In what was a historic milestone, the University of Central Asia’s (UCA) Khorog campus was formally inaugurated on 14 September 2018 by Tajikistan’s President Emomali Rahmon. The Khorog campus is the second campus of the University to become operational since its Naryn campus was inaugurated in Kyrgyzstan in 2016.

The architectural design of the master plan of UCA was prepared by the award-winning Japanese architect Arata Isozaki. The buildings on the campus, which represent its first phase, were constructed largely by small and medium size Tajik contractors to ensure maximum economic benefit for the local and regional economy. The investment of US $95 million in the Khorog campus was provided by the AKDN, supplemented by a soft loan from the Overseas Private Investment Corporation of the United States.

In the first phase of campus construction, UCA operations created more than 1,400 jobs in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, 90% of which were offered to local residents. The University also created over 200 permanent new faculty and staff jobs in Naryn and Khorog.

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▲ His Excellency President Emomali Rahmon unveiling the plaque inaugurating the Khorog Campus of the University of Central Asia.

◄ Watch highlights from UCA’s Khorog Campus Inauguration:
https://youtu.be/TJE20_bMX0w
Addressing a gathering of 1,000 guests, President Rahmon noted “the University of Central Asia in Khorog opens a new page in our country’s education system… I am convinced that the operation of this newly established facility will benefit not only our country, but it will also strengthen the multifaceted cooperation between the countries of the region in the field of education.”

On behalf of UCA, Dr. Shamsh Kassim-Lakha, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, expressed deep appreciation to the President of Tajikistan for inaugurating the Khorog Campus, and for his foresight and commitment to higher education. He also offered special gratitude to His Highness the Aga Khan, “whose vision, continued stewardship, and attention to every aspect of this University have enabled us to witness this special day.”
The majors offered at UCA in Khorog are Economics, and Earth and Environmental Sciences. At the Naryn campus, Computer Science, and Media and Communications. The University’s third campus in Tekeli, Kazakhstan, is expected to open by 2022, and will offer Business Management, and Engineering Sciences.

The Mountain Societies Research Institute of UCA is also located at the Khorog campus to allow closer integration with the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. This Institute is also involved in developing the research capacity of the Faculty of Natural and Biological Sciences at Khorog State University.
UCA Khorog Campus Inauguration

▲ Over 1,000 guests attended the Khorog Campus Inauguration.

▲ Senior government officials at the Inauguration.

▲ While on a tour of the Campus, President Emomali Rahmon in discussion with Dr. Shamsh Kassim-Lakha.

▲ President Emomali Rahmon viewing slides of the Khorog Campus.

▲ President Emomali Rahmon greets the kitchen staff in the cafeteria.

▲ UCA students, faculty, and staff at the Khorog Inauguration.
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For the inauguration of UCA's Khorog Campus, a special brochure in English and Tajik has been produced showcasing the Khorog Campus. Read more: http://bit.ly/UCA-DevUni