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18–19 AUGUST 2026, KYZYL, REPUBLIC OF TUVA

18 AUGUST 2026 (Tuesday)		
	<i>11:00–12:00</i> <i>Subedey Universal Sports Complex</i>	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST FORUM Vladislav Khovalyg, Head of the Republic of Tuva Dmitry Chernyshenko, Deputy Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation (video address) Sergei Gryzykhin, Deputy Plenipotentiary Envoy of the President of the Russian Federation to the Siberian Federal District Honorary Dr. Hiniduma Sunil Senevi, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Sholban Kara-ool, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation The Venerable Zong Xing, First Vice President of the Buddhist Association of China Mikhail Melekh, Special Representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation for International Cooperation on the Right to Freedom of Religion Okhindoo Tsendsuren, Consul General of Mongolia in Kyzyl The Venerable Sitagu Sayadaw Dr. Ashin Nyanissara, Founder of the Sitagu International Buddhist Missionary Association; Founder and Rector of the Sitagu International Buddhist Academy (Republic of the Union of Myanmar)
	<i>12:00–13:30</i> <i>Subedey Universal Sports Complex</i>	PLENARY SESSION BUDDHISM IN THE DIALOGUE OF CULTURES: THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

		MODERATOR: Alexey Maslov, Director, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Lomonosov Moscow State University; President, Foundation for the Promotion of Buddhist Education and Research SPEAKERS: Alexey Tsydenov, Head of the Republic of Buryatia Batu Khasikov, Head of the Republic of Kalmykia Olga Khomushku, Rector, Tuvan State University; Professor, Honored Scientist of the Russian Federation, D.Sc. in Philosophy Honorary Dr. Hiniduma Sunil Senevi, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Rinpoche Jangchup Choden, Secretary General, International Buddhist Confederation (India) Say Amnann, Secretary of State, Ministry of Cult and Religion of Cambodia (Cambodia) Most Venerable (Khenpo) Ugen Namguel, Joint Secretary/Representative International, Central Monastic Body (Bhutan) Venerable Sin Kan, President, Malaysian Buddhist Bhikkuni Association (Malaysia) Ms. Boutsady Thanameuang, Member of the Party Central Committee, Vice President, Lao Front for National Construction (Lao People's Democratic Republic) Ven. Kamby Lama Loden Sherab (Dolaan Urzhanai Alexandrovich), Supreme Lama of the Republic of Tuva, geshe
	<i>13:45–14:30</i> <i>Subedey Universal Sports Complex</i>	PRESS POINT
1.	<i>15:00–16:30</i> <i>Subedey Universal Sports Complex</i>	Section 1 ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES OF BUDDHIST TEMPLES IN BUDDHIST COUNTRIES This section explores Buddhist temple architecture as a unique fusion of sacred space, artistic expression, and the historical and cultural memory of peoples. It traces the evolution of architectural forms and highlights regional stylistic variations across Buddhist countries, including Tibet, China, Japan, and Russia. The discussion also covers modern challenges in saving, restoring, and showcasing these monuments. It highlights how architecture promotes cultural exchange and protects intangible heritage. MODERATOR: Elena Aiyzhy, D.Sc. in History, Professor, Tuvan State University; Honored Scientist of the Republic of Tuva

