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20th Anniversary of National Language and Script Day

The National Language and Script Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of May, of each year as per Presidential Decree in 2003 and the Day was widely marked this year for its 20th anniversary.

Ahead of the Day, "Mongolian Script-2025," a special exhibition took place at the Chinggis Khaan Museum to report the works done for the preparation of the implementation of the Law on the Mongolian language, which stipulates conducting official affairs in dual script: Mongol script and Cyrillic from 2025.

The works showcasing the successful completion of 69 projects to accomplish the four objectives of the Traditional Mongol Script Program-3 were displayed in the exhibition. Under the preparation, 141 thousand public servants of 4500 public organizations in 21 aimags, 330 soums were assessed for Mongol script testing. A survey shows that 53.6 percent of all public servants defined themselves as prepared for day-to-day use of the Mongol Script. 460 teachers have been trained on a national level to teach Mongolian script to public servants at Government organizations and is continuing to advance the digital writing usage of Mongol script through handbooks and training. In addition, a series of 20 Mongolian writing lessons for public servants, developed in collaboration with skilled teachers of Mongol Script will soon air on the Mongolian National Broad-



casting. The Ministry of Digital Development and Communications is developing Technical Rules for the Unicode Standard of the Mongol Script and Rules for Unicode Standard of the Mongol Script's Character Converter to advance the Mongol Script Unicode standard.

"In the future, we will develop an educational application for Mongol Script to educate the public through distant learning.

Moreover, the Government will evaluate public servants knowledge of Mongol Script not only through a single test but also by completing their level of advancement by enrolling in beginner, intermediate, and advanced level courses," said Minister of Education and Science Mr. Enkh-Amgalan.

Currently, more than 20 websites, 8 online dictionaries, more than 80 Facebook groups, pages,

and Instagram pages have been created in Mongol script and the number of active members have reached 570,000.

The newspaper "Humuun Bichig," published by MONTSAME, the Mongolian National News Agency, employee name cards printed according to the government standard, official letters written in the Mongol script, Mongol Script dictionaries, diplomas and certificates issued

by educational institutions of all levels in both Cyrillic and Mongol script were displayed at the exhibition. Moreover, the works of P. Erhembayar, which were inscribed in Mongol script on natural stones, and crafted using colored metal that was hammered using the traditional Mongolian iron bar technique, have been adorned with gold plating and

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Ethics of Public Servants on Focus for Combating Corruption

All High-Ranking Officials to be Prohibited from Participation in Government Procurement

The State Great Khural has approved the Law on Ethics of Public servants and now discussing the draft amendment to the Law on Regulation of Public and Private Interests and Prevention of Conflict of Interest in Public Service. These laws are considered as cornerstone of the efforts to combat corruption.

On the 10th of May, 2023, the Chairman of the State Great Khural, G. Zandanshatar, addressed a gathering of employees from the local administration organizations of the capital city where he remarked that the Law on Ethics of public servants would be the cornerstone of the efforts to combat corruption. The Chairman emphasized the importance of ethics in law



and cited an ancient proverb that states that "if a thousand laws are made, they would not be obeyed without ethics". He stressed the need for following ethical norms at all levels to establish social justice, highlighting the crucial

roles of an Ethics Council to be established under each public organization and the Ethics Committee to be operated under the Public Service Council to play in implementing the law.

The law, which comprises

seven chapters and nineteen articles, applies to a total of 225,205 employees of 4,232 public organizations, 103 state-owned and local-owned legal entities, and 103 authorized officials of companies with the state-owned and local-owned legal entities. Additionally, the law is applicable to 8,928 members of the Citizens Representative Meeting and general directors of the National Council of Radio and Television, n, members of the supervisory board, and senior officials of NGOs that receive funding from the state and local budgets and perform certain government functions in accordance with the law. In total, the law will affect 234,251 employees.

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GOLD	USD/t oz.	2,033.20
COPPER	USD/lb.	377.90
SILVER	USD/t oz.	25.16
BRENT CRUDE	USD/bbl.	77.02
WHEAT	USD/bu	636.00

Minister of Education and Science Attends EWF



Mongolian delegation led by Minister of Education and Science L. Enkh-Amgalan took part in the "Education World Forum," which was held in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on May 7-10.

At the Forum, Minister of Education and Science L. Enkh-Amgalan delivered a presentation on reforms and policies pursued by the Government of Mongolia in the education sector.

The general enrollment rate for kindergarten and school is 90-98 percent in Mongolia, considerably high in the world. So, rather than accessibility, quality reform will be the focus of education policy in Mongolia in the future, according to his presentation. Moreover, the Minister highlighted the principle, to which the Government of Mongolia adheres, that the school close to home should be the best.

Another point, emphasized in the presentation of the Minister, was the teaching quality and performance evaluation which had been conducted in urban and rural area schools to determine the gaps between them. This evaluation has unveiled many opportunities to enhance the management of schools, improve the knowledge and skills of the teachers in the workplace, and introduce a financial system based on performance and work results. Most importantly, it will provide equal learning opportunities for all students regardless of their location through digital learning platforms.

On the sideline of the Forum, Minister L. Enkh-Amgalan met the Minister of Technical Education, Vocational Training, Employment, and Labor of the Republic of Guinea, the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Libya, and a knowledge analyst at McKinsey, a Silicon Valley company. During the meetings, the parties exchanged views on the role of education in sustainable development.

Mongolia to Participate in PISA-2025 Assessment

On the sideline of the Forum, the Minister met Andreas Schleicher, the Director for Education and Skills, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and expressed an intention to participate in PISA-2025.

In 2022, 88 countries were involved in the PISA assessment, and as for our country, 9600 students from 196 schools were assessed. The assessment report will be published in December.

PISA is the OECD's Program for International Student Assessment. PISA measures 15-year-olds' ability to use their

reading, mathematics, and science knowledge and skills to meet real-life challenges. Results from PISA indicate the quality and equity of learning of the countries involved



and allow educators and policymakers to learn from the policies and practices applied in other countries.

Request Put Forth to Increase Number of Students Involved in Chevening Scholarship

During the Education World Forum-2023, Minister of Education and Science L. Enkh-Amgalan met Andrew Mitchell, the MP and Minister of State at the Foreign Office (Minister for Development), and Gillian Keegan, the Secretary of State for Education of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.



At the onset of the meeting, the parties exchanged congratulations on the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries and exchanged views on cooperation in the education sector, with a particular focus on increasing the number of students to be involved in the Chevening scholarship. Chevening scholarship has been open for Mongolian students since 1993. Every year, up to 10 students receive the Chevening scholarship from Mongolia. As of today, about 200 Mongolian students have studied in the UK with this scholarship.

