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### **SCHOOL PRINCIPALS FROM THE COUNTRY OF KYRGYZSTAN EXAMINE INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING IN NORTHEAST OHIO**

[Cleveland, Ohio] — Six Kyrgyz educators participating in the Open World Program will arrive in Cleveland on Saturday, September 25, 2010 to begin a week long informational program focusing on the administration of primary and secondary schools. The delegation, consisting of school principals as well as a Ministry of Education representative, will meet with various educational leaders in the Cleveland area and visit various area innovative schools and programs.

The Council of International Programs USA (CIPUSA) a 54-year-old international exchange program based in Cleveland will host the delegation. Managed by the independent Open World Leadership Center at the Library of Congress, Open World is designed to enhance understanding and capabilities for cooperation between the United States and the countries of Eurasia and the Baltic States by developing a network of leaders in the region who have gained significant, firsthand exposure to America's democratic, accountable government and free-market system.

The visiting delegates are:

- **Mr. Altynbek Zhaparov** is the **Principal of a boarding school** and is responsible for the improvement of the quality of teaching as well as the education and development of the students, ensuring proper functioning and development of the school, cooperation with different projects and maintaining cooperative efforts with the local community.
- **Ms. Atyrkul Murzakulova** is the **Deputy Principal for Science at a secondary school** and is responsible for ensuring that the most effective teaching methods, curriculum and materials in the sciences are being developed and implemented in the school.
- **Mr. Kubanychbek Mambetov** is a **Principal in a secondary school** and is responsible for the management and organization of the educational work at the school.

- **Ms. Olga Kubanova** is the **Deputy Director on Education Work** in a secondary school and is responsible for coordinating extracurricular activities, supervising teachers, working with parents & the public, low-income students, orphanages, students with single parents, and students with behavior issues.
- **Ms. Shokhistakhon Khadzhimatova** is the **Coordinator of Modern Technologies & English Language Programs** in a secondary school and is responsible for incorporating the most effective information technology teaching tools to improve classroom learning for students as well as the coordination of a pilot English language program.
- **Ms. Saltanat Mambetova** is the **Leading Specialist of Preschool, School & Extra-School Education Department** for the Ministry of Education & Science and is responsible for the supervision and coordination of out-of-school institutions, orphanages & boarding schools for orphans and disabled children.

The Open World delegation is scheduled to visit a variety of sites and organizations including:

- **Cleveland Metropolitan School District**
- **Shaker Heights City Schools**
- **Avon Lake School District**
- **Campus International School at Cleveland State University**
- **Citizens' Academy**
- **Cuyahoga County Public Library**
- **Montessori High School**

Home stays in Solon and Cleveland Heights will allow the Open World delegates to experience American family life. They will also take part in several cultural and community activities, including a visit to The Cleveland Museum of Art.

The Open World Leadership Center has awarded a grant to CIPUSA to administer this and similar exchanges in 2010.

The U.S. Congress established Open World in 1999 to enhance understanding and capabilities for cooperation between the United States and Russia. In 2003, Congress made all post-Soviet states eligible for the program. Thanks to Open World, some 14,000 current and future Eurasian leaders have experienced American civil society and have been exposed to new ideas and practices that they can adapt for use in their own work. Open World also promotes partnerships and continued communications between delegates and their American hosts and professional counterparts. Open World currently operates exchanges for political and civic leaders from Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan.

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