		SPEAKERS: Roman Chilchigashev, Architect, Member, Union of Architects of Russia; Expert Consultant and Head of Architectural Projects, Central Religious Organization Gurban-Erdeni; Board Member, Foundation for the Development of Buddhist Culture (St. Petersburg) Alexey Kapustin, Director, Center for Classical and Traditional Architecture; Advisor, Russian Academy of Architecture and Construction Sciences; Associate Professor, Moscow Architectural Institute Valentina Dambaeva, postgraduate student, Department of History of Buryatia, Institute of History and Philology, Dorzhi Banzarov Buryat State University Igor Mongush, Ph.D. candidate, Department of History of the Fatherland, Tuva State University; Kamby Lama of Tuva Office Ekaterina Asalkhanova, Ph.D. in Art History, Associate Professor, East-Siberian State Institute of Culture Tsagan Seleeva, Ph.D. in Philology, Leading Editor, Boomba Publishing House; Senior Research Fellow, Laboratory for Theoretical Folklore Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, RANEPa Nadeesha Athukorala, Chartered Architect, Vinod Jayasinghe Associates (Pvt) Ltd (Sri Lanka) Nonna Alfonso, Deputy Head, Department of the Near, Middle East, South and Central Asia, State Museum of Oriental Art
2.	<i>15:00–16:30</i> <i>Tuvan State University,</i> Conference Hall 2 <i>(Assembly Hall)</i>	Panel Discussion 1 BUDDHISM AND CONSCIOUSNESS This panel discussion explores the nature of consciousness, its operational mechanisms, and its paths to transformation through an interdisciplinary lens. Speakers will compare classical Buddhist concepts – specifically the nature of mind and the theory of alaya-vijnana (storehouse consciousness) – with modern scientific paradigms ranging from neurobiology and cognitive psychology to quantum physics. Finally, the panel will examine how consciousness constructs subjective reality, how meditative practices transform the mind, and how these methods impact cognitive abilities, emotional intelligence, and psychological well-being. MODERATOR: Yury Zinchenko, Dean, Faculty of Psychology, Lomonosov Moscow State University; President, Russian Psychological Society; Corresponding Member, Russian Academy of Sciences; D.Sc. in Psychology, Professor SPEAKERS: Valery Sitnikov, Professor, Department of Legal Psychology, St. Petersburg University of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia; Professor, Department of Psychology, Tuvan State University Syrgha Mombey-ool, Director, Institute of Health, Tuvan State University Sun-Dorzhu Salchak, Assistant to the Kamby-Lama of the Republic of Tyva; Lecturer, Russian Buddhist University

		Andrey Bazarov, Project Coordinator, Center for Oriental Manuscripts and Xylographs, Institute for Mongolian, Buddhist, and Tibetan Studies, Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences Ven. Acchariya, Director, Myanmar Cultural Center (Myanmar) Ven. Germanie Maitri Thero (Daniel Steffens), monk of Jetavanarama Monastery (Sri Lanka) Ricardo Sasaki, Director, Nalanda Center for Buddhist Studies (Brazil)
3.	<i>15:00–16:30</i> <i>Tuvan State University,</i> Conference Hall 3 <i>(Auditorium 113)</i>	Panel Discussion 2 BUDDHISM AND ECOLOGY This panel examines the potential of Buddhist teachings to shape a new environmental ethic and offer practical solutions to global climate challenges. Speakers will discuss how core Buddhist principles – such as non-violence (ahimsa), compassion for all living beings (karunā), and interdependence (pratītyasamutpāda) – can serve as an ideological foundation for a responsible attitude toward nature. Additionally, participants will analyze case studies that integrate Buddhist values into environmental initiatives, sustainable development strategies, and conscious consumption practices. MODERATOR: Sergey Kirpotin, Professor, Department of Botany, Institute of Biology, Ecology, Soil Science, Agriculture and Forestry, National Research Tomsk State University; Director, Bio-Klim-Land Research and Education Center of Excellence and Competencies; Chief Research Fellow, Tuvan State University; D.Sc. in Biology, Professor SPEAKERS: Svetlana Kurbatskaya, Professor, Tuvan State University; D.Sc. in Geography Yury Popkov, Chief Research Fellow, Institute of Philosophy and Law, Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences Arnold Tulokhonov, Full Member, Russian Academy of Sciences; Ph.D. in Geography, Professor of the Baikal Institute of Nature Management, Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (online) Tumun Tsydygov, Managing Partner, TA Strategy travel agency; Advisor to the Deputy Khambo Lama of the Buddhist Traditional Sangha of Russia; Ph.D. in Political Science Ven. Rajanganaye Piyadassi Thera, Deputy Abbot, Pepiliyana Sunetradevi Pirivena (Sri Lanka) Aldynai Khovalyg, Head of the Department of Geography and Tourism, Tuvan State University, Ph.D. in Geography, Associate Professor

