

Quarter IV, narrative report of McGregor Model Forest Association Representative Office in Khabarovsk

(January-March, 2006)

The 4th quarter was highlighted by two study tours of Russian partners to Canada which took place in February. The preparation work for the trips included:

- obtaining visas to Canada and Korea for both groups
- discussions of flight itineraries with the Canadian travel agent
- purchasing air tickets for both groups
- translation trip itineraries into Russian and delivering them to the partners
- translation of presentations of both the Russian side and the Canadian partners
- locating additional information that might be useful during the tour to be printed, and handed out.
- translation of Russian participants' resumes to be sent over to Canadian partners

Large preparatory work performed before the trips, accounts partly for success of those trips. Khabarovsk manager accompanied Governance group on the Canadian tour.

Upon the return to Russia the participants made presentations to:

- teachers and instructors of BNG course within DPPE,
- professors of the Academy of Civil Servants

(Rick, I will cut out the description of the trips because I think George and Gary will indicate this in their reports, and besides I was not part of the Business tour).

Four Letters of Invitations were obtained and Dalavia tickets purchased for BNG, Train the Trainer and Local Governance instructors.

Report of the Project activity has been prepared for Mr. Levintal.

Components activity

1.

a) Negotiations have been continued on candidates to participate in the Canadian study tour. It was agreed to send four male instructors from schools covering the largest part of Khabarovsk krai: Khabarovsk, Komsomolsk, Chegdomyn and Elban. The group will be headed by Mr. Dovzhko, Head of the DPPE. This information was delivered to the participants and instructions were given to start the process of obtaining international passports.

b) Methodological recommendations on mock up house construction have been developed and sent to the schools. Currently it is being tested in vocational schools where more mock up houses have to be built.

c) One school (school # 27, Komsomolsk,) built mock up house what testifies to the fact that actual training is being underway. These mock up houses will serve as teaching aids for the students in the future.

d) Curricula correction has been under way

e) Corrections into the practical work programs for graduate students have been made

2.

a) Canadian Study Tour of school teachers headed by the Deputy of the Head of DPPE took place in February

b) Some schools volunteered to conduct classes in Business Planning for Entrepreneurs. These classes were needed to identify common problems and mistakes. The reports on the procedures and achievements as well as problems were translated and sent to Business component coordinators.

c) Arrangements for the March visit have been made

d) On the 26th of March Instructional Techniques and Issues workshop and BNG training of school teachers began. In preparation for this activity

- groups of students were identified and information on them was sent to component coordinators
- instructional material was translated and hand outs prepared.
- all office supplies necessary for the classes were procured.

3.

a) Canadian Study Tour of Professors of the Academy headed by the 1st deputy of the Rector took place in February

b) Proposed lecture topics for May visit have been developed, translated and discussed with Krai Government and the Academy

c) Arrangements for the May visit have been made