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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Promotes Competitive Educational Environment in Kyrgyzstan

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan — A new Career Support Center opened its doors in Bishkek on September 19. The center was created by the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Education Loan Program in partnership with the Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA) and the Education Network Association of educational agencies.

The Career Support Center will provide advice, training and support to over 20 university career centers in Kyrgyzstan. The Center will also provide practical training courses to students of higher and technical education institutions, teaching them how to choose a career path, strategies for finding a job, resume-writing, and interviewing skills.

The Career Support Center will also promote a competitive educational environment while strengthening the employment market in Kyrgyzstan by creating direct links between employers and students through cooperation with the business community. Several large companies have already signed up to provide internships.

In addition to university administrators, career centers and major employers, the opening ceremony was attended by deputies of the Parliament, representatives of the Ministry of Education and Sciences, the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Migration, the Coordination Council of Youth Scientists, EFCA and USAID.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is proud to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2011. USAID was created in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy and is funded by the American people. Since 1992, USAID has supported local efforts to improve economic growth, governance, and the quality of health and education in Kyrgyzstan.

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