

Dr. Idris Hadi Salih, *Head of the Board of Trustees* and **Dr. Mehmit Ozdamir**, *Vice president of Tishk International University* visited **Mr. Victor Simakov**, *Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Erbil, Iraq* on the 23, January, 2018.

It was planned to initiate collaboration between Tishk and various Russian Universities to promote shared seminars, international conferences, student and staff exchange programs and information exchange.

Mr. Simakov promised to help Tishk students get scholarships from Russian Universities to attain Master's degrees at various Russian Universities. He also suggested the creation of exchange programs that would raise knowledge and provide research data for both parties. It is hoped that this might bring about a free exchange of information while creating new opportunities for academic, cultural and scientific exchanges.

Dr. Hadi mentioned several activities such as conferences, workshops, and social activities that he hoped would interest Russian students and institutions. Mr. Simakov showed a willingness to participate in these activities both in the current academic season and well into the future.

At the end Dr. Hadi presented a commemorative plaque of appreciation to Mr. Simakov to thank him for his gracious hospitality in staging the event.

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