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ASSC students improve knowledge on women's rights protection mechanisms

women's rights on 12 December.

and national mechanisms of pro-

aimed at raising awareness of government officials on international and national documents on protection of women's rights, including the UN Convention on the Eliminaof tion A 11 Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the recommen-

tee to Uzbekistan.

emy for State and Social Con- mended that the Convention and and discrimination, international struction (ASSC) under the Presi- the Committee's general recom- human rights documents and othdent of Uzbekistan got acquainted mendations be made integral part ers. with international and national of legal education and trainings of mechanism of protection of government officials at all levels.

The ASSC trains public sector "Improving Public Sector Man-The seminar titled "International managers to assume managerial agement Skills through Building positions both within public ad- Training and Research Capacity tection of women's rights" is ministration institutions, such as of the State Academy for State

A group of students of the Acad- The CEDAW Committee recom- equality, stereotypes, prejudices

The seminar was organized jointly by UNDP projects



and Public Construction under the President of Uzbekistan" and Legislative and Institutional Capacity Development for Women's Empowerment in Uzbekistan". implemented in cooperation with the ASSC and Women's Committee of Uzbekistan respectively.

dations of CE- Malika Inakova, CEDAW project manager, delivers presentation DAW Commit-

The CEDAW Convention adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly, is an international document on the rights of women. Uzbekistan was the first Central Asian country to ratify the convention in 1995 and has reported twice to the CEDAW Committee About 25 students of the ASSC in particular. This way we conon its implementation. It is expected that the Government of Uzbekistan will submit its next of UNDP Country Office in Uz- Committee and raise gender report to CEDAW Committee in bekistan. The participants got awareness of government offi-August 2008.

khokimiyats, government offices, Muattara Rahimova, manager of the public sector.

familiarized with issues of gender cials."

Ministries, public and economic "Improving Public Sector Manorganizations, as well as other agement Skills through Building institutions of public manage- Training and Research Capacity ment. The students include middle of the ASSC" project, said: "Such level managers and young entre- events are important for our stupreneurs aspiring for a career in dents. They learn about international agreements on protection of human rights and women's rights, participated in the seminar, which tribute to the implementation of took place at the conference hall recommendations of CEDAW

HSB students acquaint with activities of World Bank

ness (HSB) under the Academy of State and tion. World Bank assistance has also helped Social Construction under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan got acquainted try gain access to safe and reliable drinking with the activity of the World Bank Group water. Assistance to improve water supply worldwide.

World Bank in Uzbekistan, presented the World Bank Group and its activities in various parts of the world. He also briefed about The World Bank has also helped the country bekistan.

ties for some 4 million people in rural ar- A project to improve drainage in the down- loans."

The students of the Higher School of Busi- eas-or about 15 percent of the total populapeople in the rural western part of the counin the historic cities of Bukhara and Samarkand is ongoing. In addition, the sanitation Mr. Loup J.Brefort, country manager of the system in Tashkent has improved as a result of better waste collection.

activities of the World Bank Group in Uz- restore the biodiversity of the wetlands near Zohid Askarov, project manager of UNDP Lake Sudochie. The wetlands were flushed at HSB, said: "This seminar was very interwith over 800 million cubic meters of fresh active and useful for the students. I think Uzbekistan joined the World Bank in 1992 water from the Amu Darya River, thereby information, which they received today, will and since the Bank assistance has helped the raising the water levels and increasing the help them in the future to participate in country improve primary health care facili- incomes of the people living in its vicinity. some projects of World Bank or receive

stream part of the Amu Darya with significant expected benefits for land quality, the environment, and rural incomes is under implementation.

World Bank assistance has also contributed to raising the quality and price of cotton, Uzbekistan's main export crop, and is helping cotton farmers in 5 pilot rayons pilot a new marketing system that allows them to sell their crop outside the dominant stateorder system.

Graduates of Higher School of Business receive diplomas, certificates

Over 60 students of the Higher reforms. School of Business received their diplomas and certificates at The primary task of the HSB is received the diplomas and the the solemn graduation ceremony to prepare highly competent certificates of foreign educa-

on 30 November 2007. The specialists and management tional establishments. graduates also received certifi- cadre through an MBA program cates and diplomas of foreign that is based on the internation- Nine of students received MBA institutions.

