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AMERICA CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY

American Culture Week Enjoys Popularity in Ashgabat

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From June 25 to July 4, the American Embassy sponsored American Culture Week in honor of

U.S. Independence Day in cooperation with Turkmenistan's Ministry of Culture and Information. Turkmen-American Movie Festival opened the culture week on June 25. Ambassador Jacobson and Deputy Minister of Culture and Information Gulmurad Muradov opened the event and noted the willingness and readiness of both countries to expand cooperation and further develop cultural ties.

The movie festival featured three American films and three Turkmen films. The 1963 movie "Competition", also known as "Shukur Bakhshy", opened the festival. It is a

classical Turkmen movie about a man who uses music to release his brother from captivity, thus preventing an outbreak of war. The other two Turkmen films were "Legends from Rukhnama", four short movies based on the legends, parables and poems of the Turkmen people, and "Son of the Motherland", a movie about the life of Atamurat Annaniyazov, the father of President Niyazov. These two films are new, produced since the beginning of Turkmen independence. American cinematography was represented by the musical comedy "Grease" (1978), the historical adventure "western" "Dances with Wolves" (1991), and a 2003 cartoon blockbuster "Finding Nemo".

A Concert of American Music on July 1 was also a huge success. Ambassador Jacobson and the

Vice-Rector of the Turkmen National Conservatory opened the concert for over 800 Ashgabat residents. The concert featured pieces by famous American composers and artists, such as Elvis Presley, Nicholas Brodszki, George Gershwin, Eric Clapton, Samuel Ward and others. Performers included the joint "Altyn Asyr" and "Owaz" orchestra of the National Cultural Center, vocalists and guitarists from the Turkmen National Conservatory, students from Ashgabat secondary music schools and the Violinists Ensemble directed by People's Artist of Turkmenistan Harold Both the Turkmen-Neymark. American Movie Festival and the

Concert of American Music garnered a wave of favorable media attention.



Young vocalists from the Ashgabat Musical School #2 perform George Gershwin's "To the Motherland".



Turkmen TV Crew Travels to U.S. to Produce Documentary Series

A three-member Turkmen TV crew participated in a TV Cooperative Project (COOP) on Small Business Development in the United States from June 5-21. The project goal was for the crew to produce a series of documentaries on small business development in the U.S. The crew members shot video footage, conducted interviews and collected information on small businesses in the U.S. by traveling to several

American states and meeting a broad spectrum of entrepreneurs, government officials and third sector activists involved in small business development. Upon return from the trip, the TV crew, consisting of a producer, a cameraman and an interpreter, began producing several documentaries on the topic, planning to broadcast them on Turkmen National Television this fall. The

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America Celebrates Independence Day

4th of July Reception at the Ambassador's Residence

A great number of guests attended a reception at the U.S. Ambassador's residence on July 2, held in honor of American Independence Day. Guests, including Turkmen government officials, diplomats, American businessmen, journalists, civil society activists and many other partners and counterparts of U.S. Embassy employees came to express their congratulations on this remarkable occasion. After the official presentation of the American flag, Ambassador Jacobson made an official address. She highlighted a broad range of areas of successful cooperation between Turkmenistan and the U.S. achieved during the past year.

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov read out the text of a letter sent by President Saparmurat Niyazov to Ambassador Jacobson and officers of the U.S. Embassy in Turkmenistan. In the congratulatory message, the Turkmen President noted the U.S. Embassy's valuable efforts and contributions to the development of Turkmen-American friendship and cooperation and wished further successes in the mission's work in Turkmenistan.



During her speech at the U.S. Independence Day reception, Ambassador Jacobson highlighted numerous areas of successful cooperation between Turkmenistan and the U.S.

U.S. Ambassador's Address to the Turkmen People on American Independence Day



this Thank you for opportunity to speak to the people of Turkmenistan on the occasion of Independence Day. The Fourth of July marks the 228th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, when group of Colonial Americans committed their "lives, fortunes and sacred honor" to the independence of a new democratic nation.

These days, however, the Fourth of July is more than a celebration of independence. It is rather a celebration of the ideals that bind us together as Americans. The belief in government of the people, by the people, and for the people. The belief in individual rights and freedoms, and in individual responsibilities. Being an American isn't about a person's ethnicity, religion, mother tongue, or even birthplace. We are a nation of immigrants, who share the beliefs of our forefathers that the hard work of individuals, and their full participation in the political process, can make a nation great.

