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PRESS RELEASE

USAID Helps Schools Make Effective Use of Limited Budgets

Over On September 17-18, the United States Government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Quality Learning Project, Sapattuu Bilim, held a second Forum of School Advisory Committees in Chui Oblast at the Issyk-Kul Aurora Resort. The Forum participants have reviewed and shared their experiences with improving the quality of education at their schools, notably by helping school administrations effectively use their limited budget resources.

USAID provides support to the Ministries of Education and Finance to implement a new per capita financing mechanism in schools of Chui, Issyk-Kul, and Batken Oblasts. This new financing mechanism gives school administrations and Advisory Committees the flexibility needed to adapt their budgets to priority education needs and to offer incentives for teachers to provide high-quality teaching.

More than 100 participants attended the forum, including the Advisory Committees of Chui Oblast schools, school principals from Chui Oblast, and Heads of Rayon Education Departments of Chui, Issyk-Kul and Batken Oblasts. Representatives of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic, the National Agency of Local Government, and the Kyrgyz Parliament, Jogorku Kenesh, also participated in the forum.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is proud to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2011. USAID was created in 1961 by American 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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