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## In Focus: GLOBAL HEALTH

*The Seventh Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum held in Mongolia on August 21-23, 2023, prioritizes building primary health care for the future.*



Over 70 delegates, including 15 Parliamentarians, speakers, and Ministers of Health from the Republic of Vanuatu, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Cook Islands, the Republic of Kiribati, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Niue, Papua New Guinea, the Independent State of Samoa, Solomon Islands, the Republic of Korea, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Fiji, and World Health Organization attended the Meeting.

The opening session of the annual Meeting was presided over by G. Zandanshatar, the Chairman of the State Great Khural.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Zandanshatar wished the participants of the Meeting a pleasant stay in Mongolia, noting the fact that countries have been aiming to create a healthcare system that is based on primary healthcare and is in accord with the principles of equality and justice and to make health care services accessible to the public. He also remarked that the State Great

Khural has been working hard to support the reform of the health sector, increase the financing of health care services, include health care issues in the policies of all sectors, and strengthen inter-sectoral cooperation.

Furthermore, Speaker Zandanshatar remarked that one of the ways to ensure quality and equal access to health care is to have the government pay for the costs of public health and primary care services and mentioned that the draft Law on Public Health Care Services will be debated in the 2023 regular fall session of

the State Great Khural, which will commence in September.

"For challenges are taking unprecedented scales never seen before and becoming more complicated, political leadership, innovation, and whole society partnership are essential to address them. We need to review the organization of health care and services, financing, and resource allocation to make it more accurate to restrict the growth of health expenditure, protect citizens from health-induced financial risks, and prolong population life expectancy. We must

accept primary health care and services as the most efficient approach of the development, which requires a substantial amount of investment, and engagement of all sectors of society rather than a cheap package of care and services dedicated to low-income populations. Directing legal and policy reform is our duty as parliamentarians," he continued.

Mr. Dongkun Shin, delegate of the President of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum on Global

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## East Asian Youth Games 2023 Held in Mongolia

*"Ulaanbaatar 2023" East Asian Youth Games were successfully organized in Mongolia for the first time from August 16 to 23, 2023, in 12 categories of 11 sports. The Closing Ceremony was held at the Sukhbaatar square on the last day of the Games.*

The People's Republic of China topped the medal tally with 89 medals—38 gold, 32 silver, and 19 bronze, followed by Japan, South Korea, and Chinese Taipei.

Mongolia rounded off the 2023 East Asian Youth Games in fifth place with 44 medals, including three gold, 13 silver, and 28 bronze.

"Mongolia successfully hosted the biggest regional youth games for the first time. For

our country, sports play a significant role in developing friendly relations and stable cooperation with East Asian countries, the world leaders in economy, society, and human development. Through sports, we can promote Mongolian culture and traditions abroad. Therefore, the Government of Mongolia is committed to supporting youth sports," highlighted B. Bat-Erdene, Member of the State Great Khural and Head of the State Committee for Physical Education and Sport.

The East Asian Olympic Committee unites nine National Olympic Committees. This year, more than 880 athletes from seven national Olympic committees competed in the "Ulaanbaatar 2023" EAYG, testing their skills and power for eight



days. The EAYG brought together over 1,200 volunteers, 226 coaches, 123 technical and referee representatives appointed

by Asian sports federations, and 191 national judges and technical staff.

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| Bloomberg commodity price<br>2023/08/24 |           |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| GOLD                                    | USD/t oz. | 1,947.70 |
| COPPER                                  | USD/lb.   | 380.35   |
| SILVER                                  | USD/t oz. | 24.53    |
| BRENT CRUDE                             | USD/bbl.  | 83.32    |
| WHEAT                                   | USD/bu    | 639.50   |



## Speaker Receives Acting Director of WHO Western Pacific Center

*The Chairman of the State Great Khural G. Zandanshatar received the Acting Director of the World Health Organization's Western Pacific Region Dr Zsuzsanna Jakabos on August 22, 2023.*



The Speaker of the Mongolian Parliament welcomed Dr Zsuzsanna Jakabos, wished a good stay in Mongolia and expressed gratitude for her assistance in organizing the Seventh Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) on Global Health on behalf of the Parliament.

G. Zandanshatar congratulated Dr Zsuzsanna Jakabos on the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of WHO and mentioned that last year Mongolia and WHO jointly celebrated the 60th Anniversary of cooperation between Mongolia and WHO. He also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to WHO, particularly the Western Pacific Center, WHO Representative Office in Mongolia for their active and close collaboration in the health care of Mongolians.

Dr Zsuzsanna Jakabos expressed gratitude to the State Great Khural and its Chairman for leading the organization of the Seventh Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) on Global Health.

Dr Zsuzsanna Jakabos and her colleagues worked in Altanbulag and Sergelen soums, got acquainted with the activities of health centers, methods of providing primary medical care. She noted, "Mongolia has formed its own system of providing primary medical care in its rural areas with a small, scattered population. The participants of the Seventh Forum approve such a system and admit the importance of familiarizing this system at the international level. Therefore, we are interested in putting Mongolia as a

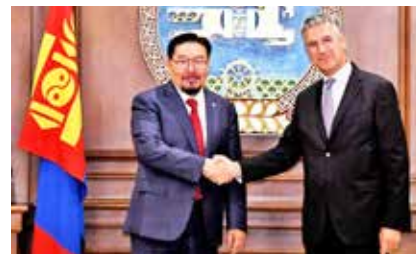
model country at the international summit which will be organized the coming October in Astana, Kazakhstan. This is important in improving the accessibility of comprehensive primary health care to households living in rural areas far from the centers".

The sides expressed their confidence in further expansion and development of cooperation between Mongolia and WHO towards protecting health and improving the quality of life of Mongolians.

### Chairman Zandanshatar Receives the Honorary Consul of Mongolia in Luxembourg

The Chairman of the State Great Khural of Mongolia G. Zandanshatar received the Honorary Consul of Mongolia in Luxembourg Mr. Philippe Cahen on August 21, 2023.

The parties discussed and exchanged views on strengthening the relations between the two countries, expanding trade, economic and investment cooperation, and



other issues. Mr. Zandanshatar emphasized that the European Union is Mongolia's "third neighbor," sharing common values of democracy, human rights, freedom, and a free market economy. He commended Mr. Cahen's valuable contribution to enhancing friendly relations and fruitful cooperation between the two countries.

The parties agreed to enrich the bilateral cooperation with economic and investment activities in the future, and acknowledged that there are ample opportunities for cooperation in the areas of renewable energy, green financing, and the carbon market.

The Meeting was attended by L. Bold, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and officials of the State Great Khural.

## Mongolian Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam Presents His Credentials to Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah

On 19 August 2023, Mr. S. Enkhbayar, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to Brunei Darussalam with residence in Singapore presented his Letters of Credence to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah.

During the presentation ceremony of credentials, Ambassador S. Enkhbayar conveyed warm greetings from Khurelsukh Ukhnaa, President of Mongolia to His Majesty Sultan, and pledged to exert his efforts to broaden friendly relations and cooperation between Mongolia and Brunei Darussalam.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei Darussalam extended best wishes to President U. Khurelsukh,



President of Mongolia, and expressed his satisfaction with the successful development of bilateral relations and cooperation. Moreover, His Majesty Sultan congratulated the Ambassador and wished him every success in his future endeavors.