All of us at the American Embassy in Ashgabat are enormously proud of our cooperation with Turkmenistan over the last year. Our cooperative engagement with Turkmenistan spans a broad number of areas, including security, education, culture, economics, health, and civil society. Over the past year, we've sent almost 200 Turkmen security and law enforcement officials abroad for

training and provided 50 vehicles and other equipment to help secure borders and fight crime. We've sent over 100 students and professionals on exchange programs to the United States to enhance mutual understanding. We've assisted over 600 Turkmen entrepreneurs to create and develop their business and helped a cadre of accountants to obtain international certification. We've provided training to over 100 doctors and nurses in preventive medicine. Our 78 Peace Corps volunteers, working throughout Turkmenistan, have shared their English language and health expertise with thousands of Turkmenistan's residents. We've provided grants and technical assistance to civil society organizations, and look forward to seeing the number of these organizations grow. organized film festivals, concerts, and speaker programs. None of this cooperation would be possible without the strong support and cooperation of the government of Turkmenistan. And none would be possible without the talent and energy of the people of Turkmenistan. We are grateful for both.

We are also grateful that Turkmenistan has been an active partner in the War against terrorism. We have been very pleased to witness several positive developments in Turkmenistan over the past year, including the lifting of exit visas and the beginning of registration of minority religious groups. We hope to see a continuation of this positive trend.

It is a pleasure to be able to celebrate the Fourth of July here in Turkmenistan. We look forward to our future cooperation, and to further development of the ties of friendship between our two nations.

Turkmen Students and Professionals Tackle U.S. Independence at Discussion Café

On July 5, Political Economic Officer of the U.S. Embassy Marlin Hardinger discussed the foundation and evolution of U.S. Independence, as part of the Public Affairs Section's Discussion Cafe series. More than fifteen students and professionals interacted with Mr. Hardinger about the significance of the first U.S. Constitutional Conventions, the Bill of Rights, and the evolution of contemporary election

systems. The discussion provided average members of Turkmen society with an opportunity to interact with local professionals and a U.S. diplomat about freedom and independence. The publications "Declaration of Independence" and "The Bill of Rights," which were distributed among the participants, provided pertinent support for the event.

Culture

Embassy Helps Turkmen Archaeologists To Preserve Parthian Wall Paintings at Nisa

A team of archaeologists from the National Administration for Protection. Exploration and Restoration of Historical and Monuments of Turkmenistan successfully completed a project on preservation of ancient Parthian fresco wall paintings at Old Nisa. On June 18, results of the project, funded by a grant from the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy in Ashgabat, were presented to Embassy staff, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of the Turkmen government and journalists. Launched at the end of 2002, the project was intended to preserve wallpainting samples from Old Nisa's sanctuary complex, and create an exhibition space in two reconstructed rooms of the central part of the complex.

Excavation and conservation of extracted fresco fragments was conducted under supervision of Dr. Victor Pilipko, a leading expert on the project from the Russian Academy of Sciences. Along with fresco fragments, the team of achaelogists also extracted other valuable pieces of arcitectural decorations, such as decorations used on capitals of columns, bricks used for building columns and other pieces. More than 40 fragments of wall paintings have been processed, inventoried, photofixed, and conserved using special chemicals. Most of those fragments are now kept at the National Museum of Turkmenistan.



Turkmen archaeologists searching for fresco fragments in the ruins of Nisa. Photo by Ruslan Muradov, a project facilitator.



A sample of a wall painting extracted during the excavation works. Photo by Ruslan Muradov, a project facilitator.

Project facilitators set up two show-rooms at the site – one with the ancient Nisa style interior, and another one exhibiting some of the most typical fresco fragments. Clean-up and partial reconstruction of the accompanying corridor and entry portico were an ancillary result of the project. Information pamphlets describing the project and fresco art at ancient Nisa were also published using Embassy funds.

"Since completion of the project, the image of the main building of Old Nisa is much more attractive for tourists," said Radmila Denega, primary facilitator of the project. "Scholars now have a much more exact scheme of architectural projection of this unique monument of ancient times."