Asia Mining Innovation Development Summit in Beijing

The 2nd Asia Mining Innovation Development Summit was held in Beijing on May 9-10. Representatives of the Mongolian Embassy in China, Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Mongolian Mining Association are participating in the Summit.

Executive Director of the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry T. Duuren gave a speech on "The role of transport and logistics in the development of the mining industry," presenting the economic corridor, coal export capacity, and opportunities for cooperation, and invited potential investors. Executive Director of the Mongolian Mining Association G. Erdenetuya introduced current situation and constraints of the country's mining sector. From the Chinese side, over 600 representatives of major companies, stock exchange and financial experts attended the event, and some Mongolian mining companies

presented their projects to build a unified transport and logistics terminal, increase the capacity of ports, and implement them through public-private partnership.



Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Mining Professional Committee of the China-Asian Economic Development Association signed a Memorandum of Cooperation.

Cooperation with UNDP in 2023-2027 Discussed



State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs N. Ankhbayar met with Deputy Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations Development Program Mr. Christophe Bahuet on May 4, 2023.

The parties exchanged views on the cooperation between Mongolia and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), including the priority areas of cooperation for the next five years, and the ongoing projects and activities.

During the meeting, State Secretary N. Ankhbayar presented suggestions on the projects implemented in Mongolia by

the UNDP and improving their benefits. He emphasized that during the visit of UN Secretary-General António Guterres to Mongolia in 2022 it was agreed to further expand Mongolia-UN development cooperation and take it to a new level, and expressed his confidence that the UNDP would make a significant contribution in this regard.

UNDP Deputy Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Mr. Christophe Bahuet stressed that the UNDP attaches great importance to its cooperation with Mongolia. He expressed his satisfaction with the effective cooperation in many directions such as promoting sustainable development, combating climate change, ensuring gender equality, and strengthening the civil service, and he affirmed to continue its support in the future.

In 2023-2027, Mongolia will attach primary significance in cooperation with the UNDP to the following areas:

- 1) diversified, inclusive, green economy transition,
- 2) sustainable ecosystem management provided with risk information, adapted to climate change,
- 3) ensuring women's equality and accessible and responsible governance.

Document Authenticity Verification Device Handed Over

International cooperation is crucial in effectively combating the use of fraudulent documents in international passenger traffic.

For the past decade, the Federal Police of Germany and the Immigration Agency of Mongolia have been collaborating in this area.

As a part of their cooperation, the German Federal Police conducts regular training for Mongolian experts. In support of this training, Mrs. Regina Rutenberg, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Germany, has handed over advanced Document Authenticity Verification Device to N. Uuganbayar, the Director



General of the Immigration Agency of Mongolia.

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with Switzerland Tourism



On May 8, 2023, Ambassador D. Gerelmaa and Mr. Federico Sommaruga,

Director of the Emerging Markets and Special Projects of Switzerland Tourism signed a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in the field of tourism between the Tourism Development Center of Mongolia and Switzerland Tourism.

Under the three-year Memorandum of Understanding the parties will work together to develop cooperation between educational institutions that train professionals in the field of tourism and will publish content, books, and magazines promoting the history, culture, tradition, and natural features of the two countries as well as to intensify mutual advertising and increase the flow of tourists.

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- Ulaanbaatar and Central Aimag: Night temps between -3 C and +6 C. Day time temps between +8 C and +19 C
- Eastern Aimag: Night temps between -1 C and +5 C. Day time temps between +13 C and +25 C
- Western Aimag: Night temps between +3 C and +10 C. Day time temps between +12 C and +24 C
- Gobi Aimag: Night temps between +1 C and +8 C. Day time temps between +14 C and +28 C

President of Mongolia Attends Coronation Ceremony of King Charles III

On May 6, President of Mongolia Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh and First Lady Luvsandorjiin Bolortsetseg attended the coronation ceremony of King Charles III of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in London.

More than 2,000 representatives of foreign governments attended the coronation ceremony of His Royal Majesty.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Mongolia and Britain. Mongolia has friendly relations and cooperation with Britain, which is the first Western country to establish diplomatic relations with Mongolia and has supported the democratic reform process from the very beginning.

President Visits London Coliseum Theatre

While working in London, the President visited the London Coliseum Theatre where the play "The Mongol Khan" will be performed, and got acquainted with the preparations.

The President met production team members of "Hero Entertainment," "Wild Yak Productions" and "Maktub Productions", which are collaborating on the project to stage "The Mongol Khan" play in London, and wished them all the success and creativity with their work.



With 2359 seats, the London Coliseum is the largest theatre in London's West End. The theatre is famous for staging the world classics, such as Nabucco, Aida, and Tosca operas and Giselle and Swan Lake ballets.

President Meets Students Studying in the UK under the "President's Scholar-2100"

Over the course of the visit to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, President Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh met students who are studying in this country with the "President's Scholar-2100" scholarship in London.

The "President's Scholar-2100" scholarship program has been successfully implemen-

ted since 2021, awarding the best students from each of the 330 soums and the capital city to study at the world's best universities. The scholarship qualifies students based on their academic achievements, engages them in the preparatory program to help them meet the qualifications of the world's best universities, and provides financial assistance during their studies abroad.

According to the regulation on Presidential Scholarship adopted by the Government, the students who have completed at least three years of study in their school's catchment area and have the highest average score in the General Entrance Examination in mathematics and foreign languages are eligible to participate in the "President's

Scholar-2100."

There are in total of 29 Mongolian students studying in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under this scholarship, of which 15 students are studying at the University of Bristol, one of the Top 100 universities in the world.

Expressing his satisfaction with the successful implementation of the "President's Scholar-2100" scholarship program, allowing youths to study at prestigious universities in foreign countries, the President reminded students to exert themselves in studying and hold high the name

their impressions and experiences on studying at the world's top university. Besides the academic studies, students highlighted their personal developments and expressed that they would make use of the knowledge and experience gained while studying abroad to help in the development of Mongolia.

At the end of his speech, the President wished the students academic success and expressed his confidence that they would graduate as future leaders who will make a valuable contribution to the development of Mongolia, and become a bridge for relations



of Mongolia, always keeping in mind that they are representing their country.

During the meeting, students said they were happy to be awarded the "President's Scholar-2100" scholarship and shared

and cooperation between the citizens of the two countries. Moreover, the President reaffirmed the special attention of the government to youths and their education and development.

Speaker G. Zandanshatar Receives Newly Appointed Russian Ambassador



Chairman of the State Great Khural (Speaker of the Parliament) G. Zandanshatar received Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Mongolia Yevsikov Alexei Nikolaevich on May 8.

At the onset of the meeting, Speaker G. Zandanshatar expressed his pleasure in meeting with Mr. Yevsikov Alexei Nikolaevich and congratulated him on his new assignment as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Mongolia. Noting Ambassador Yevsikov's extensive experience in the diplomatic sphere, the Speaker expressed his readiness

to cooperate in further developing the relations between Mongolia and Russia.