## Exchange of Young Mongolian and Chinese Diplomats Resumes

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia B. Battsetseg received young diplomats of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China yesterday.

The Minister B. Battsetseg underscored the active development of all-embracing cooperation based on the comprehensive strategic partnership between Mongolia and China, highly appreciated the contribution of the diplomats of the two countries to the further expansion of good neighborly relations, and pointed out that young diplomats play an important role in developing this cooperation in a new era.

As part of the cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of



China, young Chinese diplomats are visiting Mongolia on August 21-24 and will get acquainted with the development of the capital city of Ulaanbaatar and the countryside, Mongolian history, culture and lifestyle.

## Visa Waiver Agreement Signed with the Republic of Maldives

A Visa Waiver Agreement has been established between Mongolia and the Republic of Maldives.

The Agreement between the Government of Mongolia and the Government of the Republic of Maldives on Mutual Exemption of Visa Requirements for Holders of Diplomatic, Official and Regular Passports was signed by Mr. D. Ganbold, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to the Republic of India and Mr. Ibrahim Shaheib, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Maldives to the Republic of India in Delhi, India on August 17, 2023.

Mongolia and the Republic of Maldives established diplomatic relations on August 11, 1985. The Agreement on



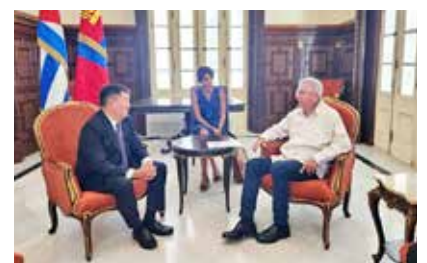
Mutual Exemption provides for visa-free travel for all types of passport holders of both countries for up to 30 days to the other country and is awaited to play a pivotal role in the further development of the relations and cooperation between the two countries.

## Mongolian Ambassador to Cuba Presents Copy of His Letters of Credence

On August 21, 2023, Mr. Zoljargal Seseer, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to the Republic of Cuba presented a copy of his Letters of Credence to Mr. Elio Rodríguez, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba.

During the meeting, Ambassador S. Zoljargal expressed his commitment to further strengthen traditionally friendly relations between Mongolia and Cuba with concrete agenda and wished success to the upcoming Summit of the Group of 77 plus China, chaired by Cuba.

Having briefed about the preparation of the Summit of G-77, Deputy Minister Elio Rodríguez underlined the existing potential of fruitful cooperation in the



fields of science, higher education, economy, and trade. Furthermore, Deputy Minister pledged full support and collaboration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba to the Ambassador's future endeavors, while conveying his best wishes.

## Minister B. Tulga on Official Visit in Inner Mongolia

The delegation led by the Minister of Mongolia, Chair of the National Commission of Border Port Recovery B. Tulga commenced official visit to Inner Mongolia at the invitation of the Government of China on August, 21, 2023. The visit is aimed at bringing the trade turnover to USD 20 billion as agreed by the Heads of State of the two countries, as well as making concrete progress on the issue of increasing border port capacity.

The Chair of the National Commission of Border Port Recovery B. Tulga in his meeting with a CPC Committee Member, Head of National Office of Port Administration Zhao Zenglian introduced the port revitalization included in the "New Revival Policy" of the Government of Mongolia, discussed the pressing issues of the port cooperation between the two countries, and reached some agreements.

He also met with the Deputy Chairman of the People's Government of Inner Mongolia Yang Jing, and exchanged views on the speedy regulation of the operations of border ports at the local level within the scope of the port cooperation between the two countries.

The Head of Border Port Administration of Mongolia and Plenipotentiary Representative of the Government B. Batkhishig discussed an issue of coordinating cooperation between the border ports of the two countries with the Chinese officials led by the Head of the Port Administration of Inner Mongolia Shang Zhiqiang. During the visit to last until August 29, the Minister B. Tulga will get acquainted with the auto road and railway construction activities of China's Mandal, Gantsmod, Ulzii, Sekhe, and Erlian ports.

## "Friendship" Medal Conferred upon Resident Representative of the UNFAO

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Mongolia becoming a member of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UNFAO), President of Mongolia Khurelsukh Ukhnaa has issued a decree on awarding a Resident Representative of the UNFAO in Mongolia, Vinod Ahuja the "Friendship" Medal. Foreign Minister of Mongolia Battsetseg

Batmunkh presented the award on August 21, 2023.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has made a significant contribution to Mongolia to achieve social and economic development goals over the past 50 years, implementing more than 200 projects and programs.

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### WEATHER

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■ Ulaanbaatar and Central Aimag: Night temps between +8 C and +10 C. Day time temps between +19 C and +23 C  
■ Eastern Aimag: Night temps between +11 C and +12 C. Day time temps between +23 C and +24 C  
■ Western Aimag: Night temps between +10 C and +15 C. Day time temps between +25 C and +29 C  
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Health and Chair of the Health and Social Welfare Committee of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, gave an opening speech. Following the speech, Mr. Hima Ikimotu Douglas, Speaker of the Niue Assembly, and Mr. Chinzorig, Member of the State Great Khural and Minister of Health of Mongolia wished success to the Meeting, and Dr Socorro Escalante, WHO Representative to Mongolia, expressed gratitude to the organizers.

The plenary sessions were organized around the following topics: "Primary Health Care: Why It Matters?", "Primary Health Care in the Region: Where We Are and Entry Points for Reform", "Accelerating PHC Reform through Health Innova-

tion: Values, Governance, Financing, Measurement", and "Entry Points and Pathways for Primary Health Care Reform through Parliamentary Actions."

Under the Strategic Document "The Future of Primary Health Care in the Western Pacific Region," discussions were held on enhancing the future policy of primary health care, identifying solutions based on modern scientific research, sharing the experiences of parliaments on leadership support for the reform of primary health care by taking advantages of local opportunities, addressing challenges in technology, financing models and primary health care through partnerships, and presenting innovative ideas and views. Moreover, the parliamentarians raised issues, such as

sharing opportunities to focus on supporting primary health care through partnerships at the global, regional, national, and local levels, and discussed ways to come up with solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

On the initiative of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum on Global Health, which has focused on common healthcare issues not only at the regional level but also at the global level since 2015, now encompasses the Parliaments of 30 countries belonging to the WHO Western Pacific Region and South East Asian Region.

The Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum on Global Health has become a significant platform for multilateral cooperation aimed at increasing the process of political support from parliamentarians for health issues and thus creating a legal and policy-supportive environment for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by ensuring global public health security.

As an outcome of the Seventh Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum, the "Ulaanbaatar Declaration" was issued.

The participants emphasized that the "Ulaanbaatar Declaration" is significant for strengthening and developing the primary health care and services that guarantee human rights by valuing human well-being, not only at the regional level but also at the international level.

## L. Munkhbaatar: We Will Facilitate Commissioning the Oil Refinery on Time

*On August 17, 2023, the Vice-Chairman of the State Great Khural of Mongolia L. Munkhbaatar received the delegation headed by the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of India to Mongolia M.P. Singh.*

At the beginning of the meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the State Great Khural L. Munkhbaatar noted that major projects and programs significantly contribute to the enrichment of the Strategic Partnership between Mongolia and India with new content, and development is taking place intensively, and congratulated the Indian partners on the occasion of the 76th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of India. At the meeting, the parties discussed the progress of the Oil Refinery Construction Project and exchanged opinions.

