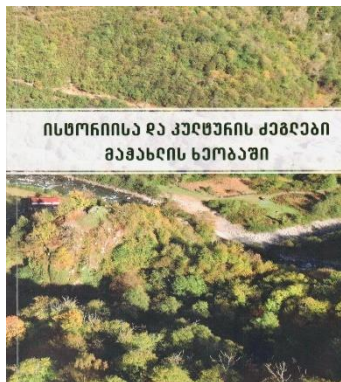




Review on the monograph "Monuments of History and Culture in Machakhela Gorge" by Roin Malakmadze, Nodar Kakhidze and Sul Khan Mamuladze. Editor Elsa Putkaradze, Publishing House, "Favourite Style," Batumi, 2024.

The monograph "Monuments of History and Culture in Machakhela Gorge" was prepared and published on the basis of the targeted scientific research project (Resolution No 12 of the Academic Council of Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, 14 February, 2018).



The historical and cultural monuments of the Machakhela Gorge have not been thoroughly studied until now. Thus, the work is the first attempt to study the history of the Machakhela valley and the monuments of culture in a relatively comprehensive way. The book is illustrated and allows the readers to learn more about the history of the Machakhela Gorge visually.

Knowledge of the history of the valley and its cultural monuments will enable the readers see the greatest contribution of the valley to the development of Georgian culture.

The monograph consists of seven parts. In the introduction there is the history of the Machakhela valley from ancient times to the present. The monograph informs the readers about the settlements, fortification structures, trade roads, stone arched bridges, wine cellars and agricultural monuments of the Machakhela valley. The monograph has annotations in English and Turkish languages. Photo

illustrations, references and toponymical glossary are also attached to the monograph. The monograph consists of 168 printed pages.

The presented monograph is written at a high academic level. The book will be helpful not only for historians and Turkologists, but also for students and readers interested in cultural heritage.

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