In response, Ambassador Yevsikov expressed his gratitude to the Speaker for taking the time to meet him and said, "Mongolia is not only a close neighbor of Russia but also a strategic partner of our country. Parliamentary reforms and development processes have been intensified in recent years. In particular, reforms of laws and regulations on the voting system are of great significance in strengthening governance. Hence, I would like to further solidify the inter-parliamentary cooperation of the two countries."

Speaker G. Zandanshatar said "Cooperation between legislative bodies is the main component of the good neighborly and friendly relations of Mongolia and Russia. In this regard, cooperation between the legislative bodies of our two countries has been active in recent years. It is demonstrated by several high-level parliamentary visits which were taken place by the Russian side over the last two years."

Noting the long-standing good neighborly and friendly relations between the two countries, the parties exchanged views on trade, economy, tourism, culture, education, science, and humanitarian cooperation.

Prime Minister Pays Courtesy Call on Speaker of the National Assembly of Hungary

Prime Minister of Mongolia L. Oyun-Erdene paid a courtesy call on Speaker of the National Assembly of Hungary László Köver, who paid an official visit to Mongolia at the invitation of the Speaker of the State Great Khural, G. Zandanshatar. The visit aimed to bolster the ties between the two countries parliaments.

At the outset of the meeting, Prime Minister L. Oyun-Erdene emphasized the significance of Mr. László Köver's visit to Mongolia and highlighted that one of Mongolia's foreign policy priorities is to foster stronger relations and cooperation with Hungary in all fields, with a particular emphasis on expanding

the economic, foreign trade, and investment between the two countries.

In his address, Mr. László Köver reiterated the Hungarian National Assembly's commitment to support trade, economic, and all-round cooperation between the two Governments, as part of Mongolia's "New Revival Policy." Forging stronger ties with its international partners is one approach of reaching the Policy's aim to promote economic growth and stability in Mongolia.

The parties concurred that cooperation between the two countries in the fields of education and culture could be extended to other domains such as tourism, economy, and social welfare. Hungary, a Member of the Euro-

pean Union, has traditionally enjoyed friendly relations and collaboration with Mongolia and is a third neighboring country.

Since 2017, the Hungarian Government has been granting scholarships to 200 Mongolian students to study in this country each year. The Prime Minister affirmed his readiness to cooperate in all aspects to ensure that the meetings, talks, and agreements between the Speakers of the Parliament of the two countries are constructive, effective and realized.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with both parties reaffirming their commitment to further strengthen the partnership between the countries. The official visit of Mr. László Köver



to Mongolia is anticipated to yield fruitful outcomes in advancing

mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields.

"Barilga Expo-2023" Introduces Advanced Construction Products

"Barilga Expo-2023" International Trade Fair is running at "Misheel Expo" with participating companies from Italy, China, the Republic of Korea, Russia, Türkiye, Germany, and Kazakhstan.

Organizers emphasize that the event aims to introduce advanced equipment, technologies, construction materials, and products of developed countries to the domestic construction market, as well as to provide an opportunity for national companies, which buy 70 percent of their construction materials from abroad, to import them directly without middlemen. The "Barilga Expo-2023"



Trade Fair is taking place in three parts. The "Building materials" part was held on April 28-30 while the second part "Interna-

tional Fair" was opened on May 5, introducing the construction industry of different countries.

The opening of the "Interna-

tional Fair" was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Construction and Urban Development, Construction Development Center, Embassies of Italy, Türkiye and Kazakhstan, "Zunhua" Association of China, and the Association of Mongolian-German Entrepreneurs. Some 80 companies from the above-mentioned countries are presenting new construction materials and energy-efficient advanced technologies.

Presentations on the Mongolian construction market, business environment, and advanced technologies of the participating companies, as well as panel discussions were organized for the industries and foreign

guests.

Trade Fair extended 10-50 percent discount rate for some products displayed.

"Barilga.mn" is the organizer of the International Trade Fair "Barilga Expo-2023," and the Ministry of Construction and Urban Development, Construction Development Center, and the Italian Embassy are the co-organizers. General sponsors of the fair are "Active Garden Residence" and "Khovd Eco Cement."

The "Barilga Expo-2023" Trade Fair will continue with the "Real estate" part on May 12-14 to present new apartments, residential buildings, and real estate projects.

Top Taxpayers Announced

Taxation organizations collected MNT 9.3 trillion to the state and local budgets, exceeding by MNT 1.1 trillion the planned MNT 8.2 trillion, according to the 2022 Financial Report.

Head of General Department of Taxation B. Zayabal announced that tax revenue of MNT 10.1 trillion would be collected to the state budget in 2023 at the opening of the annual Taxpayers' Days on May 8.

The top 10 biggest taxpayers announced are as follows:

• "Erdenet Plant" State-Owned Company leads with MNT

1.216.2 billion

• "Erdenes Tavantolgoi" JSC

MNT 990.1 billion

• "Oyu Tolgoi" LLC MNT

439.9 billion

• "Energy Resources" LLC

MNT 289.3 billion

• "Tavantolgoi" JSC MNT

261.6 billion

• APU JSC MNT 212.1 billion

• KHAAN Bank MNT 197.4

billion

• Golomt Bank LLC MNT

137.4 billion

• "COAL" LLC MNT 104.0

billion

• "Tsairt Mineral" LLC MNT

98.6 billion

Last year's performance shows that companies and enterprises engaged in mining, processing, financial and insurance sectors paid the most taxes.

Overseas and domestic operations of the Mongolian tax organizations have been fully transitioned to the digital form. This year's Taxpayers' Days will be celebrated under the slogan "Let's have service digitally," said Head of the General Department of Taxation B. Zayabal.

According to the tax revenue performance data for the first four months of this year, the tax revenue increased by MNT 1.5 trillion compared to the same period of the last year. The budget estimate also exceeded by some MNT 1 trillion. This is directly

related to the recovery of the mining industry and the volume of exports.

As for VAT revenue, internationally it accounts for 30-35 percent of the total budget revenue. In the countries of the European Union, it makes 33-34 percent while in Mongolia, 24-27 percent of the total budget revenue is generated from VAT revenue. Last year, MNT 1.7 trillion was collected only from VAT. Approximately MNT 257 billion was spent on the two percent VAT refunds, some MNT 10 billion were allocated for prizes and lotteries, totaling MNT 270 billion.

While previously the General Department of Taxation used to announce the 10 biggest taxpayers, since last year, it started to

select the top 10 taxpayers in four categories, dividing taxpayers into the following four segments:

• 900 enterprises in the large segment,

• 300 enterprises in the medium segment,

• 30 thousand enterprises in the small segment,

• 150,000 enterprises in the micro segment.

