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NEW HEALTH SUPPORT CENTER OPENS IN SUKHBAATAR PROVINCE

By B.DULGUUN

A new Health Support Center has been opened in Sukhbaatar Province to organize training sessions for doctors and medical staff and provide public health services.

The state spent 1.3 billion MNT on the establishment of the new Health Support Center. Prime Minister Ch.Saikhanbileg, Minister of Industry D.Erdenebat, Deputy Head of the Cabinet Secretariat G.Ganbold, Sukhbaatar Province Mayor J.Batsuuri, Provincial Council Head P.Munkhjargal, and other officials attended the opening ceremony, which took

place on March 25, 2016.

The Head of the Health Department in Sukhbaatar Province, B.Erdenetuya, noted that the state has spent approximately 18 billion MNT on opening health facilities in Sukhbaatar Province since 2008. She added that the Health Support Center was the eighth new healthcare facility launched in the province in the past six years.

The Internet connectivity of the new center was tested with an online discussion held between 12 health centers across Sukhbaatar Province during the opening ceremony. The online discussion went smoothly and authorities highlighted the significance of online connections between health centers, noting that it is



Online discussion underway for province health centers



Prime Minister Ch.Saikhanbileg and officials opening the new Health Support Center

efficient, low cost, and enables quick diagnostics and medical consultation for patients in critical condition.

Prime Minister Ch.Saikhanbileg expressed gratitude to the residents of Sukhbaatar Province for completing many development projects, becoming

a model province, and for their current efforts in establishing model soums. He said he hoped that the new center will fulfill its medical purposes and aid many people.

Nuclear Energy Commission Secretary-General says Mongolia will not bury nuclear waste

By E.OYUNDARI

On March 21, 2016, Minister of Mongolia and Head of the Office of Government MP S.Bayartsogt presented a draft bill to Vice Speaker of Parliament R.Gonchigdorj on joining the 1994 Nuclear Safety Convention, as well as the 1997 Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management.

S.Bayartsogt noted during the meeting that the Standing Committee on Security and Foreign Policy of the Parliament of Mongolia had also reviewed an issue on ratifying the 2005 protocol on amendments

to the 1980 Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and the latest amendments to the Small Quantities Protocol during the standing committee meeting held on March 10, 2016.

The submitted bills and issues will be brought up for discussion during the upcoming irregular session meeting of Parliament. Secretary-General of the Nuclear Energy Commission G.Manlaijav spoke to News.mn about rumors on social media suggesting that Mongolia will bury nuclear waste in its soil.

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Irregular Parliamentary session to kick off tomorrow

By Ch.KHALIUN

On Friday, Speaker of Parliament Z.Enkhbold released Order No. 40, announcing that an irregular parliamentary session will be held from March 29 to April 1.

Parliament will discuss the following issues during the irregular session:

1. Bill on joining the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and the 1997 Convention on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management
2. Bill on approving the revised protocol for small

quantities of nuclear materials

3. Bill on joining the 1994 Convention on Nuclear Safety
4. Bill on adopting the protocol of 2005 amendments to the 1980 Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material
5. Conclusion No.04 of the Constitutional Court

The irregular session will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, and the afternoon session will begin at 2:00 p.m. Speaker Z.Enkhbold assigned chairmen of the parliamentary standing committees and General Secretary of the Office of the Parliament B.Boldbaatar with preparing for issues that will be discussed during the irregular session.

Internal migration will be regulated to maintain electoral districts

By M.OYUNGEREL

The Mongolian National Registration and Statistics Office reported that internal migration will not be permitted 60 days before Election Day, or by April 30, to maintain population counts in electoral districts.

According to Deputy Head of the National Registration and Statistics Office Ts.Purevdorj, there are an estimated 2,004,048 citizens who are of voting age. Their names have been registered on www.burtgel.gov.mn, and voters can review their

information after logging into the website using their State Registration Number.

Currently, there are 2,091 electoral units in 332 soums of 21 provinces and in the nine districts of Ulaanbaatar.

Voters are allowed to submit a request to the Registration and Statistics Office units in their districts and khoroots to correct any inaccurate information online. For more information, voters can call the National Registration and Statistics Office at 1800-1890.

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POLITICS

TRANSPORTATION MINISTER SIGNS A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH KOREA

By E.OYUNDARI

Minister for Roads and Transportation M.Zorigt conducted a working visit to the Republic of Korea on March 24 and 25, where he chaired the second intergovernmental meeting attended by representatives of Mongolia and South Korea, and signed a cooperation memorandum on transportation with South Korean authorities.

During the meeting, the sides reviewed current bilateral collaboration in the economic, road transportation, energy, and mining sectors among others. The parties exchanged views on attracting South Korean investment in large construction projects in Mongolia, introducing advanced technology from South Korea to Mongolia, as well as how to develop practical economic cooperation.

During his visit, Minister R.Zorigt met South Korean Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport Kang Ho-in and Minister of Oceans and Fisheries Kim Yong-suk to sign a cooperation memorandum on the transportation sector.

The second meeting of the South Korea-Mongolia joint committee brought together officials from numerous government departments, including the two countries' foreign affairs, transportation, and finance ministries. The committee was first formed in Ulaanbaatar, in March 2015, on the 25th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relations between Mongolia and the Republic of Korea.

Minister M.Zorigt also held bilateral talks with



The Second Intergovernmental Commission meeting between Mongolia and Korea takes place

Second Vice Foreign Minister Cho Tae-yul and exchanged views on the two countries' economic cooperation across the energy, transportation, and natural resources sectors.

Second Vice Minister Cho asked for Mongolia's

assistance in resolving various issues faced by South Korean firms involved in the construction of a thermal power plant and other projects in the country. M.Zorigt said he would work for a solution. Minister M.Zorigt asked for South Korea's participation in

the development of projects to replace buses and improve heating systems in Mongolia. Cho proposed that the two countries sign an agreement to promote development cooperation under South Korea's official development assistance program.

Mongolia and New Zealand want to take collaboration to a new level

Authorities of Mongolia and New Zealand have reviewed the current relations between the two countries and discussed possibilities to develop relations in the future, in particular, bringing collaboration in the agriculture, tourism, and education sectors to a new level and initiating talks on people-to-people exchange.

These issues were brought up during the Second

Consultative Meeting between the Foreign Affairs Ministry of Mongolia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand held on March 23 in Wellington, New Zealand.

Mongolia and New Zealand marked the 40th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations in 2015.

Second Consultative Meeting held between Mongolia and Australia's Foreign Ministries

The Second Consultative Meeting between the Foreign Affairs Ministry of Mongolia and the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade was held on March 24 in Canberra, Australia.

During the meeting, the authorities highlighted achievements in relations between the two countries since the first consultative meeting held in 2014, and exchanged views on possibilities to develop bilateral cooperation in the future. In particular, the sides

discussed cooperation in development, investment, defense, and educational scholarships.

The Mongolian side spoke about the upcoming ASEM Summit and its sub meetings, and expressed views on regional issues. The meeting was attended by D.Gankhuyag, State Secretary of the Foreign Affairs Ministry of Mongolia, and Graham Fletcher, First Assistant Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia.

Nuclear Energy Commission Secretary-General says Mongolia will not bury nuclear waste

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G.Manlaijav said, "Mongolia has a legal environment concerning nuclear waste. Pursuant to a presidential decree issued in 2011, the burial, transportation, and storage of nuclear waste in the territory of Mongolia is forbidden. By joining international conventions, all the actions affiliated with transporting nuclear waste through the territory of Mongolia is prohibited in the future. Mongolian laws lack articles about nuclear waste. Therefore, the authorities are discussing inclusion of the President's decree in the Law on Nuclear Energy."