The Higher School of Business under the Academy of State and Social Construction under the tion policies of the country. President of the Republic of Uzbekistan was created on 18 The ceremony was attended by May 2001 in line with the decree Mr. Alisher Doniyorov, the Senof the Cabinet of Ministers "On ior Inspector of the Presidential the creation of the Higher Apparatus, Mr. Sjahril Sabarud-School of Business under the din, the Extraordinary and Pleni-Academy of State and Social potentiary Ambassador of the Institute of Public Administra-Construction under the President Republic of Indonesia to Uz- tion of the Republic of Indonesia of the Republic of Uzbekistan".

is a single educational institution Ms. Manja Hussner, Head of same time, fifteen students rewith an MBA programme in the German Information Center of ceived the Certificates of country that prepares highly DAAD in Uzbekistan, the pro- Deutsche skilled management cadre with fessors and staff of the Higher Akademie in Niedersachsen deep knowledge about the mod- School of Business and other from Dr. Manja Hussner. ern management methods, which guests. Dr. Mannon Aliev, direcare capable to work for proper tor of the HSB, opened the cere- Speaking at the ceremony, Mr. implementation of the current mony. country policies directed towards

ally accepted programs and requirements and in compliance of Management (the Netherwith the tasks and priorities of the ongoing democratic transi-

bekistan, Mr. Irwan Iding, Mr. to nine students of HSB, who Amir Hamzah, Representatives participated in training pro-The Higher School of Business of the Embassy of Indonesia, gramme in July 2007. At the

liberalization and All graduates of the HSB were conducted in July was very sucstrengthening of the economic awarded with the MBA diplo- cessful and it starts long-term

mas of the Higher School of cooperation between HSB and Business. Some of them also Indonesia.

diplomas of Maastricht School lands) and 32 of students got the certificates of the University of Antwerpen as a result of two study tours in May-June and September October 2007 to Belgium.

Mr. Sjahril Sabaruddin handed over the Certificates of National Management

Sjahril Sabaruddin, said the training programme for HSB



HSB graduates

UNDP project "Improving Public Sector Management Skills through **Building Training and Research** Capacity of the Higher School of Business under the State Academy for State and Public Construction under the President of Uzbekistan" aimed to enhance capacity of the HSB to teach public sector management skills to support the development and effective implementation of the public policy in Uzbekistan.

Uzbekistan observes 3 December - the International Day of Disabled Persons

The UN agencies and local organizations in UNDP and UNICEF offices in Uzbekistan Uzbekistan partnered to mark the International Day of Disabled Persons in the coun- bekistan, Special Olympics Uzbekistan, and try. "This year's International Day of Dis- Social Adaptation Center to observe the abled Persons focuses on the goal of decent International Day of Disabled Persons in work for persons with disabilities, and reminds us that every person deserves opportunities for productive employment in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity...Persons with disabilities have the ability to make valuable contributions in the school for blind people. During these special workforce as employees, entrepreneurs and days, children from both types of schools employers. But they face numerous barriers that prevent them from fulfilling their potential. Early in life, they encounter difficulties gaining access to an education or acquisition of employable skills. Later on, fears and prejudices about their abilities deny them the work opportunities available to others. Inaccessible workplaces, explicit and implicit discriminatory legislation and practices, and unfavourable work conditions pose additional hurdles." read the statement of the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon issued to mark this day.

International Day of Disabled Persons, proclaimed by the collaborative effort United Komila Rakhimova, UNDP Gender Spe- vide long-term benefit to intellectually Nations, is to celebrate and acknowledge the cialist, said: "The issue of transforming disabled individuals' health, self-esteem experience and capabilities of people with disabilities. The Day was initially proclaimed in 1992 to commemorate the anniversary of the high on the agenda. Neglect of this group achieving Millennium Development World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, adopted by the General Assem- they could make into science, economy, tion and partnerships among youth, famibly to promote understanding about disability issues and to increase awareness of gains to be derived from integrating disabled persons into all aspects of political, social economic and cultural life.

supported the Women's Committee of Uz-Uzbekistan.

Activities of the week included visits of children from several local schools to the schools for disabled, such as the boarding and the Special Olympics Uzbekistan athletes shared their vision, demonstrated their talents by performing and singing for each other, and enjoyed a celebratory cake. These visits aimed to foster better understanding and inclusion of people with disabilities and to promote friendship and exchange among children of all schools. The gala concert of art groups of the disabled and the exhibition of children's paintings in the concert hall Zerafshan that hosted nearly 400 children wrapped up the week's activities aimed at the observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons in Uzbekistan.

to make an input each day, not just today, development.



into achieving a real inclusive society -"a society for all".

