

Welcome Speech

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Distinguished Scholars,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you all at this symposium, organized by Silk Road Research Centre in collaboration with the International Black Sea University, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkish International Cooperation Administration, Tbilisi

State University, Georgian Technical University and Georgian University of Social Sciences.

The Symposium was organized under the auspices of the President of Georgia Michael Saakashvili and I would like to express my deepest gratitude to his Excellency.

The topic of the 3rd International Silk Road Symposium is “The Black Sea Region Countries and Prospective Relationships with the European Union.” We have more than 28 speakers from Georgia and different foreign countries and all the symposium materials will be published.

Today’s symposium should be considered as an important step forward in the realization of the “Silk Road” project.

I wish you fruitful and successful cooperation in this noble activity.

Thank You.

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