





INFORMATION LETTER

This is to kindly inform that Kazakhstan National Committee for the Intangible Cultural Heritage in cooperation with the Auezov Institute of the Literature and Art and the Central Academic Library (RGP Gylym Ordasy), and with the support of the Kazakhstan National Commission for UNESCO and ICESCO invites the participants to the international webinar:

The Ancient Turkic Calendar and its Reflection in the World Outlook of the Peoples of Central Asia

International webinar 14 March 2024, Thursday date and time: 09.30-12.30 (Almaty time)

Venue: Auezov House, Research and Cultural Centre

185, Tulebaev street, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Theme: Duodecimal cycle of the Turkic calendar and its role in man-nature interaction in Rurkic nomadic and sedentary societies

The international webinar will be conducted in hybrid mode (online/offline).

Working languages – Kazakh and Russian.

The Convention for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage (2003) emphasizes that 'intangible cultural heritage, transmitted from generation to generation, is constantly recreated by communities and groups in response to their environment, their interaction with nature and their history, and provides them with a sense of identity and continuity, thus promoting respect for cultural diversity and human creativity'. The sustainable development cannot be ensured, if the authorities ignore the tangible and intangible cultural environment which is traditionally promoted by local communities.

The National Webinar aims to:

- Discuss the role and value of the duodecimal cycle of the Turkic calendar and its reflection in Kazakh folklore, like the samples of the oral heritage. These samples will include the sayings and judgements of the known mythologic persons; description of the common life situations, and human behavior related to the calendar cycle;
- Modern estimation of the Turkic Calendar from the astronomic, ethnographic and social anthropology approaches.

The international webinar will be arranged in a panel discussion mode:

- Keynote presentation (Kazakhstan) [20 minutes]
- Three panelists from Turkey, Mongolia and Azerbaijan will share their views and research opinions on the main aspects of the key presentation (astronomic, ethnographic or social anthropology) [10 minutes each]

- Five scholars will present their findings in relation to the keynote topic (presenters will be selected from applying persons) [6-8 minutes]
- Questions and Answers
- Invitees interventions (Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Iran) [10 minutes each intervention]

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Application on participation

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