

IFTAR DINNER 2015



Iftar for members and partners of the American Chamber of Commerce

On July 1, in honor of the holy month of Ramadan, the American Chamber of Commerce in the Kyrgyz Republic held a gala Iftar-dinner for its members and partners. The Iftar brought together more than fifty representatives of the business community.

One of the honored guests of the evening, Chubak Azhy, opened the dinner with greetings and wished peace and welfare to all guests. Further, the Director of the "Religion, Law and Politics" Analytical Center, Kadyr Malikov, shared about the principles of fasting and urged everyone to commit good deeds. In turn, the President of Kyrgyz Concept, Mr. Emil Umetaliev, mentioned the pleasant trend of holding this type of events. He also stressed the importance of education and the solidarity of the business community in providing the young generation with opportunities of studying in the leading universities of the world.



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MEETING WITH AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN KAZAKHSTAN

June 16, 2015 – Meeting with Doris Bradbury, Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan

The representatives of the American Chamber of Commerce in the Kyrgyz Republic met with Ms. Doris Bradbury, Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan, to discuss the prospects of bilateral cooperation. In turn, Ms. Bradbury shared the experience of developing the activity of the Chamber and spoke about the main directions of the operation.

Ms. Bradbury stressed the importance of AmCham in Kazakhstan in the cause of promoting an open dialogue between the private sector and key decision-makers, which led to the achievement of more favorable conditions for doing business in Kazakhstan.

Zarina Chekirbaeva, Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Kyrgyzstan, stressed the importance of regional cooperation and focused attention on the promising partnership between the two Chambers of commerce. In the future, it is expected to have joint efforts and projects in order to promote mutually beneficial cooperation for the sake of private sector development and investment climate improvement.



MEETING WITH US CONSULATE GENERAL IN ALMATY

June 16, 2015 - Meeting with Pat Cassidy, Commercial Attache of the US Consulate General

On June 16, Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Kyrgyzstan, Zarina Chekirbaeva, undertook a working visit to the US Consulate General in Almaty. As part of the meeting, Ms. Chekirbaeva discussed issues of bilateral cooperation in fields of trade, economy and investment with the Commercial Attache of the US Consulate General, Mr. Pat Cassidy, Coordinator of the SABIT Program in Almaty, Natalia Mainzer, and International Commercial Law Expert and Advisor to US Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., Sonia Delman.

The SABIT Program Coordinator in Almaty, Natalia Mainzer, also gave details of the US Department of Commerce's special program of business internships, named "SABIT", wherein over 5,500 managers from CIS countries were successfully trained. The parties agreed on the provision of informational support in the promotion of business and regional programs and in establishing business ties in the sphere of business.

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MEETING WITH AMCHAM MONGOLIA



June 19 – Working visit to the American Chamber of Commerce in Mongolia

On June 19, Zarina Chekirbaeva met with the AmCham team in Mongolia to discuss the prospects of future cooperation within the region. The representatives of the American Chamber of Commerce in Mongolia shared information on specific regional institutions providing access to information on programs and other opportunities for the development of business in the region. The American Chamber of Commerce in Mongolia also shared its experience in promoting the interests of AmCham member in the region.



THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



The first meeting of the new Board of Directors took place on June 24, 2015. The newly elected members of the Board are: Coca-Cola Bishkek Bottlers CJSC, Demir Kyrgyz International Bank CJSC, Finca Bank CJSC, Hyatt Regency Bishkek, Kompanion Financial Group CJSC, Sierra Group of Companies LLC, and Sky Mobile LLC. Please join us in welcoming our new Board members!

The Board re-elected Ulanbek Termechikov, Chief Executive Officer of Kompanion Financial Group, as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Executive Director Zarina Chekirbaeva presented reports for the past and upcoming events of the Chamber. Additionally, ongoing and future projects and activities were discussed and approved by the Board of Directors.

Congratulations to the newly elected AmCham Board of Directors and we wish them success in their new positions!