This is the second joint cultural preservation project sponsored by the U.S. and Turkmen governments. In 2002, the U.S. Embassy, through the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation, and the National Administration for Historical and Cultural Monuments of Turkmenistan presented a completed mosaic restoration project at the Seit Djemaletdin Mosque in Anau. Currently, the Embassy is sponsoring a project on saving the shrine of Abu-Sakhyt Abu'l Khair, a unique 11th century historical monument located in Kaakhka etrap, 200 kilometers to south-west from Ashgabat, and restoration of thirty 17th and 18th century Turkmen carpets and carpet pieces.

Security Cooperation

Commander of U.S. Central Command Meets the Turkmen President



Commander of the United States Central Command, General John B. Abizaid paid an official visit to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, July 29-30. While here, he met President Turkmenistan Saparmurat Niyazov and discussed military-to-military cooperation and border security support, as well as political and economic issues. General Abizaid also met

with Minister of Defense, General-Colonel Agageldy Mammetgeldyev and Commander of the State Border Service of Turkmenistan, General Major Orazberdy Soltanov.

In his media statement after meeting with President Niyazov, General Abizaid noted that "the discussions with the President were extremely useful and beneficial for both sides". "We respect the President's position on the

neutrality of Turkmenistan and we also respect his willingness to cooperate together on important issues such as the war against the terrorists that operate in the region". He also noted that "the United States of America continues as always to be very interested not only in security matters, but also in those matters that affect democratic reform and progress". General Abizaid expressed his appreciation for "the opportunity to exchange views with the President on the situation in Afghanistan".

General Abizaid assumed his duties as the Commander of the U.S. Central Command on July 7, 2003. During his more than three decades of service, General Abizaid has commanded at all levels during critical times in recent U.S. military history, to include the U.S. invasion of Grenada; the Gulf crisis, including the deployment of troops to Kurdistan in Northern Iraq; Bosnia-Herzegovina; and in Wurzburg, Germany, where he commanded the 1st Infantry Division, which provided the first U.S. ground forces into Kosovo. General Abizaid served as the Deputy Commander of Combined Forces Command during "Operation Iraqi Freedom".

U.S. Embassy Donates an X-Ray Scanner to the Turkmen Customs Service

The U.S. Embassy donated an X-Ray scanner to the State Customs Service of Turkmenistan on July 15, 2004, within the Export Control and Border Security (EXBS) Program. Embassy EXBS Advisor Mr. Michael Kirk officially handed over the HI-SCAN 100100V X-ray scanner, manufactured by the German company Heimann Systems GmbH, to Mr. Rakhman Jumavey, the Head of the Serhedabat Customs Check Point, where the equipment was installed. The X-Ray machine comes with a one year extended maintenance warranty by Wlibor Systems, a Russian company, an authorized distributor of Heimann equipment. After the equipment was installed, a Wlibor Systems engineer conducted a short training seminar for eight officers of the Serhedabat Customs Check Point. During the training, Turkmen customs officers tested the X-ray machine by using it for an actual screening of baggage belonging to an Afghan citizen, who was crossing the border at the Serhedabat Customs Check Point.

The HI-SCAN 100100V X-ray scanner is specifically designed to meet the needs and applications of airports, customs facilities, transportation operations, carriers, parcel services and warehouses to screen oversized packages without any loss of X-ray image quality. It offers technologically advanced security solutions to detect and identify explosives, chemical & biological agents, weapons and contraband.



A Wlibor Systems engineer conducting a training seminar on X-ray machine operation.

EXBS is an ongoing U.S. Government program supplying equipment and training to assist in increasing the effectiveness of border security, designed particularly to deter the spread of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Its function is to stop the transit of WMD and related items by attempting to halt these items in countries as close to the source as possible. Equipment and training that countries use to stop the transfer of WMD and related materials can also be used to prevent trafficking in narcotics and persons, and smuggling goods to avoid taxation.

U.S. Presidential Elections 2004

Visiting Specialist Features Program in Ashgabat on U.S. Presidential Elections



Elections specialist and former reporter George Krimsky was in Ashgabat June 13-16 to speak on upcoming U.S. presidential elections to varied local audiences. His program in Turkmenistan, which involved presentations to Turkmen government officials, press, NGOs and alumni of U.S. exchanges,

focused on the U.S. electoral system, the current U.S. presidential race, the role of media during election campaigns and international standards of journalism. The U.S. Department of State's office of International Information Programs sponsored Mr. Krimsky's visit to Turkmenistan. George Krimsky is currently the president of the independent consulting firm "International Media Services".