He added, "All these conventions are conventions related to safe nuclear activities. It is the obligation of every country to form a legal environment for the country's safety. These changes being made to Mongolia's laws and regulations are improving the country's safety. On the other hand, joining the Nuclear

Safety Convention gives Mongolia the right to obtain information about the nuclear facilities of neighboring countries. By obtaining information on the nuclear facilities of our neighboring countries, Mongolia will have the chance to determine military safety discipline in our neighboring countries and bordering regions, plans, and safety preventive safety measures in case of any possible accidents.

"Mongolia does not operate a nuclear facility. However, Mongolia can be affected by nuclear damage if any nuclear accident occurs for one of our neighbors. There are several countries in our region which produce nuclear weapons and run nuclear cycles. These countries set their own monitoring of their nuclear facilities and their operations. The International Atomic Energy Agency conducts monitoring of nuclear facilities as well. Nevertheless, still there is a risk of a nuclear accident at some point."

Australian National University given a traditional Mongolian ger



Foreign Affairs State Secretary D.Gankhuyag and ANU Vice-Chancellor Brian Schmidt at the ceremony

Mongolia's Ambassador to Australia B.Chuluunkhuu and State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia D.Gankhuyag presented Australian National University (ANU) with a traditional Mongolian ger on March 24, in recognition of the university's commitment to Mongolian studies.

The gift from President of Mongolia Ts.Elbgedorj was made in part to support the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific's Mongolia Institute, founded in 2013 to promote the study of Mongolia.

ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Brian Schmidt thanked Ambassador B.Chuluunkhuu

and ministry official D.Gankhuyag for the gift and stated his ongoing commitment to Mongolian studies in Australia, and said that they will take good care of it and use it at every opportunity.

Speaking at the event, D.Gankhuyag said ANU was the first Australian university to own a traditional ger.

"The ANU Mongolia Institute has been genuinely contributing to Mongolian studies, not only in Australia but also to the global network of Mongolian studies," D.Gankhuyag said, and thanked the scholars and researchers of ANU for their dedication to the study of Mongolian history, culture, and modern Mongolia.

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DOMESTIC

Bayanzurkh Mayor's Office donates portable X-ray apparatus to its district health center

The Bayanzurkh District Mayor's Office donated a portable X-ray machine to the Bayanzurkh District Health Center on March 25.

The donation was made following the announcement of the Military Staff of the Ulaanbaatar Mayor's Office naming 2016 the year to promote defense policy principles, and to treat and improve the health of soldiers and veterans.

The Head of the Military Staff and Defense Bureau of the Bayanzurkh District Mayor's Office purchased the X-ray apparatus for 20 million MNT to invigorate and improve the health of military-age men and to sustain the normal operations of the medical department of the Military Recruitment Bureau.

Nearly 6,500 people vaccinated for rabies

The National Center for Zoonotic Diseases reported that they have vaccinated 6,436 people who have been bitten by dogs and 15 who were bitten by different animals that are rabies carriers.

Statistically, over 7,000 people report animal bites and are vaccinated for rabies at the National Health Center every year. This year, 39 percent of the people vaccinated were between the ages of zero to 15.

The National Center for Zoonotic Diseases warned dog owners to follow advice from health centers and prevent the risk of themselves or other people being bitten, as dogs account for 99 percent of rabies transmissions to humans.

Rabies is a viral disease that is transmitted by wild animals as well as pets. It affects only mammals and is characterized by sudden changes in behavior, becoming timid, curious, aggressive, and by tendencies to attack, bite, and claw other animals and humans. The virus entry initially causes pain and itching; it causes damage to the nervous system, leading to acute inflammation of the brain, spinal cord, and salivary glands in humans. The incubation period for rabies is 12 to 120 days, depending on the bite size as well as its location.

Rabies symptoms in humans are becoming fearful of light, water, and noise, as well as insomnia, changes in behavior, and ptialism, or hypersalivation. Rabies infection can lead to death. Approximately 60,000 rabies deaths are recorded around the world every year.

ASEM PREPARATION TEAM ASKS FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

By M.OYUNGEREL

On March 25, the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) preparation team met with administrators from local universities and discussed cooperation and the inclusion of university students as ASEM event volunteers.

"ASEM is a significant international organization with 53 partners, 30 European and 21 Asian countries, and international organizations. It includes 60 percent of the world's population and 58 percent of the world economy. For all I know, there hasn't been an event which has gathered this many countries in Mongolia since the 1600s. Our government and state officials are brought to this responsibility after hundreds of years. This year is also special as it marks the 20th anniversary of ASEM.

"First, it's an honor to organize ASEM. Second, it calls for great responsibility. Over 10 big events will be organized from April until July 16 for ASEM, and more than 4,000 representatives and 800 to 1,000 journalists will participate in those events. Apart from the participation of experts from every field, we need the assistance of university students," said Chief of Staff of the President of Mongolia P.Tsagaan.

He asked the university administrators for 1,200 to 1,500 university students. The volunteer students will assist in welcoming guests, spreading documents and materials, translating, helping journalists, managing traffic, and in transporting items when necessary. P.Tsagaan emphasized that it's essential for the volunteers to be responsible, disciplined, and hard-working.



University administrators and ASEM preparation team gather for discussion

Advisor to the President of Mongolia A.Ganbaatar noted, "The media is helping us promote ASEM and giving the public a positive impression of the meeting. After media personnel decided to cooperate, we hosted a fund raising party on March 16 for our supporting organizations. Media outlets have decided to donate air time and newspaper pages valued at up to 1.5 billion MNT." He asked university administrators to cooperate and register students to volunteer.

University administrators said that they will cooperate and help with human resources.

Mongolia was chosen to host ASEM11 in October 2014, during the ASEM10 meeting in Milan, Italy. The ASEM Summit will take place on July 15 and 16. The first ASEM meeting of 2016, the 9th Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting, will be held on April 21 and 22.

NEMA rescuers save a man from a fatal fall

National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) rescuers prevented a man from falling from a 12th story window on March 25.

NEMA received a report about a man about to fall from a 12th floor window in the 1st micro-district of the 21st khoroo of Bayangol District at 6:45 a.m. on March 25. After arriving at the scene, the rescue team placed an inflatable rescue cushion underneath the man's window, and got into his apartment through his neighbor's window to prevent him from harming himself.

According to NEMA's report about the incident, the man was drunk when he argued with his family and locked himself inside the room with the window he was reportedly preparing to jump from. The man was placed in the custody of the General Police Department.

Mongolian Youth Federation honors the bravery of emergency volunteers

On March 25, the Mongolian Youth Federation awarded the Bravery Honor to young people from over 10 car clubs, including the Toyota Hilux 4Runner Tacoma Club and Land Cruiser Club, for helping National Emergency Management Agency workers during the recent snow storm.

The Mongolian Youth Federation believes the automotive enthusiast community demonstrated bravery and inspired and motivated other young people. "We're elated the Youth Federation is honoring our unconditional help with this respectful award. We have an unwritten motto that asks, 'Who else will do it if we young people don't?' We're always ready where we are needed," said one of the club representatives.

BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

MONGOLIA MINERAL EXPLORATION ROUNDUP 2016 TAKES PLACE

By Ch.KHALIUN

The Mining Ministry, Mongolian Society of Economic Geologists, and professional associations organized the eighth Mongolia Mineral Exploration Roundup 2016 from March 24 to 26, at Corporate Convention Center.

