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Politics

President Ts.Elbegdorj Meets Representatives of Mongolian Business Entrepreneurs and Manufacturers

January 8 (infomongolia.com) On January 07, 2015, President of Mongolia Ts.Elbegdorj held a meeting with representatives of Mongolian business entrepreneurs and manufacturers at the Soyombo Hall of Best Western Premier Tuushin Hotel in Ulaanbaatar.

In the scope of one of the goals of the President's Policy and Action Plans, which states, "To replace the import products and support domestic production, service and exports of value-added processed goods", a draft law on Supporting the Domestic Production and Manufacturers was initiated. At the meeting, President Ts.Elbegdorj discussed and exchanged views on the draft law with the representatives of the domestic manufacturers.

At the meeting, Minister of Industry D.Erdenebat, Minister of Food and Agriculture R.Burmaa, Minister of Construction and Urban Development D.Tsogtbaatar, and officials from the Ministry of Finance, Customs General Administration, General Department of Taxation, National Statistical Office and other authorities of the relevant organizations were present.

Also, delegates from the private sectors and industries such as wool, cashmere, leather, textile products, logging, printing, packaging, cement, concrete, steel, iron, construction materials, livestock farming, agriculture, milk, and associations of dairy products, as well as Erdenet Mining Corporation, Darkhan Metallurgical Plant, "Suu" LLC, "Darkhan Nekhii", "Mon-Milk" LLC, "Mongol Chevron" LLC, "Gobi" Corporation, "Goyo" LLC, "Gatsuurt" LLC, "Gazar Shim" LLC, MCS Group, Teso Corporation and other domestic manufacturers attended the meeting.

After, attendees exchanged and expressed their views, and President Ts.Elbegdorj and Minister of Industry D.Erdenebat delivered closing remarks. They expressed their positions on implementing the proposals and suggestions of the participants.

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Following Visit to Czech Republic, President of Mongolia to Attend in World Economic Forum's 2015 Meeting

January 8 (infomongolia.com) Upon invitation of the President of the Czech Republic, Mr. Milos Zeman, the President of Mongolia Mr. Tsakhia ELBEGDORJ will be conducting a state visit to the country on January 18-19, 2015.



The visit is aimed to broaden bilateral cooperation and partnership and during the visit, President Ts.Elbegdorj will be meeting with Mongolians residing in the country on January 19, 2015.

Moreover, following the state visit to the Czech Republic, Mongolian delegates led by the President Ts.Elbegdorj will be attending in the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting themed "The New Global Context" to take place in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland on January 21-24, 2015.

The Annual Meeting 2015, which is organized for the consecutive 45th year, will be gathering about 250 top political leaders to discuss with the heads of international organizations and with business leaders how global governance can be improved through public-private cooperation. These discussions will be prepared in close collaboration with the respective international organizations, aimed at providing substantial, yet informal, input into major global processes.

[Source](#)

Democratic Party Appoints Its Acting Secretary General

January 8 (infomongolia.com) On January 07, 2015, the Executive Council of Democratic Party (DP) held its regular meeting and the main topic discussed was an appointment of an Acting Secretary General of the DP.

The newly promoted DP Acting Secretary General, Mr. Lombo ERKHEMBAYAR, an Advisor to the President on Living Environment and Green Development Policy, is succeeding Ms. Ts.Oyundari, who was recently appointed to chair the Mongolian National Broadcaster.

The DP Acting Secretary General L.Erkhembayar will soon be accredited at the National Consultative Committee of the DP.

[Source](#)

The Authority for Fair Competition and Consumer Protection appoints new head

January 8 (news.mn) The government appointed a new head of the Authority for Fair Competition and Consumer Protection during Wednesday's regular cabinet meeting.

Former head of the Authority for Fair Competition and Consumer Protection O.Magnai resigned from the position. With the authority to appoint a new head, PM Ch.Saikhanbileg proposed and approved the nomination of T.Ayursaikhan, from the Committee for Reform movement in the MPP, as new head of the Authority for Fair Competition and Consumer Protection.

Wednesday's cabinet meeting also resulted in the appointment of T.Badrakh as Chief of the National Emergency Management Agency.

[Source](#)



Cabinet Meeting in Brief

Ulaanbaatar, January 8 (MONTSAME) In regards of renewed structure and composition of the Government, the cabinet of Ministers resolved to withdraw several draft laws and amendments that have been presented to parliament. The cabinet also freed heads of the General Emergency Department and the Authority for Fair Competition and Customers' Rights, T.Dulamdorj and O.Magnai.

The withdrawn drafts are laws on Investigation Office, on Legal Status of Law Enforcement Officer, on Crimes, on Offence, against Family Violence, on State Amnesty and on Fire Arms, and draft amendments to laws on Police Offices and on Takhar (Marshall's) Service.

- Former director of Reform Committee of MPP T.Ayursaikhan was appointed the head of the Authority for Fair Competition and Customers' Rights, the Colonel T.Badral was promoted to be a head of the General Emergency Department.

