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San Diego University awarded “GIG” the special prize for “Contribution to the Development of Higher Education System of Georgia”



Me. Gela Bezhuashvili - a Non-Executive Director of the Georgian Industrial Group - participated in the official ceremony of opening of the Career Development Center of San Diego State University (Georgia) and students awarding. The scholarships established by the company were delivered to the San Diego State University's (SDSU) excellent and socially vulnerable students.

Within the scope of the event, Mr. Gela Bezhuashvili addressed the guests and once again noted that it is important for the company to make investments in the education sector and support and employ the youth, whose professional skills will be used for development of the country. "Georgian Industrial Group" perceives its social responsibility to support talented students, who have a desire to master their knowledge of computer and engineering science; also, the company believes that the

country's industrialization and economic progress would be impossible without the development of



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human capital,” – Mr. Gela Bezhuashvili said. Mr. Halil Guven, the Dean of the University of San Diego delivered a special award for “Contribution to the Development of Higher Education System of Georgia” to the company.

It should be noted that the “GIG” and San Diego University are partners. Last year, on the initiative of the company the Memorandum of Cooperation was signed, which implies the implementation of long-term training and educational projects and exchange programs in Georgia. The event was attended by Mr. Ross Wilson, the US Ambassador to Georgia, Chargé d’Affaires; Ms. Irina Abuladze, the Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia; Mr. Grigol Katsia, the Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia; Ms. Magda Maghradze, the Executive Director of the Millennium Challenge Fund, as well as the representatives of business sector, academic institutions and nongovernmental organizations.

Representatives of the Cartu Bank, the Bank of Georgia, Gudavadze-Patarkatsishvili Foundation, Georgian Water and Power (GWP), the US Embassy, Silknet, GDI Group, GM Pharma and TBC Bank also participated in the award ceremony. At the end of the event Mr. Halil Guven, the Dean of San Diego State University once again noted that the activities of the Career Development Center and the best examples of the employment of students in the US universities, the implementation of which is being pursued by the University in Georgia should be known to the civil society.

GIG - the company having 20 - year business experience is one of the largest Industrial Group in Georgia. Its business portfolio includes coal mining, electric power generation (hydro, natural gas and coal-fired stations) natural gas trade and real estate management.