Mining Minister R.Jigjid presented the opening remarks at the forum, underlining that since the government started issuing exploration licenses, activities of the nation's geological and exploration sectors are intensifying, having a positive influence on drawing in foreign and domestic investment, strengthening the sector's future development, and improving its competitiveness. He said that the issuance of new exploration licenses is also important to infrastructure, the creation of new jobs, and increasing the population in rural regions.

Beginning the forum, a discussion on special exploration licenses was held. Entities engaged in geological and exploration activities asked state officials about when application numbers for exploration licenses will be issued through petitions, and when it would be possible to submit exploration plans online. Officials from the Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) said that the MRA has great workload, and acknowledged



Mining Minister R.Jigjid presents opening remarks at the forum

that companies are interested in submitting their plans online. They said that the MRA is cooperating with

Germany to create an integrated system for reviewing operational plans for exploration.

Government representatives said they are working toward accurately studying the nation's geological features, finding mineral resource deposits, and improving the scope of regional geological studies. During the three-day meeting, geologists underlined that the falling prices for raw materials and the economic slowdown has impacted exploration projects.

The Geological Department of the MRA noted that the private sector invested around 300 billion MNT for conducting exploration last year. Even though Parliament approved 11.3 billion MNT in funding for the geological sector in 2016, due to difficult economic conditions, the budget was cut to 9.3 billion MNT.

Minister Jigjid emphasized that even though the prices for mineral products have been falling in the global market, over 250 mining companies carried out activities in 2015, making up 16.1 percent of GDP, 67.2 percent of industrial products, and 78.8 percent of export revenue.

R.Jigjid also announced that the Mining Ministry started negotiations with Centerra Gold, which owns the exploration license for the Gatsuert deposit, and Areva, which owns special exploration licenses for uranium deposits in Zuuuvch Ovoo and Dulaan Uul, to establish deposit development and investment agreements.

Taiwanese businesses consider sea buckthorn investment in Uvs

Last Friday, Taiwanese business representatives led by the Head of Mongolia Taiwan Cooperation Agency (MTCA) visited Uvs Province to discuss mutual cooperation and share information with the province authorities on a project to establish a sea buckthorn processing factory.

MTCA and Uvs Province authorities talked about cooperating in the production and service sectors. Previously, the parties carried out several studies and tests on water consumed by Ulaangom

residents and concluded that the water needs to be purified. This time, the Taiwanese delegation visited Uvs to reach an agreement on beginning the water purification process.

During their visit, the Taiwanese delegation underlined that discussions are being held to build a joint Taiwanese, Malaysian, and Mongolian sea buckthorn processing factory. They said that the Mongolian partners will need to invest 20 to 40 percent of the total project expenditure and be responsible for the domestic market.

Mongolian Economic Forum to take place this week

The Mongolian Economic Forum will be held from March 30 to 31 at the State Palace under the theme "Lesson, Challenge, Solution".

This year's forum will discuss all issues concerning the nation's long-term economic policy, sustainable social development, the business environment, as well as international and regional economic and social conditions.

Director General of Asian Development Bank's East Asia Department Ayumi Konishi and the President of the Natural Resource Governance Institute Daniel Kaufmann are expected to attend this year's forum.

Sub-conferences of the of the two-day forum will be

held on "Partnership for Development", "Accurate and Capable Government", "Social Insurance Upgrade", and "Safe Food-Sustainable and Efficient Business".

The forum was organized for the first time in 2011, and has become Mongolia's biggest forum for discussing Mongolia's economic situation, international economic trends, future development, and planning. Over 1,000 representatives from civil society, governmental organizations, the private sector, and international organizations take part in the annual forum, exchanging views on a broad scope of economic issues.

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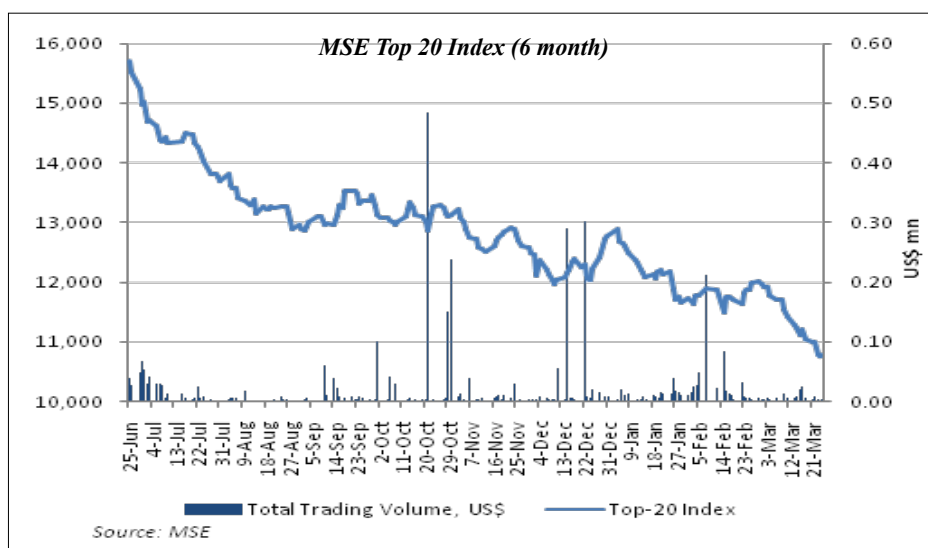
Gold futures for June delivery fell 0.2 percent to settle at \$1,223.50 an ounce at 1:45 p.m. on the Comex in New York, posting a 2.5 percent loss this week, the worst for a most-active contract since Nov. 6, reports Bloomberg. Bullion has rallied 15 percent this year, the best performance among 22 raw materials on the Bloomberg Commodity Index, topping gains in Treasuries, the dollar, equities and high-yield and investment-grade corporate bonds, as investors sought a haven amid financial turmoil that the Federal Reserve said was among the risks to the U.S. economy. Today, traders are weighing U.S. economic reports and comments from the Fed that they may raise interest rates in the next few months. Orders for durable goods in the U.S. fell in February for the third time in four months, reflecting a broad-based slowdown. At the same time, a Labor Department report showed filings for unemployment benefits rose less than expected, signaling a firm labor market. Investors have been sifting for clues on the Federal Reserve's next move, and Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis President James Bullard said Thursday that the next rate increase "may not be far off." Traders are pricing in a 75 percent chance that the Fed will raise borrowing costs by year-end. That's a big turnaround from a month ago, when the probability was seen at just 42 percent. Reduced expectations for a move had pushed

the dollar down and helped drive gold to the highest price in a year earlier this month.

Copper futures dropped the most in two weeks and a gauge of mining companies tumbled as a strengthening dollar and falling crude oil prices dragged down commodities, reports Bloomberg. The dollar rose for a fourth day against the euro in its longest stretch of gains in more than a month amid increasing speculation that the Federal Reserve is moving closer to raising U.S. interest rates. A stronger dollar makes commodities more expensive for buyers in other currencies. Lower oil prices help reduce production costs, deterring miners from trimming output. Copper futures for May delivery slid 2.4 percent to settle at \$2.2355 a pound at 1:13 p.m. on the Comex in New York, the biggest decline since March 8. The Bloomberg Americas Mining Index plunged 5.3 percent, with First Quantum Minerals Ltd., Teck Resources Ltd and Freeport-McMoRan Inc. among the worst performers. Oil fell as U.S. crude stockpiles climbed to the highest level in more than eight decades as imports surged. Copper for delivery in three months slipped 2.3 percent to \$4,949.50 a metric ton on the London Metal Exchange. Inventories of the metal decreased for a 24th day on the LME, the longest stretch in two years. Aluminum, zinc, nickel and lead retreated in London, while tin advanced.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

MSE Top -20 Retreats 1.28% W-o-w



On Friday, the benchmark index MSE Top-20 lost 1.28% w-o-w and ended the week at 10,849.76. The total market volume of the week for 44 stocks reached MNT7.1bn.

