
WORLD CELEBRATES TURKIC LANGUAGES DAY FOR FIRST TIME

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The international community is celebrating the World Turkic Languages Day for the first time on December 15.

The decision was adopted at UNESCO's General Conference held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan in November, The Caspian Post reports via UN website.

The chosen date is deeply symbolic, as on December 15, 1983, Danish linguist Vilhelm Thomsen announced the successful decipherment of the Orkhon inscriptions-one of the oldest known written sources of Turkic languages. These inscriptions were created by ancient Turkic peoples in the 8th century in the Orkhon Valley, located in present-day Mongolia, and were discovered in 1889.

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