4.	17:00–18:30 <i>Tuvan State University,</i> Conference Hall 2 <i>(Assembly Hall)</i>	Panel Discussion 3 BUDDHIST AND NATIONAL CULTURAL VALUES AS DRIVERS OF TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY DEVELOPMENT This panel analyzes how Buddhist and national cultural values synergize to serve as a strategic resource for tourism and hospitality development. Speakers will discuss methodological approaches to designing authentic tourism products that offer deep immersion in spiritual traditions, rituals, and material heritage. The discussion highlights the preservation of cultural landscapes and regional ethnocultural characteristics, emphasizing tourism as a powerful tool for sustainable socioeconomic growth. MODERATOR: Kaadyr-ool Bicheldey, Ph.D. in Philology, Director, National Museum of the Republic of Tuva; Full Member, Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and RASN, Honorary Professor, Tuvan State University SPEAKERS: Chimit Urbanova, Head, Department of Geography and Geoecology, Institute of Natural Sciences, Dorzhi Banzarov Buryat State University Mengi Ondar, Research Fellow, Applied Research Department, K.B. Ondar Center for the Development of Tuvan Traditional Culture and Crafts; winner of the Russian Presidential Prize in Culture and Art Ottuk Irgit, Tuvan Institute of Humanities and Applied Socio-Economic Research under the Government of the Republic of Tuva Ven. Kamby Lama Loden Sherab (Dolaan Urzhanai Alexandrovich), Supreme Lama of the Republic of Tuva, geshe Irina Nagaslaeva, Head, Management Department, Dorzhi Banzarov Buryat State University Zenko Nakane, Chairman, Japan Buddhist Association (Japan) R.M. Gamini Senaratne, Commissioner General for Buddhist Affairs, Sri Lanka DISCUSSION PARTICIPANTS: Alexey Siorpas, Head, State Tourism Committee of the Republic of Tuva
5.	17:00–18:30 <i>Tuvan State University,</i> Conference Hall 3 <i>(Auditorium 113)</i>	Panel Discussion 4 BUDDHIST TRADITIONAL MEDICINE, INTEGRATION, AND INTERACTION ISSUES This panel analyzes the prospects of integrating traditional Buddhist medicine (including its diagnostic methods, herbal medicine, and acupuncture) into the modern healthcare system. Participants will discuss methodological barriers, such as standardization and evidence-based validation, alongside the challenges of harmonizing regulatory frameworks. Finally, the discussion will focus on creating effective collaborative models between conventional and traditional practitioners, highlighting the clinical potential of complementary practices in prevention, rehabilitation, and patient quality of life.

		MODERATOR: Badma Bashankaev, D.Sc. in Medicine, Deputy Chair, State Duma Committee on Health Protection SPEAKERS: Eugenia Ludupova, Deputy Chair of the Government of the Republic of Buryatia – Minister of Health of the Republic of Buryatia Vladimir Egorov, Executive Director, National Association of Traditional and Complementary Medicine; Member, Expert Council, State Duma Committee on Health Protection (online) Lyudmila Erdynieva, D.Sc. in Medicine, Chief Research Fellow, Research Institute of Medical and Social Problems and Management of the Republic of Tuva Ven. Molligoda Chethiyarakkhitha Thero, monk of Jetavanarama Monastery (Sri Lanka) Myagmasuren Byambaa, Chief Physician, Mazhaa Clinic; Mongolian medicine practitioner (Mongolia)
19 AUGUST 2026 (Wednesday)		
6.	<i>11:00–13:00</i> <i>Subedey Universal Sports Complex</i>	Section 6 TRADITIONS OF EASTERN MEDICINE IN MODERN LIFE This section explores how traditional Eastern medicine, including Buddhist medical systems, fits into contemporary clinical practice. Speakers will examine the integration of holistic health philosophies with advanced Western science. The discussion highlights how natural healing factors, herbal medicine, and preventive practices can strengthen healthcare systems and optimize patient rehabilitation. Part One: GLOBAL APPROACHES TO TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION IN EASTERN MEDICINE The first part of this section examines international approaches to patient care and rehabilitation, focusing on how traditional Eastern medicine integrates into modern clinical practices. Particular emphasis is placed on meditation as a core component of Eastern medicine and traditional culture, highlighting its value in achieving physical health, mental clarity, and inner harmony. MODERATOR: Lyudmila Erdynieva, D.Sc. in Medicine, Chief Research Fellow, Research Institute of Medical and Social Problems and Management of the Republic of Tuva