In total 11 companies consisting of 2 members of the Top-20 closed the week advancing. Global Mongolia Holdings (HML) gained the most, adding 30.56% to MNT470, Ub Buk (BUK) also jumped 15.00% to MNT34,500, followed by Uran Barilga (UBA) 14.97% to MNT1,966,

Takhi Co (TAH) 11.83% to MNT19,000 and Mongol Savhi (UYN) 10.79% to MNT650.

Despite that, the losing group comprised of 28 stocks including 15 members of the Top-20. Berkh-Uul (BEU) lost the most -22.60% to MNT1,000 followed by Tsagaan Tulgoi (TSA) -14.96% to MNT5,655, Gazar Soljmel (SUL) -14.50% to MNT38,340, Tavan Tolgoi (TTL) -12.36% to MNT873, Shivee Ovoo (SHV) -11.76% to MNT2,250.

Performance of MSE Stocks Traded (Mar 21 - 25, 2016)

Code	Name	Price		Performance		Market Cap		Daily Turnover (52Wk Avg)		1Wk turnover (MNT)	
		Close	52 Wk high	52 Wk low	w-o-w	y-t-d	MNTmm	US\$mm	MNT		US\$
90	APU	3,601	3,999	3,252	1.44%	-7.6%	267,510	130.4	5,936,852	2,895	52,241,923
539	Mkh Holding	11,500	12,500	11,450	0.44%	+DIV:0%	238,157	116.1	319,084	165	70,000
354	Gobi	8,200	11,830	7,160	-0.61%	-3.3%	63,969	31.2	1,259,693	614	2,557,310
458	Taxan Telgii	873	4,476	873	-12.36%	-70.4%	45,981	22.4	106,123,438	51,750	22,984,605
135	Suu	120,000	154,400	88,800	-4.76%	22.4%	41,580	20.1	961,798	469	360,000
195	UB BUK	34,500	40,200	25,000	15.00%	-12.9%	38,925	19.0	381,428	186	34,500
396	Bazannur	1,450	3,301	1,450	-9.38%	-41.3%	30,413	14.8	292,874	143	1,056,370
460	Shivee Ovoo	2,250	5,870	2,190	-11.76%	-36.1%	30,193	14.7	98,819	48	74,070
309	Sharyn Gol	2,550	8,600	2,550	-7.24%	-33.8%	26,090	12.7	212,755	104	298,671
484	State Department Store	553	883	453	-0.19%	4.3%	20,353	9.9	5,882,786	2,869	1,511,644
71	Daikhan Nekhi	18,000	24,040	16,200	-5.26%	-1.4%	19,899	9.7	689,835	336	5,077,020
482	Borkh Tui	1,000	3,500	1,000	-21.60%	-47.4%	19,852	9.3	1,470	1	28,020
13	Bayangol Hotel	45,000	54,950	38,020	-6.25%	-6.3%	19,038	9.3	480,134	220	630,000
22	Talkh Chakher	16,100	21,000	15,100	-8.99%	-7.4%	16,482	8.0	10,825,943	5,279	761,680
209	Mongolian Telecom	608	1,299	607	0.14%	-24.0%	15,729	7.7	154,889	61	5,472
522	BDSec	1,300	1,951	1,300	-6.60%	-33.0%	14,300	7.0	3,729,830	1,819	4,568,398
379	Matsumi Impex	9,000	15,500	7,605	9.76%	28.5%	12,314	6.0	1,126,164	549	9,000
208	Makh Impex	2,900	3,650	2,835	-0.03%	2.1%	11,022	5.4	269,232	131	923,000
340	Mongol Shradan	305	326	212	-4.78%	+DIV:0%	10,314	5.0	658,458	311	1,663,288
528	Hermes	125	149	105	3.83%	2.0%	9,819	4.8	678,657	331	667,305
521	Genco Tour Bureau	78	35,551	72	6.82%	1.2%	7,818	3.8	183,186	89	761,117
191	Anig Gal	2,200	2,560	2,000	0.00%	-6.4%	7,655	3.7	140,018	68	61,600
532	Khukh Gan	60	143	60	-6.25%	-19.5%	6,079	3.0	64,281	31	210,720
337	E-Trans-Logistics	112	128	86	-0.89%	-6.8%	3,170	2.5	736,303	369	11,190
538	Merex	70	100	68	0.00%	-5.4%	4,550	2.2	445,587	217	-
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Source: MSE, Bank of Mongolia, Eurasia Capital

European Stocks Slide with Retailers on Thin Volume Before Holiday

Retailers led a fourth day of declines in European shares in a holiday-shortened week. According to Bloomberg, Next Plc led retail shares to the worst performance among Stoxx Europe 600 Index groups, down 15 percent after cutting its annual sales-growth forecast. Marks & Spencer Group Plc and Associated British Foods Plc, owner of clothing chain Primark, slid 4.9 percent or more. Volkswagen AG dropped 2 percent after it failed to reach an agreement with U.S. authorities over its tainted diesel engines. Europe's benchmark dropped 1.5 percent at the close of trading. The volume of shares changing hands was a third percent lower than the 30-day average. Markets are closed on Friday for Good Friday, with some including Norway and Denmark shut today as well. The Stoxx 600 capped its longest losing streak in six weeks as investors awaited

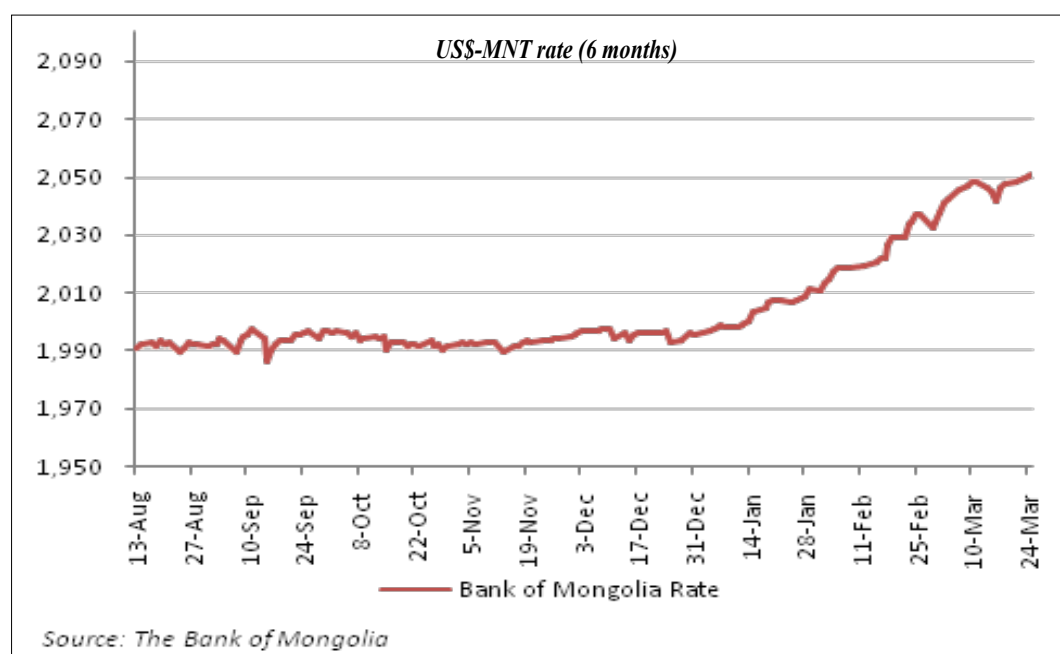
the European earnings season and speculated on the pace of Federal Reserve rate hikes. It hasn't posted back-to-back gains since it reached a two-month high on March 14, signaling a loss of momentum for the rally that more than halved its 2016 decline. The Stoxx 600 fell 1.9 percent this week for a second straight decline, trimming its first monthly advance since November. It rebounded as much as 14 percent since a Feb. 11 low amid optimism about central-bank policies. Lenders, the worst performers of 2016, declined to a one-month low. Banco Popolare SC slipped 4.8 percent after agreeing to buy Banca Popolare di Milano Scarl, which slid 5.4 percent. Standard Chartered Plc tumbled 7.8 percent after peer Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd. warned of higher bad-debt provisions because of low commodity prices.

