

## WELCOME TO TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT!

Happy News!

Many public areas including restaurants, cafés, service centers and lounges are becoming tobacco free environments due to a new regulation by City Mayor officials.

ADRA Australia funded "Health Education Against Tobacco" project has conducted a "Sales and Advertisement of Tobacco in Mongolia" survey with the cooperation of the Public Health Institute. Based upon the initial survey results, project officers have come up with some comments and opinions to make amendments in the current implementing regulations in the "City's food and trade service." These amendments have been officially forwarded to the City Mayor's officials. Listed below are some of the comments that have been made:

- A. Display tobacco in no more than one point of sale location in the same shop.
- B. Ban tobacco, tobacco related advertisements, and promotions in public areas and create tobacco free rooms, lounges in restaurants, cafés, pubs, and other public areas.
- C. Ban the display of tobacco and advertising banners next to the cash register because it urges people to buy cigarettes, particularly young people.



Tobacco display next to cash urges people to buy it, especially teenagers

Fortunately, these comments have been successfully approved and amended in the current "City's food and trade service" regulation. The new regulations will be implemented starting on January 1, 2011. Most people are happy with the new regulations.

Sometimes, when we go out with friends or family to have a fun time, we are greeted with a very smoky atmosphere. Once the new regulation is implemented, a clean and healthy environment will welcome us. How nice is that...

## CELEBRATED INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



I have a dream...

Around 10% of the world's population lives with disabilities, while 20% of the poor populations in developing countries are disabled, according to the latest research. Many of the world's disabled people face barriers that prevent them from participating in normal society, and many are often forced to live on the margins of society. They are denied basic

rights such as studying and getting health and social welfare services.

Every year on December 3rd, disabled people from around the world unite together to celebrate, and to make their voices heard by the public.

This year, ADRA Mongolia celebrated the "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" in Ulaanbaatar city, Zavkhan and Bayanhongor provinces in collaboration with the Association of Parents with Disabled Children, Mongolia. During this period, a 1-month-campaign was organized using different slogans, such as "I have a dream," "Equal opportunities for every child," and "I have rights," in order to raise public awareness on cognitive disabilities and the concerns of children with cognitive disabilities. It was organized to make their voices heard by the public and by policy makers. It was impressive and significant to hear the children's voices, especially the hopes and wishes that each child has.

The Ensuring Access to Education and Health for Children with Cognitive Disabilities (EACH) project is funded by ADRA UK.



# STUDENTS ASSISTANCE FOR ENTREPRENEURS



Many students expressed their enthusiasm to contribute to the community

ADRA Mongolia's Micro Economic Development team has recently initiated a student- volunteer program called "Student Assistance for Entrepreneurs" (SAFE).

The SAFE project, part of the broader "Poverty Reduction through Innovative Micro Economic Development - UB" project, cooperates with students and teachers from local universities and colleges to promote the mutual sharing of skills, knowledge and ideas with micro entrepreneurs within Ulaanbaatar to bring about positive socio-economic

change.

The SAFE program will be implemented for 5 years, and will involve 200 students. Each semester, 20 students are trained to provide assistance to beneficiaries and project activities. This spring semester, students will be divided according to their skills and interests as following to participate in one of the following 3 project activities:

- Hosting Design Competition: Marketing, PR, Project Management
- Market Research of Shop front: Market Research of Real Estate, and Products
- Work with Entrepreneurs: Various businesses, various activities

In return for their work, students will benefit themselves by earning practical credit points in their class and gaining real-life small business experience. Many students have also expressed enthusiasm at being given the chance to contribute to the community in a meaningful way.

For people who want to meet like minded individual outside of the work or home environment, volunteering can be an excellent way to make new friends, and participate in fulfilling work. This project is funded by ADRA Australia.

## CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR FOOD PRESERVING

ADRA Mongolia's Bio Intensive project organized a food processing training for 8 cooperatives in Zavkhan province in collaboration with the Food Technology College of Mongolia.

The participants learned how to conserve and keep vegetables fresh during the long freezing winters with a limited supply of electricity. The trainings also focused on sales and marketing of conserved vegetables for national holidays so that the project beneficiaries would be able to earn some profits during the winter. Bio Intensive project is funded by ADRA Canada.



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