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The first meeting of the Anti-Corruption Business Council



On 27 July 2021, the first meeting of the Anti-Corruption Business Council under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic was held on the establishment of the Council with participation of the business community. The American Chamber of Commerce, represented by Aktilek Tungatarov, participated in the meeting and gave his recommendations.

The session discussed operating principles of the ABC.

According to ABC, Secretary General Nuripa Mukanova, a boost to the economy is now needed but there are huge barriers to business development in the country. Corruption was one of such barriers. She encouraged businessmen to work with the Anti-Corruption Business Council to build effective work.

“The priority of the council’s activity will be protection of business from corruption interactions with state bodies, protection of property

rights of domestic and foreign investors, responsibility of entrepreneurs for doing business without corruption and leaving the shadow economy. The main challenge in the development of business and economy today is the excessive role of so called “protectors”, lack of open and fair competition and political corruption” said Nuripa Mukanova.

The entrepreneurs, in their turn, drew attention to the need for effective implementation of the Presidential Decree on additional measures to protect business entities.

All decisions of the Anti-Corruption Business Council will be approved by the President and will be binding for all State bodies, the President’s Office and the Cabinet of Ministers. Business and the head of ABC have already identified the topics to be discussed at the first session with the President. In addition, similar meetings will be held soon with the civil society representatives, academic and educational institutions in order to define the work of the Council.

The Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Ulukbek Maripov met with a group of entrepreneurs from Pakistan

On July 29, 2021, the Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Ulukbek Maripov met with a group of businessmen and entrepreneurs from Pakistan. The meeting was initiated by the American Chamber of Commerce. AmCham Executive Director Aktilek Tungatarov and Mr. Tanvir Aftab, Founder of “Kant TSP” (AmCham member), took part in the meeting.

During the meeting Pakistani businessmen talked about their areas of operations and their interests, Mr. Maripov presented investment opportunities in the Kyrgyz Republic and parties discussed possible ways of cooperation.



Aktilek Tungatarov met with the United States Chargé d'affaires in the Kyrgyz Republic



On August 11, 2021, Aktilek Tungatarov, Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce, met with Alan Meltzer, United States Chargé d'Affaires in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Ongoing cooperation between the organizations and new opportunities for cooperation were discussed during the meeting.

The Minister of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic, Akylbek Zhaparov, met with representatives of the business community to discuss the draft law on introduction of an emergency in the economy

On August 12, 2021, meeting of the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers - Minister of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic Akylbek Zhaparov with representatives of business associations, experts and government agencies took place in the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic (MEF KR). Meeting participants discussed the draft law on introduction of an emergency in the economy.

The American Chamber of Commerce was represented at this event by its Executive Director Aktilek Turgatarov.

During the meeting Deputy Minister Daniar Imanaliev presented the main points of the discussed draft law of the Kyrgyz Republic «On Introduction of Some Changes to Certain Laws and Regulations of the Kyrgyz Republic in the Sphere of Emergency in the Economy».

A constructive exchange of opinions took place with the purpose of formulating proposals for improving the economy.

It was noted that the emergency regime in the economy would be introduced by Presidential Decree in the following circumstances.

The proposed draft law on the introduction of an emergency in the economy will be effective if the following crises in the economy take place:

- Monthly increase in the level of the consumer price index in the reporting month compared to the previous month exceeds, on average, 3.5 per cent for three consecutive months;
- Level of public debt in relation to GDP exceeds the permissible limit by 10 percentage points from the established limit;
- Sharp drop in the volume index of branches of the economy, which accounts for 10 per cent of GDP over a three-month period;
- Significant 10 per cent reduction in foreign trade within



3 months;

- Reduction of tax payments by 10% within 3 months of the established plans;
- Foreign direct investment outflow increases by 10 per cent in two quarters;
- Introduction of a state of emergency in accordance with the established procedure, the results of which have caused damage to the country's economy, and the elimination of its consequences.

An emergency regime in the economy will be introduced for a period of up to 3 months if its will be justified and approved by the President.

According to the established Procedures on the introduction of an emergency in the economy, the Cabinet of Ministers of the country develops a package of measures to minimize the negative factors that led to the emergency in the economy. In this regard, the Cabinet measures will be directed to sectors that require support and incentives.

The measures envisaged by the Cabinet of Ministers in the context of the emergency regime in the economy will, inter alia, be aimed



at reducing the shadow economy, unaccounted turnover of goods (smuggling) and creating equal competitive conditions for all entrepreneurs. Therefore, the measures in the sphere of tax relations will be directed at those enterprises whose activities are not transparent and for bona fide entrepreneurs, the effect of this Law will not have a negative impact. At the same time, the Law provides for measures to restructure and modify the conditions under which budgetary credits are to be maintained if necessary. Exemption from the payment of

penalties, fines and penalties by cancelling the principal amount of budgetary credits.

It should be noted that taking into consideration comments and suggestions made by the deputies at the meetings of the Zhogorku Kenesh, the following amendments were deleted from the draft the law:

- Regulation on the introduction of new types of taxes and payments were excluded from the draft law;
- All amendments to the Code of Offences have been deleted;
- All changes to the Law «On Subsoils» are excluded;
- The Clause in the Law «On Privatization» is excluded.