Considering the time to spend on the engineering work of each oil refinery facility, the construction work is divided into 4 parts: EPC-01, EPC-02, EPC-03, and EPC-04 (EPC: Engineering-Procurement-Construction). EPC-01 package work or construction of non-technological buildings started in 2021. They are working to hand it over within this year. The contractor for EPC-02 and 03 package works and construction of crude oil pipeline was selected in 2022 and the contract was signed. Currently, the design work is in the final stage, and the construction work



at the factory site officially started in April of this year. H.E. Ambassador M.P. Singh presented the announcement of the tender for the selection of the EPC-04 package construction contractor. He noted that the Minister of Finance of Mongolia and Exim Bank of the Republic of India signed a new loan agreement on the EPC-01, EPC-02, EPC-03 projects for the construction of the oil refinery in Mongolia, and postponed the loan repayment until 2030.

CEO of Engineers India Limited Vartika Shukla said that due to the pandemic and international geopolitical situation, increase of the price of materials, machinery and equipment on the world market affects the total investment expenses of the project. As it is necessary to solve the problem of additional funding for the implementation of the EPC-04 set of works, she asked the Parliament to support their

endeavors.

With the completion of the oil refinery, Mongolia will get rid of dependence on fuel imports, and a new branch of the petrochemical industry will be created in the country reducing foreign trade deficit. The Vice-Chairman of the State Great Khural of Mongolia L. Munkhbaatar underscored that the Parliament will fully support and pay attention to the creation of a favorable legal environment and the coordination of relevant institutions in order to successfully implement the project, a symbol of cooperation between the two countries.

Executive Director of "Mongolian Oil Refinery" LLC D. Altantsetseg, Project Management Consultant for Oil Refinery, Chairman and Managing Director of Engineers India Limited Vartika Shukla, General Manager of EXIM Bank of India Nirmal Ved, and other officials took part in the Meeting.

## CABINET SESSION



*At its session on August 23, the Cabinet made the following decisions:*

### Secondary schools affiliated to six state-owned universities will be re-established based on branch institutions in Ulaanbaatar and local areas

The Government issued a Resolution on measures to take regarding secondary schools affiliated to some state-owned universities in order to diversify and develop secondary schools in particular areas, clarify the status of university-affiliated secondary schools, reorganize them, reduce school load, and increase accessibility. According to the Resolution, secondary schools affiliated to six state-owned universities will be re-organized based on branch institutions in Ulaanbaatar and local areas, and policies and activities will be implemented to strengthen the gymnasium or secondary school system by implementing comprehensive measures.

Thus:

-The status of secondary schools affiliated to the state-owned universities will become definite.

-Secondary schools, affiliated to some state-owned universities, will create educational services that meet the demands of students with in-depth natural science content.

-It will become possible to train citizens with scientific knowledge and a desire to conduct research who meet the basic requirements for training engineers, teachers and other specialists with knowledge and skills in the natural sciences necessary for the country's economic priorities.

-It will become possible to count the content acquired from a specialized secondary school for admission to a university or a college. In connection with the above decision, the Minister of Education and Science L. Enkh-Amgalan was instructed to take comprehensive measures to compile and enhance teaching human resources, provide teachers and employees with work places and rotate them, develop programs of secondary schools under universities in conformity with international standards, and create a stage-by-stage system of secondary and higher education programs.

### The system of technical and vocational education training institutions will be updated

A Government Resolution on the measures to take in respect of some state-owned higher educational institutions, and technical and vocational education training institutions is in the process of issuance.

-Improve governance and training quality of local vocational and polytechnic colleges.

-Transfer students of some major professional programs of universities to the countryside by a joint program in a stage-by-stage manner.

-Implementation of training, research, and industrial internship cooperation with branch schools of local polytechnic colleges and universities.

-Implementation of a system of compensating credit hours when students in agricultural and engineering programs of poly-

technic colleges continue to study at a university.

-Establishment of an Agricultural interdisciplinary internship base for technical and vocational education, and higher education.

-It is estimated to result in the increase of opportunities to study leading fields in rural areas.

### The National Education Council was established

With the establishment of this Council, conditions for sustainable implementation of the collective accountable education policy ensuring the participation of the state and the public, sustainable implementation of the educational policy of shared responsibility, implementation of public-private partnership and inter-sectoral coordination, ensuring human rights and freedoms, and implementation of training contents, programs, plans, and textbooks that cherish democratic and humanistic ethics. The Prime Minister of Mongolia will chair this Council.

### Information technology services will be performed by the private sector and non-governmental organizations

The Resolution "On the measures to take regarding the implementation of information technology services by the private sector and non-governmental organizations" was approved.

The Minister of Digital Development and Communications was tasked to approve and implement the criteria for placing products and services in the "National Software Supermarket" /Mindgolia/ system, and the Minister of Finance was instructed to create the conditions for purchasing from the system, and coordinate with the procurement digital system specified in the Law on the Purchase of Goods, Works and Services with State and Local Property Funds.

### Brief news:

•A five-year special permit for the construction of the basic structure for the Mongolian-Chinese "Gashuunsukhait-Gantzmod" cross-border railway was granted to "Tavantolgoi Railway" LLC.

•The Draft Law on the Ratification of the "Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education 2019" was discussed upon and decided to be submitted to the Parliament.

•The Cabinet discussed and approved the Guidelines for the representatives of Mongolia to participate in VII Session of the Mongolia-United States Joint Trade and Investment Committee to be held on August 29, 2023 in Ulaanbaatar.

•The 1994 Convention on Nuclear Safety, 1997 Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, 2005 Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, and the Safeguards Implementation Guide for States with Small Quantities Protocols were discussed and supported by the Cabinet. It was decided to consult with the related Standing Committee of the State Great Khural.

•Procedures for developing and approving performance plans for full-time civil servants, and evaluating performance, results, and qualification levels were approved.



## Mongolia's Natural Resources and Japanese High Technology Combined to Create New Development Opportunities

Over 100 representatives of the businesses of Japan and more than 400 representatives of the Mongolian business sector participated in the "Mongolia-Japan Business Forum-2023" co-organized by the Japan International Cooperation Organization (JICA), Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MNCCI), and the Mongolia-Japan Center for Human Resource Development.

At the Forum, the participants made presentations and discussed topics such as support for the de-

velopment of exports between the two countries, information, communication, digital technology, climate change, and innovation. The Chairman of the MNCCI T. Duuren presented the role of the chamber in supporting Mongolian-Japanese business cooperation. He informed that by the initiative of the MNCCI they are planning to set up a Mongolia-China-Japan Cooperation Council. Establishment of this Council and combined use of Mongolia's resources and opportunities, and Japan's experience, know-how,

and high technology will enable to access the Chinese market with new products, and further expand export of domestic products to the Southeast Asian market.

