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KHOROG HOSTED THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CULTURE AND TOURISM “ROOF OF THE WORLD”

The 12th International Festival of Culture and Tourism "Roof of the World" took place in the Park of Recreation and Culture of Khorog from 26 to 28 July. This important cultural event was attended by thousands of local residents, city guests and foreign tourists.

Within the framework of the festival, colorful exhibitions of national dishes and clothes, musical instruments and ecologically clean products produced in Gorno-Badakhshan were organized. Paintings by famous local artists were also exhibited. In Ismaili Center and Jamoatkhona, masters from around the world held master classes on traditional musical instruments.

The Pamir Ecological and Cultural Tourist Association (PECTA) hosted documentary film screenings on the cultural traditions of the Pamir and its unique natural ecosystems. In particular, the CAMP Tabiat Public Foundation organized a screening of the film "Adaptation to Climate Change in the Pamirs", which describes how residents of the Bartang Valley in Tajikistan conduct various activities on adaptation to climate change and environmental protection. The film was produced as part of the "Ecosystem –based Adaptation to Climate Change in High Mountainous Regions of Central Asia" (EbA) project, which is being implemented in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on behalf of the German Government.

During all three days of evening activities, the Khorog Culture and Leisure Park hosted colorful concerts with talented artists from Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, India, the United States and Latvia. The audience warmly welcomed every performance by performers, musicians and dancers from around the world.

The festival was organized by the NGO "Amesha Spenta" with the support of the local authorities of GBAO and the Swiss Cooperation Office in Tajikistan. The festival was also supported by the Swiss Embassy in Uzbekistan, the U.S. Embassy in Tajikistan, the Aga Khan Foundation, the Aga Khan Music Initiative, Tcell, Axelareit Prosperity, the University of Central Asia and the Bactria Cultural Center. Local youth volunteers contributed greatly to this vibrant cultural event.

