



TRANSIT CENTER REPORT

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**Transit Center At
Manas International
Airport,
Kyrgyz Republic**

Important Dates:

- 10 Nov: U.S. Embassy Business Seminar
- 11 Nov: Kyrgyz WWII Heroes Visit
- 11 Nov: AUCA Freshman Initiation Ceremony
- 16 Nov: Bishkek Basketball Tournament
- 17 Nov: Bishkek Rotary Club Visit
- 20 Nov: 70th Anniversary of the Kyrgyz Parliament
- 26 Nov: Thanksgiving U.S. Holiday
- 26 Nov: AUCA Visit for Dinner
- 4 Dec: AUCA School/Class Visit

FRIENDS AND FAMILY VISIT THE TRANSIT CENTER

A value that is shared by both Kyrgyz and American peoples is that friends and family are very important. At the Transit Center, most of us are very far away from our own families. Building our relationships here with our Kyrgyz friends and their families helps all our Airmen during these separations and promotes a deeper understanding of such an incredible culture. In addition to our support of efforts in Afghanistan, October was devoted to renewing and strengthening our relationships here in the Kyrgyz Republic.

We started by making our Kyrgyz employees and



Families and friends visit a KC-135 Air Refueling aircraft to learn more about the Transit Center's mission

their families our special guests of honor. Nearly 1,000 came out to have a meal, play games, tour an aircraft, see a band and most importantly, get to know us better! We hosted the Congress of Women, led by Zamira Agbagysheva. We wanted to show these very talented representatives of Kyrgyz women our best hospitality, but it was they who treated us to some samples of the great products of the Kyrgyzstan along with enchanting Komuz music expertly played.

This month we started a series of exchanges between our young officers and students from American University of Central Asia. After the group became familiar, they toured Transit Center operations and then attended a jazz festival in Bishkek. Capping off a great month for the Transit Center, Head of the State Agency on Physical Culture and Sports, Youth Affairs and Protection of Children Alexander Voinov partnered with our sports staff to host an international weight lifting

competition. Although Americans, Polish and Bulgarians tried their best, it was the Kyrgyz athletes that won the day!



Col Thomas Joyce, Deputy Director for Support, greets Ms. Zamira Akbagysheva, Congress of Women President

From the lectures on Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia to learning Kyrgyz and Russian, we learn more every day. Spending an afternoon learning to make felt carpet, build a yurt, or watch a Komuz band courtesy of the Kambarkan organization will create lasting memories of Kyrgyzstan that the Airmen will have long after they have returned to the U.S.

October was a great month to learn more about our Kyrgyz friends and family!



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS...

The business seminar at the Bishkek Hyatt was a huge success (see page 3) and set conditions for future Kyrgyz-U.S. economic cooperation. Local products are now shipping to the Transit Center as a beginning.

Our efforts to deepen our relationship with our col-

leagues in the Kyrgyz Defense Forces continues. Transit Center Airmen participated in two events hosted at Frunze-1 Air Base learning about maintenance techniques and observing an airdrop from the ground and sky! We were proud to attend the opening of the Beshkunegi Military Hospital and host the leadership team at the Transit Center for tours

and discussions.

Our local campaign to help children of the local villages be "Warm & Dry" continues with assistance and projects underway that are meant to help with issues brought on by winter. Even our families back in the U.S. are sending assistance!

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Strong men from Kyrgyzstan compete at the Transit Center

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

PROGRAMS

- Donated 150,000 Watt generator to Manas Village
 - Installed in time to work during the winter
- Final approval granted for a major project (formal announcement and groundbreaking coming soon)
 - Project estimated at \$667, 000 (U.S.)

VOLUNTEERS



Congress of Women friendship is growing strong

- Purchased and installed water pump at Vasilievka school
- Delivered and installed new playground equipment at Vinogradnoye school
- Volunteers worked with five separate schools personally donating \$4,000 in goods
- Cleaned playground at Tok Mok Orphanage and installed three new heating elements
- Installed six new basketball backboards for Jany Packtna school
- Babushkas Charity: Donation of clothing and groceries
- Transit Center families in the U.S. are preparing to send small donations of winter clothing to support “Warm & Dry” for the children — one such group from Seattle, Washington, is making the items themselves

Friends & Family Day at the Transit Center

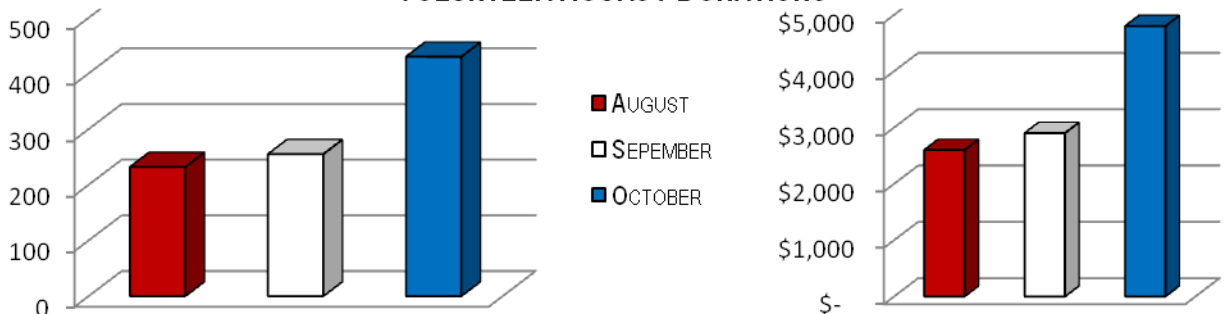


MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- 100 mattresses and medical supplies donated to Djal Hospital
- Five Transit Center Medical personnel participated in the Civil Military Emergency Preparedness Conference in Bishkek
- Transit Center doctors and technicians led a medical seminar for local physicians and consultants covering medical techniques
- Medical personnel donated \$730 of personal money for heart surgeries for children
- Attended Beshkungei hospital grand opening and hosted the Beshkungei leadership for a tour at the Transit Center