Since commencement of the implementation of the Economic Partnership Agreement, the trade between the two countries has increased every year. If in 2018 it sharply increased compared to 2016: the export increased by 88.6 percent, the import increased by 69.7 percent, and the total trade turnover increased by USD 242.87 million and reached USD



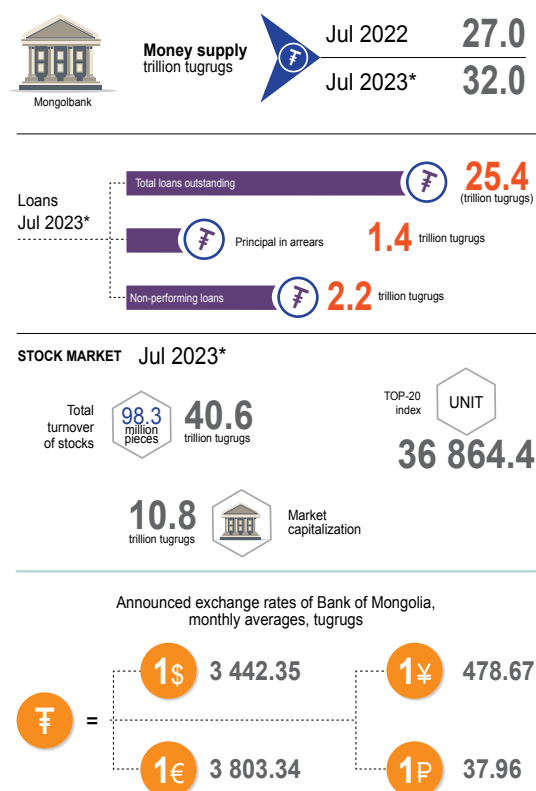
580 million, then in 2022, the total turnover of foreign trade has reached USD 689.4 million.

During the Forum, the parties signed the record documents of

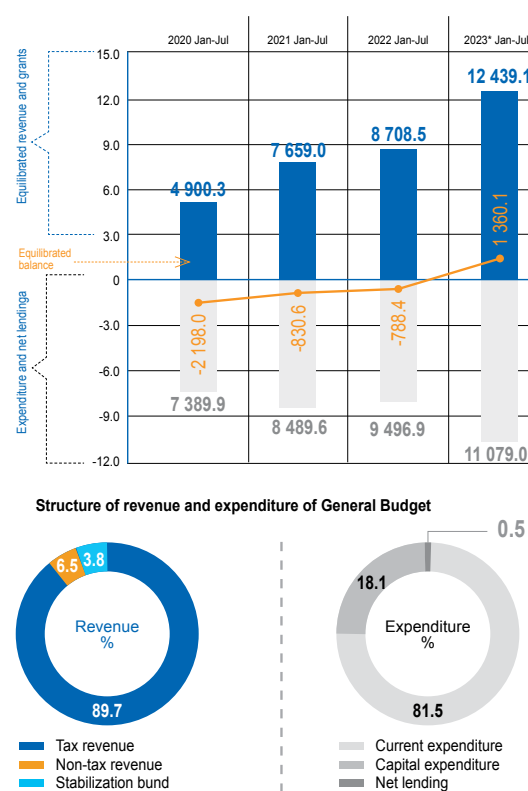
the Technical Cooperation Agreement "Project to Support the Development of New Zuunmod City and Free Economic Zone".

## Social and Economic Performance of Mongolia in the first seven months of 2023

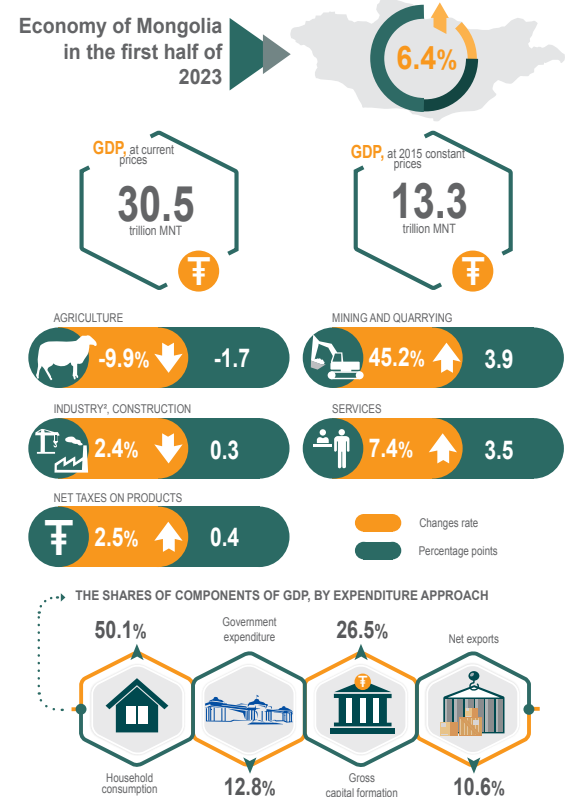
MONEY, LOANS AND STOCK MARKET, at the end of July 2023



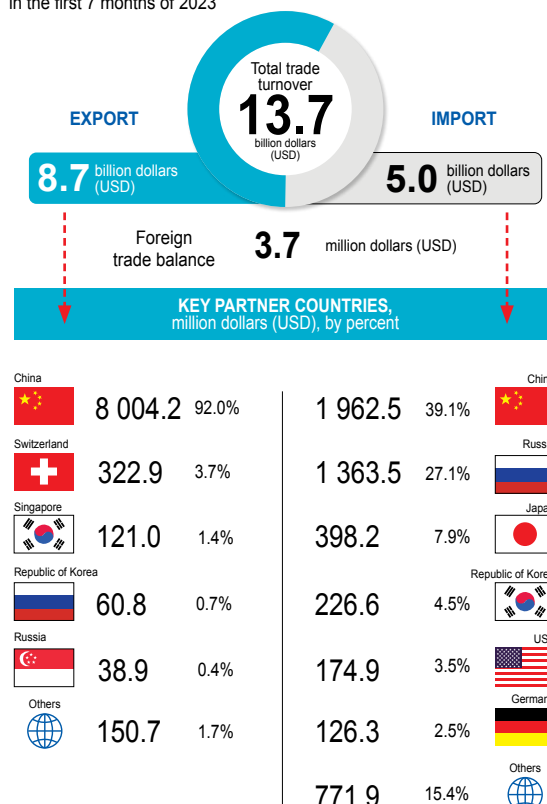
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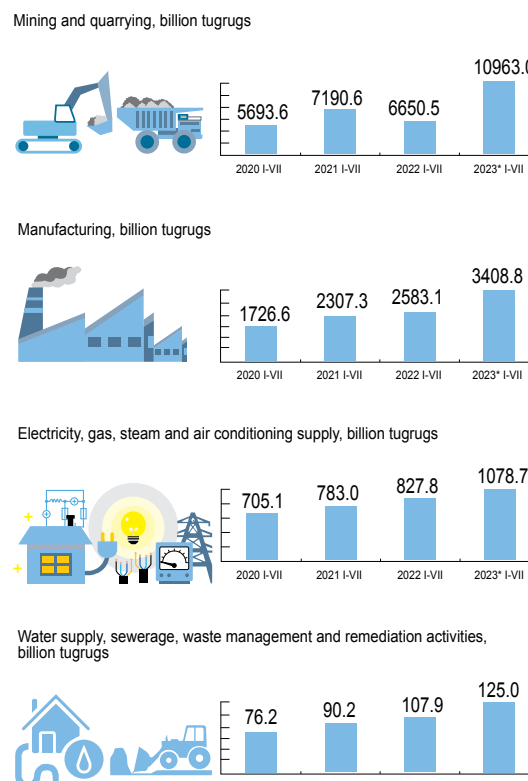
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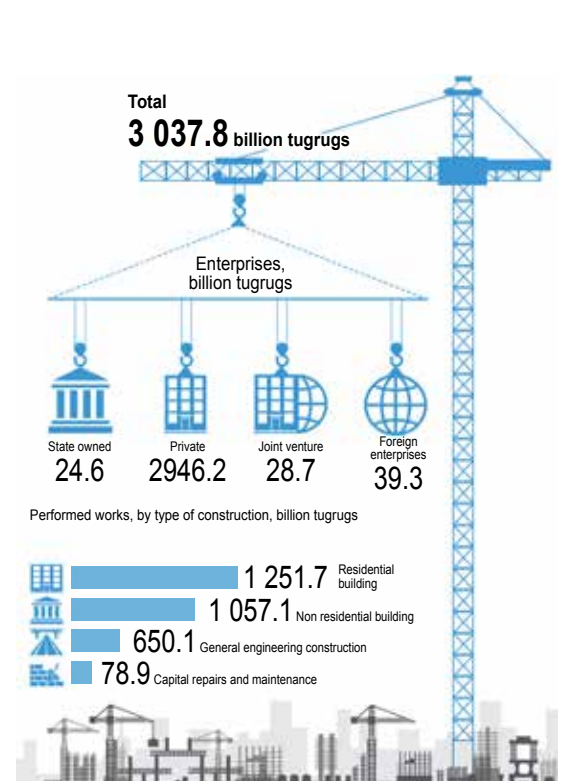
FOREIGN TRADE, in the first 7 months of 2023



