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Seminars Improve Judges' Skills

Study tours give opportunity to judges to learn international practices



Photo: Tatyana Pushkina

Tanatova Gulsim applies international practices related to intellectual property rights to her court hearings.

“During the study tour, I learned the best international practices related to intellectual property rights from international experts. These skills help judges improve their handling of court hearings.”

Tanatova Gulsim, a judge of the specialized economic court of Kyzylorda region, is one of 16 study tour participants who attended the intellectual property seminar at the CEELI Institute in Prague. With the help of the seminar organized by the USAID Judicial Education Project, she obtained the best knowledge and skills on patents, trademarks, and copyright. After the tour she facilitated a seminar for her colleagues from the specialized economic court in Kyzylorda to share the information she had gained on international best practices in intellectual property rights enforcement.

Gulsim is an integral part of the USAID's effort to assist Kazakhstan by inspiring confidence in the ability of its courts to uphold contractual rights and fairly resolve commercial and intellectual property disputes.

Gulsim is well on her way to becoming an expert in intellectual property rights and encourages her colleagues to use international best practice through peer-to-peer trainings.

With judges like Gulsim, the courts of Kazakhstan will use international practices to work out recommendations for the further development of Kazakhstan's legislation. Improved legislation will make commercial law procedures transparent and will also make Kazakhstan investment attractive to foreign organizations.

Gulsim says that the study tour taught judges how to train colleagues as well as how to make the right decisions during court hearings.

Gulsim believes that to optimize the results of study tours, roundtable discussions, where judges can share experience and discuss the issues that arise during court proceedings, should be organized as follow-up. “The truth comes up in dispute. I encourage other judges to participate in the training and seminars provided by USAID, where they can develop new skills in new areas, and share experience with other judges.”