		SPEAKERS: Aldyn-Kherel Norbu, Kamby Lama of Tuva Office, Tibetan medicine practitioner Tatyana Spasova, Director, Institute of Medicine, Buryat State University, Ph.D. in Medicine, associate professor (online) Gnanaseeha Rakwane Thera, Abbot of Chittaviveka Buddhist Monastery (Sri Lanka) Rimma Ozornina, Zdrava Dacha Retreat Centre (Yekaterinburg) Elena Bartanova, Chief Physician, Republican Clinical and Rehabilitation Centre for Oriental Medicine; Director, Institute of Traditional Medicine, Buryat State University Anna Samba, Chief Research Fellow, Research Institute of Medical and Social Problems and Management of the Republic of Tuva; Ph.D. in Sociology Zenko Nakane, Chairman, Japan Buddhist Association (Japan) Angela Kanchyyr-ool, Chief Physician, Republican Center for Public Health and Medical Prevention (Kyzyl)
7.	<i>11:00–13:00</i> <i>Tuvan State University,</i> <i>Conference Hall 2</i> <i>(Assembly Hall)</i>	Section 2 BUDDHISM IN THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION This section comprehensively analyzes the historical development of Buddhism in Russia and its vital contribution to the country’s ethnocultural diversity. It examines the role of Buddhist traditions in the spiritual life of Russia’s peoples – specifically the Buryat, Kalmyk, and Tuvan communities – and its influence on philosophy, literature, and art. Finally, the discussion evaluates the contemporary state of Buddhism in the Russian Federation, highlighting its role in strengthening interethnic harmony and interreligious dialogue. MODERATOR: Natalia Koptseva, Professor, Head, Department of Cultural Studies and Art History, School for the Humanities, Siberian Federal University; D.Sc. in Philosophy SPEAKERS: Ivan Davydov, Professor, Department of Philosophy of Religion and Religious Studies, Faculty of Philosophy, Lomonosov Moscow State University Victoria Nomogoeva, Vice-Rector for Research, Dorzhi Banzarov Buryat State University Isabella Borisova, Professor, Department of French Philology, Institute of Foreign Philology and Regional Studies (IZFiR), Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University (NEFU); D.Sc. in Cultural Studies

