Subject: Celebration Nowruz Festival

Wakhi Pamir Arts and Culture Council Shimshal Pakistan (WPACCSP) is a village based cultural platform working to safeguard the arts and culture of Wakhi communities living in village Shimshal.

The organization has been organizing various cultural events to safeguard the cultural traditions.

Nowruz, which is one of the cultural events celebrated in our village, WPACCSP has been striving to keep alive this cultural event by celebrating it every year. The event features various cultural performances for example Yak Polo, Tug of War, Nishana, Cultural Dances, Korovon Dance, Sword Dance and many others.

It needs to be cherished that Pakistan along with Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, India, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan are working for the inscription of Nowruz on the Representative List of UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Regards,
Ghulam Rasool
Executive Director
WPACCSP
P. O. BOX: Mr. Ghulam Rasool, Shimshal Valley, Tehsil: Gulmit, District: Hunza-Nazar, Gilgit-Baltistan
The Executive Director
Lok Versa
Islamabad

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Shimshai Nature Trust (SNT) is a village-based organization working for the Development of the village. It also mandated to safeguard the arts and culture of Wakhi communities living in village Shimshai.

The organization has been organizing various cultural events at the grass root level to safeguard the cultural traditions.

Nowruz, which is one of the cultural events celebrated in our village. SNT in collaboration with the cultural platforms of the village is going to celebrate Nowruz Festival, which is celebrated in the whole Gilgit-Baltistan on 21st March every year.

Yak Polo which is the main feature of the event, is a cultural element, which needs to be protected and promoted. Therefore, SNT along with other cultural organizations is going to celebrate Nowruz at a mega level in which Yak Polo will be the main feature.

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Rehmat ulah Balg 0343-5040583
Chairman
SNT
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Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) is an autonomous organization of the Ministry of Information, Broadcasting & National Heritage. PNCA is an apex cultural body established for patronage, promotion and development of arts. It advises Federal Government on matters of policy on artistic activities and their implementation. One of its key functions is to coordinate, evaluate and facilitate the cultural organizations and individuals engaged in cultural activities.

It is indeed a privilege for Pakistan to be part of ‘Nowruz’ Multi-National Nomination for UNESCO’s Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Representative List along with Iran, Iraq, India, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan.

In Pakistan, Nowruz is celebrated with traditional enthusiasm in Karachi, Quetta, Peshawar, Gilgit-Baltistan (former Northern Areas), Multan and Kashmir. The Nowruz festivities to name a few includes: Cleaning/Decoration of Homes, Visits to Family/Friends, Polo Matches, Yak Polo, Daa-daa, Jumping over Fire to Cleanse Sins, Exchange of Colored Eggs, Singing/Dancing, Special Food/Dishes and so on.

Nowruz is a 'cultural bridge' between various communities of Pakistan and provides a platform for pluralism. Nowruz gives a message of peace and tolerance in society by providing an opportunity for rethinking, reviving and rejuvenating the cultural ethos of the communities associated with it and also catalyse harmony in the over all civilizational ambiance. Moreover, it promotes diversity as a unity and serves a foundation for a more peaceful and evolving world.
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