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Happy International Mountain Day!

On behalf of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, a non-governmental organization in General Consultative status with the Economic and Social Council since 2002, and a member of the United Nations Mountain Partnership since 2016, I greet students and faculty at Utah Valley University (UVU) on the occasion of United Nations International Mountain Day.

UVU students established an important tradition of celebrating IMD every year commencing in 2010. Today, its seventh anniversary at UVU, I am happy to contribute to that event again and to commend the UVU student-engaged learning model. This year the IMD theme focuses on challenges to mountain communities, including climate change, poverty and migration. Congratulations to a student organized committee which arranged an excellent panel of scholars and experts in those areas.

I wish continued success to all participants and contributors at the IMD 2017 celebrations at UVU in advocating sustainable development for mountain communities both in the State of Utah and globally.

With warm regards,

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