Japan Stocks Climb, Led by Insurers, as Topix Caps Weekly Gain

Japanese stocks rose in thin trading, with the benchmark index capping a weekly advance, as insurers and carmakers led gains while the yen weakened against the dollar for a sixth day. According to Bloomberg, the Topix index rose 0.8 percent to 1,366.05 at the close in Tokyo, with volume about 27 percent lower than the 30-day average. The gauge climbed 1.6 percent in a shortened trading week after two weekly declines. The Nikkei 225 Stock Average added 0.7 percent to 17,002.75 on Friday. The yen fell 0.2 percent to 113.10 per dollar. Many financial markets in Asia, Europe and North America were closed Friday for holidays. Trust banks, seen as a proxy for retirement funds, were net

buyers of Japanese stocks for a 17th straight week in the period ended March 18, according to data released Friday by Japan Exchange Group Inc. Carmakers and electric-appliance producers were the biggest boosts to the Topix as the yen fell past 113 per dollar. A weaker yen increases the value of overseas earnings when repatriated. Akebono Brake Industry Co. advanced 3 percent after SMBC Nikko Securities Inc. raised its rating to neutral from underperform. Toyota Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Co. each rose 2.8 percent. Cookpad Inc. tumbled 13 percent after the recipe-website restored founder Akimitsu Sano as executive officer two days after he was removed from the position.

MNT Depreciates 0.15% W-o-w



MNT depreciated against the US\$ by 0.15% compared to that of the previous week and closed at 2,050.69 on Mar 25, 2016.

On the Foreign Exchange Auction held on March 24th, 2016, the BOM has received buying bid offers of USD and CNY and selling bid offers of CNY 4.5 million. The BOM sold CNY 12.0 million in a closing

rate of MNT 314.55 and USD 7.2 million in a closing rate of MNT 2050.05.

On March 24th, 2016, the BOM has received MNT Swap agreement of buying bid offers equivalent to USD 9.9 million from local commercial banks. The BOM accepted the MNT swap agreement of buying bid offers of USD 9.9 million.

MSE TOP-20 Performance (Mar 21 - 25, 2016)

Code	Name	Price		Performance		Market Cap		Daily Turnover (52Wk Avg)		1Wk turnover (MNT)	
		Close	52 Wk high	52 Wk low	w-o-w	y-t-d	MNTmm	US\$mm	MNT		US\$
90	APU	3,601	3,999	3,252	1.44%	-7.6%	267,510	130.4	5,936,852	2,895	52,241,923
354	Gobi	8,200	11,830	7,160	-0.61%	-3.3%	63,969	31.2	1,259,693	614	2,557,310
458	Taxan Telgii	873	4,476	873	-12.36%	-70.4%	45,981	22.4	106,123,438	51,750	22,984,605
195	UB BUK	34,500	40,200	25,000	15.00%	-12.9%	38,925	19.0	381,428	186	34,500
396	Bazannur	1,450	3,301	1,450	-9.38%	-41.3%	30,413	14.8	292,874	143	1,056,370
460	Shivee Ovoo	2,250	5,870	2,190	-11.76%	-36.1%	30,193	14.7	98,819	48	74,070
309	Sharyn Gol	2,550	8,600	2,550	-7.24%	-33.8%	26,090	12.7	212,755	104	298,671
484	State Department Store	553	883	453	-0.19%	4.3%	20,353	9.9	5,882,786	2,869	1,511,644
71	Daikhan Nekhi	18,000	24,040	16,200	-5.26%	-1.4%	19,899	9.7	689,835	336	5,077,020
13	Bayangol Hotel	45,000	54,950	38,020	-6.25%	-6.3%	19,038	9.3	480,134	220	630,000
22	Talkh Chakher	16,100	21,000	15,100	-8.99%	-7.4%	16,482	8.0	10,825,943	5,279	761,680
522	BDSec	1,300	1,951	1,300	-6.60%	-33.0%	14,300	7.0	3,729,830	1,819	4,568,398
208	Makh Impex	2,900	3,650	2,835	-0.03%	2.1%	11,022	5.4	269,232	131	923,000
340	Mongol Shradan	305	326	212	-4.78%	+DIV:0%	10,314	5.0	658,458	311	1,663,288
528	Hermes	125	149	105	3.83%	2.0%	9,819	4.8	678,657	331	667,305
521	Genco Tour Bureau	78	35,551	72	6.82%	1.2%	7,818	3.8	183,186	89	761,117
191	Anig Gal	2,200	2,560	2,000	0.00%	-6.4%	7,655	3.7	140,018	68	61,600
532	Khukh Gan	60	143	60	-6.25%	-19.5%	6,079	3.0	64,281	31	210,720
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PRIME INTERVIEW

T.BATCHIMEG:

PEOPLE HAVE THOUSANDS OF REASONS TO GIVE UP BUT A SINGLE ROAD FORWARD

Trans. by B.DULGUUN

FIDE (Federation Internationale des Echecs) Woman Grandmaster (WGM) and International Master (IM) T.Batchimeg received the title State Honored Athlete last Wednesday, becoming the fifth Mongolian chess player to receive this title.

T.Batchimeg made an early debut in the chess world as she was born into a family of multi-generation of professional chess players. She started playing chess from the age of six and now she's a member of Suld Sports Committee and Mon Chess Club. T.Batchimeg earned her first title, World Chess Federation Master, in 2002; became a FIDE Woman International Master in 2006; and advanced to Woman Grandmaster (WGM) in 2009. After successful participations in several FIDE Grand Prix, she gained her IM title for both male and female chess players in 2014. Her next target is the Grandmaster (GM) title, which is afforded to both men and women, and is harder to achieve than the women-only WGM title.

She spoke about her career and experience in the chess world in the interview below.

What was it like to receive the State Honored Athlete title? Was it as exhilarating as winning against a tough opponent or qualifying for a new chess title?

I feel relieved and calm when I win a medal from a competition. It's the most wonderful moment for an athlete. But I felt more responsible receiving the State Honored Athlete title. I was given this title very suddenly, but I'd like to think of it as a reward for my 20 years of effort. I think I received this award at a relatively young age compared to some people.