		Aylana Kuzhuget, Chief Research Fellow, Tuvan Institute of Humanities and Applied Socio-Economic Research; Professor, Department of Philosophy, Tuvan State University; D.Sc. in Cultural Studies, Ph.D. in Art History Alexandre Mbome, Director, Nkongsamba Institute of Fine Arts – University of Douala (Cameroon) Dr. Ranjana Senasinghe Devamithra, Editor-in-Chief of the National Encyclopedia of Sri Lanka, Ambassador of Russian Education and Science, PhD in History
8.	<i>11:00–13:00</i> <i>Tuvan State University,</i> Conference Hall 3 <i>(Auditorium 113)</i>	Section 3 A REGIONAL VIEW: BUDDHISM AND STATE RELATIONS IN SRI LANKA This section offers an in-depth analysis of the unique relationship between the Sangha (the Buddhist monastic community) and the state in Sri Lanka. It examines the historical development of Sinhalese Buddhism as a state ideology and its enduring influence on the legal system and sociopolitical institutions. Additionally, participants will discuss contemporary state-religious dynamics, the role of Buddhism in shaping national identity, and the modern challenges of secularization. SPEAKERS: Hon. Dr. Hiniduma Sunil Senevi, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Saman Peramuna, Senior Lecturer, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka Ven. Mahavaladeniye Nivissa Thero, Russian-speaking monk of Jetavanarama Monastery (Sri Lanka)
9.	<i>14:00–16:00</i> <i>Tuvan State University,</i> Conference Hall 2 <i>(Assembly Hall)</i>	Section 4 TEXTOLOGICAL AND HERMENEUTICAL APPROACHES: THE TRANSLATION, INTERPRETATION, AND CATEGORIZATION OF BUDDHIST SCRIPTURES This section addresses fundamental issues in Buddhist textual criticism, including methods for translating canonical texts from Pali, Sanskrit, Tibetan, and Chinese, alongside principles of philological analysis and classification. Speakers will examine hermeneutical approaches to interpreting complex doctrinal concepts – such as shunyata and karma – across various schools of Buddhism. Finally, the discussion evaluates how translations have shaped Western understandings of Buddhism and driven the development of academic Buddhology. MODERATOR: Yulia Elikhina, Leading Research Fellow, Oriental Department, and Curator of the Mongolian, Tibetan, and Khotanese Collections, The State Hermitage Museum; Associate Professor, Department of Mongolian and Tibetan Studies, St. Petersburg State University, Ph.D. in History, D.Sc. in Cultural Studies

		SPEAKERS: Uran Dongak, Deputy Director for Applied Research, Tuvan Institute of Humanities and Applied Socio-Economic Research under the Government of the Republic of Tuva Victoria Tarmaeva, Professor, Buryat State University, Doctor of Philological Sciences Kizitus Nformi Mpoche, Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Faculty of Letters and Social Sciences, University of Douala (Cameroon) Ellara Omakaeva, Leading Research Fellow, Laboratory for Comprehensive Buddhological Studies, Kalmyk State University named after B.B. Gorodovikov; Ph.D. in Philology, Associate Professor Zhargal bagsha Dugdanov, Vice-Rector, Dashi Choinkhorlin Buddhist University Dr. Visuta, personal attendant to Sitagu Sayadaw; Head, Department of Linguistics International Buddhist Academy Sitagu (Myanmar) Ricardo Guerrero, Chairman, Spanish Buddhist Association (Spain)
10.	<i>14:00–16:00</i> <i>Tuvan State University,</i> <i>Conference Hall 3</i> <i>(Auditorium 113)</i>	Section 5 INTERFAITH AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE IN RUSSIA AND AROUND THE WORLD This section explores the role of interreligious dialogue as a key factor in strengthening social stability and sustainable development in modern society. It analyzes the theoretical foundations and practical models of interaction among world religions within Russia and the global context. Finally, participants will examine the contributions of religious leaders and institutions to peacebuilding processes, countering extremism, and fostering mutual respect. MODERATOR: Olga Khomushku, Rector, Tuvan State University, Honored Scientist of the Russian Federation, Professor, D.Sc. in Philosophy SPEAKERS: Mikhail Melekh, Special Representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation for International Cooperation on the Right to Freedom of Religion Vladimir Zorin, Chairman, Commission on Interethnic and Interreligious Relations and Migration, Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation Ven. Kamby Lama Loden Sherab (Dolaan Urzhanai Alexandrovich), Supreme Lama of the Republic of Tuva, geshe Bair Zhamsuev, Senator of the Russian Federation (representing the Zabaykalsky Krai); Deputy Chair, Federation Council Committee on International Affairs, Ph.D. in Political Science