Week's activities were organized in the framework of UNDP project Promotion of Rights of Disabled Individuals through Sport. The project aims to promote rights and well-being of people with intellectual disabilities in Uzbekistan by developing the capacity of the Special Olympics Uzbekistan movement, which strives to proexisting systems to be friendly to and and social skills through sport activities. inclusive of people with a disability is The project will contribute towards of people is not just a huge loss of input Goals (MDG)s through fostering cooperaliterature, art, and culture but also a grave lies, schools, local communities, public human rights abuse. This event calls for and private sectors, as well as raising everyone, government, civil society, in- awareness of population on contribution ternational organizations and individuals, of people with intellectual disabilities in



Education

UWED faculty staff members present new teaching methods



conducted at the University of World Econ- Internet resources. omy and Diplomacy (UWED) for students 2007.

workshops on cluding skills, at the Westmin- skills in practice". ster International Uni-May 2007.

UWED elaborated their cards. projects individually or

Economic Relations, noted: "This presenta- issues of international politics, econom-

staff members of the to show how we prepared for a teaching UWED, who actively process and share our ideas and skills with participated in the the colleagues". While Ms. Guzal Dadanew baeva, PhD student, said: "It is a good exteaching methods, in- perience to attend the workshops on new presentation teaching methods and after to apply new

versity in Tashkent in UNDP project "Enhan-cing the Capacity of the University of World Economy and Diplomacy to Support the Foreign Policy of Participants from vari- Uzbekistan" awarded the best projects with ous Departments of the prizes, such as digital cameras and flash-

in the small groups. The project aims to strengthen the capac-Presentation of projects on Curriculum De- During development of projects, they used ity of the UWED to support the developvelopment and New Teaching Methods was methodical tools and e-materials, as well as ment and implementation of the foreign policy of Uzbekistan through the training of highly qualified specialists as well as and faculty staff members on 27 December Ms. Alina Akhmerova, second year Master serving as an efficient platform for the student at the Department of International research and debate over the variety of The projects were prepared by young faculty tion is a good chance for us, young teachers, ics, regional development, security, etc.

ICT

IT volunteers of UNDP ICTP Project awarded with gifts and certificates

In the world community calen- Mr. Sanjar Saidkhodjaev, Project activists received commemoradar, the 5th of December is Manager, UNDP ICTP Project, tive gifts from ICTP Project of marked as International Volun- noted that the ICTP project volun- the United Nations Development teer Day. The UN General As- teers played a significant role in Program. sembly in 1985 invited Govern- advancing the idea of volunteer ments to observe annually, the activities in the local community, During celebration party various 5th of December as International helping to support the activities of competitions were organized to Volunteer Day for Economic the various IT organizations-in test volunteers' IT knowledge, and Social Development. By 2007 IT volunteers assisted in and the results were quite high. prove the knowledge and skills definition, volunteers are those organizing and holding the 5th All participants of competitions in ICT sphere and to fully exwho spend their free time for the Anniversary Summit on ICT, the received prizes. Also, IT volun- ploit the benefits from more benefit of society.

volunteers of UNDP ICTP Project received special certificates and gifts for their contribution to the development of ICT in Uzbekistan on the 5th of Hulkar Razm, Khamidulla Inoya-December. Certificates, which tov, Marat Mamanov, Kamola serve as a formal recognition of Faizieva as an exemplary volun- ICTP Project through its IT Vol- ject has currently more than during the year 2007, were deal in abovementioned activities. awarded at the ceremony on the tional Volunteer Day.

International Workshop on Broad-teers shared with each others effective use of ICT. band, took an active part in the their goals, achievements future Thus, twenty-qualified IT- project "Tech Age Girls", TV plans. Despite the diversity of The IT Volunteer Service has its Show "Tarakkiyot Sari" (Towards opinions, IT volunteers agreed the development) and other activities. We would like to mention separately Mansur Nugmanov,

that they would to teach and share IT skills with those who Share IT. lack capabilities, resources and knowledge in the filed.

volunteer work carried out teers who contributed significant unteers Service supports spirit of thirty members. They regularly volunteerism and encourages conduct training and sessions in young people to assist NGOs, basic computer technologies, commemoration of the Interna- For their invaluable contribution public institutions, state entities, web site development, PC mainto the volunteer movement all and educational bodies to im- tenance, and etc.



own motto, stating the objectives of the service - Learn IT, Use IT,

Launched in May, 2005, the IT Volunteer Service of ICTP Pro-