The state title is an encouragement for me that will motivate me to strive harder in promoting Mongolia to the world. My desire to amaze the whole world through Mongolians' intellectual ability has flared up.

People can compete against one another in chess regardless of their age and gender, as long as they have adequate skills. When did you first compete in an adult tournament?

I first entered an adult tournament in 1995, when I was eight years and 11 months old. I was Mongolia's youngest participant of the State Adult Championship back then, and still am. No one younger has participated since then. In 1995, I entered the championship with two older ladies. Since I was still young, I nearly dozed off from exhaustion, but still managed to take down several chess masters.

You're from a family of professional chess players. How long has your family been playing chess?

I'm a fifth-generation chess player of my family. Three generations before my father are known to have been professional chess players. Six of my relatives have state champion titles.

My uncle, N.Tumurkhuyag, is an IM and uncle N.Turbat is a sports master. My relatives, N.Tursanaa and N.Tungalag, both have FIDE Master and state champion titles. My older sister, T.Battsetseg, is a three-time state champion and an IM.

However, I'm the only one in my family playing chess professionally. My nephew, E.Tugstumur, is training to become the next generation. He has already built a reputation for himself. He has even won a silver medal from the World Junior Championships. I'm very proud to be part of this family. It's a rare fate to be born into a family with multi-generation of successful chess players.

Did you learn chess from your father?

My father is my very first mentor. My parents started focusing on their children's education from an early age. At the age of nine, I became a student of Ts.Batsaikhan, current owner of Mon Chess Club. I've made it so far thanks to this person.

Chess tests players' patience. Regularly playing chess is especially hard for young children and teenagers. Have you ever fell into a slump?

People have thousands of reasons to give

up on their goal, but only a single road to move forward. I was particularly uncertain on whether I should continue playing chess during my teen years. As you know, girls change their dreams like changing clothes. After finishing high school, I contemplated about my future and decided to study biotechnology in the USA. Even though I had slightly strayed away from chess back then, it was the best decision of my life.

I still continued to play chess and practice new strategies while studying in the USA because my mentor praised that I had the skills and talent to become an internationally recognized chess player with a little bit more training. The five years I spent in the USA was the busiest time of my life. I worked part-time besides studying and playing chess. I slept only few hours a day. I hardly had time to hang out with friends, but I got to understand the

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value of money, importance of family, love and support, and came to learn the result of hard work though that experience.

I recently met with my mentor after receiving the State Honored Athlete title. While reminiscing on the past, I realized that I've endured many hardships, overcame many obstacles, and sacrificed a lot to get this far.

While studying in the USA, didn't you cause quite the sensation by beating many formidable players in 2006?

In 2006, I competed in the U.S. Chess Championship and defeated three GMs. The media was full of articles about a 20-year-old Mongolian girl taking down GMs.

I also won the Susan Polgar World Open Championship in the same year. Hard work really pays off.

Why did you return to Mongolia? Didn't you have opportunities to stay in the USA where chess is well developed as a sport?

I was offered to join the national chess team of the USA before returning to Mongolia in late 2008. Opportunities to live in a developed country while competing in world chess tournaments with a team of GMs don't come often. But I gave up on it to



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return to my home country. It was because I wanted to sharpen my own skills and represent Mongolia in major world competitions.

Had I joined the USA team, I would've probably received a much higher salary and won much more medals by now. But home countries have an important place in athletes' hearts. Now that I think about it, I always choose the harder path whenever I was stuck between two options. They are always right. Money isn't my life goal. You can attain money as long as you endeavor.

Certainly, it costs to take part in international competitions, but many people help me out, including Suld Sports Committee members, Mon Chess Club member B.Ganbold, former president of the Mongolian Chess Federation G.Zandanshatar, the Ministry of Health and Sports, Physical Education and Sports Development Center, my mentor, family members, and the Mongolian national chess team.

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You've gotten the highest title for female chess players, WGM. Now, you're striving to earn the GM title. You've already completed your first norm for the title. What will you do for your next norm?

Intellectual achievements of men and women are different. Men's are slightly higher. I want to reach their level. My biggest achievement was earning a GM norm from the FIDE Women's Grand Prix 2014 in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. I am the first Mongolian female chess player to achieve this norm. I'm trying to achieve my next norm as soon as possible.

Building mental toughness is crucial for mental sports athletes. How mentally strong do you consider yourself?

I have none. I can't afford a personal

psychologist and I've never actually looked for one. My mentor is like my psychologist. All GMs have personal psychologists. Although chess players don't get physically injured like other athletes, chess can damage our nervous system since we have to play chess with high concentration and consider countless moves ahead. This makes chess a very difficult and risky sport.

It's necessary to do other sports and rest our mind because we unintentionally think about chess strategies and moves even if we're not playing chess at that moment. I enjoy jogging. I also try to do yoga every day.

You must have met many famous chess players. What's the secret of their success?

I would say logic, concentration skills, and patience. From my observation of WGMs, they are more emotional than men and show various emotions near the end of a match. It often gets in the way of their victory. Men are relatively calmer and it's harder to guess what they are thinking.

It's said that the past is a lesson, the present is an opportunity, and the future is a gift. Everyone tries to effectively use today's opportunities for future gifts. What opportunities do you have now?

Firstly, I will participate with my team in the Asian Nations Cup 2016 Open, which will start in a few days (started on March 27). I want to use this opportunity and bring another success to my list of achievements.

I will also compete in the World Chess Olympiad in September. People create their own opportunities. What you do today is what counts. The future will depend on your efforts.

Most people judge me by the present me. They don't know who I was in the past or what I did. It can be said that I'm now only two steps away from reaching the peak of my sports career - gaining the GM title and becoming a Chess Olympiad champion. You need to climb tons to tiny hills to reach the top. I don't know how long it'll be until I reach the top.

Source: Unuudur

ENTERTAINMENT & SPORTS

T.SHINETUYA: I HAVE TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE



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Trans. by B.TUNGALAG

Mongolian fashion model T.Shinetuya recently won the annual World Supermodel Pageant, which took place from March 12 to 21 in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

T.Shinetuya, 16, currently studies at Gegeerel Middle School.

By winning the competition, the teen model won a contract with Trump Model Agency in New York.

She returned to Mongolia on March 23 and gave an interview to Umuudur.

Congratulations on winning the highest prize of the World Supermodel Pageant. Please tell us about yourself.

Thank you. I study at Gegeerel Middle School. I am 16 years old. I am a contracted model at Shilmel Zagvar Agency. I like swimming, playing basketball and training in gymnastics in my free time.

Tell our readers about the World Supermodel Pageant.

I competed in the World Supermodel Pageant, held in Bloemfontein, South Africa. I won the World Teen Supermodel title and won the top prize of the pageant competition. I am the first Mongolian contestant of the competition. Models from 40 countries aged between 16 to 19 and 20 to 30 competed in the competition.

What was the main criterion of the World Supermodel Pageant?

The organizers looked at everything, such as behavior, face, skin and body. An open competition was organized between models in Mongolia. I competed against a lot of impressive girls and won a right to compete in the World Supermodel Pageant. It was the first competition for me. I haven't participated in any competitions before.

Which model was the most impressive for you?

Every participant was very impressive, because they were selected from their countries to compete in the World Supermodel Pageant. I don't want to mention names or countries. Everyone was very impressive. All the competitors became friends.

You said you made friends with girls from other countries. Were there any language barriers?

I have been learning Chinese since I was little. I have also been studying English since middle school. That's why speaking with them wasn't too difficult.