[Source](#)

Cabinet about ratifying the Antarctic treaty

Ulaanbaatar, January 8 (MONTSAME) The cabinet at its meeting January 7 decided to present a draft on ratifying the Antarctic Treaty. Ratification of this international document is of high importance in terms of improving our future competence for receiving own shares from the wealth of humanity.

The issue was approved by the meeting of the Ministers on February 7 last year and developed under the consultation with the Parliamentary Standing committee on security and foreign policy.

Since a first participation of Mongolian scholars in the Antarctic researches that took place in 1972-1974, our scholars have been always included in other countries' teams.

Through ratifying the document, Mongolia will send its own team and locate its own science station in Antarctica. The Antarctic Treaty has 50 countries so far.

[Source](#)

Foreign Relations

FM Receives ambassador of UK

Ulaanbaatar, January 8 (MONTSAME) The Minister of Foreign Affairs L.Purevsuren met the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the UK to Mongolia Mr Christopher Stuart on Wednesday.

The dignitaries discussed the bilateral relations and cooperation, after which Mr Stuart gave the Minister a congratulatory note from the UK Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Phillip Hammond on being appointed the FM. The Minister gave



the Ambassador the information on the objectives of the new cabinet and renewed structure of his Ministry, and expressed his opinion on the opportunities of deepening and strengthening the ties between the two countries.

In response, the Ambassador spoke about the British investments in Mongolia and current state of the business cooperation of businesses.

[Source](#)

Minister of Food and Agriculture Meets Ambassador of China to Mongolia

January 8 (infomongolia.com) On January 07, 2015, Minister of Food and Agriculture, Mrs. R.Burmaa received in her office the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Wang Xiaolong.

During the meeting Minister mentioned about the issues agreed between the Presidents of Mongolia Ts.Elbegdorj and China Xi Jinping on tax-free exporting of Mongolian agricultural products regardless of the volume and in the scope of implementation, she asked the Ambassador to support the ongoing works of the Ministry.

In the frameworks, the two countries held in Beijing, the sixth working group meeting between the Ministries of Agriculture. Also, sides signed on a Protocol to create a quiet zone of foot-and-mouth and contagious animal diseases in eastern regions of Mongolia during the Food Exports and Imports Meeting held between the Agricultural Deputy Ministers. In addition, parties agreed to develop and implement a program to provide the meat for export, and agreed to cooperate with efforts to combat trans-boundary animal diseases.

Moreover, Minister R.Burmaa recalled that the Ambassador of Mongolia in Beijing Ts.Sukhbaatar held a meeting with the China's Vice Minister of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, Mr. Wu Qinghai and during the meeting, Ambassador requested to organize a negotiation on exporting cattle, sheep, goat and horse meat byproducts, also to export Buuz, dumplings, flour and other agricultural products, as well as fodder and hay for domestic animals.

In order to deal these tasks, Ambassador requested to establish an Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and therefore, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Mongolia is undertaking these measures, concluded the Minister R.Burmaa.

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Economy

Government of Mongolia to Grant One-Time Tax Amnesty, Which Will Be Effective for 6 Months

January 8 (infomongolia.com) The first regular Cabinet meeting in 2015 by the new Coalition Government was held on January 07, where the first issue resolved was to submit a draft bill on Economic Transparency and Tax Amnesty.

The bill is aimed to grant with the tax amnesty and create better legal environment on revealing the 'hidden' capital; in particular it is targeted to allocate a one-time opportunity to correct and re-submit forged financial and tax reports without penalties.

Mongolia had performed such initiatives in 2007-2008 and granted with a one-time amnesty on tax and social premiums. So this time, amnesties will be showed to registrations on real estate and legal entities as well as to the accounting and asset declarations in addition to the tax and social premiums. In other words, entities and individuals who did not pay taxes and social insurances as well as who did not register their real estates and declarations of income or submitted at reduced amount or inaccurately reported all those will be pardoned one-time without penalties.

As soon as the new bill will be ratified by the Parliament of Mongolia, the one-time tax amnesty will be effective for the period of six months. Therefore, the Cabinet members agreed to submit the draft bill to the Parliament discussion next week.

Such initiatives are widely used in other countries globally and are considered to be one of the feasible measures aimed at supporting economic transparency and decrease of "hidden" capital.

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Stock Exchange News for January 8

Ulaanbaatar, January 8 (MONTSAME) At the Stock Exchange trades on Thursday, a total of 78 thousand and 696 units of 18 JSCs were traded costing MNT 13 million 936 thousand and 968.

"Hermes center" /46 thousand units/, "Khokh gan" /25 thousand and 396 units/, "Genco tour bureau" /5,236 units/, "Merex" /1,500 units/ and "Tavantolgoi" /308 units/ were the most actively traded in terms of trading volume, in terms of trading value were "Hermes center" (MNT seven million 360 thousand and 200), "Khokh gan" (MNT two million 514 thousand and 204), "Tavantolgoi" (MNT one million 283 thousand and 600), "UBBUK" (MNT one million and 260 thousand) and "Genco tour bureau" (MNT 471 thousand and 004).

