

# Czech literature donated to library

## Award to be presented for cultural cooperation

On March 27, an exhibition of Czech books prepared by the Czech Embassy was inaugurated in the Children's Book Palace in Ulaanbaatar. In his opening speech, Czech Ambassador Vaclav Jilek underlined the historical ties between the two countries and mentioned that the books currently exhibited will be donated to the library. The public, including students of Czech language from Mongolian State University will have access to the Czech literature.

The event was attended by more than 50 guests including Mr. J. Batsuuri, Chairman of the Czech-Mongolian Parliamentary Group, representatives of the Mongolian Foreign Ministry, and former Mongolian students of Czech Universities etc. The friendly Czech-Mongolian meeting was an opportunity to thank all those who have promoted Czech-Mongolian cultural ties, especially Mr. B. Altan-Ochir, who will be awarded by the Czech Foreign Minister in Prague this June. The award "Gratias agit" is to express gratitude for Mr. Altan-Ochir's everlasting effort in the field of Czech-Mongolian cultural cooperation.



Czech Ambassador Vaclav Jilek opens the exhibition and book contribution



Guests inspecting the Czech library works



Czech literature exhibit



## Asian studies conference held in Canada

### Mongolia studies examined

On March 15-19, the 2012 Annual Conference of the Association of Asia Studies was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto, Canada. As part of the conference, Mongol Studies was in focus. On March 16, the American Center for Mongolian Studies held its regular 10th conventional meeting and marked its 10th anniversary. Opening the conference, Dr. Bill Fitzhugh, ACMS President and Director of Arctic Studies Center of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History made a speech. After his speech, ACMS Director Dr. Charles Krusekopf introduced activities of the center.

Also, A. Anand, second Secretary of the Embassy of Mongolia to the USA delivered greetings from Ambassador Kh. Bekhbat and congratulated him on the 10th anniversary of the center. He also introduced the National Program on Developing Mongolian Studies ratified by the Government of Mongolia.

During the conference, S. Enkhsetseg, a member of the Board of Directors of the Mongolian Cultural Center, made an introduction on the activities of the center. The



Dr. Alicia Campi

Mongolian Cultural Center in the USA, the Mongolians Community in Toronto and the Hazara Mongolian Community in Toronto gave a joint cultural performance and reception.

In addition to the abovementioned people, a total of 80 people including D. Ganbold, Advisor to the Ambassador, Mongolian Embassy to Canada, M. Saruul-Erdene, Mongolian Cultural Center head, Yu. Oyunkhishig, head of the Mongolians Community in



Gathering for the advancement of Asian studies in Toronto, Canada

Toronto, G. Sodnomdorj, Deputy head Ts. Tsogbayar, member, Dr. Alicia Campi, Mongolia Society President, as well as others were present at the conference.

On March 17, a conventional meeting of the Mongolia Society was held, at which its last year's activity, financial condition and introduction of new members were reported. Mr. Ganbold gave a key speech on Mongolia-Canada relations at the

meeting. Following the event, a documentary on Mongolian mining filmed by Ed Neff was screened and a roundtable meeting was held where many people including North America-Mongolia Business Council head Steve Sounders, Dr. Alicia Campi and Toronto University professor J. Purtle offered their opinions on Mongolian mining, the environment and education.

## International Conference planned to increase women's representation in Asian Politics

Next month, a two-day regional conference will be held in Ulaanbaatar to help chart national strategies and plans to increase the level of political representation of women in Asia where only 18 percent of parliament members are female.

Organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the National Committee on Gender Equality of the Government

of Mongolia, the conference will draw on collective regional experiences to assist more than 13 countries achieve their national commitments to improve women's political involvement. The conference will take place from 3-4 April at the Chinggis Khaan Hotel.

The regional event, 'Women's Political Participation: Charting a path for political equality in Asia', will also explore electoral systems and

special measures that can be taken to strengthen the participation of women in governance.

The role of political parties in promoting empowerment of women and the steps that young women leaders can take toward politics will also be addressed.

More than 80 participants from North East and South East Asian countries are expected to take part

in this event. Attendees will include Members of Parliament, officials from political parties in national and local parliaments, representatives of government ministries, civil society organizations involved with gender issues and politics, and UNDP officials.

Media are also invited to attend the conference.

### The lawyer's advice



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##### We have documented evidence for illegal tendering. Can we go to the court with these documents?

A participant in a tender may submit his/her complaint concerning tendering to the tender organizer within 5 business days. The tender organizer should consider the complaint and make a decision thereon. If the participant does not accept this decision, he/she can submit his/her complaint to the central state administrative body in charge of budget issues within 5 business days. If this body has not decided the problem within the time period set by law or the participant does not accept its decision, the participant can file his/her complaint with a law court.

##### I failed the notary exams two times. May I sit for the exam again?

Since there is no provision in the Law on Notary which would limit the number of participation in notary exams, you can sit again for these exams.

##### I obtained land lot in Salkhitai Am that is in jurisdiction of Chingeltei District. I had nobody to ask to watch after this land so I contracted with the person who was then a guardian in that part for Tgs 5,000 a month to watch after the land. When I arrived there last August to construct a building on my land, he had sold my land to others. Where must I go, to the court or to the Land Management Department of the Capital? Can you please give me legal advice?

You are the legal owner and holder of that lot of land. Therefore, you should file a claim with the court of jurisdiction and get the issue resolved.

We see much pornographic materials explicitly advertised by press and media for last years. Can we close down these press and media doing this kind of advertising? What are the provisions regulating these relations? If we don't take any measures, we have problems for parents with school children.

The Law against Pornography prohibits advertising of pornography by means of press and mass media. If this law provision is violated, the income received from pornographic advertising shall be confiscated and the guilty officials shall be fined Tgs 40,000 to 60,000. If the violation is repeated within one year thereafter, the activities of that press or mass media agency shall be stopped or measures shall be taken to charge them with criminal liability.

##### How are state secrets determined, maintained and protected?

The activity for determination of state secrets consists of activities for developing and taking a decision on inclusion of information, document or tangible item into the list of state secrets and maintaining this list. State secrets shall remain under state protection. The protection of the state secrets means measures and means undertaken by public organisations and officials of all levels within their powers in order to keep the state secrets. To be in charge of state secrets means activities of the competent authorities and officials for protecting, keeping and using the state secrets. It is prohibited for an official or a citizen in charge of state secrets or who has got acquaintance with them due to his/her official duties to divulge the state secrets or use them for their personal purposes. The Intelligence Agency shall examine and authorize a secret officer in charge of state secrets before his/her actual employment. It is prohibited to assign someone with state secrets without authorization from the intelligence agency.

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