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Ambassador Michael Klecheski's Arrival

Please welcome Ambassador and Mrs. Klecheski to Mongolia! After a hiatus of over a year, the U.S. Embassy once again has an Ambassador.

Ambassador Michael Klecheski is a member of the Senior Foreign Service and the U.S. Ambassador to Mongolia. He most recently served as Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) at U.S. Embassy Manila. Before the Philippines, he served as DCM at the U.S. Embassy in Astana, Kazakhstan. Prior to that, he served as Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, Russia. Aside from previous assignments in Russia and the Philippines, Michael also served abroad as Team Leader of the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Diwaniyah, Iraq, as well as in Poland and Switzerland.



Ambassador Klecheski and his wife Eloisa

In Washington, he served as Senior Watch Officer in the State Department's 24-hour Operations Center, as well as being NATO Desk Officer. His career also included an assignment as Director, and Acting Senior Director, for Russian Affairs at the National Security Council.

Mrs. Eloisa Klecheski was born in Manila, Philippines and is a Business Graduate. She worked for the United Nations in New York. Mrs. Klecheski is the loudest cheerleader for her husband and to their 3 adult children. She enjoys traveling, art, learning new languages, public speaking, reading, zumba, and walking.

We are excited to have them join us in Mongolia. You will surely see more of them in the future.



M.F.A. U.S. Desk Officer, Ambassador Klecheski, Eloisa, and DCM Manny Micaller

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U.S. Embassy Closures

The U.S. Embassy will be closed on the following dates:

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| Memorial day | Monday, May 27 |
| Children's day | Friday, May 31 |

Fun & Free online

Learn how to type with Dance Mat Typing; it's free from BBC: www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/z3c6tfr#zgkpn39

You might also like Keyboard Climber 2 from typing.com: www.typing.com/student/game/keyboard-climber-2

TypingMaster.com offers KeyMan which is a spin-off of Pac-Man: www.typinggames.zone/keyman

Need a new recipe to spice up your meals? Try Taste, an Australian site, located here: www.taste.com.au

Nerd Wallet has a free retirement calculator that's helpful and easy to use. www.nerdwallet.com/investing/retirement-calculator

Make your own decorative ice bowl with natural decorations and water. www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrbVF51AnNQ

You'll find plenty of ideas for a regular egg from 5-Minute Crafts at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=skuBbmjyp0c

These sites are not officially endorsed by the U.S. Embassy or U.S. government.

ALERT: Road Conditions

Flooding may be an issue in the countryside in April or May because of melting snow. Be cautious when traveling off road during this time. If you plan to travel off road, be sure to pack a tow rope. It's always a good idea to have a spare tire and a jack with you. Make sure that you know how to change a tire too. Other helpful items to keep in your car are a phone charging cord and gas money.

The U.S. Consular Office encourages all Americans living in or visiting Mongolia to register in STEP

for the “What If’s,” the “Oh no’s,” or the “Just in Cases!”

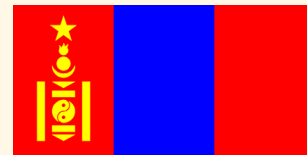
step.state.gov/step

Imagine an earthquake strikes your area and an underground troll surfaces from the depths to discover the flavor of Mongolian cuisine. **What if** you happen to be dining out when the hungry troll smells your “buuz.” As he stomps over to your table you flee in such a hurry that you abandon your jacket. You glance back to see his drool dribble all over the jacket which contains your passport. **Oh, no!** Now, you not only need help surviving the troll, you also need a new passport! If only you were enrolled in STEP, you would have known about the troll beforehand and never would have gone out to eat. Be sure to register now, so that you are prepared **just in case!**

Government Shutdown Effects

We recently experienced the longest shutdown in the U.S. government’s history; however it’s effects on our customers were null. Thanks to the hard work of your Consular team, Americans were still able to schedule appointments for routine things such as passport renewals, birth certificates, or notary services.

Because we have been operating under the continuing resolution, we have not been able to fund any trips. That means that we may not be able to visit different provinces in Mongolia in the springtime. However, we are looking forward to resuming our Outreach trips to see your part of Mongolia and ensure that everything is well in your neck of the woods.



Just in case

If there is an emergency in Mongolia, will you be prepared? If you lose internet connection, can you still find the Consular Office phone number, call us, and receive assistance? We want you to be able to reach us no matter what. Please save this American Citizen Services (ACS) phone number into your contacts:

ACS Phone: +976 7007-6118

We will do our best to answer your questions and point you in the right direction.



Do you also have the NEMA app on your phone? It’s a great resource. Get the free app called “Anhaar” from Google Play or the App Store. (Not officially endorsed by the U.S. Embassy)

Travel Warnings & Alerts

Location: *Posted on:*
Level 4: Do Not Travel to:
Venezuela January 29

Level 3: Reconsider Travel to:
Turkey February 14, 2019

Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution in:
China January 3, 2019
Germany June 19, 2018
France December 26, 2018
Italy December 31, 2018
Mexico November 15, 2018
Russia December 10, 2018

Level 1: Exercise Normal Precautions in:
Japan December 20, 2018
Kazakhstan May 23, 2018
Singapore December 20, 2018
South Korea December 19, 2018

For additional information, visit:
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html>

Mongolia boasts beautiful landscapes and mountainous views. You are welcome to send your photo submissions for future newsletters to:

ulaanbaatarACS@state.gov

Please include your name and the location of the photo.

ACS Liaisons

Eleven liaisons are still needed in the following provinces/school:

- * **Baganuur District of Ulaanbaatar**
- * **Bayankhongor**
- * **Bayan Ulgii**
- * **Khentii**
- * **Oyu Tolgoi**
- * **Sukhbaatar**
- * **Tuv**
- * **Umnugobi**
- * **Uvurkhangai**
- * **Zavhan**

If you are interested in becoming a liaison, please send your contact information to:

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Eagle Festival March 2019 by Gabi Fast