The General Department of Taxation announced the top 10 companies from four segments each. The top 10 micro companies by activity profile represent wholesale and retail trade, information and communication, construction, administrative and support services, scientific and technical, housing and food service sectors.

Chongqing to Cooperate in Development Projects of Ulaanbaatar

Chongqing, one of the major cities of China, the center of car manufacturing, technology, and finance in the country, has agreed to cooperate in the development projects of Ulaanbaatar. On May 8, "Ulaanbaatar City Development Corporation" JSC and Chongqing Federation of Industry and Commerce signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation.

General Manager of Chongqing Qianyi Trading Co., LTD Li Wenjun informed that they would supply the required equipment and machinery for public utilities of Ulaanbaatar. The Chinese side will provide necessary financial support for leasing and purchasing equipment.

"We will renew the city and public utility fleet of auto vehicles and machinery in the frame of this cooperation. The essence is to carry out this work in cooperation with foreign and domestic businesses and investors without loading the burden on the budget. Such an opportunity opens today," said Executive Director of Ulaanbaatar City Development Corporation N. Bayarchimeg. "A working group will draw up a plan for seeking financial sources based on the Memorandum. Since it is not possible to settle the financing for the modernization of the equipment of public utilities and other sectors of the city with the city budget, we proposed the member companies of the Chongqing Federation of Industry and Commerce supply

by leasing."

Chongqing is one of the four cities of the country under the direct administration of the Government of China. It is a highly-developed industrial, financial, and technological center. There are prospects of cooperating with Chongqing as the city of green production and its equipment is manufactured incorporating leading technologies and smart solutions. The Governor of Ulaanbaatar visited this city and agreed to cooperate in the areas of supporting investment and economic development of Ulaanbaatar.

Vice Chairman of Chongqing Federation of Industry and Commerce Hong Zhongjin emphasized, "Our cooperation is starting grounded on the brotherly



relationship between Ulaanbaatar and Chongqing, as well as the visit of Mayor of Ulaanbaatar D. Sumiyabazar to Chongqing in February this year." He informed

that they would supply water sprinklers, cleaning machines required for Ulaanbaatar public utility, and electric buses for public transportation.

Electricity Tariff Twice Cheaper than Its Cost

The cost of electricity is currently MNT 224 per kWh and it is sold to consumers for an average of MNT 211-213. Household consumers purchase one kWh of electricity for MNT 141-142. This is 58 percent lower than the actual cost. As for heating energy, consumers pay 55 percent lower than its cost; loss is proportionate. Last year the energy sector's operating loss amounted to MNT 187 billion.

Chairman of the Executive Office of the Energy Regulatory Commission B. Bolor-Erdene informed journalists about the real



cost, consumption, and demand of electricity in Mongolia.

The losses are increasing. This

leads to such risks as an increase in debts, inability to carry out necessary maintenance and repair at thermal power stations and heating and electricity networks, and delay of equipment renewal.

This situation will negatively affect the reliable supply of electricity and heat to consumers. The urgent need to bring the price of energy to its real cost is obvious. However, electricity consumption in 2022 has increased by 5.8 percent from the previous year amounting to MNT 10.3 billion nationwide. Out of total power, 79 percent is produced domestically, and 21 percent is imported. Here,

electricity from Russia and China dominates.

To build a new energy source, tariffs must be approved according to the Energy Law. If the price is lower than the cost, it will inevitably affect on investors. Therefore, tariffs should be kept at a level that supports and satisfies investment.

Consumers really need to save electricity, in particular, during peak hours. In general, the Law on Energy Conservation defines responsible consumers who are obliged to save energy. To be clear, the threshold of their electricity saving has been updated by the Government's resolution this year. There are some 330,000 users who have such an obligation. They consume

40 percent of the total energy. The Law specifies that responsible consumers should have an energy efficiency manager. These managers promote, coordinate and implement ways to save energy. In addition, the Energy Audit Organization is operative.

In total, there are 812,000 electricity consumers and some 450,000 heat consumers nationwide.

There are 114 auditors engaged in energy saving, advising consumers on electricity efficiency, conducting audits, and determining causes of energy loss. The Commission aims to bring the auditors to the international level through training and implementing relevant projects and programs.

"Cultural Revival" Countrywide Campaign Launched



The Ministry of Culture has launched the "Cultural Revival" Campaign, in line with the State policy on Culture and a goal of strengthening national common values, which included in "Vision-2050", Mongolia's long-term development policy, and ensuring the implementation of laws on culture.

On May 8, the opening of the campaign was inaugurated by the Minister of Culture Ch. Nomin and the Chairman of Tuv aimag's Citizens' Representatives Meeting Ts. Jambalsuren at the "Mongol Tuurgatan" Theater of Tuv Aimag.

In her opening remarks, Minister of Culture Ch. Nomin highlighted that preserving and developing national history, language, culture, heritage, and customs is the foundation of our existence and the vital immunity of Mongolians. The State's policy on having common values and being unified with its culture and tradition has been reinforced, and cultural issues are deeply reflected in the policy decisions

of the President, the State Great Khural, and the Government of Mongolia. Mongolia's long-term development policy is swiftly advancing to build a deep sense of national identity and common values that will bolster the building of a nation with immunity.

In 2020 the Government of Mongolia made a historic decision to establish the Ministry of Culture independently after more than 20 years to implement the cultural policy-a pillar of the nation. Despite the Ministry of Culture's relatively short existence compared to other government bodies, in the past three years the Ministry has completely reformed the legal environment and defined policies that align with global cultural policies while reflecting the unique characteristics of Mongolian culture.

Several key laws, including Law on Culture, Law on Protection of Cultural Heritage, Law on Museums, and Law on the Support of Film Art, have been approved in the past. The Ministry has also submitted a draft Law on the Development of Creative Cultural Production to

the Parliament. The comprehensive Policy on Creative Cultural Production is deeply linked with global cultural policies and underscores the cultural sector not only as a vital component of the country's intellectual assets but also the economy.

The role and scope of the cultural sector are no longer limited to cultural and arts events. It has been fully recognized within the legal framework that culture is not only a factor of the country's independence but also intellectually and economically an essential and independent sector.

The "Cultural Revival" campaign is set to take place across Ulaanbaatar city, all the 21 Aimags, 330 Soums, and 15 Tosgons in the months of May, June, August, and October. It is worth noting that this campaign extends beyond cultural and arts performances, as national and local cultural and art organizations will showcase their endeavors in protecting cultural heritage, improving universal access to cultural education, advancing cultural tourism, and promoting creative cultural pro-

duction. Notably, public art workers and employees in urban and rural areas will partake, while citizens will engage in cultural activities.

