

# News FROM Kyrgyzstan

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## Short-term plan for road disaster prevention has been developed



The 5th meeting of the Joint Coordination Committee.

At the end of April, the 5th meeting of the Joint Coordination Committee was held where the interim results of the Project were presented and discussed. Thus, the Ministry of Transport and Roads (MoTR) with support of the Project team developed a short-term plan for preventive works for the next 3-5 years. The mountain road sections that could endanger human lives and impede traffic were carefully examined. For instance, the Bishkek-Osh road conceals many hazards like big stones hanging on the slopes, avalanches which could reach fifty meters in height, strong snowstorms impairing visibility, as well as landslides and mud flows. The short-term plan includes 27 potentially dangerous road sections along with the proposed protection measures. The calculations were also provided - 498.3 million KGS will be required to build protective facilities and carry out a number of non-engineering measures. Meanwhile, the MoTR's current short-term plan for preventive measures includes only the sites located on the Project's target roads: Bishkek-Osh, Osh-Sarytash-Irkeshtam, Bazar-Korgon-Arstanbap, Myrzake-Karakul-jalaykuu. It is expected that upon comple-

tion of the Project, responsible employees of the MoTR who gained the knowledge and skills in inspection, registration and analysis of natural disasters will carry out systematic and consistent work to prevent natural disasters on all public roads. Due to an insufficiency of public budget financing, the implementation of all the necessary engineering protection measures in the short time seems to be impossible. However, some portion of the work has been commenced. For instance, the MoTR has allocated the funds for preventive measures at the point of 85.5 km of the Bishkek-Osh road. A slope located there doesn't look unsafe, but in fact it could collapse one day. The Project specialists who have been monitoring that landslide area since June 2016 recorded that, during snowmelts, due to rise of the water level, the ground moves up to 250 mm / month. This process has already led to the deformation of the road surface. After a series of consultations with the experts of the Project, the Ministry of Transport and Roads has taken a decision to install drainage pipes inside the slope. The works are planned for this summer. ●

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### Guest Lecture at the Diplomatic Academy MOFA KR named after K. Dikambaev



CR of JICA KR Office Mr. Kikuchi Kazuhiko and Rector Ms. Adamkulova Chinara.

On April 24th at the Diplomatic Academy of the MOFA KR named after K. Dikambaev, Mr. Kikuchi Kazuhiko, CR of JICA KR Office, delivered a presentation on the 25 years history of JICA's activities in the Kyrgyz Republic and its perspectives. Ms. Adamkulova, Rector of the DipAcademy MOFA KR (hereinafter "Rector"), representatives of MOFA KR and more than 40 students partici-

pated in this presentation. The Rector welcomed and expressed her gratitude for accepting the invitation to deliver presentation for students of the DipAcademy. Participation in this presentation helped students/participants become more aware of the activity of JICA KR Office, and clear some points during the Q&A session. One of the participants noted the huge

contribution of the OVOP Project in the development of the Issyk-Kul oblast, and expressed the hope that this experience would be disseminated to other regions as well to promote the development of the regions. Participants were also interested in the possibilities of implementation of new Projects in the Education sector and graduates of the JDS Program. ●

## JICA IN THE MEDIA

"A Japanese agency will help Kyrgyzstan to switch to digital healthcare". The Deputy Minister of Health for Digital Development, Mr. Erkin Checheybaev, met with the Senior Representative of JICA in the KR, Mr. Imai Seiju. At the meeting, both parties discussed the prospects of implementing digital healthcare in the framework of governmental program healthcare organization, the possibilities of support for the successful implementation of electronic healthcare and the possibility of training medical specialists.

www.akipress.org  
April 17, 2018

"The OVOP project will be implemented in Naryn region". A meeting of the Plenipotentiary of the Government in Naryn region and Representatives of JICA was held. A representative of JICA noted that the project is planned to be implemented in each region and the main task is to work together and improve production which will contribute to the development of the economy. Regarding implementation, Kayipov A. noted that in March the committee was formed, which includes representatives of the social and economic structure as well as experts from international organizations. This is the second meeting on disseminating the project in this region.

www.eltr.kg  
April 18, 2018

"One of the rural schools in Kyrgyzstan has started doing physical education in the Japanese way." After graduating from university, Volunteer Talant came to help rural children love physical education. Now in the program there are many elements of yoga and painful stretches, but they do not complain. "A person collects a lot of negative energy, and here he helps to spill it out. He focuses on education, students have a sense of collectivism, and discipline at the highest level", said the teacher of physical education E. Turdubaev.

www.mir24.ru  
April 23, 2018

## One World Festival



Performance with Japanese instruments.

On 21st of April, 2018 the "One world" Festival was held in a Naryn region school with the participation of volunteers from Japan, the USA, South Korea and Great Britain. Organizers of the above mentioned event were one of the volunteers of JICA and the management of the school. The main idea of the Festival was to introduce differ-

ent cultures to the schoolchildren. The concert prepared by school children was well performed and interesting. The children sang songs in different languages and performed great dances. The children had the opportunity to learn about the cultures of different nationalities up close by visiting corners themed around of each country and took a part in sport games. The children were happy that they took part in the festival and found themselves in an unforgettable journey of cultural diversity in their school. ●



Festival participants.