GROSS INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT, in the first 7 months of selected years



CONSTRUCTION, CAPITAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE, in the first half of 2023\*





## Mayor Highlights Accessible Public Transport as a Way to Alleviate Traffic Congestion

*The development index of Ulaanbaatar city is 0.464, defined by 86 indicators in four groups: sustainability, quality of the living environment, accessibility, and competitiveness, and six categories: health, infrastructure, economy, society, education, and governance. The capital city authorities aim to increase the index to 0.570 in 2025, 0.630 in 2030, and 0.930 in 2050.*

On August 21, the Governor of the Capital City and Mayor of Ulaanbaatar Sumiyabazar Dolgorsuren made a report on the actions and measures, including Law, Economy, and Healthy Governance Programs implemented since taking office as well as future plans to Members of Parliament elected from Ulaanbaatar city.

Having reported on the implementation process of the three pillars program- Law Program (70 percent performance) Economy Program (60 percent), and Healthy Governance Program (over 40 percent) Governor D.



Sumiyabazar noted, "If a set of laws related to Ulaanbaatar city is developed and the law on land, law on construction, law on water, law on road transport, law on energy, law on special protected areas, and the general law on state registration are adopted, the problems facing the capital can be sorted out economically and in terms of governance. 48,000 employees are working in 123 organizations under the capital. It is possible to direct the development of Ulaanbaatar city

within the 86 indicators that are presented today."

"With the support of the Temporary Committee responsible for the development of Ulaanbaatar city, the Law on the Legal Status of the Capital was renewed after 27 years. Also, at an extended session of 2021, the Government comprehensively discussed the problems in Ulaanbaatar city for the first time and decided to allot a budget of MNT 420 billion annually to solve the city congestion, one of the biggest problems

in the capital.

An average of 2.8 million daily commuters travel to the city center from five major locations. 1042 buses serve 107 routes on the 48.2 km road through the city's four main avenues: Peace Avenue, Chinggis Avenue, Ard Ayush Avenue, and Chinggeltei Avenue. The population of Ulaanbaatar is expected to reach 2.6 million by 2040. To increase the accessibility of public transport and assist relieve traffic congestion, it is considered necessary to extend the above four avenues, creating new lanes to make them have three lanes at the first stage. Only public transport should travel on the first lane, and the 13.7 km of road should be expanded in the first place. As a result, traffic congestion will be reduced by eight percent, and the average driving speed will be 11.7 km/h.

Moreover, it has been estimated that traffic congestion will decrease by six percent by introducing short turns to remote areas of the capital city, where accessibility of public transportation is poor. In other words, by

establishing 181 bus stations for short-turn service and building 86.1 km of new roads, it is possible to expand access to public transportation, underscored Mayor D.Sumiyabazar. A comprehensive reform is being carried out to renew the fleet of public transport, planning to buy a total of 1225 buses. Out of them, 415 buses have been imported and the remaining 810 buses will be brought this year.

In addition, the Mayor pointed out that the Policy Research and Analysis Center operates under the Governor of the Capital and the Capital makes decisions based on the results of studies and research by foreign and domestic scholars.

In the capital city of Ulaanbaatar, the number of seats in secondary schools increased by 5300 and kindergarten beds by 3605 in the past three years. Specifically, four schools, 14 kindergartens, seven complexes of elementary schools and kindergartens, and 11 Houses of Mongolian heritage and traditions were established.

## Nas Summit Mongolia—A Gathering of the World's Top Content Creators

*In conjunction with the Mongolian Government's announcing 2023 to 2024 as the "Years to Visit Mongolia," Nas Summit, a global conference for content creators took place in Mongolia on August 19, 2023. It was co-organized by the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia.*

The most influential Mongolian and international content creators and investors in the creative economy gathered at the Conference, which has been held in over ten countries, to share their unique knowledge and insights.

"Nas Summit – Mongolia" received applications from over ten thousand young people, and 1,200 participants were selected to attend.

The Nas Summit featured a variety of speakers, including: Nuseir Yassin, CEO of Nas Company and Creator of the

popular YouTube channel Nas Daily (63 million followers); Julius Dein, the World's Biggest Magician (72 million followers); Dhruv Rathee, Explainers that Inspire (21.4 million followers); Daniela Rita, travel creator and audiovisual communicator (4 million followers); Wil Dasovich, Filipino-American television personality, model, and vlogger (7 million followers); Alan Wurman, creator of Alan's Theory (1.3 million followers); Alyne Tamir, the internet's favorite travel vlogger (3.8 million followers); Jordan Matter, the Most successful "Old" YouTuber in the World (28 million followers); Mark Weins, an American travel and food blogger (20 million followers).

Ch. Nomin, Minister of Culture, Una Bold, Mongolia's Best Vlogger, Gremix, the biggest Mongolian YouTuber, and Gankhuyag Chuluun Khutagt, CEO of Ard Financial Group participated in the Nas Summit – Mon-

golia from the Mongolian side, discussing the future of content creation in Mongolia, and creating content outside and inside Mongolia.

"Good content is made by people who can build relationships with others, not people with a lot of money. Content creators in the online world are all unique. They can stand out for a variety of reasons, such as the topics they discuss, their dress, style, or words. For example, you could stand out as a Mongolian, as there are only about 3 million Mongolians in the world out of more than 8 billion people. Please remember to share with someone what you have learned through content creation," highlighted Alyne Tamir.

