



September 24, 2019

Greetings Makhkhabat Baitemirova,

On behalf of the Office of English Language Programs in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the United States to participate in the Exchange Program: *Developing 21st Century Skills for Globalizing English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Classrooms*. You represent a unique and talented group of professionals in your local communities, and we hope that your participation in this exchange will enrich your professional and personal lives. This year, we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the English Language Fellow Program and your participation is especially significant. Following your two-week program at Indiana University, you will be joining us in Washington for a celebration of the 50th anniversary at the State Department. I look forward to meeting you in person then.

The fact that you have been chosen for this program is a testament to your dedicated service to the English Language Fellow Program as well as to education in your home communities and is an international recognition for your excellence as a leader in this field. Let me offer you my best wishes for an exciting and successful exchange program in the United States.

Please take advantage of the benefits this educational and cultural exchange has to offer. You will have many opportunities to exchange innovative ideas, acquire new knowledge and skills to take back to your home communities, as well as establish new friendships with colleagues from all over the world.

Welcome to the program, and we look forward to a fruitful exchange.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Bookbinder".

Joseph Bookbinder
Director, Office of English Language Programs