State Research Library (Khabarovsk, Khabarovsk Territory, Russian Federation)
Reflection of Cultural and Linguistic Diversity of the Khabarovsk Territory in the Regional Information Environment

CHADNOVA Irina, Leading Research Associate, Russian State Library (Moscow, Russian Federation)
Russian Library Work to Develop Multilingualism in Cyberspace

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**Chairpersons:**

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**LUKOSIUNAS Marius**, UNESCO Moscow Office advisor (UNESCO)

Section moderators speak
Free platform
Summing up

19.00-21.00
Reception on behalf of the leadership of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) in honor of the opening of the 4th Children of Asia international athletic games
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Republic of Sakha (Yakutia): Facts and Figures

The Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) is the largest and one of the economically crucial constituent entities of the Russian Federation. It is situated in the northeast of Asia, in the basins of the Lena, Yana and Indigirka rivers, and in the lower reaches of the Kolyma. The coastline of the Laptev and East Siberian seas, which wash its north, is more than 4,000 km long.

Yakutia has an area of 3,103,200 sq km, close on 1/5 of Russia and almost 2/3 of Western Europe. Its people take pride in the fact that the republic is larger than France, Austria, Germany, Italy, Sweden, the UK, Finland and Greece taken together. There are three time belts in Yakutia. Its local time is 6, 7 and 8 hours ahead of Moscow time.

Yakutia possesses the largest goldfields and diamond mines in the world. It has the world's most affluent river, the Lena. The unique Lenskie Stolby (Lena Pillars) national park is on its banks.

The harsh continental Yakut climate abounds in contrasts: the temperature amplitude exceeds 100°C - from 40°C in summer to -60°C in winter. The Northern Pole of Cold (the coldest inhabited spot in the world) is in Yakutia. This is Oimyakon. The absolute temperature record of minus 71.2°C was registered here. Yakut winters are long and cold, with little snow, while summers are short, and mostly hot and arid.

The sun does not rise high in winter, so days are short throughout Yakutia, and night reigns beyond the Arctic Circle for several months. On fine weather, the sky is occasionally aflame with northern lights. Summers are mostly sunny with the sun riding high, and the air dry and transparent. On white nights, daylight lasts 20 hours on the latitude of Yakutsk, while there is sunlight round the clock in the north of the republic.

Permafrost takes up almost the entire Yakutia. The soil thaws only 3.5 meters deep in summer. Bodies of giant prehistoric beasts are found to this day in a fine state of preservation. Remains of 150 mammoths were found in the famous Berelekh Burial Grounds. The world's thickest permafrost layer, up to 1,500 meters deep, is in the west. There is a Permafrost Research Institute in Yakutsk, with an underground laboratory open to visitors.

Yakutia has a population of 950,000, which represents more than 120 nationalities. The Yakut, the northernmost Turkic ethnic community, make an ethnic majority of 45%, and Russians come second with 41%.

Yakutia is a unique place for linguistic diversity: it fruitfully works to preserve the language of the Yakut, the titular nation, while the Yakut are doing much to preserve the languages of indigenous ethnic minorities of the Far North (Evenk, Even, Chukchi, Yukaghir and others). Russian and Yakut (Sakha) are official languages.

Yakutsk, the republican capital, is 8,468 km away from Moscow, and 1,814 km from Vladivostok.

With a population of 250,000, Yakutsk - one of the oldest Siberian cities - possesses universities, research institutes, theatres, museums and libraries. In particular, the city has an unprecedented Mammoth Museum.

The Yakut folk epic Olonkho is on the UNESCO World Intangible Cultural Heritage List.
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