Programs of Non-Formal Education through Culture

As an integral part of the "Cultural Revival" campaign, a range of cultural education programs took place at Tuv aimag Public Library and "Humuun Tsogtsolbor" Secondary School on May 8.

According to the Law on Museums, a museum is mandated to organize educational and informative activities, and children under the age of 16 are allowed free entry into a museum. By virtue of this nationwide initiative, general education students

dary school in Tuv Aimag as a supplement to their history lessons. Through this program, students learned to sculpt Deer Stone Statues, draw mythical animals that guard the shrine of the Shoroon Bumbagar, and sketch designs of Khun animals. Meanwhile, the Tuv Aimag Public Library implemented programs that involved making magnetic stickers of the Khun's symbolic antelope, crafting postcards featuring the Mongolian idol "Naran Saran" (Sun and Moon) and creating felt hats modeled after kings and queens of the Mongolian Empire.

Moreover, to captivate children's attention and make the programs even more engaging, VR (virtual reality) technology was employed, thereby enabling them to experience informal edu-



are enabled to acquire new knowledge at government-owned museums and strengthen their overall education, and each museum regularly implements an educational program tailored to its unique characteristics.

For instance, the "Chinggis Khaan" National Museum has designed a comprehensive educational program called "Learning in the Museum," which was delivered to students at the "Khumuun Tsogtsolbor" second-

cational programs such as virtual visits to the Chinggis Khaan National Museum and explore information about the exhibits and artifacts in an intriguing manner.

It is worth noting that all state-owned museums offer free admission to children under 16 years of age, in addition to providing free access to museum education programs that are designed to cater to children of all age groups.

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precious stone inlays, attracted the exhibition visitors.

Professor Ts. Unurbayan, a Doctor of Linguistics and Mongolia's People's Teacher, conveyed his thoughts by stating that Mongols have been recognized as one of the three prominent knowledgeable nations in the East since ancient times. Therefore, it is crucial for Mongolians to take responsibility for preserving, developing, and disseminating their language and culture. In the current era of globalization, there is an extreme tendency to prioritize the language and culture of one's own nation over that of foreign nations. As Mongolians are a small nation, we must give a precedence to our native language and culture and avoid subjugating them to the language and culture of globalization. Mongolia is the center of Mongolians worldwide; hence, safeguarding our native language and culture is paramount. To survive, Mongolians must respect



own national language, script and culture and fulfill the obligation of passing them on to future generations. Children must be taught their national heritage-language at a young age, preferably at the family level, before learning foreign language. Foreign languages should not take precedence over national language and culture as they are

the fundamental components of maintaining national immunity. Professor Ts. Unurbayan shared his view that if Mongolians prioritize foreign language and culture over their own, they will run the risk of losing their language and culture.

During the opening ceremony of the exhibition, the Government of Mongolia granted the

title of "Promoter of the Mongol Script" to respected instructors in honor of their contribution to the Mongolian script.

The Minister of Culture Ch. Nomin, along with the National Language Policy Council under the President of Mongolia, and a group of scientists and researchers, attended the opening ceremony of the two-day exhibition. During the event, the attendees provided information about the enforcement of the Mongolian language law.

New Campaign "Mongol Script Literate" Launched

On Sunday, May 7, 2023, the 20th anniversary ceremony of National Language and Script Day took place outside the National Library of Mongolia. The event was opened by D. Bum-Ochir, the Adviser on Culture and Religious Policy to the President of Mongolia, who emphasized the importance of every Mongolian learning the Mongol Script and declared it a duty of virtue.

The ceremony encompassed the conferring of the "Promoter of National Literary Culture" award by the Ministry of Education and Culture and awards to the best participants of the 21st Mongol Script Competition named after People's Teacher D. Choijilsuren, and the "Mongol Script's Electronic Writing-II" national competition.

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of National Language and Script Day, the National Library of Mongolia and the "Zanabazar Art Festival" jointly initiated the campaign "Mongol Script Literate" to create a map of Mongolia with signatures. By signing the map, individuals pledge to take responsibility for possessing, disseminating, and passing on their mother tongue, Mongol script, and cultural heritage.

An exhibition entitled "Time-lines of Mongol Script" was opened in a Ger constructed outside the National Library of Mongolia which ran until the 12th of this month.

Reducing Traffic Congestion in Ulaanbaatar with RFID System



Digitalization and Smart technologies can play a crucial role in tackling the issues that

Ulaanbaatar city is facing. As 50 percent of the total population of Mongolia resides in the capital

city, Ulaanbaatar is grappling with numerous challenges, such as air pollution, traffic congestion, and inadequate infrastructure.

The Capital City Department of Digital Development and Information Technology has been developing a unified transport system to be the next E-Mongolia of the road sector. The objective is to improve the registration and monitoring process of 654 thousand vehicles in Ulaanbaatar by utilizing the RFID system. Currently, 161 RFID antennas have been installed throughout the capital city and the system is expected to significantly improve

the detection of traffic violations.

Moreover, a live traffic map is slated to be launched this year. This Map will show real-time traffic information, including public transportation, the location, and route of child buses, traffic congestion, and available parking spaces. Dissimilar to existing systems like Google Maps and SmartBus, the information will be presented in extensive detail on the Map, enabling passengers to plan their entire route in advance, beginning with selecting the type of vehicle.

Chairman of the Standing Committee on Innovation and

Digital Policy of the State Great Khural E. Batshugar recently has worked in the Capital City Department of Digital Development and Information Technology and he highlighted the importance of using an RFID system to effectively manage traffic and reduce congestion. The Chairman also stated that the Standing Committee on Innovation and Digital Policy would actively collaborate for creating Smart-Ulaanbaatar and leveraging ongoing efforts and introducing advanced technologies with policy and legal support.

Mongolia-Korea Forum of Tour Operators

Forum of tour operators of Mongolia and the Republic of Korea was held last weekend at the Corporate Convention Center. Representatives of some 90 tourism companies from South Korea had tet-a-tet meetings with their Mongolian counterparts.

Minister of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia B. Bat-Erdene noted that the first forum is the realization of the initiative

of Mongolian Prime Minister L. Oyun-Erdene to reciprocally organize tourism forums of the two countries under the "Years to Visit Mongolia" National Campaign.

Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Mongolia in charge of tourism Jung Phil Hyun and related officials took part in the forum, at which a discussion on the topics "Mongolian Tourism Products and Trends" and "Characteristics

and Features of Korean Tourists" were held.

As part of the "Years to Visit Mongolia," the country plans to receive one million tourists from abroad this year; more than 200 thousand from South Korea, increasing the number of 100 thousand tourists from Korea in years before the pandemic, and 250 thousand tourists from border regions and other areas of Russia.