		Rev. Father Ilya Kashitsyn, Secretary, Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate; Executive Secretary, Interreligious Council of Russia, Ph.D. in Theology Flavien Aristide Alfred Toze, Associate Professor and Head of Research Development, University of Douala (Cameroon) Olga Boytsova, Head, Department of Philosophy of Religion and Religious Studies, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Doctor of Political Science, Professor Tsedenbal Purevsuren, Rector, Western Regional Branch of the Mongolian State University DISCUSSION PARTICIPANTS: Svetlana Oshchepkova, Acting Director, Agency for Ethnic Affairs of the Republic of Tuva
11.	<i>14:00–17:00</i> <i>Subedey Universal Sports Complex</i>	Section 6 TRADITIONS OF EASTERN MEDICINE IN MODERN LIFE Part Two: NATURAL HEALING FACTORS IN PRACTICAL MEDICINE The second part of this section examines how natural healing resources – such as medicinal plants and therapeutic waters – are used in traditional and folk medicine. Speakers will discuss the opportunities and frameworks for integrating these traditional practices directly into public healthcare systems. SPEAKERS: Samba Tyulyush, Tibetan medicine practitioner; Lecturer, Russian Buddhist University Saizana Salchak, Ph.D. in Medicine, Senior Research Fellow, Research Institute of Medical and Social Problems and Management of the Republic of Tuva Nataliya Bgatova, D.Sc. in Biology, Professor, Head, Laboratory of Ultrastructural Research, Research Institute of Clinical and Experimental Lymphology – Branch of the Federal Research Center Institute of Cytology and Genetics, Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Novosibirsk) Olga Omzaar, Head of the Laboratory of Arzhaanology, Sanatorium-Resort Medicine and Traditional Medicine; Ph.D. in Medicine Olga Gromova, Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology, Ivanovo State Medical Academy of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (online) Yanina Razuvaeva, Head, Laboratory, Dorzhi Banzarov Buryat State University; Leading Research Fellow, Institute of General and Experimental Biology, Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences; D.Sc. in Biology (online)

		Zhargal Tykheev, Head, Laboratory of Physiologically Active Substances and Phytoengineering, Baikal Institute of Nature Management, Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (online) Mikhail Martynov, Deputy Director, Institute of Neurosciences and Neurotechnology (online) Saglar Badmaeva, Ph.D. in Biology, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine and Pharmacy, Kalmyk State University named after B.B. Gorodovikov; Dean, Faculty of Medicine (online) Ivan Torshin, Federal Research Center for Computer Sciences and Control, Russian Academy of Sciences (online) Olga Filatova, Professor, Research Institute of Biomedicine, Institute of Biology and Biotechnology, Altai State University; D.Sc. in Biology (online)
12.	<i>16:00–18:00</i> <i>Tuvan State University,</i> Conference Hall 4 <i>(Auditorium 116)</i>	EXTENDED MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM MODERATOR: Badma Salaev, Rector, Kalmyk State University named after B.B. Gorodovikov SPEAKERS: Aldar Damdinov, Associate Professor, Ph.D. in History, Rector, Dorzhi Banzarov Buryat State University Olga Khomushku, Rector, Tuvan State University, Honored Scientist of the Russian Federation, Professor, D.Sc. in Philosophy Nachyn Kunuuzhap, Rector, Russian Buddhist University; Director, Spiritual Education Training Centre at the Thubten Shedrup Ling Central Tuvan Buddhist Monastery Alevtina Shaaly, Associate Professor of the Department of Pedagogy, Alexander Darzhay Kyzyl Pedagogical Institute, Tuvan State University Dulmazhab Tsyngueva, Senior Lecturer, Aginsky Institute for Advanced Training of Social Workers in the Zabaykalsky Krai (online) Oksana Martynenko, Rector, Transbaikal State University Irina Tsyrempilova, D.Sc. in History, Professor, Vice-Rector for Research and International Affairs, East-Siberian State Institute of Culture Ven. Gabzhu Lama Dymbryl Dashibaldanov, Rector, Dashi Choinhorling Buddhist University named after Damba Darzha Zayaev Amgalan Zhalsanov, Rector, Religious Educational Organization of Higher Education Aginsky Buddhist Academy Sergey Pilipenko, Vice-Rector for Strategic Development and Digital Transformation, Moscow State Linguistic University