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Dear friends,

We are very proud to present the Catalog of the First International Exhibition EXPO "Made in Kyrgyzstan", which was held successfully on June 3-4, 2016, in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic. The main purpose of the exhibition was to demonstrate the production potential of the domestic producers and to promote them both at the local and international markets. This exhibition served as an excellent platform for local producers to present their products and services, demonstrate their quality, and establish business relationships with potential partners.

This Catalog contains a summary on each of the company-participants of the First International Exhibition EXPO «Made in Kyrgyzstan», representing such industries as agriculture, food processing, light textile industry, construction, real estate, tourism and HoReCa, banking and financial services. These catalogs will be distributed among local and international business community, respective government agencies, and diplomatic missions within the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as abroad.

U.S. Business Portal to the Kyrgyz Republic

The American Chamber of Commerce in the Kyrgyz Republic is glad to announce the completion of the project on creating an online business portal and printed catalogue that have been designed to provide comprehensive information on all current and known upcoming projects in the Kyrgyz Republic financed by international financial institutions ("IFIs") that may present competitive opportunities for U.S. firms eligible to bid on such projects. To date, the researched IFIs include (but potentially not limited to) the World Bank, International Finance Corporation, Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Islamic Development Bank, Department for International Development Kyrgyzstan, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation Kyrgyzstan, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), and the Arab Coordination Group.

[Online catalogue is accessible via <www.portal.amcham.kg>](http://www.portal.amcham.kg)

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The opening of an ice rink in Naryn

On January 21, 2017, the AmCham Executive Director Zarina Chekirbaeva was invited to attend the official opening of an ice-skating rink that was held in the city of Naryn. The rink was named after Tashbolot ata, whose son - Tashbolot Uulu Nurbek - built it at his own expense. The entrepreneur invested his own funds (over 600 thousand dollars, or more than 40 million som) in the construction of the rink in compliance with the international standards, recruited coaches from the capital city, equipped the rink with European technology, and created all the requisite conditions for coaching hockey and figure skating.

Presentation of the Partner Program of the "Elite House" Company

On January 27, 2017, the Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in the Kyrgyz Republic, Zarina Chekirbaeva, took part in a business lunch organized by the leading construction company, Elite House – AmCham's partner and member. During the event the top management presented Company's Partners Program and cooperation opportunities.

As of today, the Elite House company has created more than 400 jobs, built four residential complexes, has 4 related businesses, and promotes convenient form of payment (bartering), around-the-clock support and a social project for the development of the capital city.

We sincerely wish the Elite House company further development and implementation of



**8TH CHARITABLE TOURISM FESTIVAL
"KYRGYZSTAN – THE COUNTRY OF MOUNTAIN SKIING AND WINTER RECREATION"**



We would like to invite you to the Charitable Tourism Festival "Kyrgyzstan – the country of mountain skiing and winter recreation" to be held on February 4, 2017 at "Toguz-Bulak" ski lodge. The main objectives of this traditional VIII Winter Festival is to raise funds to support children with autism as well as to promote Kyrgyzstan as a country of popular winter sports. The Festival will be the event of the season attracting over 300 participants. Tickets price includes a ski pass, all win-lottery, show program from organizers and many more interesting surprises. You may purchase your ticket at AmCham office.

SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS OPENED AND BANK CARDS ISSUED FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE BOEING 747 AIRPLANE CRASH



A joint initiative to provide assistance to the victims of the recent airplane crash was launched by the "Pomogat' Legko" Public Foundation ("It's easy to help"), the National Red Crescent Society of the Kyrgyz Republic (RCS), Demir Kyrgyz International Bank and the American Chamber of Commerce in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Nineteen victims that have been hospitalized received bank cards with a balance of 20,000 KGS each. Further, it has been decided to distribute the funds collected by the above organizations among the families and relatives of the perished victims, as well as those who lost their homes in the affected area.

Thus, all the funds collected to aid the victims will be distributed by means of transfer to the special individual accounts of the victims and their families. Detailed reports will be provided as each payment installment is done.