Ethics of Public Servants on Focus for Combating Corruption

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Civil servants have a duty to uphold a high standard of professionalism and ethical conduct. This includes prioritizing citizens' requests and responding within the bounds of their legal obligations. Additionally, public servants are expected to comply with dress codes approved by authorities, refrain from using inappropriate language or actions that reference the characteristics of others' body parts, avoid imitating the self-expression of disabled persons, and abstain from using obscene words or expressions. Furthermore, public servants are expected to respect and accurately convey opinions, and refrain from spreading false information in any form. By fulfilling these obligations, public servants can ensure that they act in the best interests of the public and maintain the integrity of their respective organizations.

In addition to these existing obligations, new obligations have been introduced. Public servants are expected not to take any actions against the reputation of Mongolia and not to use the official name for personal purposes. Adherence to these obligations is paramount in maintaining the trust and confidence of the public and upholding the integrity of the public service sector.

As a public servant, it is strictly forbidden to engage in or incite others to restrict civil rights and freedoms established by law, whether through speech or actions. It is also prohibited for public servants to involve officials under their command in political activities, to divulge personal information about a proposed individual to others, to discredit said individual, to intentionally withhold information pertinent



to official duties, or to influence management decision-making processes by providing inaccurate or incomplete information or explanations.

In accordance with the newly enacted law, regulations will be established, and it has been mandated that the Ethics Committee's opinion besought in this process. The Ethics Committee will work under the Public Service Council and have 9 members.

Prime Minister of Mongolia L. Oyun-Erdene presented the draft amendment to the Law on Regulation of Public and Private Interests and Prevention of Conflict of Interest in Public Service and addressed the Parliament session on May 4.

"As we gather today, we are reminded of our historical responsibility to rebuild trust in Government and by protecting the reputation of the fundamental pillars of democratic governance—the legislative, executive, and judiciary powers. It is our duty to put an end to the mistakes and corruption of the past 30 years, to respect the interests of the people,

to truly fulfill the right of citizen representation, and to usher in a new era of ethical leadership for the next 30 years.

We, as members of State Great Khural, belong to the people, and we must lead by example. Ethical, disciplined, and responsible leadership should begin with us, in this hall. If we cannot hold ourselves to the highest standards, how can we ask government officials and citizens to strictly follow the adopted laws and regulations?

The Government of Mongolia has declared 2023 as the "Year to Combat Corruption." This includes exposing corruption crimes through "whistleblow" operation, wiping "parasites" from public offices through "wipe-out" operation, and bringing back overseas escapers through "Wasp" operation. The "5W" Campaign has also been implemented to "transfer" illegal funds hidden in offshore areas and foreign countries to ensure the transparency of Government institutions.

It is clear that the giant oak tree of systemic corruption,

which have been rooted deep into the soil, will not collapse in the blink of an eye. Those who benefit from corruption will do everything in their power to protect their interests, by using false information and creating an organized system to protect against theft. We must be vigilant and persevere in the fight against corruption.

As information becomes more transparent and citizens become more informed, the corruption system will continue to crumble. We must do what is right, and the truth will prevail. This is the advantage of Democratic Government.

Upon the passage of this law, all high-ranking Government officials including President, Speaker of the State Great Khural, Prime Minister, members of the Parliament and Government, Governors of aimags and the capital city, as well as their spouses, cohabitants, children and any related party will be prohibited from participating in any form of procurement activities funded by the Government, state-owned companies, and international organizations' projects and programs, jointly implemented by the Government during their tenure in office. Furthermore, they will be precluded from receiving any concessional loans, grants, or guarantees during their tenure in office, as the draft law stipulates.

In addition to the officials mentioned above, the prohibition clauses apply to chairperson of political party which holds seats in the State Great Khural, members of the Constitutional Court, the Chief of Justice and judges of the Supreme Court, the State Prosecutor General, members of the Public Service Council, as well as heads and deputies of organizations that report to the Parliament and the Government,

including the Bank of Mongolia, the General Election Committee, and the Anti-Corruption Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency, National Police Department, Customs General Administration, National Emergency Management Agency, General Department of Taxation. Other agencies covered by the law include General Authority of State Registration, General Authority for Social Insurance, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Mineral Resources Authority.

"By passing this law, we will establish clear boundaries between politics and business, marking the point of an ethical boundary where the state and business operate detachedly. I am confident that this law will serve to prevent and protect many politicians and public servants from potential corruption risks in the future. Going forward, we will engage in active public discussion to implement basic reforms for making public service efficient and "doing more with less" by transforming the recruitment of civil service, transferring state property and workforce to the private sector, and introducing a unified system for public servant salaries that is based on their productivity and results," said PM Oyun-Erdene.

Under the framework of the New Revival Policy, an anti-corruption legal reform has been launched and during this spring session of the State Great Khural the Law on the Legal Status of Whistleblowers, the Law on Judiciary, and the National Anti-Corruption Program and amendments to the Constitution, the Law on Regulation of Public and Private Interests in Public Service and the Prevention of Conflict of Interest, and the Code of Conduct for Public Servants are scheduled to be approved.

High-Level Agreements to Boost Relations in New Era

■ *Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia Batmunkhiin Battsetseg paid a working visit to China on May 1-2, 2023 at the invitation of a member of the State Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China Qin Gang.*

-Foreign Minister, how would you define the purpose and the significance of your visit to the PRC?

-One of the priority goals of our Government is to intensify cooperation in all sectors and at all levels, and bolster our comprehensive strategic partnership after the pandemic with one of Mongolia's two neighbors, the PRC. The PRC has defined their new development goals and appointed a new generation of leaders at the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China in October, 2022, and its "Two Sessions" in March, 2023. The purpose of my visit was to promote bilateral relations and cooperation, and establish working relations with the PRC's new generation of leaders. During my working visit to Beijing on May 1-2, I met and held official talks with PRC State Councilor and Foreign Minister Qin Gang, and exchanged views on a wide range of issues regarding Mongolia-China relations, and reached concrete agreements, which asserted to the importance of the visit.

It is important to maintain high-level mutual visits and meetings between our two countries, and both sides have been able to organize and maintain a frequency of such exchanges even during the difficult period of the pandemic.

One of the outcomes of my visit was that the two sides agreed to organize Prime Minister L.Oyun-Erdene's official visit to the PRC in the near future.

-What were the concrete issues that were agreed?

-President of Mongolia Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh paid a state visit to the PRC in November 2022, during which he met with President Xi Jinping. Both sides reached an agreement at the highest level on issues such as promoting and developing bilateral relations and cooperation in the new era. In order to significantly contribute to the nation's development, we are mainly focusing on putting these agreements into action.

One of the priorities of Mongolia's foreign policy is to develop friendly relations with our two neighbors. China too attaches great importance to its relations and cooperation with Mongolia and considers Mongolia as its good neighbor, good friend and good partner. In this regard, the parties agreed to bolster political trust, mutually respect the fundamental interests of each other, and develop an ideal example of bilateral cooperation in the region.