BY THE NUMBERS: VOLUNTEER IMPACT FOR OCTOBER 2009

VOLUNTEER HOURS / DONATIONS



ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

More than 200 local Kyrgyz business representatives attended a seminar organized in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, by Airmen from the Transit Center at Manas on Oct. 15. Republic Parliament Vice Speaker Isabekov and U.S. Ambassador Gfoeller also attended and addressed the attendees.

The business seminar, which focused on the process of bidding on contracts with the U.S. Government, is an initiative intended to promote opportunities for Kyrgyz businesses and increase transparency in working with the Transit Center.

Business leaders learned how the U.S. government's contract bidding, proposal system, and awards process in contracting works. Most representatives see the seminar as a way of developing Kyrgyz commerce and preparing business leaders to recognize and bid on opportunities with the U.S. government.

Some Participants said they were impressed by the openness of the U.S. government and its willingness to help improve the economy in Kyrgyzstan. "The desire of Kyrgyz citizens to work and cooperate with the Transit Center and the U.S. government was

obvious from the turnout and outcome of the seminar," said Nelly Yen, representative from Waybs Business Consultant Company.

After the seminar, organizers passed out CDs containing the briefings to all vendors in attendance as learning references for their firms.

The seminar held at the Hyatt, was organized by the Transit Center's 376th Contracting Squadron and the Kyrgyz Chambers of Commerce. The next seminar is set for 10 November and will be hosted by the U.S. Embassy.



Parliament Vice Speaker Isabekov addresses Transit Center Business Seminar

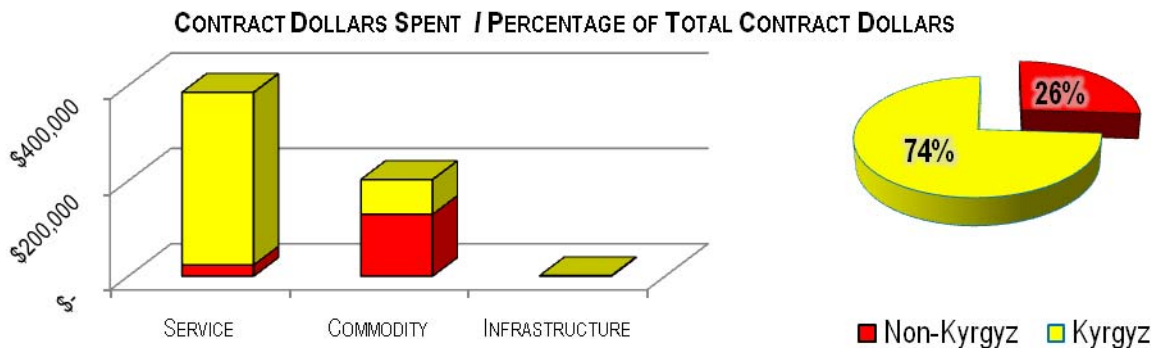
CURRENT INITIATIVES

- First contracts awarded to local bakeries and produce distributors for Transit Center consumption
 - First delivery made on 27 October
- Key women leaders in Kyrgyz business meet with Transit Center officials to discuss products and future opportunities to position products at Transit Center retail outlets
- Approved Transit Center Airmen to attend productions at the Maldybaev Opera & Ballet House
- Hiring local bands for weekly engagements at the Transit Center community facility
- Completing strategy to get local Kyrgyz architectural firm's rendering of new gate possibilities
- Assisting U.S. Embassy with preparations for the next business seminar — 10 November 09



"We are looking forward to furthering our relationship while working with the Transit Center and the U.S. government."
-Mira Kaylbekova, representing Ak-Beta Wool Felt Clothing Company

BY THE NUMBERS: CONTRACT DOLLARS SPENT FOR OCTOBER 2009



ECONOMIC IMPACT

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| <u>Direct Expenditures</u> | FY 2009 | FY 2010 <i>(Year to Date)</i> |
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| Payment to Kyrgyz Govt - Dip Note | \$26,620,000 | \$5,000,000 |
| Payment to Manas International Airport (MIA)** | \$22,999,039 | \$3,962,196 |
| Contributions to Airport Improvements | \$30,600,000 | |
| Contributions to Kyrgyz Aeronavigation (KAN) | | |
| Contracts Awarded | \$24,601,908 | \$2,585,312 |
| Govt leases (non-MIA) | \$81,562 | |
| SubTotal Direct Expenditures | \$104,902,509 | \$11,547,508 |
| <u>Indirect and Charitable Expenditures</u> | | |
| Estimated US Military local spending | \$1,037,530 | \$85,843 |
| Estimated charitable projects/donations | \$1,010,201 | \$4,800 |
| Subtotal Indirect and Charitable Expenditures | \$2,047,731 | \$90,643 |
| Total Economic Impact | \$106,950,240 | \$11,638,151 |
| * Based on US Fiscal Year: 1 October to 30 September; ** Airport Fees, land leases, contracts) | | |

Projected 30% increase in Economic Impact on the Kyrgyz Economy based on Direct, Indirect, and Charitable Expenditures

THE TRANSIT CENTER EXPERIENCE

