

# INFO NOTE SECOND DIPLOMATIC SKI COMPETITION

Gudauri, 10 February 2018

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## SECOND DIPLOMATIC SKI COMPETITION

Gudauri Ski Resort Saturday, 10 February 2018

#### **PROGRAMME**

#### Saturday, 10 February 2018

Participants: are those who participate in skiing competition

Attendees: are those who attend, support and enjoy

#### Participants and attendees:

09:30 Individual arrivals at Marco Polo Gudauri Hotel SKI DEPOT (back entrance)

(Please see the map for your easy reference)

! note: those participants who obtain their skiing equipment on the place, MUST arrive 09:00AM

#### Participants only:

09:30-10:00 Change to skiwear (Participants only)

Two secure changing rooms will be provided separately for Ladies (meeting room "CHRDILI") and Gentlemen (meeting room "SNO"); the rooms will be securely locked and reopened at the end of the competition;

Note: participants will be provided ski competition numbered shirts (please make sure to return the shirts after the competition).

(Attendees skip the above step)

#### Participants and attendees:

10:00 Transfer to Mt. Kudebi by openair Cable Lift 1; change to openair Cable Lift 2 We advice to dress warmly, due to winds while riding the cable lifts

#### Participants and attendees:

10:20 Arrival at Mt. Kudebi FINISH line

Attendees stay here and enjoy the music and hot refreshments; participants proceed to the next step

#### **Participants only**

10:25 Transfer to Mt. Kudebi top by openair Cable Lift 3

#### **Participants only**

10:30-11:00 WARMING UP

## 11:10-13:00 SKIING COMPETITION (Please see the map)

11:10-11:30 Parallel optional event for attendees:

MOUNTAIN RESCUE OPERATION

(For more detailed information please view page 8)

13:00-13:15 AWARD CEREMONY

13:15 Walk to KHIZHINA eatery

Participants and attendees:

13:30-16:00 BARBEQUE LUNCH ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT-AND-DRINK

16:00 all participants and attendees take the same cable lift route back to Marco Polo Hotel SKI DEPOT;

Please follow the DON'T DRINK AND SKI rule; please take a note that drunk skiing is dangerous and forbidden!

Showers will be provided free of charge at the Marco Polo SPA center should the participants wish to refresh

**END OF THE PROGRAMME** 

(!) Please see the following pages for additional important logistical details

#### LOGISTICAL NOTE

#### Organizers:

Second Diplomatic Ski Competition is jointly organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, the Office of the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations in Georgia and Mountain Resorts Development Company.

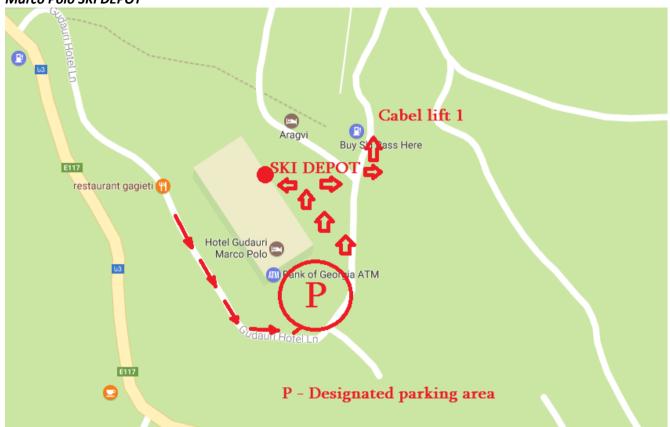
#### Participants:

Heads and staff members of Diplomatic Missions, Representations of International Organisations and Honorary Consuls accredited to Georgia with their family members; Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and other Governmental institutions.

**Note:** Participants are encouraged to bring along their spouses and children to cheer them up and to help create a festive and joyful atmosphere. Snacks and warm drinks will be provided as well.



#### Marco Polo SKI DEPOT



#### The Competition Venue

The Competition will take place at Kudebi mountain:



#### Travel and accommodation Information:

#### Arrival

Participants are expected to arrive at the venue according to the schedule to setup so that the competition starts on time. Estimated travel time from Tbilisi to Gudauri 2 h 5 min (124 km).

#### Departure

After conclusion of the programme.

**Important Note:** For those participants who may wish to stay in Gudauri over the weekend, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia has made reservations at the Hotel Gudauri Marco Polo at a special governmental rate.

Accommodation expenses shall be borne by the participants themselves. For further securing reservations please contact the hotel representative as soon as possible. Because of the high season, rooms are limited and will be released on first come first served basis.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL RESERVED ROOMS ARE ALREADY TAKEN BY PARTICPANTS AND DUE TO HIGH SEASON RESERVATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THE DEADLINE (31 JANUARY) SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

Rate: Single room – 122.04\$ per room per night excluding VAT

Double room – 135.60\$ per room per night excluding VAT

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#### Notes:

- Breakfast included;
- VAT exemption shall be made during the direct payment with the hotel upon presentation the MFA ID Card;

Contact: <u>reservation@marcopolo.ge</u>;

Tel/Fax: +(995) 32 220 29 00 (1) +(995) 591 111 900

Web page: http://marcopolo.ge

#### Transportation:

 The participants are supposed to use their own transportation means to reach the venue of the competition.

#### Parking at Marco Polo Gudauri Hotel

- We organize the secure parking area within the premises of Marco Polo Gudauri Hotel;
- The registrants are kindly requested to print out parking permission, attach to the windshield of a car and follow the police instructions upon arrival at the hotel.

#### **Equipment:**

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will assist participants in obtaining necessary skiing equipment at the venue of the competition, based on the information provided by the respective participants during registration.
- Skiing equipment will be delivered at Marco Polo Gudauri Ski Depot at conventional rates.

### PARALLEL EVENT FOR ATTENDEES Mountain Rescue Operation:

<u>Gudauri Adventure Tourism School</u> offers a short (30-45 minutes) but informative training – Mountain Rescue Operation, organized specially for the attendees of the Second Diplomatic Ski Competition;

Those who wish to participate will be divided in groups and each group will have the opportunity to receive professional coaching their rescue skills;

The coaches will give detailed instructions before the operation;

The first group that completes the mission successfully will receive a memorable certificate.

#### **Nominations and Award Ceremony:**

Will take place upon conclusion of the competition

#### **CATEGORIES:**

- I, II, III Place Men Diplomatic Community
- I, II, III Place Women Diplomatic Community
- I, II, III Place Men Government of Georgia
- I, II, III Place Women Government of Georgia
- Best Snowboarder
- Bravest Competitor

The Family Photo will take place upon conclusion the award ceremony.

#### **Barbeque Lunch:**

Will take place at KHIZHINA eatery; we all will be hungry at that time!

#### Weather:

- Low risk of rain/snow.
- Temperature forecast -7 ° C
- Sunrise: 8:06 AM
- Sunset: 6:27 PM
- ! Sun more than expected; please bring sun protecting gels, glasses and hats
- ! SKIING SNOW guaranteed!

#### Expenses:

Ski passes – expenses covered by organizers Barbeque lunch all-you-can-eat-and-drink – hosted by organizers Ski rental – at your own expenses Hotel room rental – at your own expenses