
TURKMENISTAN TO HOST UNESCO FORUM ON SILK ROAD

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Turkmenistan prepares to host the UNESCO International Conference The Silk Road: Present and Future Development in Ashgabat on December 6 [] the State News Agency of Turkmenistan reports.

Such historical and cultural monuments of Turkmenistan as Ancient Merv, Kunyaurgench and Ancient Nisa have been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List, and kushtepdy sing and dance art and the Epic of Gyorogly have been added to the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Heritage.

Turkmenistan currently works for inclusion of the Koytendag ecosystem and the Badhyz State Reserve to the World Heritage List and Turkmen carpet art and Akhalteke horse breeding art to the Representative List of Intangible Heritage.

The agenda of the Conference, which will be held together with the UNESCO under the slogan of this year Turkmenistan [] the Heart of the Great Silk Road, will include a wide spectrum of subjects of activation of multidimensional cooperation between the countries located along the legendary historical route. A session of the UNESCO Coordination Committee for inclusion of the Silk Road nomination to the World Heritage List will take place before the forum. Numerous representatives of foreign countries will participate in these events.

In addition, it is planned to hold an exhibition of the works of the winners of the photo contest The Silk Road through the eyes of the youth, organized by UNESCO, an exposition of decorative and applied arts and museum values of Turkmenistan as well as books and photo material prepared by foreign embassies.

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