Did you go to the competition with your own hairdresser and make-up artist?

Executive director of Shilmel Zagvar Agency Tamir, manager Munkhtsetseg and model T.Battsetseg went to South

Africa to participate in the World Supermodel Pageant. T.Battsetseg competed in the 20 to 30 years of age category of the competition.

Tamir and Munkhtsetseg took care of my hair and make-up. Designer of Shilmel Zagvar Agency J.Tselmeg made a dress for me.

T.Battsetseg is an experienced model. She taught me everything.

T.Battsetseg represented Mongolia at the Miss World 2015. What's the difference between the Miss World and World Supermodel Pageant?

Both are one of the biggest competitions in the world. In my opinion, the Miss World is a competition that values the inner beauty and natural appearance of girls. The main criterion for the World Supermodel Pageant is how well we can handle photo shoots.

The fashion world's doors are open for you now for sure.

Of course, there will be many good opportunities for me. I won a right to sign a contract with Trump Model Agency in New York. Trump Model Agency gives a one-year contract to the winner of the World Supermodel Pageant. But they gave me a right for a three-year contract. The agency said they believe that I have a very bright future.

I have to be more responsible.

SPORTS

JUDOKAS SECURE FOUR MEDALS AT TBILISI GRAND PRIX 2016

By B.BAATAR

Mongolian judokas have won two silver and two bronze medals at the Tbilisi Grand Prix 2016. The tournament took place in Tbilisi, Georgia from March 25 to 27.

A total of 393 judokas from 63 countries fought in the tournament, and Mongolia was represented by 10 judokas.

On the first day of the tournament, State Honored Athlete D.Amartuvshin and State Honored Athlete D.Boldbaatar fought in the men's 60 kg category. In the semi-final, D.Amartuvshin beat Bekir Ozlu of Turkey with an ippon score. Diyorbek Urozboev of Uzbekistan defeated D.Amartuvshin in the men's 60 kg final, and the Mongolian judoka settled for a silver medal.

In the bronze medal match, world champion D.Boldbaatar defeated Otar Bestaev of Kazakhstan with ippon.

On the second day, women's 63 kg and 70 kg, and men's 73 kg and 81 kg events took place. In the men's 73 kg category, International Sports Master G.Odbayar secured a silver medal. He faced Tokyo Grand Slam bronze medalist of Georgia Nugzari Tatalashvili in the final and lost.

Mongolian judoka O.Uuganbaatar won against German judoka Alexander Wiczczak in the semifinal and won a bronze medal.



D.Amartuvshin (in white) at the final of the Tbilisi Grand Prix



D.Boldbaatar (in white)

D.Erdenechimeg wins silver at 5th Capital Open Darts Tournament

Five athletes of the Mongolian Darts Amateur's Federation participated in the 5th Capital Open Tournament, which was held on March 19 and 20 in Beijing, China.

Darts player D.Erdenechimeg won a silver medal in the women's individual category of the tournament.

Sh.Gan-Erdene and G.Suren came

in fifth place in the men and women's individual categories.

A total of 320 male and 64 female athletes competed at the 5th Capital Open.

Girls' Futsal League concludes

The Mongolian Football Federation organized Mongolia's first Girls' Futsal League Tournament, which concluded on March 24.

A total of 170 footballers of 13 teams participated in the tournament, which aims to strengthen the participation of female athletes in football, prepare the women's national team and increase women's participation in international tournaments.

Mongolyn Temuuel FC won the winner's cup in the girls' U17 category of the Girls' Futsal League. In the final, Mongolyn Temuuel beat Tuulyn Tom Tulnuud.

Deren FC won a silver medal in the U17 and Khad FC settled for third place. B.Altjin of Mongolyn Temuuel was named the best goalkeeper in the girls' U17 category.

Six teams competed in the above 18 years of age category. Tuulyn Tom Tulnuud FC won a gold medal in this category and was followed by Arvis and Khad FCs.

Erchim FC's B.Khaliun was named the best goalkeeper in this category.

Vice president of the Mongolian Football Federation B.Buman-Uchral and executive director of the federation Sh.Jargalsaikhan handed the medals and prizes to the winners.

First Mongolian Ethnic Chess Tournament takes place

The World Mongolians Global Association and Mongolian Chess Federation jointly organized the first Mongolian Ethnic Chess Tournament from March 13 to 21 at Chinggis Hotel.

Eight chess players from Mongolia and two players each from Inner Mongolia, Buryatia, Tuva and Kalmykia participated in the tournament.

Grandmaster Ts.Batchuluun won the men's category of the tournament with six wins and one draw.

International Master of Russia J.Tsydygov won a silver medal and Grandmaster S.Gan-Od settled for a bronze medal.

Woman Grandmaster of Buryatia Baira Kovanova won the women's category with six wins out of seven rounds.

Inna Sayanovna of Buryatia came in second place and U.Uuriintuya placed third.

Baira Kovanova said, "I am very happy to visit the ancient land of Mongolia. The tournament was organized well. I do hope it will become a traditional. The idea of organizing such a tournament is really amazing. All players with Mongolian blood are gathered in one place to show their chess skills. As for the players, all participants showed their best performance and were very professional. I hope to come to Ulaanbaatar again."

Participants of the tournament have expressed their gratitude to the organizers for giving them a chance to play in an international event.

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OUR ERODING FREEDOM

Freedom of speech allows us to express our opinion without any fear or any control that could be exerted by the government. It is also referred to as freedom of self-expression. Freedom of self-expression includes seeking, finding, and disseminating information through any channels. Freedom of speech is the backbone of other human rights. Without this freedom, values such as democracy, a free market, and human and social development are unfathomable.

Freedom of speech is defined first in many important documents, such as the Bill of Rights passed by the Parliament of England in 1689, the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen enacted during the French Revolution in 1789, and the United Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948. Clause 16 in Article 16 of the Constitution of Mongolia states, "The citizens of Mongolia shall be guaranteed the privilege of the freedom of thought, free expression of opinion, speech, press, peaceful demonstration and meetings." However, this clause in the Constitution does not automatically ensure that every Mongolian has freedom of speech at all.

WHY IS FREEDOM OF SPEECH VITALLY IMPORTANT?

It is said that a free society develops faster than a closed society where there is no freedom of speech. Only in a free society can business and public governance continuously advance, and new ideas and creations be generated one after another.

Freedom of speech constitutes social wealth because only people with freedom can develop themselves fully. Only when voices are heard and communicated transparently, without any fear, can journalists and people reveal corruption and hold culprits accountable. In Mongolia, even ordinary members of a political party are afraid of asking their seniors where their money comes from and being pressured. They have a good idea about the source of the money, but are afraid of mentioning it.

Although every citizen has the freedom of self-expression, that freedom is restricted by the rights of others. If people use their right to speak, write, or publish something in an attempt to smear someone's reputation, they must be held responsible for their actions. Freedom of speech is critical to the press. The press must not work under the principle of "non-disclosure agreement", where they get paid to stay quiet or publish a story. Even when there is an emergency, press freedom must not be restricted in a democratic country.

MONGOLIA'S VULNERABILITY TODAY

Since walking on the path of democracy, Mongolia has made significant advancements in its socio-economic development. Despite the growth experienced for almost ten years due to commodity prices and the pace of China's economic growth, our economy has significantly declined for the last two years. Mongolia's economy, which is based on mining, has increasingly seen the gap in income and social inequality increase. When mining revenue was high, we borrowed from abroad in large amounts, instead of creating savings. It is the reason why we have no choice today but to borrow again to pay existing debts.