On Monday, June 14, Mr. Krimsky led a presentation for about 20 participants representing Turkmen and international press. He spoke about the 2004 U.S. presidential elections and media coverage emphasizing the role of free press and use of political advertisements. Mr. Krimsky discussed issues related to the electoral college, but also answered some pointed questions, such as how the scandal around the Abu-Ghraib prison in Iraq and the war in Iraq in general would affect the election outcome.

During his presentation for journalists, Mr. Krimsky also spoke about American and international standards in print journalism. The former Associated Press reporter highlighted that separation of news, analysis and opinion is the key feature of American print journalism. During election campaigns, all American newspapers, including widely circulated national dailies such as The New York Times and Washington Post, as well as regional and local newspapers, express their opinions only on special editorial pages.

On June 15, Mr. Krimsky spoke to a group of independent lawyers representing local law firms. Organized by



Mr. Krimsky conducting a workshop on American and international standards in print journalism.

ABA/CEELI Turkmenistan, the event gave participants an opportunity to learn about and discuss legal aspects of the U.S. election system, this year's election campaign and media coverage of the process. The presentation was followed by a number of questions about election polls, U.S. election laws, voter turn-out and falsification of election results.

The same day, in the afternoon, Mr. Krimsky visited the Counterpart Consortium Civil Society Support Center to speak with representatives of USAID partner organizations, NGOs and several information resource centers.

In the evening, the speaker led a discussion about the documentary "Framework for Democracy: Candidates and Campaigns" with alumni of U.S. Government-sponsored exchange programs at the American Center. Mr. Krimsky engaged participants in a lively discussion on themes in the documentary: money in politics, campaigns and reform of the election system.

At another event with alumni, Mr. Krimsky discussed the importance of media in democratic elections through an online chat. On June 16, alumni gathered at three IATP access sites across Turkmenistan for a virtual discussion and learned about the principles of democratic elections, using the upcoming presidential election in the United States as the basis for discussion.

During a two-hour long presentation at the Institute of Democracy and Human Rights on June 16, specialists from the Institute and other Turkmen government agencies got into a heated discussion about current Presidential candidates in the U.S., the impact of the war on terrorism and the war in Iraq, potential influences of election results on Central Asia and many other issues. This was the first time this institution has hosted a U.S. speaker and provided a unique opportunity for local officials to learn about and discuss democratic values.

Mr. Krimsky's broad background, including many years of experience in Russia and Central Asia and thorough knowledge of the subject allowed him to communicate his message effectively. His visit gave more than a hundred professionals the opportunity to understand and discuss how this year's U.S. Presidential elections are unfolding and the role of media in an election campaign.

George A. Krimsky is a specialist in international media development. In a career spanning 38 years, he has been an editor and correspondent, lecturer, trainer, media critic, author and non-profit administrator. Mr. Krimsky served 16 years for the Associated Press, reporting from Los Angeles, New York, the (then) Soviet Union and the Middle East. In recent years he developed a broadened expertise in elections and campaigning working as an independent consultant.

Exchanges

Turkmen TV Crew Travels to U.S. to Produce Documentary Series

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U.S. Department of State's Office of Broadcast Services sponsored the crew's TV COOP program in the U.S.

The TV COOP program's itinerary in the U.S. included Washington, D.C.; Atlanta, Georgia; Reno, Nevada;

Albuquerque, New Mexico, and New York City. The crew's program in Washington focused on governmental support of small businesses. Meetings and interviews in the American capital included the U.S. Congress, the Small Business Administration the NGO "Winrock (SBA), International", as well as some private small business enterprises, which have won governmental awards for their organization exemplary management.

in Northern Nevada.

A Nevadan farmer (center) is interviewed about the crops he grows by the Turkmen TV crew. Photo by Bob Conrad, UNR College of Agriculture.

In the state of Georgia, the crew learned about and filmed the work of cotton farms, food processing businesses and farmers' markets. They also visited "The World of Coke" Museum in Atlanta to observe how a small business idea has grown big and profitable. Turkmen TV specialists continued their tour of American farms in Reno, Nevada, where they visited sheep and horse ranches, fields of corn and alfalfa growing near sand and sagebrush, a dairy farm, as well as other small farms

Albuquerque, New Mexico, was the place that impressed the Turkmen the most. Cameraman Geregeli Hanmamedov said later, "Albuquerque residents, including the city mayor Martin Chavez, were very hospitable to us. We visited different museums and a small local TV station,

which was especially interesting to us." Special warm relations between Albuquerque and Ashgabat have been developing since the two cities became Sister-Cities in 1990. The crew members think they have a lot to tell and show to viewers in Turkmenistan about this city, which is reminiscent of Ashgabat.