The key area of Mongolia-China relations is cooperation in the field of trade, economy and investment. The goal is to increase trade between the two countries to USD 20 billion by 2027. Our bilateral trade reached



13.6 billion USD 2022, and USD 3.48 billion in the first quarter of this year.

During the meetings with the Chinese side issues such as increasing port capacity, and intensifying the works of connecting them by road and rail, which would facilitate the increase of trade volume were raised. For instance, outstanding issues such as revising the 1955 Railway Agreement, 2004 Agreement on Border Ports and their Regime, 2014 Agreement on Transit Transport, and adding Khangai-Mandal railway port into the Agreement on Border Ports, and accelerating the construction work of the railway at the Gashuunsukhait-Gantsmod border port were addressed.

-Since the beginning of this year, China began to ease the strict travel restrictions imposed during the pandemic and people have begun to travel again. The Government of Mongolia declared years 2023 through 2025 the "Years to Visit Mongolia." Was there any discussion and talks made on receiving tourists from China to Mongolia?

-In order for people to obtain positive and accurate information and understanding of each other's cultures, histories and livelihoods, we should encourage our people to travel and visit each other's countries. The two sides have discussed and agreed to organize Mongolian-Chinese culture and tourism forum, to upgrade and improve the e-visa process for tourists, to increase the number of direct flights and to make promotional materials on Mongolia available in Chinese in order to further promote tourism between the two countries. The land and air travel between the two countries have resumed to normal. The international passenger trains will resume its operation starting this month. Moreover, the Embassy of Mongolia to the People's Republic of China opened a new "Culture Center" this year, which aims to promote Mongolia in China, organizing many events and activities promoting Mongolia, especially to the children and youth.

-Spring season is the time of the year when the yellow sandstorms start in Beijing. Nowadays, environmental cooperation is increasingly becoming one of the most important topics to be discussed among countries within the bilateral cooperation framework. Have you discussed this issue with the Chinese counterparts? What is the current progress of

other development cooperation projects?

-Under the "One Billion Trees" National Campaign initiated by the President of Mongolia, a joint project to establish a "Research Center to Combat Desertification" is being implemented. China has an extensive experience in combating desertification and re-forestation efforts and therefore, has agreed to implement the abovementioned joint-project. Mongolia will be organizing the 17th Conference of the Parties (COP17) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in 2026 and China has agreed to cooperate with us in this regard as well.

The grants and concessional loans provided by the Government of the People's Republic of China, significantly contribute in resolving pressing socio-economic issues in Mongolia. For instance, projects such as "Central Wastewater Treatment Plant of Ulaanbaatar City," "Erdeneburen Hydropower Plant," and "Underground Passageway" (which aims to reduce the Ulaanbaatar city traffic congestion) are being successfully implemented. In addition, the implementation of the joint-projects such as the "Grand Theatre of National Arts" and the "Presidential Sports and Training Center for Children and Youth," which have been agreed upon during the President of Mongolia Mr. U. Khurelsukh's state visit to People's Republic of China, will commence this month.

-The PRC has become an active player on the international stage, and Chinese President Xi Jinping has announced three major initiatives: Global Security Initiative, Global Development Initiative, and Global Civilization Initiative. Does Mongolia support these initiatives?

-PRC President Xi Jinping proposed Global Development Initiative in 2019, the Global Security Initiative in 2022, and Global Civilization Initiative in 2023. These initiatives declare safeguarding humankind's secure and peaceful life, sustainable development, diversity of civilizations, and promoting international cooperation in this regard as their primary objective. These are in line with our country's foreign policy objectives and principles, and we are ready to exchange views and cooperate with the Chinese side in this direction.

Mongolia joined the Group of Friends to "Foster Global Development – Promote Stronger, Greener and Healthier Glo-

bal Development for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," established by the PRC last year at the UN.

During the "Dialogue with World Political Parties High-level Meeting" organized on March 15, PRC President Xi Jinping proposed the "Global Civilization Initiative," stating, "We advocate the respect for the diversity of civilizations. Countries need to uphold the principles of equality, mutual learning, dialogue, and tolerance. Countries need to keep an open mind in appreciating the perceptions of values by different civilizations and refrain from imposing their own values or models on others and from stoking ideological confrontation. Countries need to fully harness the relevance of their histories and cultures to the present times and push for creative transformation and innovative development of their fine traditional cultures." These statements are consistent, in essence, with Mongolia's foreign relations, policy, and objectives concerning cultural and humanitarian issues.

-The value of civilization includes religious issues. These issues are also relevant to Mongolia-China relations. What is our official position on this matter?

-Religion is definitely a core value of culture. Mongolia and China are both Asian Buddhist countries. There have been cases in world history where religious issues have affected relations between countries. Our two countries have a comprehensive strategic partnership, and we have been able to reach a mutual understanding and resolve any conflicts through dialogue.

Our citizens' right to freedom of religion and expression is ensured and protected by law. Moreover, the state and religion shall conduct their activities separately and not interfere in each other's affairs as stipulated in the Constitution of Mongolia.

I would also like to emphasize that religious issues are subject to the internal affairs of both countries. Mongolia conducts its policies and activities on any religious issues independently and without external interference, as it should. We will independently resolve any religious matters, including identifying the head of traditional Buddhist in Mongolia, without any involvement from outside.

Nowadays, we have ample opportunity to train its lamas internally and enhance their capacities. This undoubtedly will help us pursue independent religious policy and develop Buddhism in Mongolia on our own.

-During the visit were issues related to international relations discussed?

-Apart from issues of bilateral relations and cooperation, regional and international topics of mutual interests were also discussed. Within the framework of intensifying Mongolia-Russia-China trilateral cooperation, both sides agreed to renew the central railway corridor, accelerate the construction of the natural gas pipeline from Russia to China through Mongolia's territory, and the construction of the Altanbulag-Zamiin-Uud highway project.

The lawyer's advice



In cooperation with Hanns Seidel Foundation

The Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) is a political foundation active in 60 countries worldwide under the motto of Democracy, Peace and Development. In Mongolia, HSF is active since 1993 and supports the transformation and establishment of the rule of law.

-What are rights and duties of an owner of a certificate?

-According to the Law on Electronic signature that has been in force since 1 May 2022, an owner of a certificate of an electronic signature certificate shall have the following rights:

1. Use digital signature and electronic seal;
2. Submit a request to suspend, restore and cancel a certificate;
3. Have his own personal key stored in the organization in the partial form;
4. Set limits in the use of the digital signature and electronic seal;
5. Other rights specified in the law.