Round table on Problems and Solutions for Improving Commercial and Administrative Dispute Resolution in the Kyrgyz Republic»

27 August 2021 Director of the American Chamber of Commerce Tungatarov Aktilek took part in the round table «Problems and Solutions to Improve the System of Settlement of Commercial and Administrative Disputes in the Kyrgyz Republic» on the pre-trial settlement of disputes, organized by the Administration of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Ministry of Investment of the Kyrgyz Republic, with the support of the EBRD and IDLO.



Does business have to pay for regulatory mistakes of the State?



Nazira Beishenalieva's article, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Chamber of Commerce in the Kyrgyz Republic, was published.

Recently, Kyrgyz business has been following with concern a number of highly controversial initiatives by the Ministry of Economy and Finance to regulate business activities. It is worth noting here that regulatory policy is a powerful tool of the State in managing the economy and influencing the well-being of the population.

You can read the article https://mnenie.akipress.org/unews/un_post:22833

Beeline lunches free IT and programming training



Cellular provider Sky Mobil (TM Beeline) together with digital agency I DO MARKETING DIJITAL implements a new social project, which will focus on the development of the younger generation from 17 years of age by teaching the most current IT specialties. As a result, every student will have the opportunity to become a laptop owner.

The development of programs for the younger generation is becoming a priority for many large companies. The exodus of large numbers of young people in our country is one of the problems facing the State. Beeline wishes to contribute to the development of education

of the young generation of people, so a project has been developed, together with the digital agency Digital Academy, to teach advanced IT specialties in various directions. This free education initiative will help to develop society and increase the number of talented and capable professionals in the fast-growing field of programming. The project targets school leavers, students and many young people who will be able to receive quality and innovative education and join the class of advanced programmers, designers and designers. Graduates will be able to apply their acquired technical knowledge to employment, because Beeline and Digital Academy offer the possibility of further providing participants with jobs. The curriculum includes mandatory courses on computer literacy and basic programming, after which anyone who wishes to do so chooses the course they wish to take.

What courses will be offered to students after the first two courses?

1. UX-UI design (2 months training)
2. Frontend (7 months of training)
3. Backend (Python - 7 months of training)

The training will take place both online and offline. Mentors from CARPAU will travel periodically to remote southern regions to meet with project participants. The company also believes that access to education is an important component, so that for those participants who do not have the possibility of independent learning due to lack of laptops and computers, organizers provide Open Corners, which are equipped and connected to the Internet.

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IB Diploma Results



BIS is very proud of the achievements of the Class of 2021, many of whom have English as a second or third language. BIS is an inclusive school, accepting students from all backgrounds and abilities, and encouraging all students to tackle the demanding full Diploma.

All full Diploma students at BIS were successful this year and significantly outperformed worldwide averages, despite BIS choosing the full exam route for students, a choice made by just 40% of schools worldwide. The full exam route made achieving grades harder for students, but has prepared them well for the rigours of university.

Two Freedom Holding Corp. Subsidiaries Assigned ‘B/B’ Ratings; Outlook Stable

On August 2, 2021 the international agency S&P Global Ratings assigned its ‘B’ long-term issuer credit ratings to Freedom Finance Europe Ltd. and Freedom Finance Global Plc. The outlooks on both entities are stable.

The agency also assigned its ‘B’ short-term issuer credit ratings to both entities.

S&P believes Freedom Finance Europe is likely to remain a crucial part of the group in the long run. The company heads the subgroup that serves the group’s emerging business in the EU, the U.K., and some CIS countries such as Ukraine. It also acts as the primary counterparty for FFIN Brokerage Services. As a result, it generates about 65% of the group’s revenue.



Freedom Finance Global Plc became fully operational at the end of 2020. It is the group’s subsidiary in Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC), a Kazakhstan financial hub, which will gradually accommodate the group’s retail brokerage business in the country.



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KICB and AUCA signed memorandum on cooperation

Within the framework of the Memorandum on Cooperation, the best students of the Faculty of “Software Engineering” of AUCA will have possibility to take part in the competition for KICB special scholarship for free education at the university, as well as the possibility of further employment at the Bank.

“This year marks the 20th anniversary of KICB. Throughout its activities, KICB is guided by the principles of sustainable development, it also actively supports various educational projects. In honor of its 20th anniversary, the Bank decided to establish KICB scholarship for students of one of the best universities in the Republic. The goal of this program is to assist the development of the potential of talented and motivated students, who will become the programmers in future”, said Bektur Aliev, Chief Executive Officer of KICB.

Information on participation in the competition for scholarship and receipt of the candidates’ documents will be announced in details on the organizers’ website in the coming days.

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Another innovation for Kompanion e-wallet users consist in ability to receive money transfers from Russia through the most popular Russian banking application “SberBank Online”.

The new service allows Kompanion e-wallet users to receive money transfers regardless of their location throughout Kyrgyzstan. For this, you need to install the Kompanion e-Wallet application on your smartphone and pass identification.

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