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The U.S. Embassy and the Mongolian Association of State Alumni (MASA) conducted an Alumni Rural Outreach program in the Darkhan and Selenge provinces in northern Mongolia. Participants were two MASA board members, four Fulbright alumni, an Education USA representative, the Public Affairs Officer (PAO) from the U.S. Embassy, and the U.S. Embassy Alumni Coordinator.

The PAO spoke about the bilateral relationship, the importance of Mongolia in the IndoPacific strategy, and how people-to-people ties through education and professional exchanges are a vital element of this strategy. Our Alumni Coordinator and Education USA academic advisor outlined education and exchanges opportunities. Alumni testified to how their studies in the U.S. advanced their careers and help bridge our countries, while providing specific career advice in STEM, economics, and journalism.

Alumni Outreach in Darkhan



Students learn about opportunities for their future.

The program included presentations at two high schools, meetings with local provincial government officials and representatives of education, youth, and cultural offices, local university administration, small business and youth organizations, and interviews with local and national television and print media. We reached over 450 students from 20 high schools.

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Air Quality

What can you do to reduce the harmful effects of air pollution? Seal up your home. Use an Indoor Air Purifier. Limit time outdoors, and decrease exertion during poor air quality. Wear a certified Air Pollution Mask if you must be outdoors. Know your health risk-factors. Encourage your community to use clean fuel.

Training available

The Regional Security Office's Special Agent now offers training for local Mongolian police. If you are in touch with your local police, feel free to let them know that our Criminal Investigator is willing to conduct training on the following topics:

- * **Providing First Aid**
- * **Identifying Threats**
- * **Combating Human Trafficking**
- * **Interviewing Techniques**
- * **Detecting Fraudulent Documents**
- * **Combating Narcotics**

The Criminal Investigator knows how important it is to work as a team with Mongolian security for the benefit of both locals and foreigners. That's why this office has started sharing knowledge and skills that are pertinent to all law enforcement.

If you find someone who is interested, please ask them to email the Criminal Investigator to schedule a training. Training will be conducted in Mongolian and can be one hour in length.

Send an Email to:

Ulaanbaatar-ARSO-I@state.gov

UPDATE: ACS Activity

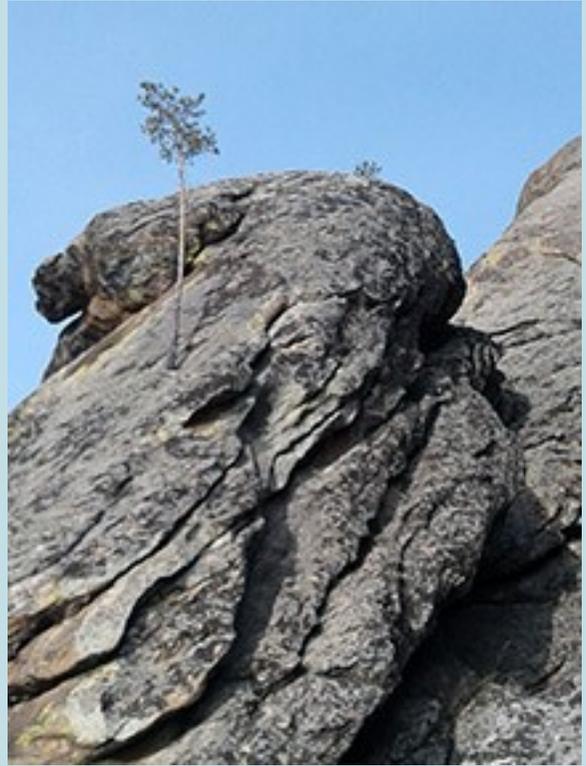
Your ACS Activity newsletter is now going to be published on a quarterly basis. You can expect to receive future issues in January, April, July, and October. If there's something that you'd like to see in a future issue, please email: **ulaanbaatarACS@state.gov**

Walking in a Winter Wonderland

Winter is indeed here, but that doesn't have to limit your outdoor activities. There are beautiful places to explore, even in the snow. As long as you are thoughtful in your planning, you can see and do a lot this winter.



Skiing, hiking, camping, sledding, dog sledding, photographing the sights, and spending time with friends are all great things to do when the temperature drops.



Photos taken by Gabi Fast near Dugan Khad Travel, a 2 hour drive north of Ulaanbaatar.

More about Darkhan

Darkhan is the 3rd largest city in Mongolia with 74,000 people. Darkhan means "Blacksmith" in Mongolian, and it was built as a manufacturing base by the Soviets in 1961 on the Trans-Mongolian Railroad. Most of the industry collapsed in the early 1990s, but today it has a large steel mill, textile industry, and many universities. It has an open steppe and cattle roam right into the center of the city. The city is divided into a 'new' and 'old' sections separated by ger districts. The railroad station, main Buddhist

temple, and the black market are in the Old Darkhan, while most of the nicer hotels, restaurants, and shopping centers, along with the universities and cultural centers are in New Darkhan.

You can get to Darkhan by train or bus. It still has a train station on the Trans-Siberian Railway as well as 3 domestic trains that arrive from UB and either Erdenet or Sukhbaatar. However, buses are usually much faster and more convenient than the train.

Text from <https://en.wikivoyage.org/wiki/Darkhan>

Travel Warnings & Alerts

Level 3: Reconsider Travel to:

Location:	Posted on:
Russia	June 15, 2018
Turkey	June 28, 2018

Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution in:

Location:	Posted on:
China	January 22, 2018
Germany	June 19, 2018
France	January 10, 2018
Mexico	November 15, 2018
Philippines	April 13, 2018

Level 1: Exercise Normal Precautions in:

Location:	Posted on:
Singapore	January 10, 2018
South Korea	January 10, 2018
Uzbekistan	January 10, 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

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

- * **Baganuur District of Ulaanbaatar**
- * **Bayankhongor**
- * **Bayan Ulgii**
- * **Bulgan**
- * **International School of Ulaanbaatar (ISU)**
- * **Khentii**
- * **Oyu Tolgoi**
- * **Sukhbaatar**
- * **Tuv**
- * **Umnugobi**
- * **Uvs**
- * **Uvurkhangai**
- * **Zavhan**

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

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Students in Darkhan listen to presentations by PAO and the Alumni Coordinator.