January 31, 2017 was the last day of raising the funds. As of today the total amount collected is **4 118 346.06 KGS**. We sincerely express our gratitude for your contribution and support in this tragic time for the whole country.

VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH AN AMERICAN CORPORATION, AGCO



In early February, a video conference will be held with the worldwide manufacturer and distributor of agricultural machinery and equipment – an American Corporation AGCO -at the initiative of the American Chamber of Commerce in the Kyrgyz Republic, the US-Kyrgyz Business Council and the Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The world's leading manufacturer of agricultural equipment, AGCO, offers a full line of tractors, combine harvesters, hay mowers, sprayers, soil tillage and hay and forage equipment distributed through more than 3,100 independent dealers and distributors in more than 140 countries around the world. Today, AGCO machinery is represented by such brands as Challenger®, Fendt®, GSI®, Massey Ferguson® and Valtra®. The headquarters of the AGCO Company are located in Duluth, Georgia, USA, and the number of AGCO employees exceeds 17 thousand people in 20 countries around the world.

In case of interest, please kindly confirm your participation no later than February 3 via email pa@amcham.kg.

The working language of the videoconference is Russian.

Attractive Loan Terms at Kompanion Bank

Kompanion Bank has extended the promotional event on business loans in US dollars. Through the end of February 2017, entrepreneurs can receive working capital loans and loans for investing in operational assets at a reduced rate - 12% per annum. Note that the minimal amount for a loan at this rate is USD 10,000.

Kompanion Bank also offers preferential loans in cooperation with the Russian-Kyrgyz Development Fund. Loans are available for entrepreneurs for long-term investment in specific industries in KGS at 12% per annum for up to 5 years without fees or commissions.



"Kompanion Bank remains a reliable partner for entrepreneurs, providing affordable and effective financing for small and medium businesses (SME). We continue to expand the range of banking services becoming all the more convenient and closer to our customers," said Ulanbek Termechikov, CEO of Kompanion Bank.

For more information, please call 0 312 33 88 00, visit the bank's website at www.kompanion.kg, or visit any Kompanion Bank branch.

CSJC Coca-Cola Bishkek Bottlers provided assistance to the victims of the cargo plane crash

CSJC Coca-Cola Bishkek Bottlers and its employees provided monetary support to the joint campaign by the "Pomogat' Legko" Public Foundation ("It's easy to help"), the National Red Crescent Society of the Kyrgyz Republic (RCS), Demir Kyrgyz International Bank and the American Chamber of Commerce in the Kyrgyz Republic, aimed to aid the citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic affected by the cargo Boeing 747-400 plane crash on January 16, 2017. In addition, the Company provided the required amount of beverages to Hospice #1 in Bishkek.



A special offer from Orion Hotel Bishkek to celebrate the 8th of March


 BEYOND ORDINARY
8th of March – a day of spring and beauty!
A Special Dinner Menu for Our Dearest Ladies
Symphony Restaurant at Orion Hotel,
19.00 - 22.00pm March 8, 2017
3200 KGS per person
Additional Information & Reservation on +996 312 55 66 66

Our team would like to cordially invite you to welcome the spring and this special holiday at the Orion Hotel Bishkek, in the atmosphere of love, smiles and pleasant surprises.

To honor this holiday, our Culinary Team has created a special menu for our dearest ladies (and, of course, for gentlemen as well). Our guests with a sweet tooth will be tempted by very special treats with a touch of France from our Executive Pastry Chef Phillipe. Guests will be offered a welcome drink, beautiful bouquets for the ladies, an exquisite menu and a romantic evening accompanied by live music.

The dinners will start at 7 p.m. at the Symphony Restaurant, located in the hotel lobby.

For additional information & Reservation, please call +996 312 55 66 66

Dairy products from the "Shoro" company

For 25 years, "Shoro" Company has remained loyal to its mission - to ensure good health for the people of Kyrgyzstan! Only natural, only healthy and only delicious products!

And now the company is ready to present dairy products under the brand "Shoro Milk". "Shoro Milk" is a line of high-quality natural dairy products without the use of powdered milk, preservatives and additives. Milk, yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, butter.. - the range of dairy products will continue to grow.

