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## HAPPY INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY TO OUR YOUNG KYRGYZSTANIS!

Ahead of International Children's Day, Kumtor Company sent its gifts to the young residents in Jety-Oguz and Ton districts and the city of Balykchy. The event was organized for children from low-income families, disabled children and also children in Issyk-Kul rehabilitation centers and orphanages.



Company employees delivered gifts and personally greeted the little Issyk-Kul residents. The gifts included educational toys and stationery. Puzzles depicting red-listed animals, maps of Kyrgyzstan, alphabets and pictures of animals that are found in Kyrgyzstan were specially designed by the Bugu Ene organization.



Also, Kumtor employees visited the Khadicha orphanage located in the village of Kaji-Sai, Ton district. Painting and handiwork master classes were followed by a picnic organized for all participants in the event.



Kumtor Gold Company gives much attention to the development of the intellectual potential of Issyk-Kul young people and supports, initiatives designed to provide training to school children and university students, and develop the sports potential of young people and promote healthy and active lifestyles across the region. Annually, it contributes funds for renovation of educational institutions and sport clubs as well as supports annual Graeco-Roman wrestling championships, volleyball tournaments, football matches and more. The Company builds playgrounds for pre-school children and modern soccer fields for football aficionados.

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## HELPING ISSYK-KUL FARMERS IN PREPARATIONS FOR IRRIGATION SEASON



Four daily runoff ponds and a water reservoir have been rebuilt before the start of irrigation in the Jety-Oguz and Ton districts, Issyk-Kul province, with the support of Kumtor Company. The budget of the project is estimated at \$173,545.

Mining equipment was used to implement this project. Cleaning operations were completed within 48 working days. They allowed farmers

both to increase irrigation water volume and significantly expand areas under irrigation.

No mechanical cleaning had been carried out in the villages of Darkhan and Saruu since the 1980s. As the result of the project, 36,000 m<sup>3</sup> of soil has been cleaned at Darkhan and 27,000 m<sup>3</sup> of silt and soil at Saruu. 43,500 m<sup>3</sup> was removed during cleaning operations of a water reservoir at Chon Kyzyl-Suu.

Massive cleaning operations were carried out at Tort-Kul, Ton district, where 118,000 m<sup>3</sup> of silt and soil was removed.

At the village of Esherov, Ton district, cleaning operations at daily runoff ponds were also supported by Kumtor Company which contributed 1,500 liters of Diesel fuel. Work was done by the local communities with the support of other donors, too.

## FIVE NEW CURRANTS CULTIVARS DISTRIBUTED TO ISSYK-KUL PROVINCE RESIDENTS



On May 1, 2015, seedlings were distributed to Toru-Aigyry community, Issyk-Kul Province, under the Karagat Plus Program financed by Kumtor Gold Company and implemented by the AVEP Public Fund.

All in all, 5,500 seedlings of currants cultivars, new in this region, were provided to the total value of over 490,000 soms. The samples were distributed to four Issyk-Kul nursery gardens, 15 horticulturists involved in the program, the seed-trial Board and social development departments of five district administrations.

The new cultivars were brought for tests and if found well adapted will be recommended by the Kyrgyz Association of Nursery Gardens for growing throughout Issyk-Kul Province. Experts are expected to appraise the cultivars for yield capacity and freezing tolerance.

## KGC INFORMATION CENTER MOVED TO KYZYL-SUU, JETY-OGUZ DISTRICT

Since April 2015, the Regional Information Center of Kumtor Gold Company for the Jety-Oguz District will be based in the premises of the Kyzyl-Suu Village Administration. The Center is open to visitors Monday through Friday from 9.00 till 17.00.

Public relations are seen by Kumtor Gold Company as one of the most important channels of communication with regional communities. Its previous location at Barskoon had been found inconvenient as it was far removed from most communities, residents being forced to travel a long distance to get to the Center. In response to public requests, the Company has decided to relocate the Center to the district center.

## THE SMALL GRANT BIDDING AND SELECTION PROCESS HAS STARTED!

The call for small grant proposals has been announced within the framework of the 'YouthBanks in Issyk-Kul Oblast' and 'Young Entrepreneurs' projects implemented by Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA) with the financial support of Kumtor. The grants are aimed to support the realization of business and social development projects. Application forms are available on the EFCA website.

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This year the Karagat FEST annual festival of fruits and berries will take place in Tyup region in August. We will be happy to see you all there!