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The mission of the Arts Council of Mongolia is to advocate and support the sustainable development of Mongolian arts and culture.

The ACM 2006 Grants Competition to be announced soon

In 2003-2005, ACM announced the Annual Grants Competitions to support organizational arts and culture-related projects, to allow artists and art managers participate in international events, to enter international art networks or to subscribe to professional periodicals and books. The total amount of grants awarded to over 60 organizations and around 60 artists and art managers was US \$ 181 200.

Every year ACM Grants Committee and Board define the fields of grants with the selection criteria.

This year, ACM is planning to announce the Grants Competition to support the international partnerships and capacity building of arts and culture professional organizations and capacity building of arts organizations in rural areas. The ACM 2006 Grants Competition will be announced December 9.

Arts and Culture Sector Privatization Policy Survey

ACM is conducting a study on arts and culture sector privatization policy with the funding of Open Society Forum and in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. The overall goal of the survey is to develop a policy recommendation for the government and policy makers with options for development of cultural sector privatization in alliance with current cultural development issues and policies. The study team of researchers and experts of the relevant fields carries out a detailed analysis of the cultural sector privatization experience in Mongolia, including review of relevant

policy documents, and findings of recent local and international experiences and best practices and case study done by the OSF. The study team has conducted a study trip to provinces of Orkhon Darkhan-Uul, Selenge and Bulgan during December 1-4 in order to acquaint with the privatization process in the rural areas and to hold meetings and interview relevant stakeholders in the provinces.

Cultural Policy Compendium

ACM is conducting the Cultural Policy Compendium profile of Mongolia for inclusion in *Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe* initiated and run by OSI-ACNP and Council of Europe Cultural Committee and European Institute for Comparative Cultural Research. This project is aimed to develop and provide with the up-to-date and comprehensive

Art does not solve problems but makes us aware of their existence. It opens our eyes to see and our brain to imagine.

Magdalena Abakanowicz

data information on current structures and cultural policy actions of Mongolia, in line with Europe and Central Asia. The profile on Mongolian arts and culture will be completed and inclusive in the *CCPTI* in January, 2006.

Poetry Translation Conference of ACM

ACM organized a *Poetry and Translation* Conference on November 3, 2005 in

collaboration with Academy of Culture and Poetry and with the support of Ministry of Education Culture and Science, Mongolian Translators Union and Mongolian Writers Union. The Conference was organized in the framework of the 26th World Congress of Poets to be held in September, 2006 in Mongolia in coincidence with the 800th anniversary of Great Mongol Empire. The Conference involves over 50 translators, linguists, poets and writers and discussed about the current situation of Mongolian literature and translation, future policy and possible ways to promote Mongolian poetry to the world. During the Conference, a translation contest was announced with a deadline of December, 2005. The participants considered the event to become a significant step to intensify the international promotion of Mongolian poetry by motivating translators and poets to work together, but also reviewing the quality of translation from professional point of views.

ACM-US awards grants to ACM projects

ACM-US, a sister organization to ACM, does tax-deductible fundraising in the US to support Mongolian arts and culture. Recently ACM-US Board announced to award ACM with grants totaling US \$ 30 000. These grant-winning projects are 2 cultural heritage projects *My culture* and *Museums in the region* and arts education project *Artsplus*.

- The *My culture* project aims to preserve the unique musical traditions of Khovd province by running folk music training for kids in cooperation with the Khovd Music and Drama Theatre. The first stage of the project, the curriculum development, has started in November, 2005 and the following stages will be the training of the trainers, preparing the training rooms and the training for children.

- Regional museum development project is aimed to support museums as heritage preservation site and to develop museums into heritage education venue to deliver knowledge on Mongolian history and culture through arts.

- The *Artsplus* project is an after-school arts education program aimed to develop different life skills as well as self-esteem, self-expression, communication and creativity through arts. The pilot project will be implemented at five secondary schools in different districts of Ulaanbaatar in collaboration with the Mongolian Education Alliance.

Recently, ACM made a presentation on a meeting on secondary school curriculum development organized by the City Agency of Education and Science. The presentation on arts in education was of importance to raise awareness of educators and curriculum developers and provided with basic information on the textbook standards requirements, teaching methodology, advantages of arts in education and international models on arts education programs. Arts Education Program will run advocacy activities in 2007 in cooperation with the Advocacy Program.

Tumen ekh tour to US

The ACM is going to organize a tour of Mongolian folk song and dance ensemble, *Tumen Ekh*, to North America in May of 2006, in collaboration with the Seattle International Children's Festival and the ACM-US. The *Tumen ekh* tour will introduce Mongolian traditional arts and culture in North America and will promote international partnership, cultural exchange and deeper understanding between the peoples of North America and Mongolia. The organizers plan to organize the tour in several cities including Washington, Seattle and Toronto, Canada.

Time management training

As Grants Program runs various capacity building trainings for arts organizations and artists, ACM organized *Time management* training with D.Jargalsaikhan, MBA economist on November 15, 2005 at ACM office. The training on how to manage time for better efficiency involved about 20 stakeholders and arts managers from professional arts and cultural organizations including theater, museums, galleries and NGOs.

Brief News on other recent activities of ACM

- Canadian days in Mongolia with ACM

ACM has co-organized Canadian Days in Mongolia jointly with Canadian Consulate. The event, held during October 6-12, consisted of an exhibition *Culture on Cloth*, arts education training for kids, a lecture on traditional Inuit art and a concert by Canadian well-known pianist Roger Lord.



Children with their works after lesson

- US Conductor's visit

ACM hosted two day visit of Charles Ansbacher, International Conductor from USA, during November 16-17. Mr.Charles Ansbacher gave master classes to MUCA, Music and Dance College and Opera and Ballet Academic Theater and a lecture *Incubating Children's Repertoire* at the Red Ger gallery.

- ACM joins SEAL of UNESCO

ACM took part in the Sub-regional Workshop on UNESCO Introduction of Seal of Excellence for Handicraft Products in East Asia, held in UB during 24-26 October. The workshop objectives were to discuss on developing a framework for the SEAL Asia and to introduce the SEAL into East Asia. UNESCO requested ACM to be part of the SEAL Programme in East Asia.

- FoK exhibition at the Modern Art Gallery

Focus on Kids students had their exhibitions as part of the and *Photography in Mongolia - 70th anniversary* joint exhibition, which will be on tour to Erdenet and Darkhan cities. Also the FoK exhibition will be on display at the schools of the near area at the Khailaast district of UB in December.



During the FoK exhibition at Modern Arts Gallery

Upcoming Events Calendar

November 29	ACM Finance and Oversight Committee meeting
December 6	ACM Board meeting
December 09	Announcement of ACM 2006 Grants Competitor
December 16	Grand Art Auction 2005
December 23	ACM New Year party
December 31	Cultural policy compendium deadline
January	"My history-my culture" series of heritage education starts
February	ACM 2006 Grants Competition deadline
Ongoing	Social sector privatization study
Ongoing	Preparation of "My history-my culture" series of heritage education
Ongoing	Danzanravjaa preservation project