In a market economy, it is clear that people do not get wealthy or develop at the same pace as others. However, the reason why the poor are still struggling to put food on their table, despite how hard they try, is that our public governance is weak and the government has been unstable in its economic policy. Even though the number of government

organizations (ministries, agencies, state-owned companies, and local governments), the quality of their service has consistently gone down.

The answer to why it is what it is today and why it is not changing is simply corruption. We talk about combating corruption. However, our actions have been deteriorating. It can be seen from the capability of our current authorities, power struggles within political parties and between factions, populist promises for elections, and the fact that those who have committed illegal actions are not being held accountable.

The underlying reason why we have succumbed to corruption is that freedom of speech is restricted in Mongolia. What this means is much wider than refusing to share one's opinion in the media, suspending the right to publish opinions, or some websites being shut down. Mongolians are afraid of disclosing information about misconduct that harms our public security and social welfare, and is posing even graver threats for the future. Anyone who has revealed the wrongdoings of someone else gets fired

or ends up paying for it. More mature democracies have laws that protect whistleblowers who expose the truth.

Mongolia has reached a level where the truth can no longer prevail because freedom of speech is restricted. Anyone who poses a threat to certain groups, especially the authorities and their affiliates, is being attacked in an orchestrated manner. The legal system is working in a way where a person who tells the truth could end up being convicted for defamation. The press can only operate within certain boundaries for fear of revealing the truth. The sales of most newspapers depends on the orders of the government.

If the authorities are allowed to confuse voters by restricting the media and stopping criticism, democracy will not truly work. Freedom of speech is the oxygen of Mongolia's development.

Trans. by B.DULGUUN

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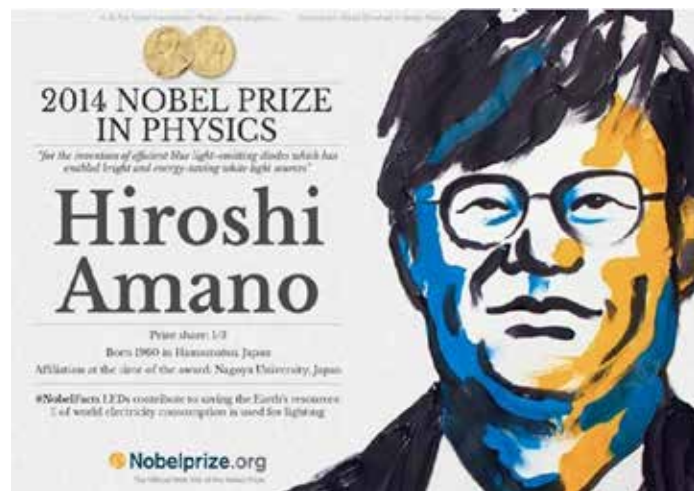
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Lecture by Hiroshi Amano

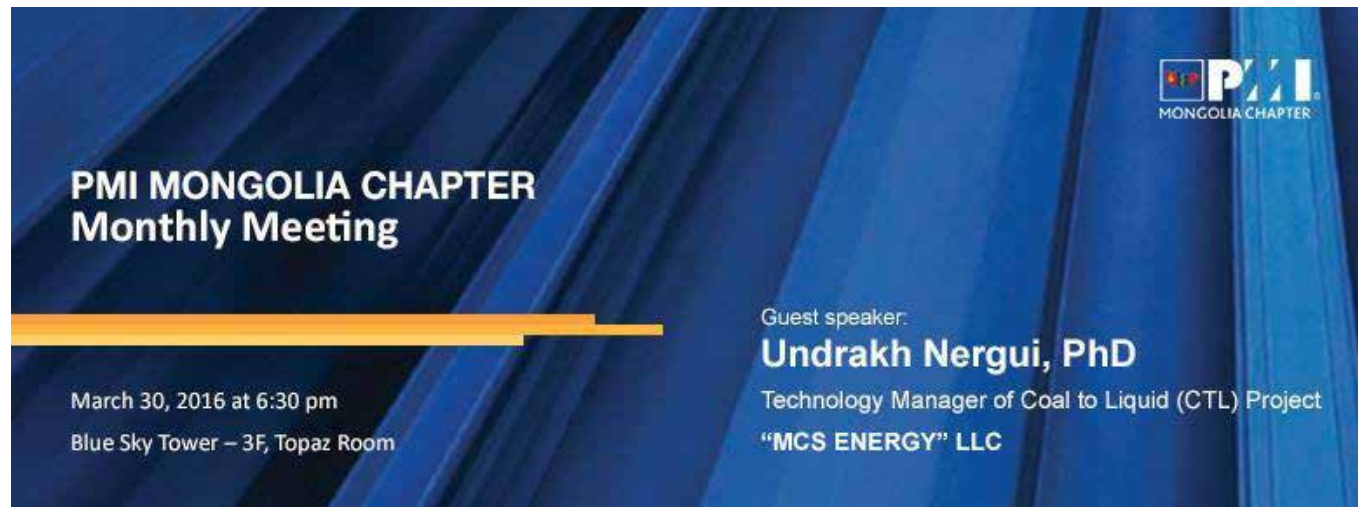


Nobel Prize winner in physics Hiroshi Amano will give a lecture titled "Lighting the Earth by LEDs" at Best Western Premier Tuushin Hotel on March 28. He was invited to present the lecture at the invitation of Minister of Education, Culture and Science L.Gantumur.

Hiroshi Amano is a Japanese physicist and inventor specializing in the field of semiconductor technology. He was awarded the 2014 Nobel Prize in physics with Isamu Akasaki and Shuji Nakamura for "the invention of efficient blue light-emitting diodes which has enabled bright and energy-saving white light sources".

Details
Where: Best Western Premier Tuushin Hotel
When: March 28, 2:00 p.m.
Admission: Free

PMI Mongolia Chapter Monthly Meeting



PMI Mongolia Chapter NGO will host its monthly meeting at The Blue Sky Hotel and Tower on March 30. Ph.D. N.Undrakh will be a guest speaker of the event and talk on "Challenges of Managing Projects in Coal Processing Plants".

N.Undrakh has extensive experience in managing and developing projects in energy, coal, natural resources processing and polymer industry. He has been conducting research and development in chemical and environmental engineering fields since 2000 in Mongolia, Italy, Germany and Japan.

Details
Where: The Blue Sky Hotel and Tower
When: March 30, 6:30 p.m.
Admission: Free

6:45 Lecture and Meeting with D.Enkhbat



NOUS Events Company will organize its next 6:45 series lecture and meeting on March 29 at Best Western Premier Tuushin Hotel. Board member of Open Knowledge Foundation D.Enkhbat will present a lecture titled "Entrepreneur Mindset" at the event.

Details
Where: Best Western Premier Tuushin Hotel
When: March 29, 6:45 a.m.
Ticket Price: 15,000 MNT
More Information: 93115665

'Life is Rich' Short Film Competition



Mandal Daatgal insurance company will be organizing "Life is Rich" short film competition from March 29 to April 2. Freelance artists, studio and students majoring in television and film have been invited to participate in the competition.

Registration for the competition will begin on March 29. The organizers will receive films until April 2. Winners will be announced on the evening of April 2. The winner will receive 3,000,000 MNT. Second and third places will win 2,000,000 and 1,000,000 MNT in cash prize.

Details
Where: Mandal Daatgal
When: March 29 to April 2
More Information: 88092455

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