



The Acting Rector of Sokhumi State University Joni Apakidze Gave a Report at the Conference, Held Under the Aegis of the Georgian Arts and Culture Center.

On February 3, 2009 at the Exhibition Hall of TBC Bank Head Office, under the aegis of the Georgian Arts and Culture Center a scientific Conference ‘The Cultural Heritage of Georgia. Abkhazeti and Shida Kartli’ was held.

The project has been implemented on initiative of the Project Leader, Georgian Arts and Culture Center President Maka Dvalishvili and Director of the National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation Nikoloz Vacheishvili. The Projects like this are most important nowadays, as the tragic events of the past months have proved importance of demonstration the cultural and historical integrity of Georgia.

Organizers of the event arranged an Exhibition and presented the Catalogue about the current condition of the historical and cultural monuments in Abkhazeti and Shida Kartli. Leading historians and scientists participated in the conference, among them: Director of the National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation, Nikoloz Vacheishvili, the Member of Georgian National Academy of Sciences David Muskhelishvili, Acting Rector of Sokhumi State University Joni Apakidze, State Minister for Diaspora Issues Iulon Gagoshidze, Professor of Sokhumi State University Vakhtang Japaridze and others.

The topic of report of Professor Joni Apakidze was pre-Christian art on the territory of Abkhazeti. He spoke about the monuments of Bronze and Early Iron Ages revealed on this territory and underlined that Abkhazia from the point of view of Archaeology is an integral part of Georgia.

International Arts and Culture Center held charitable sales of the jewelry and miniature sculpture based on the motives of Georgian cultural heritage. The income was granted to Metropolitan Isaiah for rehabilitation of Nikozi monastic building.