<b>CALENDAR*</b>
<b>JUNE</b>
*dates may be changed

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## Human resource development of “Tokoi Too Ak-Suu” jamaat



*During the training.*

Since 2017 JICA has been implementing the Forest Project and Ak-Suu Forestry Enterprise, a community-based organization (CBO) “Tokoi Too Ak-Suu” has begun producing jams from forest products such as sea-buckthorn, pine cones, barberry, rhubarb, red viburnum, and rowan. The jams were made from ecologically clean raw materials and have a good

reputation among consumers. The CBO received a declaration of conformity with the Customs Union of the EEU (Eurasian Economic Union) for the sea-buckthorn, barberry, and pine cone jams.

The project provided technical assistance to the CBO. Trainings on business planning, marketing, and food safety were conducted for the members of the CBO. In 2018, the project continues to help the CBO to improve its business management skills. On April 4-5, 2018 training on accounting for processing business was conducted with the assistance of an experienced trainer of the KRJC for Human Development. In this training, the CBO members received theoretical and practical

knowledge of basic accounting, and they learned how to compile accounting entries and reporting. The representatives of the jamaat shared: “The training was very informative and all this knowledge is necessary so that we can successfully and sustainably work in the business of processing forest sub-products.”●



*Harvesting of forest berries.*

## Meeting of KRJC Mini-MBA Business Course graduates



*Speed-networking among participants.*

At the end of March, the KRJC conducted the Second Annual meeting of the Practical Business Management Course (Mini MBA) graduates (B-club). Currently, the KRJC data base of Mini MBA course graduates consists of more than 1210 people, including large business owners, individual entrepreneurs, managers and start uppers. All of them are valuable members of the Business Club Networking group (B-club). The meeting was opened by the Ambassador of Japan to the KR, His Excellency Mr. Yamamura, and the Chief Representative of JICA in the KR., Mr. Kikuchi. In total 110 participants took part in the meeting. A special guest of the meeting was “Tokyo Rope MFG Co. Ltd”. This company implements various engineering projects for mountainous areas and city infrastructure in different countries. In the Kyrgyz Republic this company is implementing a project

to produce rock slide and landslide protection anisms. The participation of the company is one of the bright examples of Japanese companies’ interest in conducting business and establishing cooperation with the Kyrgyz Republic.

To coordinate B-club activities, it was decided Coordination Committee members would be elected, consisting of the six most active graduates of the KRJC Mini MBA. The co-founder of the Uzbek-Japan Center’s Graduate club, Mr. Shamshidov, participated in the annual B-club meeting of the KRJC, and gave an encouraging speech inviting B-club members to accelerate the activity of the club and establish communication and partnership between the business club graduates of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. This year’s B-club meeting had a very unique activity: a speed-networking among KRJC Mini MBA graduates in different rounds. The activity gave the opportunity to the participants to greatly enlarge their networking. It should be noted that speed networking was a very interesting innovation - the participants changed every 30 seconds over 40 minutes. It was not only very useful for acquiring new contacts, but also quite fun and lively. By becoming a participant of the KRJC Practical Business Management Course, you can open new horizons for your business growth by gaining new knowledge, exchanging business ideas and enlarging your network of potential partners and clients. ●

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## Friendship Concert between Kyrgyzstan and Japan



*Joint performance of Densya and Kambarkan.*

On March 11, 2018 a Friendship Concert dedicated to the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and the Kyrgyz Republic was conducted in the Kyrgyz National Philharmonic Hall with a welcoming speech by the Ambassador of Japan to the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Yoshihiro Yamamura.

For the event, the professional traditional drum players group “Densya” from Japan was invited. The concert program was implemented in collaboration

with the venerable folklore group “Kambarkan” of the Kyrgyz Republic. The Japanese group “Densya” consisted of a Semisen instrument, Sinobue flute and traditional dance and taiko drums. The group and its professional performance of Japanese traditional music arts were very much welcomed by the audience.

Following each group’s performance joint performance by Kyrgyz and Japanese professionals proved strong friendly relations between our countries. The guests were impressed by the well known jointly played compositions “Mash botoi”, “Sakura sakura” and “Esindebi”. ●



*“Densya” group performance.*

## First competition of Dodgeball (“bouncers”)



*Game started.*

On 20<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018 for the first time in the Kyrgyz Republic in one of the schools of Alamudun rayon of Chui oblast, a dodgeball competition was held among pupils of 5-6 grades.

The rules of Dodgeball are different to the game of “Bouncers”.

“Bouncers” - two people get up from both sides of the play area. “Bouncers” stand in the center. Their task is to throw the ball, and knock out all the players. The other players, in turn, need to dodge the ball. Dodgeball it is a team game where both

teams compete with each other, and the goal is to knock out as many of players of the opposing team as possible with the ball during in the allotted time. A Dodgeball field is divided into 2 inside and 2 outside zones. The game starts in the inside zone, and after that each knocked out player should relocate to the opposite outside zone and continue hitting their opponents with the ball. After 5 minutes have gone by, the team which has the most players remaining in the inner zone wins.

Children were drawn in by team spirit and sporting excitement. During the game children from different schools and different regions became friends.

Our volunteers - physical education teachers - will continue to popularize dodgeball in the Kyrgyz Republic. ●

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