The total market capitalization was set at MNT one trillion 411 billion 815 million 895 thousand and 646. The Index of Top-20 JSCs was 14,633.70, increasing 8.74 units or 0.06% against the previous day.

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Industry

Industrial park for construction materials to be developed in district

Ulaanbaatar, January 8 (MONTSAME) As resolved by the Citizens' Representative Khural of Ulaanbaatar city, an industrial-technological park for construction materials will be erected in the city's Nalaikh district, and related activities have already launched.

The park will introduce the latest progressive scientific achievements and to boost an import substitution industrialization (ISI) in the construction materials sphere. It is projected that the construction material industry will increase 1.78 times, and the industrial power of Nalaikh district will rise 32 times in five years to come, creating some 1,500 jobs.

As planned, factories will open starting from 2016, and goals have been set up to ensure a preparation for the construction.

[Source](#)

Health

Drug registration and listing system to be revised

Ulaanbaatar, January 8 (MONTSAME) The Minister of Health and Sports G.Shiilegdamba presented his proposal on revising the Drug Registration and Listing System, at the cabinet meeting Wednesday. The proposal offers changes that will ease the registration process.

Mr Shiilegdamba wants to register drugs and medicinal products in three types of procedures--direct, accelerated and simple. The direct one will list the proposed medicines in the system within 30 days. Registering will consider a fact that the drug was approved by authorized institution with strict regulations and is included in the World Health Organization (WHO)'s medical directives, taking into account the information provided about the drug by the official website of the WHO. Direct registering will exclude vaccines.

The accelerated registering will complete in 60 days, for the drugs that were approved by authorized institution of any member state of the International Drug Control Cooperation and included in the WHO medical directives, thus taking into account the information provided by the official website.

Registration for other drugs and medicines will be declared or denied within six months after being proposed.



The Minister concluded that the problems faced by healthcare organizations will be reduced through alleviating the registration processes, thus delivering the drugs due time to patients in need.

[Source](#)

Ulaanbaatar

About Works of Ecological and green developmental sphere

Ulaanbaatar, January 8 (MONTSAME) The administration of Ulaanbaatar city has approved a plan of works for the 2015 in the ecological and green developmental sphere within a 2013-2016 action plan and the 2015 social-economic goals.

In frames of the "Made in Ulaanbaatar-2015" project/programme, some 14 kinds of works are expected to introduce an information cluster and intensify its activities, to run meetings with professional organizations, consultations in concrete areas, and a meeting of producers of tourism souvenirs.

An international fair will be mounted in Shiliin Gol province of China's Inner Mongolia, a "Forum-2015" for the Mongolia-Russia-China economic and trade cooperation and the "Canton Five" exhibitions will be mounted, and a "Made in Ulaanbaatar-2015" exhibition will be shown as well. As support will be given to small- and middle-sized industries, a construction will start of a center for small and middle enterprises (SME), some 1,220 people and entities will be trained, and 2,800 SMEs will receive consulting services, moreover, the city intends to collaborate with 3,500 producers.

The National Park, the city-owned institution, will erect an eco hall and a children library in 2015, a Square of Police will be furnished, and children playground will be created named after Seoul city.

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Company News

Introducing Mongolian Blend coal

January 7 (worldcoal.com) Aspire Mining Ltd has advised that it has received an independent Chinese Coal Market Report, commissioned by the company from a leading coal consultancy firm in China, confirming the marketability of a blended metallurgical coal product at its Ovoot project in Mongolia.

The so-called "Mongolian Blend" of product is a blend of between 25 – 50% Aspire's Ovoot Project indicative metallurgical coal and other Mongolian selected thermal and



non-metallurgical coals. The report was commissioned to assess the marketability and indicative pricing of the Mongolian Blend in order to complete a scoping study to support the development of a regional coal blending facility at the Sainshand Industrial Park, which is located along the Trans-Mongolian Railway in southern Mongolia.

The report confirmed that the Mongolian Blend would be classified as a "JM" primary metallurgical coal, according to Chinese coal classifications. The Mongolian Blend is considered "similar or even better than those primary coking coals imported into the China market from countries like Australia, the US and Canada", due to its medium ash, low sulfur and high G value.

Aspire's Managing Director, David Paull, said "The China coal market report received confirms the importance of coking coals at the premium end of the scale for use in China. Demand continues to grow and we are well positioned in our development timeframe for our Ovoot Coking Coal Project to deliver a premium coking coal product into the Chinese market".

"The marketability of the Mongolian Blend is particularly exciting as it confirms the value in establishing a blending operation at the Sainshand Industrial Park to add value to a range of thermal and low caking coals produced in Mongolia at present but with limited economic market outlets," Paull added.

"Both our Ovoot Project and the potential Blending Facility will benefit from Mongolia's improving infrastructure landscape with planned railway to be built in the north to service the Ovoot Project, along with the upgrades to the Trans-Mongolian railway and rail border crossings with China," Paull said.

[Source](#)