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Progress Report

Period of activity: January- December 2007

UNESCO Chair in Training and Retraining of Specialists under Market Economy Conditions

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I. Activities

1. Academic activities

Training

During the 2007 activity period, the UNESCO Chair in Training and Retraining of Specialists under Market Economy Conditions offered trainings on market economies, business basics and business development.

Target group: Business specialists and postgraduate students in management.

Research

Ongoing projects on educational reforms and higher education management.

2. Conferences/Meetings

IX Universal Congress of World Heritage Cities Organization: Cultural Heritage and Economics

Date and Place: June 2007, Kazan.

The Great Volga River Route.

Date and Place: April 2007, Nayanova Samara Municipal University.

Special Needs Education: Integration Potential.

Date and Place: November 2007, Kazan.

3. Publications

The UNESCO Chair has published essays in the *Kazan Magazine of International Legislation* during the 2007 activity period.

4. Partnerships

Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation

Federal Education Agency, Russian Federation

Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation

Ministry of Youth Affairs, Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation

Business Development Agency of the Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation

Bauman Moscow State Technological University, Russian Federation

Nayanova Samara Municipal University, Russian Federation

World International Center of Excellence at Wageningen University, Netherlands

II. Impact

The UNESCO Chair in Training and Retraining of Specialists under Market Economy Conditions promotes scientific, methodological and innovation resources in vocational training of the disabled at the national level. The Chair has focused on the implementation of an Adult Education Project and School for people in the age of retirement. The Chair has organized conferences on problems of the educational system in Russia and the reformation of Russian higher education.

III. Forthcoming activities

The UNESCO Chair will organize a series of public activities in the occasion of the tenth anniversary of its creation at the Academy of Management. The UNESCO Chair will organize short-term courses and summer schools in adult continuing education and establish contacts with international and non-governmental organizations for the training and retraining of specialists.