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Dear readers,

I would like to send my warmest greetings to those who will have the opportunity to read the Eduitalia guide and to come and study in Italy. You have already expressed an interest in knowing more about Italy, something I strongly encourage you to do.

The promotion of the Italian culture and language abroad has always been among the primary goals of the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, through its diplomatic network and in coordination with many associations and public bodies.

Encouraging the knowledge of the Italian culture abroad is an important step to building mutual understanding and a lasting collaboration. Thanks to the efforts of our diplomatic networks and Eduitalia, over the last few years, America's desire to learn Italian has continued to grow. Our language is getting trendy, and increasingly seen as an expression of culture, art and style, but also as a tool which opens economic and work opportunities.

The Italian Ministry for Affairs and International Cooperation supports the important activities carried out by Eduitalia, which has a critical role in supporting and making many foreign students' dream come true. That dream is to study in Italy. Eduitalia works in close collaboration with the diplomatic service in order to facilitate student visa applications and to offer administrative support to foreign students.

Thanks to this real-life experience in Italy, I truly hope Eduitalia students can become special friends and ambassadors of Italy in the world, and propose a similar cultural experience to friends and relatives.

I fully support your objective to study abroad: come and experience the Italian culture and learn our language. I hope you will be among the 1.5 million students who study Italian each year worldwide. Supporting the education of the young is the best insurance for a better dialogue among cultures and for a more peaceful world.

I welcome all of you and wish you all an amazing cultural experience in Italy. It is going to be a rewarding one, thanks to the active support of Eduitalia.

Mario Giro

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mario Giro'.