

## The Branch of the Moscow State University after M.Lomonosov in Dushanbe

In modern conditions of market economy the Republic of Tajikistan is in dire need of highly qualified specialists for national economy. In order to further training of qualified specialists with higher education and international cooperation in higher education, by the Presidential Decree 2009, a branch of one of the oldest and leading educational institutions in the world - was established in Dushanbe. The Branch is fully funded from the budget of the Republic of Tajikistan. Moscow State University is a fundamental institution of higher education not only in post-Soviet countries, but also well-known all over the world. Its contribution to the development of science and higher education in Tajikistan is enormous. One of the distinguishing features of the Moscow State University branch is that about 70 percent of its staff consists of scientists of Moscow State University, and 30 percent - among the best and most experienced teachers of Tajikistan. Another important feature of the branch is the opportunity to learn and protect the diploma in the walls of the university in Moscow during the final semester. The Branch started training three specialties relevant for today. They are specialists in applied mathematics and computer science, international relations (diplomacy) and geology. Since 2009, preparatory courses have been organized.

All the necessary conditions were created for the staff and students of the branch. The branch is provided with the latest equipment and teaching supplies. There are chemical, physical, geological science labs, four computer labs, three language laboratories, traditional and electronic library, two lecture rooms equipped with modern educational technology. E-library has access to an electronic library of the Moscow State University and in the near future the Internet will link the computers of the Branch Library with a library of MSU. There is a local network that connects more than 80 computers and the Internet in the Branch. The Branch employs approximately 30 highly qualified staff with big potential, rich experience in project implementation.

We would be glad to find partners interested in the international project Tempus IV based on the following aspects of the foreign relations development:

- determination and introduction of the best methods and practices of the Departments of International Relations;
- acceleration, support and mobility of the academic and administrative staff of the MSU branch through the improvement of foreign language knowledge for professional communication;
- organization of the interdepartmental center, which coordinates foreign relations in the professional spheres;
- development of a number of modules for studying language for the professional communication and providing the teaching staff and the colleagues of branch with the possibilities of the electronic study of language;
- organization of international network for the development of the international communication of universities.

- new concept and the program of collaboration with the international organizations in the sphere of lingual policy and language teaching;
- collaboration with the European universities in the sphere of the teaching foreign languages;
- the study of foreign language teaching experience with the purposes of applying it in the training process;
- the study of the foreign teaching experience of the following specialties of social-humanitarian disciplines of the university:
  - - information service of cultural communications;
  - - international tourism;
  - - connection with the community;
  - - foreign policy relations;
  - - foreign economic relations;
  - - computer linguistics;
  - - the Russian language as foreign;
  - student mobility and academic exchange;
  - collaboration in the field of scientific research and the fulfillment of joint scientific research;
  - the exchange of teachers and students.

Sincerely yours

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