The owner of a certificate of an electronic signature certificate shall have the following duties:

1. Not to assign/transfer the personal key to others;
2. Ensure confidentiality and safety of the personal key;
3. If other people have acknowledged about the personal key or there is a suspect of possibility to know it, the certificate issuing organization (or licensing organization) should immediately be informed of the fact;
4. In a case of cancellation of the certificate, not to use the personal key attached to the certificate;
5. Not to use the personal key for data authentication and confidentiality if the data is considered to be illegal;
6. Other duties specified in the law.

The owner of the certificate shall be for all consequences occurred due to the transfer of the personal key to others or disclosure of the confidentiality because of own wrong activities.

-What are cases of cancellation of a certificate?

-The certificate issuing organization (or licensing organization) shall cancel the certificate on the following grounds:

1. Valid period of the certificate is expired;
2. Submission of the request by the certificate owner on the reasons that the personal key has been disclosed, or conditions to be disclosed have been created;
3. Written request of the certificate owner to cancel the certificate;
4. In cases of death of the certificate owner, or the person has been deemed died, the organization has been dissolved;
5. In the case if it is proved that false documents were created when obtaining the certificate;
6. The certificate owner did not perform duties specified in the law.

The fact that the certificate expiry date is not present does not affect the cancellation of the certificate.

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Russia's Figure Skating Masters Showcase in Mongolia

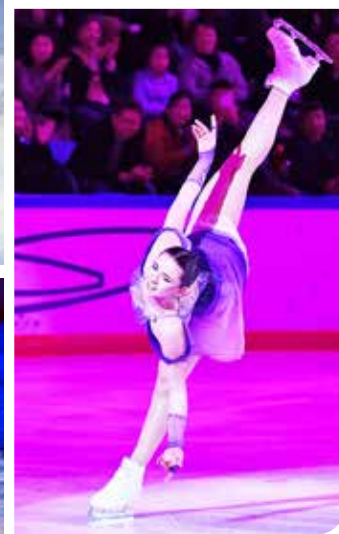


The first-ever full-scale figure skating show in Mongolia was presented on May 6-7, 2023 at the Steppe Arena, Ulaanbaatar. The event was a dazzling spectacle, featuring the

talents of renowned figure skating masters from Russia, who left the audience in awe with their breathtaking performances.

It was a truly unforgettable experience, marking a significant

milestone in Mongolia's cultural landscape and providing a unique opportunity for locals and visitors alike to witness world-class figure skating up close.



Documentary Film "Descendants of the Hun Empire" Premiered

On May 7, the documentary film titled "Descendants of the Hun Empire," directed by B. Bayar of the "Semun" studio, was premiered.



The film is remarkable for its innovative approach, as it tackles an unprecedented topic based on historical research. Its main objective is to demonstrate that Europeans and Mongols have the same origin, tracing their roots to

the ancient Asian Hun Empire. The filming of the documentary was grounded on a comprehensive study of all the available facts that shed light on the origin and history of the Huns, including the historical monuments in Hungary, Austria, Romania, and Slovakia, the traditional customs, songs, and language of the Hungarian people, as well as the archaeological finds of the Hun Empire in Hungary.

The premiere of the film was graced by the presence of the Head of the National Assembly of Hungary, who paid an official visit to Mongolia from May 4-7, 2023. He has been invited by Chairman of the State Great Khural G. Zandanshatar.

The Hu Shares New Acoustic Version of Single "Bii Biyelgee"



Mongolian Rock Band, The Hu, has been whetting listeners' appetites with new music videos and updated tracks from their upcoming deluxe edition of the 2022 album "Rumble of Thunder."

The band has recently unveiled an acoustic version of their upbeat single "Bii

Biyelgee," which honors the traditional Mongolian dance style known as "biyelgee."

Via Better Noise Music, the deluxe edition of the album "Rumble of Thunder" was set to be released on June 30, including the original track listing along with seven new bonus tracks. Four of these tracks will be acoustic renditions, while the

remaining three will be newly recorded songs featuring guest appearances from rock's top musicians. The album's new guest tracks include "This Is Mongol" featuring William DuVall of Alice in Chains and "Black Thunder" featuring Serj Tankian and DL of Bad Wolves.

"Rumble of Thunder" by The Hu has brought global attention to Mongolian culture and its essential values, which include the preservation of nature and a strong spiritual connection with the earth as poignantly showcased on the eco-conscious single Mother Nature. The Hu is committed to upholding these morals and has recently announced their collaboration with the environmental institution SHAMBALE2056 Engineering Campus LLC to plant 12 thousand Siberian Elm trees in the shape of their logo in the South-eastern region of Mongolia.



Khuvsgul Aimag Plants 7000 Trees in Two Days



Under the "One Billion Trees" National Campaign, over 80 public organizations and 200 enterprises planted seven thousand trees, bushes, and shrubs at the Soyombo complex of Murun soum, Khuvsgul aimag on May 6-7.

Khuvsgul aimag aims to plant 847 thousand trees this year. The Soyombo complex was constructed in 2020 to attract foreign and domestic tourists to

Khuvsgul aimag, a main-natural tourism destination of Mongolia. In addition to attracting tourists, the Soyombo complex has also become a green area of the Aimag, with an urban green space being built around it.

The "One Billion Trees" National Campaign initiated by the President of Mongolia is an important effort highlighting Mongolia's commitment to environmental sustainability and the preservation of its natural beauty.

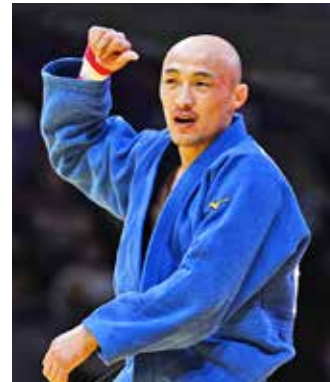
Two Bronze Medals Secured at World Judo Championships

Doha, a beautiful city in Qatar, is hosting the prestigious World Judo Championships – 2023 on May 7-13.

From Mongolia, Baskhuu Yondonperenlei topped the bronze medal podium in the men's -66 kg category on the second day of the Championships after a tense contest against Margvelashvili Vazha of Georgia, an Olympic Silver Medalist and Bronze Medalist of the World championships.

Now, Yo. Baskhuu became a two-time Bronze Medalist of the World Championships, adding to his previous medal in 2021.

Despite Margvelashvili's impressive resume, Baskhuu emerged victorious in the end. The match was intense and closely contested, with both ath-



letes demonstrating impressive skill and technique. However, during the match, a slip-up from Margvelashvili allowed Baskhuu to hold him in Osae Komi in a golden score, ultimately leading to Baskhuu's victory.

In addition to Baskhuu,



Enkhriilen Lkhagvatogoo, a top-tier athlete of Mongolia, clinched her second bronze medal at the World Championships by beating Mimi Huh of South Korea in the women's -57 kg category on May 9.