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Rules and Regulations

of the "Tulpar" Contest among Compatriots Living Abroad for the Grant of Participating in "Selet" Summer Camps in 2018

1. General Regulations

The "Tulpar" Contest among compatriots living in near or far abroad countries for the grant of participating in "Selet" summer camps in 2018 (further referred to as Contest) is held with the support and on behalf of the President of the Republic of Tatarstan Rustam Nurgalievich Minnikhanov.

The contest is organised by the Tatarstan Republic Youth Social Fund "Selet" in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sport of the Republic of Tatarstan and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tatarstan.

2. Aim and Objectives

The aim of the contest is to involve gifted children and youth among compatriots living in near and far abroad countries in the educational environment of the "Selet" community.

The objectives of the contest are:

- to organize quality time for compatriot children and youth from near and far abroad countries;
- to help children and young people from different countries to get acquainted and establish friendly relationships;

- to introduce Tatar national traditions and culture to compatriot children and youth;
- to create an environment for communication in Tatar language and to help the compatriot children and youth in learning it;
- to inform the compatriot children and youth on the current projects conducted in the Republic of Tatarstan, especially the ones they can participate in;
- to help the compatriot children and youth in developing positive personal attitude towards the Republic of Tatarstan;
- to inform the compatriot children and youth on the existing opportunities for personal and professional development in the Republic of Tatarstan.

3. Schedule and Venue

1st stage: "Online preliminary round" – **before April 15, 2018.** Participants fill-in the application form on the <u>www.selet.biz</u> website and film a video (up to 2 minutes long) to be sent to seletvatandashlar@gmail.com.

2nd stage: "Interview round" – **from April 15 to April 20, 2018.**Participants who are selected after the first stage pass the online interview.

The results will be announced no later than **April 25, 2018.**

4. Participants

The participants of the contest are compatriots aged between 12 and 18 who currently live in near and far abroad countries.

Selection criteria:

- participation and/or achievements in academic, scientific, cultural, sports and social activities;
 - desire to learn Tatar;
 - good academic performance;

- creativity;
- fluency in one of the official languages of the Republic of Tatarstan (Tatar or Russian) or English.

5. Winners

The winners of the contest are the participants who receive the highest score in the process of selection. They are invited to participate in one of the "Selet" summer camps with the travel expenses covered from their city to Kazan and back, and are provided with a sightseeing programme in Kazan.

6. Organising Committee

The organising committee is appointed and approved by the General Director of the Tatarstan Republic Youth Social Fund "Selet".

The Organising Committee consists of "Selet" community members and invited experts. The Organising Committee is responsible for the preparation and organization of the contest. The Organising Committee agrees with the winners of the contest on which summer camp they are to attend.

The Organising Committee is based in the Selet House (Kazan, Ostrovsky St., 23).

7. Expert Board

The Expert Board is formed in order to conduct the selection process. The Expert Board is approved by the General Director of the Tatarstan Republic Youth Social Fund "Selet".

The Expert Board consists of representatives of the executive and legislative branches of the Republic of Tatarstan and of the Russian Federation and representatives of the society and of public organizations of the Republic of Tatarstan.

The Expert Board is responsible for assessing the participants upon established criteria and determining the winners.