In his presentation, Charles Kerr, Strategic Partner Member at YouTube, said "To stay ahead of the curve, content creators must be mindful of the ever-changing needs and preferences of their audiences and make sure



to update their content accordingly. Based on a recent survey, YouTube users are more likely to watch content presented in a variety of formats. Therefore, it is significant to diversify your content on your YouTube channel by creating different types of content, such as long and short videos, podcasts, and live

streams. Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly developing and is making inroads into the content industry. AI-based systems, such as ChatGPT, Google Bard, and Midjourney can help content creators increase their reach by automating tasks, generating ideas, and personalizing content."

## Retrieval of Sunken Vehicles in Lake Khuvsgul Continues

*At the initiative of the President of Mongolia Khurelsukh Ukhnaa, the operation to discover sunken vehicles in Lake Khuvsgul, define their location, and remove them is taking place in Khuvsgul Lake since this June to protect the ecological system of Khuvsgul Lake by cleaning up hazardous waste at the bottom of the lake, and reducing its pollution.*

The President of Mongolia and Commander-in-Chief of the Mongolian Armed Forces thanked and wished success to the staff participating in the operation when Mr. Khurelsukh worked in Khankh soum of Khuvsgul aimag.

A 17.8-ton truck of the "Zil-130" model, which sank in 1981 at a depth of 74 meters was pulled out. Earlier a trailer of the truck had been removed at a depth of



72 meters, 700 meters from the shore of the lake.

The operation, led by the First Deputy Chief of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Brigadier General

J.Chultemsuren, is being held with the participation of the officers and rescuers of NEMA, the 186th and 234th units of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, the staff of academics,

teachers, and military consulting engineers of the Mongolian University of Science and Technology.

Equipment and machines for the operation have been invented by Mongolian scholars and engineers and the operation is being carried out in accordance with the plan and technology based on calculation and studies of researchers, military advisors, and engineers.

According to a survey made by some government organizations, there are more than 50 fuel trucks submerged in the deep water of the Khuvsgul Lake in Khuvsgul aimag of Mongolia since the 1950s, and 17 of them were retrieved at that time. It had been estimated that the submerged vehicles were posing a danger of polluting 0.26 percent of the Khuvsgul Lake water if their fuel tanks leak.

This July 11 ton crawler tractor of the "T-100" model, which sank in 1968 at a depth of 33.4 meters, about 400 meters from the shore of Lake Khuvsgul was pulled out. 309 ton Sukhbaatar Ship that had sunk at a depth of 16 meters in 1985 was pulled out in 2021.

The vehicles which have been retrieved so far since this June include a fuel truck of the "Zil-130" model, with its trailer which submerged in 1995 at a depth of 128 meters, about 2.5 kilometers from the Bay of Maraan of Lake Khuvsgul; and a 6 ton fuel truck of at a depth of 54 meters, about 1.4 kilometers from the shore of Lake Khuvsgul.

A total of 34.7 ton of fuel, oil, and lubricants were removed from the vehicles, a significant contribution to the reduction of pollution of Lake Khuvsgul and its environment.



# Empowering Women in Peacekeeping: Championing Change While Capturing the Hearts of the People

Exclusive Interview with  
Brigadier General G. Bolor

**-First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on your remarkable achievement of being honored with the prestigious "International Women of Courage Award." Furthermore, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to you for granting us the opportunity to interview you following such a momentous occasion. Could you kindly share your story of winning the award?**

**-Thank you very much.** This award, officially known as the "International Women of Courage Award," is internationally recognized and conferred upon by the United States State Department. The history of the award dates back to 2007, where an annual competition was held to identify and honor exceptional women. This year, I was privileged to be among the select few, numbering eleven, chosen to receive this distinguished award. The entire experience, from the ambiance of the White House to the profound honor of receiving the award directly from the US Secretary of State and the First Lady, was truly magnificent.

Indeed, it was an extraordinary experience. The event took place at the White House and was attended by esteemed military personnels. The ambiance was filled with a sense of reverence and pride, heightened by the presence of a military orchestra playing harmonious melodies. It was evident that the military played a significant role in organizing this grand event. I was fortunate to have the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to the United States U. Batbayar present at the ceremony, providing me with invaluable support.

The award was granted in three categories. First, the award recognizes women who have demonstrated exemplary leadership amongst their female counterparts within the region. These women have assumed prominent positions and have achieved remarkable results, particularly through their active involvement in peacekeeping operations, thereby contributing to the establishment of global peace. The award recognized human rights lawyers who have dedicated their efforts to safeguarding and upholding human rights, including the protection of women's and children's rights.

Lastly, the prize was also extended to journalists who have fearlessly covered perilous situations, with a particular emphasis on advocating the rights of women and children during times of war. These individuals have served as a voice for the voiceless and have diligently exposed the harsh realities to the public.

**-The moment of receiving such an esteemed award must have been filled with a mix of emotions. After receiving the award, were you reminded of**



**the responsibility that comes with it?**

**-This prompts the question:** What should be my next steps? Observing the remarkable women who were honored alongside me, I was truly fascinated. Among them, I would like to highlight the female senator from Malaysia, who epitomized resilience and determination as she fought tirelessly for the rights of women and children in her country, fearlessly raising her voice at the state level despite facing numerous challenges. Witnessing her story ignited a profound sense of motivation within me.

A soldier bears distinct responsibilities during war, but during the time of peace, our roles take on a different nature. Adjacent to my primary duties and professional endeavors, the foremost question that arose in my mind was, "What more can I do?" It became clear to me that the Armed Forces should dedicate themselves to active training and preparing personnel even in peacetime. This, I believe, is where my true contribution lies.

Furthermore, as an individual, a woman, and a mother, I have embarked on a mission to inspire and empower girls and women. I have begun engaging with educational institutions, including general education schools and universities, delivering lectures and talks. There are numerous endeavors and initiatives that I have planned, awaiting realization. I am acutely aware of the expectations that accompany these awards-expectations that designate me as someone who will take action and make a difference. Therefore, the sense of "I have received an award, and that concludes my contribution" does not cross my mind.

**-I understand that you received a letter of gratitude from the First Lady of the United States Jill Biden. It appears that one of the most fascinating aspects related to the award is a recent letter you received.**

**-Receiving a letter from the First Lady of the United States was a profoundly surreal experience.** The contents of the letter were concise but meaningful. It read, "To Brigadier General Bolor Ganbold. This letter expresses high appreciation for your significant contributions in empowering women worldwide. It conveys a sense of confidence that this endeavor will continue to expand, inspiring thousands of girls and women to engage in acts of goodwill." As of now, the letter has not yet been framed, but it holds great value and significance for me.

**-Did you dream becoming a soldier since you were a young girl?**

**-During my childhood, the idea of becoming a military did not occupy my thoughts. Instead, I saw myself as a doctor.**

**-I heard your mother encouraged you to apply to the military school?**

It was during the year of my tenth-grade graduation that the military school opened its doors to female applicants for the first time. True, my mother encouraged me to take the entrance examination. To my surprise, I succeeded in passing the exam and secured admission into the military school. That year, a total of six young women, including myself, embarked on this unprecedented journey as female cadets. Simultaneously, in that same year, the School of Officers admitted 20 female applicants, resulting in a combined enroll-

ment of 26 aspiring female cadets.

**-I could see that you respected the choice of your parents.**

**-Certainly, I did.** There is no harm in heeding your parents' guidance as they always direct you towards the right course.

