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Dialogue of Civilizations Research Institute

"The Concept of Dialogue in the Modern World: Philosophical Understanding and Practical Application"

Online Session

April 9, 2018

Information Note

Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

"The Concept of Dialogue in the Modern World: Philosophical Understanding and Practical Application"

The Conference Aim:

Activation of intellectual and academic discussions to reflect on issues related to the concept of dialogue, its practical application.

The online conference is held in support of the initiatives of Kazakhstan and UNESCO within the framework of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022), and in promoting the development of digital education.

Online conference will focus on the following key topics:

- 1) comprehension of the concept of dialogue in its normative and specific meanings, used in different cultures;
- 2) practical application of dialogue in education and intercultural communication;
- 3) sharing of best practices in the field of intercultural dialogue in the system of secondary and higher education; introducing the online platform "Intercultural dialogue" as an innovative comprehensive digital resource.

Relevance:

The topics of the online conference are designed in such a way so to promote the development of knowledge and skills of intercultural understanding and communication from a methodological and practical points of view. Needless to say, in the modern world, intercultural understanding, management and dialogue skills are extremely important, whether it concerns issues of social cohesion in society or the fight against radicalism and radical ideas of violence and intolerance. The upcoming online conference will help to find answers to these challenges.

Practical relevance of the online conference is connected with application of the concept of dialogue in educational process. These issues will be discussed using the example of new digital innovative methods and practices in the secondary education system (particularly, the online platform "Intercultural Dialogue"), higher education (such as the formation of new curricula, correlation of international and local programs using the case of Institute Sorbonne-Kazakhstan), etc.

To share the best practices, it is planned to present and discuss among a wide range of stakeholders involved in the system of secondary, higher education, the online platform "Intercultural Dialogue", for its subsequent use as a multi-faceted and comprehensive system resource in educational, creative, cultural fields.

The upcoming conference is a good example of cooperation among all interested participants from different countries at the interdisciplinary level, which allows highlighting the topic of intercultural dialogue from the most diverse perspectives and benefitting from the existing potential of all partner-participants.

Conference Format:

The conference will be held online with the participation of speakers located in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Russia, France, India, China, etc. using the digital facilities of the Institute Sorbonne-Kazakhstan (ISK).

There was already good experience of holding an online conference, particularly, the online session held in 2017 with the participation of partners from the international network of UNESCO Chairs, with the invited online speaker, well-known scholar, prof. M.T. Stepanyants, head of the UNESCO Chair of Philosophy at the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Conference Participants:

- ✓ UNESCO Associated Schools in Almaty;

- ✓ Network of UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs "Intercultural Dialogue for Interreligious Understanding";
- ✓ UNESCO Center for the Rapprochement of Cultures (Almaty);
- ✓ Partner UNESCO Chairs in Almaty (Faculty of Journalism of KazNU named al-Farabi, KazNPU named Abay);
- ✓ Institute Sorbonne-Kazakhstan (ISK);
- ✓ UNESCO Headquarters, the Program on Social Transformations and Intercultural Dialogue (Paris),
- ✓ Regional UNESCO Cluster Office in Almaty for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan;
- ✓ Kazakhstan-Indian Foundation (Almaty)
- ✓ Dialogue of Civilizations Research Institute (Berlin, Moscow)

Languages:

Russian, Kazakh, French, English

Date:

April 9, 2018

Time:

15:00 (Almaty time), 10:00 (Paris time).
Duration is 2 hours.

Venue:

Almaty, Kazybek bi, 28. "Institute Sorbonne-Kazakhstan" at the KazNPU named Abay, 38 auditorium (2nd floor).

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To participate online through Google hangs-out, you need to have gmail account; the link will be sent to the participant, which needs to be activated (approved).

The trial technical session will be held prior to the session (on 6 April 2018), upon further confirmation from the conference coordinator.