



Mongolia-Australia Society – Mozzies Association

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Welcome to the Mozzies Newsletter

Dear members,

Welcome to the Mozzies Newsletter. The main purpose of this newsletter is to provide information to our members on the activities which were organized by the Association in the past half-year.

All members are welcomed to contribute to this initiative and provide comments and suggestions to improve it.

Activities from January to July 2011

There were a number of activities organized by the Mozzies Association from January until the end of July 2011, as follows:

1. **“Mozzies Open – 2011”**. “Mozzies Open 2011” was organized this year on January 23, 2011 at the sports hall of the Ministry of Finance. The board members of the Association officially opened “Mozzies Open – 2011” and sportsmen – teams of Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane alumni and AYADs greeted all present at the sports hall.



2. **Annual meeting of the Mozzies Association**. The Annual meeting of the Mozzies Association was held on January 26, 2011. The meeting was attended by over 20 Mozzies members. A report on the activities organized by the Association in 2010 was presented, as well as a plan of activities for 2011. The meeting

was chaired by Graham Taylor, Board member of the Mozzies Association.



3. **Australia Day Function**. The Mozzies Association and AYADs hosted an “Australia Day” function and invited all Mozzies and AYADs, as well as Australians living and working in Mongolia. Over 70 people came to take part in and celebrate this event. The Speaker of the Parliament of Australia, Harry Jenkins, and Deputy Speaker of Parliament of Mongolia and President of Mozzies, N. Enkhbold, came to congratulate all on the occasion.



Mozzies collected donations to help victims of the flood in Queensland and this donation was presented to Harry Jenkins.



The AYADs manager Munkhtuul presented small gifts from the AYAD program to Harry Jenkins and N. Enkhbold.



4. **Joint statement of Prime Ministers of Australia and Mongolia.** During official visit of Mr. Batbold, Prime Minister of Mongolia to Australia, two Prime Ministers issued Australia-Mongolia Joint statement on February 23, 2011 in which it was stated “They noted the active work of the Mongolia-Australia Society, or the “Mozzies Association”, in sustaining linkages between the two countries.” <http://www.pm.gov.au/press-office/australia-mongolia-joint-statement>.
5. **Presentation to AYADs on Mozzies case studies.** A presentation was made to AYADs on case studies during their monthly meeting held at Khaan Bank’s meeting room on February 25, 2011. The information about Mozzies and cooperation with AYADs, as well as documentation of Mozzies case studies, was presented.
6. **Information session on Mozzies Association for returning students.** An information session on Mozzies Association has been organized on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at Khaan Bank main office’s gallery (across the street from Golomt Bank at Xuuxdyn 100) with some snacks and drinks. 7 new members joined Mozzies Association. The information session was attended by Anne and Russell from AusAid, Rod, Alan and Tsetsgee from

MASP and few other Australians working in MintonEllison (law firm, based in Hong Kong and visiting Mongolia) and conducting English language program for MASP students.

7. **Informal dinner with officials from Australian Embassy.** The members of Mozzies Association were invited for an informal dinner with officials from the Australian Embassy based in Seoul. About 10 Mozzies members participated in this informal dinner held at Ivy Restaurant on March 21, 2011.
8. **Announcement on ALAS-2012.** Announcement of Australia Leadership Award Scholarship program has been distributed among Mozzies members on March 21, 2011.
9. **Introduced Ms. Enkh-Erdene from the Council on cooperation with citizens of Mongolia living abroad with Australian Embassy officials.** A meeting with Natalie Barnes, Third Secretary of Australian Embassy in Seoul with Enkh-Erdene, Head, Secretariat, Council on cooperation with the citizens of Mongolia living abroad (Prime Minister’s Office has been setup to introduce activities of Council as well as discuss about the possibilities of cooperation on March 22, 2011.
10. **Questionnaire among members.** The paper-based and on-line questionnaire have been developed and distributed among Mozzies members on March 31, 2011 and April 14, 2011 respectively with the purpose to update contact information of Mozzies members as well as to get members’. The paper-based questionnaire was filled out by 21 members and on-line questionnaire has been filled out by 23 members. The questionnaires were used for updating the profiles of Mozzies members.
11. **Chevening Scholarship announcement.** Upon the request of UK Embassy in Mongolia, the information about the Chevening Scholarship has been distributed among Mozzies members on April 7, 2011.
12. **Survey among Mongolians living in Australia.** Mozzies Association has been approached by “Bruecke” (German Alumni Association) and Council on cooperation with citizens of Mongolia living abroad to conduct survey among Mongolians living in Australia. The survey was intended to carry from April-May, 2011. The survey questionnaire was distributed to email distribution list of Mongolians living in Australia, such as geegen.com, mglaus, etc. The online survey tool was developed and distributed to Mongolians. The results of the survey were delivered as a report to the Council and Brucke.

13. **Meeting with Anne Lubell from AusAID.** On April 15, 2011, L. Ariunaa met with Anne Lubell from AusAID to provide update on the AusAID-funded project. The updated demography survey and 2 case studies were presented to Anne Lubell.
14. **Sharing information about Mozzies NGO to New City NGO and Council on cooperation with citizens of Mongolia working overseas.** The New City NGO has been compiling information from Alumni Associations and approached Mozzies Association to share information about Association.
15. **Organization of information session on ALAS program.** On April 25, 2011, the Mozzies initiated and organized an information session on Australian Leadership Award Scholarship programs. The event was held at the conference room of Ministry of Finance and it was attended by over 30 people, interested to learn from ALAS.



Special thank you very much to Ms. Tsetsgee from MASP and Ms. Undarmaa, ALAS awardee for their information and presentations.



16. **Participation in Pre-departure briefing.** The Pre-departure briefing for MASP scholarship recipients was held on April 28, 2011 at MASP office.
17. **Official launch of Community Development Project supported by DAP through Mozzies.** The “Community development project to support

disadvantaged farmers’ group and women’s in Erdenesant Soum, Tuv Aimag” for 11.9 million tugrik has been developed and submitted by Mozzies to the Direct Aid Program (DAP) of the Australian Embassy. The opening ceremony was held at Erdenet soum of Tuv aimag on June 20, 2011, which was attended by N. Enkhbold, President of the Mozzies Association, Elbegsaikhan, Chair of Committee to work with Aussies Community in Mongolia and Oyungerel, treasurer of the Mozzies Association.



18. **Sport unites us.** The annual football competition was organized by the German Alumni Association on July 2, 2011 at the football field of School No. 24. The Mozzies team won the Bronze medal this year.



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