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Women’s Committee, UNDP awards journalists for the best gender works

The Women’s Committee of Uzbekistan and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) awarded several journalists from the country within the framework of the gender contest on 25 January 2008. Within the awarding ceremony, the statistical bulletin “Women and men of Uzbekistan 2000-2005” was also presented in the event, which was held at NGMK Business Centre in Tashkent.

UNDP Country Office in Uzbekistan and the Women’s Committee announced a competition for journalists for the best coverage of issues on elimination of discrimination against women in August 2007.

The contest was aimed at motivating journalists of Uzbekistan to cover gender-related issues to raise gender aware-

ness and knowledge of UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), as well as eliminate gender stereotypes in the community.

The contest was held within the project “Legislative and Institutional Capacity Development for Women’s Empowerment in Uzbekistan”, which is directed at supporting and building the capacity of the government, civil society and mass media in reducing the gender gaps via raising awareness of and implementing the recommendations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW Committee) to Uzbekistan.

Seventeen journalists from various parts of Uzbekistan presented their 50 works to the contest. The jury board, which

included representatives of several international organizations, evaluated presented works and selected the winners.

In line with the decision of the jury board, Dilbar Bekchanova from Urgench won the first place among print media representatives, while Galiya Ibragimova (Tashkent) and Gulbahar Tangirova (Termez) took the second place and Khafiza Burkhonova from Tashkent received the third place.

Works of Nargis Kasimova (Tashkent) and Salimahon Rustamova (Ferghana) were named the best among internet and broadcasting media respectively. At the same time, the contest organizers awarded Kamola Atajanova with the special prize for her blog dedicated to the women and gender-related issues.

Women’s Committee, UNDP awards journalists for the best gender works

Kyoko Postill, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Uzbekistan, said: “The majority of works received covers life of prominent Uzbek women and daily problems. But there are a lot of issues, which require wide coverage of media. We should not forget that mass media is key tool for raising awareness of population, government and civil society. Through your work we can help society to identify gender discriminations and stereotypes, which can be eliminated only in joint efforts.”

The statistical bulletin “Women and Men of Uzbekistan” was also presented within the awarding ceremony. The statistical bulletin “Women and Men of Uzbekistan” is published on a regular basis (no less than once in two years). The given statistical collection is the regular publication of

State Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan, published in cooperation with Women’s Committee of Uzbekistan, UNDP, ADB and Civic Initiative Support Center and devoted to gender development in Uzbekistan.

This statistical bulletin presents data on demography, healthcare, education, employment and unemployment, social security, criminality, etc., broken down by sex. This year’s bulletin is enriched with a new chapter on the usage of free time by men and women.

Representatives of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the Swiss Embassy in Tashkent presented their gender programmes and shared their experience.



Kyoko Postill

A group of youth gets familiarized with property law of Uzbekistan

A group of pupil from Tashkent-based school No. 210 got acquainted with property law of Uzbekistan at UNDP-backed training on 14 January. Clinicians of Legal Clinic under the University of World Economy and Diplomacy (UWED) conducted this training.

UNDP Country Office in Uzbekistan supports the Legal Clinic under the UWED through its project “Legal Aid

and Legal Literacy for Better Access to Justice”. The project is directed at improving access to justice for people who cannot afford or have limited access to legal services, including women, children, the poor, the elderly and people with disabilities



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and increasing quality of legal services through training of law students.

About fifteen teenagers between the age of 15 and 16, studying at the school No. 210, participated at the training, which was aimed to promot-

ing legal knowledge among youth in the sphere of capability and property law.

The participants of the training got basic knowledge on capability, including ability to make deal, responsibility on liability and right to business activity.

Current training also helped to students of Legal Clinic, who were involved in preparation process of the training. Legal Clinic students improved their knowledge in the sphere of capability of under ages. They studied the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan

and Civil Code, as well as other legislation, to develop materials for the training.

It is expected that Legal Clinic will organize similar trainings for youth of Uzbekistan in various spheres of the legislation during 2008.

UNDP ICTP project, Young Programmers Center prepare books on FOSS

UNDP project “Assisting the Government of Uzbekistan in the formulation and implementation of ICT for development policy” (ICTP) in cooperation with the Center of Training and Support of Young Programmers (CTSYP) prepared three textbooks on information technology to promote free open source software in Uzbekistan.

It is worth to note that these textbooks first manuals, published on the Free Open Source Software (FOSS) in Uzbekistan. The books were prepared in the result of cooperation between ICTP project and CTSYP in software development and information systems design field.

The manual “Introduction to LINUX and administration” briefly introduces the reader to the open-source GNU/Linux operating system and its various distributions, describes the capabilities and user programs of the system. The book also contains a section on the system administration of computers and networks, based on GNU/Linux.

The book “MySQL DBMS” contains information about the contemporary

MySQL database management system. This open source DBMS is a leader in the field of data storage of web applications. The sheer speed and support of a broad range of industry standards allows us to recommend MySQL as a basis of enterprise wide information system construction.

Modern sites use a lot of paradigms, programming architectures and technologies to achieve the final result. For the presentation of a coherent picture, the third textbook presents to the reader material on various web technologies, including Javascript, PHP, DHTML, etc. Thus, after studying this book, students can dive into interactive and dynamic site design.

These books were designed for the students and self-study for those interested in these areas. The books were in 50 copies each and they will be distributed to the CTSYP students.

The publishers hope that these books will help prepare and support young programmers in the future to become highly qualified professionals in software engineering.

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