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**Ministry of Education, Science,
Culture and Youth of Georgia**

On behalf of the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection, and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan, we extend our warmest greetings and have the honor to inform you of the following developments.

In 2018, at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Qingdao, China, His Excellency Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan initiated the establishment of the "Silk Road" International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage in the ancient city of Samarkand. The University has become a leading institution in Uzbekistan, preparing qualified professionals in the fields of tourism, cultural heritage, museum management, and creative industries.

To further expand cooperation in the education sector and strengthen mutual diplomatic ties between of the member countries, observer states and dialogue partners of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Organization of Turkic States and countries located along the Great Silk Road the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan awarded **100 educational grants for graduate programs** at the "Silk Road" University.

The University invites talented students from Georgia to apply for **1 grant position for the academic year 2024-2025**, with classes starting in September. Considering that applications will be accepted until **August 15, 2024**, we kindly ask for your assistance in facilitating the selection process and providing a list of candidates from Georgia willing to study in one of the graduate programs at the "Silk Road" International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage.

For further inquiries and information, you may contact the University's Global Studies Department by e-mail at: info@univ-silkroad.uz or by telephone +99890 270-25-28, +99893 665-09-55. *(detailed information is attached)*

Appendix: ___ lists.

With regards,

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**Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection
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APPLICATION GUIDELINE

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I.	<p>“Silk Road” International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage:</p> <p>The aim of the University is to train highly qualified personnel in the field of tourism, cultural heritage.</p> <p>The “Silk Road” International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage is the first state university where education is fully conducted in English. Leading international professors and teachers were involved in training processes, and the first practical HoReCa academy was created.</p> <p>The University closely cooperates with leading universities in Asia, Europe, America and other countries in science, innovation and joint projects;</p> <p>University students study in a “Smart campus”, equipped according to the standards of prestigious higher educational institutions in the world. Special attention should be paid to the educational and production complex, which includes hotel rooms, a bar-restaurant, a conference hall for 250 people equipped with advanced technologies. It also features a universal gym, a swimming pool, and a digital library, decorated in a modern style serving as a full-fledged high-tech center for tourism knowledge.</p> <p>From 2021, the University started receiving state grants from the government of Uzbekistan for students of the SCO member states, observer states, dialogue partners and other countries. This initiative aims to attract students and organize close cooperation and educational collaboration in the field of tourism and cultural heritage between SCO member states, observer states, dialogue partners and other countries.</p>
II.	<p>Available fields of the University for Master’s degree program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistics in tourism; • Tourism (by field of activity); • Museology, conservation, restoration and preservation of cultural heritage objects; • Management of cultural heritage; • Creative industry; • Archeology.

III.	<p>Required documents for application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identity document (passport/ID card); 2. Bachelor's degree diploma; 3. Photo 3x4; 4. CV of the applicant (contacts and e-mail of applicant for further connection); 5. Language proficiency certificate (IELTS – 6, CEFR – B2, TOEFL iBT – 72 score);(If the applicant has completed university studies in English, a language proficiency certificate is not required) 6. Essay (plans after graduation, on the topic of “Contributing to the development of tourism of the SCO countries”, 1-1,5 pages length). <p>Note: Applicants must upload electronic copies of the above-mentioned documents at the website of the admissions office: http://admissions.univ-silkroad.uz</p>
IV.	<p>Application procedure and period:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applications are accepted until 15th of August, 2024; 2. Online interviews with applicants will be conducted from 5th of June, 2024 to 20th of August 2024. Please check your email regularly for the interview invitation link; 3. The admission committee may require additional tests. Please check your email for updates; 4. Results of the interview and selection process will be announced within a week. Please check your email and the official website of the admissions committee for updates; 5. The visa preparation period begins on 15th August of 2024.
V.	<p>The grant will cover the following expenses for students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winners will receive one-time economy class air tickets for arrival and departure to Uzbekistan each year; 2. Each grant holder will receive a stipend equivalent to 500 USD per month, along with 100 USD per month for dormitory expenses; 3. Twice a year, trips to Uzbekistan's ancient cities will acquaint grant holders with historical sites, architecture, local customs, and traditions. Each grant holder will receive 100 USD per trip to cover travel expenses.
VI.	<p>Website and official pages of the university on social media:</p> <p>Website: https://univ-silkroad.uz/ru Telegram channel: https://t.me/univ_silkroad_uz Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/univsilkroad.uz Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/univ_silkroad_uz Twitter: https://twitter.com/univsilkroad</p>
VII.	<p>Additional information and contacts:</p> <p>For further details and questions please contact: Irina Kadirova, Department of International students and teachers affairs of “Silk Road” International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage, <i>mobile: +99890 270-25-28, +99893 665-09-55</i></p>