**-I bet it's hard to study along with male cadets. Did you struggle catching up to their speed and strength?**

**-I used to be a part of my school's basketball team, so I was quite mobile.** Back then, it was just something we all had to go through. Among all the challenges, standing outside in the freezing cold during winter was the toughest. I could feel the chill seeping into every inch of my body. As I looked at the cozy windows of houses, imagining people sitting comfortably at home, watching TV, I couldn't help but feel upset to my mother. I wondered, "How could she send her daughter to a school where she would stand shivering like this?" But eventually, I grew accustomed to enduring those moments. Since our home was nearby, I would sprint back, sometimes missing the formation. And I wasn't the only one running home; I would take a friend or two along. Our class boys faced punishment several times because of our actions. After we graduated, those boys often reminisced about the times we froze our ears because of our stubbornness. I never once apologized to them. So, I want to take this opportunity to express my regret and apologize to all the boys in my class.

**-Upon completing your studies, you joined the General Staff of the Mongolian Armed Forces. Can you tell us more about your role within the Armed Forces?**

**-Our school initially offered a 4-year program, but due to the introduction of a new curriculum, the duration was extended to five years.** I had the honor of joining the General Staff as an Electronics Engineer at the Computing Center after graduating with honors. I owe a great deal of gratitude to these individuals, who kindly extended their support during my transition to the Computing Center. Their assistance was invaluable and helped me navigate the early stages of my professional journey. They emphasized the importance of learning a foreign language as a young professional, as it opens doors to various opportunities. Motivated by their advice, I decided to embark on the journey of learning English. I was fortunate to have a supportive boss who recognized the significance of language proficiency and laid the foundation for my English language education.

**-During your 30 years of service in the Armed Forces, how many positions did you hold?**

**-While my primary profession is that of a communications engineer, my career path has led me to take on various roles, allowing me to diversify my expertise.**

I served as an electronic engineer at the computing center and later found myself teaching at the Mongolian National Defense University (MNDU) within the Communication Department for a remarkable period of seven years. To further enrich my skill set, I pursued a course in the English language and subsequently completed an evening program in International Relations at National University of Mongolia. Additionally, I undertook a teaching course at the US Defense Foreign Language Institute, which eventually led me to become the head of the MNDU's foreign language training center. Along the way, I embarked on a transformative peacekeeping operation, and upon my return, assumed the roles of Head of the Training Department at the Unified Military School and the Training Department of the MNDU. Currently, I am honored to serve as the Head of the Education and Training Department at the General Staff of the Mongolian Armed Forces.

**-How many peacekeeping operations have you participated in?**

**-I had the opportunity to participate in three peacekeeping operations throughout my career.** First, in 2009, I was deployed to the Republic of Chad, where I served as a Human Resources Officer at the Military Headquarters. Subsequently, in 2013, I had the privilege of being appointed as the Head of the Liaison Department at the UNMISS Force Headquarters in South Sudan. It was a significant moment for me as I became the only woman to join the management team at the headquarters. This particular deployment was emotionally and professionally challenging due to the ongoing conflict in the region. Lastly, from 2015 to 2017, I worked in New York as mentioned above, which marked another phase of my peacekeeping journey.

**-How would you describe your role as a homemaker and mother?**

**-My spouse D. Khashkhuu serves as the Chief of Staff of the Honor Guard, and our daughter, is a first grader.** We are proud to serve in the military simultaneously, but it does come with its share of challenges in our personal lives. Thankfully, my mother tremendously supports us.

**-As we conclude, we would like to pose a thought-provoking question. Do you envision a future where a woman might lead Mongolia's defense sector?**

**-While it's a challenging question, I don't see anything that could prevent this.** As times change and barriers are broken, it is entirely possible for a woman to lead Mongolia's defense sector one day. The key lies in recognizing and nurturing talent, regardless of gender.

**-Thank you for sharing your inspiring journey and insights with us today. We wish you continued success in your endeavors.**



# Goose Specialists Meet in Mongolia

*The 20th Meeting of the Goose Specialist Group of Wetlands International and the IUCN-Species Survival Commission (GSG) took place in Mongolia on August 16-18, 2023.*

Over 100 participants from 14 countries, including goose specialists, scientists, government

officials, and representatives, attended the 20th Meeting of the Goose Specialist with an aim to strengthen cooperation for the study and conservation of the various goose species along the East Asia/ Australasia Flyway.

The Meeting, which has been held annually since 1995, was co-organized by the Ministry



of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia, the Institute of Biology of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Oklahoma State University, and the Wildlife Science and Conservation Center of Mongolia.

Participants discussed and exchanged views on research and conservation works related to

the wildlife biology and ecology of geese and other waterbirds in the Northern Hemisphere, with a particular focus on diseases, reproduction ecology, movement and migration, behavior, distribution, abundance, population dynamics, eco-physiology, and management of waterfowl.



## Children Speak up on Climate Change

*The International Forum "Climate Change and Youth" concluded yesterday after the second day of its work.*

Over 200 children and young people from ten countries took initiatives to contribute to environmental protection and address climate change. On the second day of the Forum, many proposals were made within the agenda of "Biological diversity and adaptation to climate change".

To familiarize herders with pasture plants, conduct gradual training, experiment and introduce methods of appropriate use of forest resources, make signs to protect the habitats of wild animals, and increase afforestation, they expressed intention to prepare and implement livestock pasture regulations.

Youth of the Eco Club brought up proposals to organize trainings for citizens on the reduction of the impact of wildlife habitat on domestic animals, collection of seeds of pasture plants and conduct of experiments to create resources, training of children of the Eco Club as trainers within the framework of the "One Billion Trees" National Campaign, monitoring and research of the composition and number of animal species drinking from springs that were fenced and protected, creating a schedule for rotating pastures in a model soum, and analyzing drinking water of Gobi zone, and presenting the results to local residents.

Each participant articulated desire to work in respect of adaptation to climate change, reduction of its impact, and environment

protection.

Organizers of the event expressed gratitude and granted certificates to all youth who participated in the International

Forum "Climate Change and Youth" organized by the initiative of the Minister of Environment and Tourism.



## UB Food Festival 2023 for the Ninth Year



*The Governor's Office of Ulaanbaatar City Municipality, Ulaanbaatar City Tourism Department, the Mongolian Chefs Association, and the Mongolian Restaurant Association jointly organized the "UB Food Festival 2023" at Sukhbaatar Square from August 18 to 20, 2023.*

The Festival aims to introduce Mongolian national cuisine to foreign visitors and own citizens, create travel products and

innovative services that meet the needs of tourists, improve the culture of hospitality, and spread the philosophy of the city. More than 40 food production and service restaurants and coffee shops will serve Mongolian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, and European national dishes, snacks, coffee, and desserts.

The event, now in its ninth year, included tastings, art performances, various competitions, and shows.

## Tourism Generates MNT 63.6 Billion in Tax Revenue

*Mongolian businesses operating in the tourism sector have paid MNT 63.6 billion in taxes as of the first half of this year.*

If to take tax payments of the tourism sector for the last three years: In 2019, 1,320 companies and organizations paid MNT 87.1 billion; In 2020, 1,348 companies and organizations paid MNT 47.1 billion; In 2021, 1,401 companies and organizations paid MNT 65 billion; In 2022, 1,637 companies and organizations paid MNT 94.2 billion; As of the first six months of 2023, 1,376 organizations contributed MNT 63.6 billion to the state budget.