In their last destination, New York City, the crew members visited small business enterprises, typical for large cities, and took a lot of footage of world-famous sites, such as the Statue of Liberty, the

Empire State Building, Ground Zero, as well as the New York City skyline.

"We took 17 hours of footage during our trip and plan to produce lengthy films about small business development in each city or state we visited," assured Mr. Hanmamedov speaking with U.S. Embassy officials in Ashgabat. Turkmen TV plans to air the documentaries this fall.

Ambassador Jacobson Honors Exchange Program Finalists

On June 9, IREX, ACCELS and the Embassy's Public Affairs Section held a joint reception for this year's finalists from the Ugrad, Muskie, Fulbright, TEA, JFDP, and Humphrey exchange programs. Ambassador Jacobson, in her opening remarks, congratulated the finalists on being the "best of the best" of Turkmenistan and reiterated U.S. government support for them on their return home, highlighting the services and support of the American Center, American Corners and IATP centers that would be available to them. The U.S. Ambassador personally congratulated all exchange program finalists and wished each of them a successful program in the United States.

Exchange programs such as these provide a lifeline to energetic, forward-thinking students and professionals in Turkmenistan. Events like this are the first step for these "future alumni" to network with like-minded individuals, laying the groundwork for future collaboration.



Ambassador Jacobson congratulates a Ugrad finalist Mekan Bashimov.

Alumni Beat

Alumni Gain Valuable Skills for Job Seekers at Annual Career Fair

On Sunday June 20th, over 50 alumni from across Turkmenistan gathered in Ashgabat at the Sheraton Ak Altin hotel for the annual Alumni Career Fair, sponsored jointly by IREX, ACCELS, and the Embassy's Public Affairs Section. Ambassador Jacobson opened the event with a welcome address emphasizing the importance of these exchange programs and the United States Government commitment to alumni after their return home.

Throughout the day, alumni attended workshops on a broad range of employment subjects, including Resume Writing (Dan Klaus, ACCELS), Business Letter Writing (Kyle Gunther, PRAGMA), Interviewing and Networking Skills (Fred Mauren, US Embassy), Successful Job Search: What Works Best (Marlin Hardinger, US Embassy) and Perspectives and Hardships in Business Development in Turkmenistan (Serdar Agayev, RSEP 00 and Aina Kekilova, CI 99). Alumni were honored to learn about employment opportunities with the United Nations from Sezin Sinanoglu of the UNDP and tips for planning one's career from OSCE Ambassador Paraschiva Badescu.

Following the workshops, alumni met face-to-face with representatives of nearly 20 organizations and

companies in Turkmenistan, to learn more about what type of work the they do, opportunities available to alumni, and their hiring practices.

This real-world experience provided alumni with the opportunity to stretch their job search muscles and improve their prospects in the marketplace.



At the Career Fair, alumni learned about employment opportunities with various companies and organizations.

Conferences

Third Central Asian Teachers of English Conference Promotes Tolerance

On June 28-29, forty-six English teachers from all regions of Turkmenistan, supported by the Embassy's Public Affairs Section, Regional English Language Office in Tashkent and ACCELS, traveled to the shores of Lake Issyk-Kul in Kyrgyzstan to participate at the third Annual Central Asian Teachers of English Conference (CATEC 3). In total, more than 250 high school and university English teachers from the five Central Asian countries met at the conference to discuss "Building Tolerance and Academic Honesty Through English Teaching." Regional and country directors from ACCELS and officers of the U.S. Embassy in Kyrgyzstan made remarks at the conference opening and encouraged the participants to share their English teaching successes and challenges with each other throughout the conference. Almost half of those present were alumni of the Teachers' Excellence Awards (TEA) and Partnership in Education (PIE) exchange programs.

The two-day program included over 170 presentations of papers, 52 workshops and 18 poster sessions. Seven Peace Corps volunteers participated in a panel session that included a presentation on their work with the Academic Honesty student group at Jalalabad State University. Two American English Language Fellows working in Kyrgyzstan, along with ten English teaching specialists from Kazakhstan, gave a presentation on the Village Teacher Trainer project, which provides training for interested teachers in how to give effective workshops to English teachers in isolated regions and funding so that they can take these workshops "on the road."