SIERRA GROUP ATTENDED EXPO MILANO 2015

The Sierra Group, operators of the Sierra Coffee coffee-shop chain and Bishkek Coffee Roasters, partnered with the Kyrgyz Republic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (www.cci.kg) managing the Kyrgyz Republic Pavilion at Expo Milano 2015. The Expo is running in Milan, Italy, from May through October of 2015.

May 29th was the National Day of the Kyrgyz Republic at Expo Milano. For this event, six members of the Sierra Group leadership team traveled to Milan to represent the Kyrgyz Republic. The team also took advantage of the trip to study and learn about the restaurant and hospitality business in Milan, to bring home useful lessons, and to improve the levels of service and professionalism.

The Kyrgyz Pavilion is arguably the best of the smaller-sized pavilions, featuring a state-of-the-art interactive multi-display presentation, a computer-generated film showcasing the country's history, nature, cities and agriculture, and a yurt-shaped structure with displays of Kyrgyz crafts and goods.



BEELINE PUBLISHED ITS CSR REPORT FOR 2014

The leader of the telecommunications industry in Kyrgyzstan, Beeline, has published its Report on Corporate Social Responsibility for 2014. The report presents information on the company's principles of corporate social responsibility, the direction of its CSR strategy, implemented initiatives and projects. It reflects the priorities of the company in the interaction with the society, its customers and employees.

«Beeline-Kyrgyzstan, as part of an international company, follows the principles of transparency and openness in its work. Therefore, we publish another report on corporate social responsibility. For us, social activism is not just a direction of activity but a business model with the integration of CSR approaches into our management processes,» noted Beeline Public Relations Director, Tatiana Shahin-Bailo.

It is worth noting that in 2014, Beeline implemented and supported 14 social and sponsorship initiatives. Moreover, over the past year, the mobile operator has paid to the state budget 1 billion 707 million som as taxes and mandatory contributions. Last year, the company also continued to implement its pricing policy. Thus, Beeline offered the best value on the market for calls within the network - just 0.5 som (the "Super Ukmush+" tariff). The cost of mobile internet in 2014 reached 23 tyiyn per 1 MB under the "Internet packages Online» offer. In addition, the average cost of 1 MB within the Beeline network in 2014 decreased by 32.4%.

Beeline's social policy provides for the support in several areas: education, socially disadvantaged groups, national values and the state language, environmental projects.



SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES KYRGYZSTAN WILL RECEIVE SOCIAL ORDERS

In June, the Ministry of Social Development approved two social orders on the projects by the SOS Children's Villages Kyrgyzstan Public Foundation (SOS CV KYR PF).

The overall goal of the projects is to ensure conditions/services to overcome crises for families in difficult life situations in Karakol and Bishkek. The objective of the projects is to deliver short-term and crisis care services to the children and their families under difficult life circumstances. The projects will also deliver social support services to these children and their families with the support from the SOS CV KYR Family Strengthening Program.

The Crisis Center in Karakol will be established within the framework of the optimization of Ak-Suu orphanage targeting at children aged 4 to 18. The Crisis Centre in Bishkek will be established within the framework of optimization of Belovodskiy children's home (for pre-school children) targeting at children of 4 to 7 years of age.

Within the framework of these projects, the following support will be delivered to children and their parents/caregivers: Psychological counseling, Psychotherapy, Medical support, Legal and Social support, Material support and Parenting skills training support.

The project duration is 1 year (July 2015 – June 2016), the budget is 900,000 som per each Center.



NEW MEMBERS SUNEL GROUP



The Sunel Group established its operations in the Kyrgyz Republic in 1996. In 1998, the company joined forces with Stancom and formed StanSun - a 50/50 JV.

In 2001, Sunel established a processing facility (manipulation) in the Kyzyl Kiya fermentation plant. This gave Sunel the opportunity to produce a product that was in line with the international standards related to quality. Sunel also introduced a Social Responsibility Program to support farmers and employees. It is currently operating only in Jangy-Aryk, Osh.



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