The products are manufactured using modern equipment that complies with the world standards. All the products meet the requirements of international certification and food safety, as evidenced by the presence of ISO 22000: 2005 (HAACP).



"Shoro Milk" today meets the high requirements and standards of the dairy industry, as well as the demanding preferences of the consumers. Day after day for 25 years, "Shoro" company has been improving and introducing modern technologies, following its mission - to produce only natural and healthy products, and the launch of the new dairy product line is a proof of that. "Shoro Milk" - We want you to live a long life!

KPMG presents a Review of the Global infrastructure sector trends in 2017

Many of global trends underscore a drive for more responsible leadership to improve approaches to funding, developing and operating infrastructure.

With disruption and uncertainty the status quo around the globe, offshoots of these forces such as the rise of populist governments, the call for greater transparency, and needed changes in investment models, pose enormous implications for the future of infrastructure, according to the 2017 Emerging Trends in Infrastructure report from KPMG International. The report spotlights 10 global trends, many of which underscore a drive for more responsible leadership, both from the public and private sectors, to improve approaches to funding, developing and operating infrastructure

"Political agendas and social expectations are changing. Global, regional and national institutions are weakening. Power is shifting and technology is disrupting everything." said James Stewart, KPMG's Global Infrastructure Chairman and a partner with KPMG in the UK. "And infrastructure is at the center of this evolution." "The development and interaction of many of these trends could very well transform the way governments, business and users interact with and invest in infrastructure." explained Stewart. "They may also help decision-makers and investors better understand the changes flowing through the sector and catalyze leadership on a global scale."

2017 emerging trends in infrastructure:

1. The confluence of energy, transportation and technology will likely sharpen.
2. The populist agenda will likely disrupt infrastructure markets.
3. Understanding consumer behavior will be key to infrastructure planning and management.
4. Investors will begin to care about social and environmental impacts, not just financial returns.
5. Technology will enable greater infrastructure productivity and increases obsolescence risk.
6. New investment approaches will seek to get more out of existing infrastructure.
7. Governments will look to unlock the funding paradigm.
8. Credit enhancement facilities may go back to basics.
9. The search for yield is expected to drive convergence in the investment market.
10. The globalization of infrastructure will continue.

The full version of the report can be downloaded from the KPMG website at kpmg.kz.

First two hour emergency assistance by the RCSK's team

As a result of the airplane crash from January 16, 2017 in the village Dacha SU, 39 people died, 18 were hospitalized, more than 60 have affected. (Source: the Ministry of Emergency Situations and the Ministry of Health dated January 25 2017).

Disaster response team of the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan (RCSK) together with the Ministry of Emergency Situations has left for the scene and held emergency evaluation within first two hours. The staff of the Red Crescent had provided victims with emergency humanitarian assistance in the form of warm blankets and kitchen sets, as well as provided psychological support.

Near the state morgue of Bishkek the RCSK established tents, where relatives of the victims could get psychological support, and thanks to the assistance of the business sector and individuals meals have been organized for those who were waiting and for the rescue teams operating at the crash site.



Also, on January 16 the Kyrgyz Red Crescent Society announced about fundraising campaign to the victims. Cash donations were received from the collection bowl at the RCSK office, as well as via terminals Qiwi and through bank account of RCSK. On January 18, 2017 with support and coordination of the American Chamber of Commerce, the Red Crescent Society, Public Foundation "Pomogat' Legko" and Demir Kyrgyz International Bank united their efforts and launched a joint fundraising campaign. As a first urgent step, debit cards have been created with a balance of 20 000 soms each and distributed for the 19 victims located in the hospitals of Bishkek.

January 31, 2017 was the last day of raising the funds and as of today, the total amount collected is **4 118 346.06 KGS**. The collected funds will be distributed among the victims of the airplane crash based on categories determined by campaign participants.



AmCham Discount Program Partners 2017



AmCham-Kyrgyz Republic expresses its sincere appreciation to AmCham Discount Program Partners for 2017 and wishes them prosperity!

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