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As Deputy Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in charge of promoting Italian Language and Culture throughout the world, it is my honour to introduce the “Study in Italy 2019” Eduitalia guide.

The Eduitalia guide has been written for students and professionals all over the world to present the various study opportunities available in Italy at Eduitalia’s 94 partner Schools, Academies and Universities.

Speaking at the 3rd edition of the “Stati Generali della Lingua Italiana” conference on the status of the Italian language worldwide, I expressed the hope that, in two years’ time, we would see a 10% increase in the total number of students learning Italian around the world - a figure currently standing at 2.145.903.

Here at the Ministry, we firmly believe that organisations such as Eduitalia play a key role in achieving this objective through their international promotional activities that attract students from all over the world.

Eduitalia actively supports the cultural initiatives of a number of institutions in our Italian Diplomatic/ Consular network abroad: it is currently collaborating on specific projects in Russia and the USA related to the PRIA and AP-Italian programmes.

These two programmes have achieved excellent results in their respective Countries, not only in terms of the number of enrolled students, but also with regard to the promotion of the Italian language and culture.

Eduitalia has provided students with 200 scholarships, assigned on an annual basis on the occasion of official award ceremonies organised by Embassies.

These scholarships - as recipients can witness - open doors to important life and educational experiences in Italy. These students may consider themselves as “Ambassadors” of the language and culture of Italy throughout the world.

With courses spanning through art, design, fashion and many other prominent fields, Italy is a popular destination for students from all over the world.

I would like to extend my best wishes to all those coming to Italy to experience its culture and to learn its language: they are valuable Ambassadors of our “Made in Italy” abroad.

Guglielmo Picchi

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "Guglielmo Picchi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.