Conference participants appreciated the valuable opportunity to share their experiences across national borders and learn about locally available English teaching resources in an atmosphere of open communication and cooperation. Organizers set up preliminary plans to hold CATEC 4 in Tajikistan.

Enterprise Development Project





EDP/Ashgabat Expands Its Trade Facilitation Assistance in June 2004

The USAID-sponsored Enterprise Development Project (USAID/EDP), implemented by Pragma Corporation, offers trade assistance services that improve the way businesses in Central Asia find new customers and suppliers. This service enhances trade opportunities within Turkmenistan, Central Asia and globally through the usage of an e-commerce website (www.smetradecenter.net) supported by a widely dispersed network of trade specialists across this regional enterprise development initiative.

The Regional Trade Project in Ashgabat facilitated five new trade deals in June 2004, approximately worth \$355,000. EDP Regional Trade Advisor Vladislav Erniyazov assisted three local enterprises in locating and communicating with potential partners, as well as finalizing trade deals with long-term suppliers for importing specific goods in Turkmenistan, i.e. cosmetics, beverage production equipment, cabling and hoses for the oil and gas industry.

Local businessmen are thankful to EDP for its assistance in finding reliable, long-term partners. "The Regional Trade Advisor also assisted us with signing and implementing contracts to deliver certain products to Turkmenistan. Project EDP remains critical for my

business, as well as other businesses in Turkmenistan, as they attempt to gain credibility and capacity in the marketplace," stated one EDP portfolio client. Due to the outstanding efforts of EDP/Turkmenistan staff members, project EDP has assisted in facilitating 11 deals valued at \$485,850 over a seven-month time period.



EDP Regional Trade Advisor Vladislav Erniyazov in his office.

Small and Medium Enterprises Embark on Strategic Planning in Turkmenistan

EDP has begun to offer business consulting services to SMEs in Turkmenistan. EDP business consultants in Ashgabat developed Strategic Action Plans (SAPs) for two clients. The first SAP was completed in June 2004 for a newly recruited enterprise operating in the ecological monitoring services industry. The second

SAP was completed this month for the largest chicken broiler facility in Turkmenistan. The SAPs are intended to assist local SMEs to increase capacity. EDP has commitments from 5 more enterprises for SAP assistance and continues to recruit additional clients.

EDP's Business and International Accounting Courses Continue to be Popular

EDP continues providing training to the local entrepreneurial communities of Turkmenistan. Welayat-wide educational trainings for business skills and international accounting remain popular with business professionals around the country. In June 2004, EDP coordinated and held 12 business trainings for approximately 230 individuals. In addition, EDP's CIPA-EN international accounting program continued

to gain credibility with local accountants. Four International Accounting Standards (IAS) training courses were held in June and EDP monitored regional examinations in Ashgabat. The June 2004 round of examinations attracted an all-time high number of participants; evidence to the effect that the accounting program is gaining popularity in Turkmenistan.







EDP -new opportunities for your business

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If you are interested in getting highly qualified and accessible business consultations from a professional international organization on strategic planning, marketing and finance to increase effectiveness, profit and expand your business, the EDP would be your best choice at the market of consulting services. You can get qualified consultation in the sphere of enterprise establishment, marketing research, taxation for small enterprises. We can help you know more about international standards of accounting and finance reports to increase effectiveness of your enterprise. Also we can help in finding a business partner (supplier or buyer both on the Internal and external markets), and also in advertising products through our "trade area" www.smetradecenter.net.

Enterprise Development Project concentrates its training effort in:

Business Trainings

Empowering entrepreneurs by offering updated, relevant information, management tools necessary to achieve business growth. Currently we offer the following business short trainings(16-24 hours, average cost 55000 man. per training):

- Preparing a Business Plan
- Developing a Marketing Plan
- Analysis of Financial Statement for non-financial Managers
- Human recourse Management
- Legal environment for Small Business
- Taxation for Small Business

Accounting Reform

Increases enterprise and economic efficiency by promoting the use of market economy, accounting and financial management technology. The strategy for achieving this goal involves promoting adoption of International Accounting Standards, training accounting practitioners. Currently we offer the following courses (60 hours, average cost 250 000 man. per course):

- Financial Accounting I
- Managerial Accounting I
- Tax and Law

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Welcome to EDP and to the world of new opportunities for your business!