In the first half of 2023,

compared to this period of the last 3 years, the tax revenue of the tourism sector has increased and tends to exceed the previous indicators. In the future, the number of tourists coming to Mongolia will increase, and the tourism industry will have a significant impact on Mongolia's economy, envisages the Ministry of Environment and Tourism.

The Government made the tourism sector a priority of the economy and announced 2023-2025 as the "Visit Mongolia Years". This year, a target of "one million" tourists has been set, and so far, more than 390,000 tourists have already visited Mongolia.



### The lawyer's advice



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*The Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) as a political foundation is 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 law regulations regarding National horse racing competition?

-National horse race competition is organized among horses of six different ages that meet standards of original Mongolian bred horses: azarga (horse of 6 and more year old, stallion), big age (horse of 6 and more year old), syolon (horse of 5-year-old), khizaalan (horse of 4-year-old), shudlen (horse of 3-year-old) and daaga (horse of 2-year-old).

Competition of trotter horses may be organized during the celebration of the National Festival Naadam. Riders of the competing horses may be children of 8 and more years old of age. Riders shall be covered in one-year accident insurance including the horse race time, competition preparation period.

During the national horse race competition, the state central administrative body shall take control over such matters as whether the children are covered in the accident insurance and whether the protective clothing or equipment that meets necessary standards is used.

### -What is the procedure of the registry of racing horses?

-The branch-committee of horse races of the National Festival Naadam shall announce in public throughout the country the horses of all ages that take the 6-10 places at the National Festival Naadam. The National racing horses' registry is a part of the unified fund specified in the Law on Animal genetic resources, and the registry is maintained by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture together with the professional association operating in the field of racing horses.

Registration sub-committee of the branch-committee of horse races shall do registration of horses covered in the data base and meet the standard requirements for the horses of Mongolian original breed three days in prior to the start of celebration of the National Festival Naadam and up to two days in prior in aimags. Horses that do not meet requirements of the standard are prohibited to be registered in compliance with the law.

Information on the registration process and registered horses shall be carried out transparently and openly through mass media and electronically. Horses to participate in the racing competitions of the National Festival Naadam shall be registered based on compare of them with the National Racehorse Registry on the day of the race and will be raced if they meet the requirements. Horses that are not registered or refused to be registered are not allowed to compete or reach the finish line in the National Horse Race of the National Festival Naadam.

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*In conjunction with the Mongolian Government's announcing 2023 and 2024 as the "Years to Visit Mongolia," the "Cultural Festival of Nomads-2023" took place between August 18-20, 2023, at the Taj Khairkhan National Park, Ulaanbaatar.*

Over 1100 nomads from more than ten countries, including Mongolia, Inner Mongolia of the People's Republic of China, Buryatia, Kalmykia, Sakha, Tuva of the Russian Federation, Hungary, Kazakhstan, South Korea, and the Republic of Türkiye, as well as visitors and delegates from UNESCO and other international organizations, gathered in Mongolia to celebrate the intangible cultural heritage of nomads.

The Festival held for the second year, attracted over 60 thousand foreign and domestic tourists.

Ch. Nomin, Minister of Culture, said that, "Last year, we decided to expand the scope of the "Cultural Festival of Nomads."



This year, we are organizing this Festival with an aim to show and promote Mongolian culture on a global stage and to attract more tourists to Mongolia. Our country is a center of nomadic civilization. The objective of reaffirming Mongolia's status as a center of nomadic cultures in the world is reflected in Mongolia's Long Term Development Policy

"Vision-2050." The "Cultural Festival of Nomads-2023" is a testament to our commitment."

Richard Quest, CNN's renowned international business correspondent and presenter of "Quest Means Business," delivered comprehensive coverage of this peculiar Festival. Nuseir Yassin, the Founder, and CEO of Nas Daily Company and Nas

Studios, with over 60 million followers worldwide, produced video content about the boundlessly rich nomadic culture and traditions.

The nomads displayed over 700 folk art performances and exhibitions in more than 30 categories. The participants were given the opportunity to visit 22 stations of inheritors of nomadic

culture to dive deeper into the nomadic lifestyle and traditions, such as felt making, fermenting mare's milk, processing leather, and experiencing archery. Additionally, the Festival aimed to promote the environmental conservation knowledge of the nomads. The number of visitors to the "Cultural Festival of Nomads" has been growing steadily.



## Kanat Islam: I Have a Strong Desire to Organize Sports Events in Mongolia



*An interview with professional boxer Kanat Islam, Olympic Bronze Medalist and Bronze Medalist of the World Championships*

-Having visited Mongolia for the first time in 2007, and now being here at the Steppe Arena, Mongolia's first indoor Olympic standard multi-purpose arena, how would you compare the transformations

and developments that have taken place in Mongolia from then until now?

-Absolutely, the past fifteen years have brought about remarkable transformations. I'm genuinely thrilled to be present at the Steppe Arena, a venue that has truly left a lasting impression on me. This state-of-the-art facility is an ideal setting for the upcoming tournaments and shows that I aspire to host.

-What's the purpose of your current visit to Mongolia?

-Our involvement spans across continents—with a mixed martial arts club in Kazakhstan and boxing promotion companies in Miami, FL., and Istanbul. Having resided in Miami for a dozen years, my primary reason for this visit is to familiarize myself with the Steppe Arena, connect with its management team, and engage with Mongolia's mixed martial arts athletes. Our plans encompass organizing exciting mixed martial arts events right here at the Steppe Arena. With three decades in the sport—twenty in amateur and ten as a professional athlete in the United States—I also teach my knowledge to athletes in Kazakhstan, trying to inspire as many as possible.

-Where do you mostly live—in Kazakhstan or the United States?

-I am mainly based in the USA, though I stay several months each year in Kazakhstan. This time is devoted to visiting

my parents and family and mentoring athletes.

-Your accomplishments in the sport are noteworthy. At what age did you start your career, and what do you think were the key factors that contributed to your success?

-I started my journey in this sport at the tender age of seven, and I'm still learning and growing today. A strong foundation is undoubtedly built on having a dedicated coach. My family has been an unwavering pillar of support throughout. In the United States, my coach Nelson Lopez and his son Nelson Junior, who serves as my promoter and manager, have become an integral part of my life. Their guidance has deepened my understanding of boxing, both in the ring and in the business world.

-Are there any athletes in your family?

-Athletics run through our family's veins. My father is a renowned traditional Kazakh wrestler, while my brothers are

skilled boxers. Our shared love for sports binds us together.

-What advice would you offer to athletes starting out in this field?

-The fundamental step is to discern whether your passion genuinely aligns with the sport. Engaging in something you don't love would equate to a punishment. For me, this sport is my essence, my livelihood. It's a labor of love.

-Looking ahead, what are your aspirations for Mongolia?

-The deep ties between Mongolia and Kazakhstan create a favorable environment for cooperation. Given the certain Kazakh population in Mongolia, we envision holding events that unite Mongolians, Kazakhs, and Inner Mongolians of the People's Republic of China. I hold a vision to bring world-class athletes and managers from the United States to leverage this arena's potential. The ultimate goal is to make Mongolia a hub for high-level sports competitions in the region.