

# **Quarter V, narrative report of McGregor Model Forest Association Representative Office in Khabarovsk**

(April-June, 2006)

In this quarter each month was marked by an extensive Protect activity. BNG and Teaching Instructional workshops having begun at the end of March went well into the mid of April. The Academy of Civil Servants made a tremendous job to host in May two Canadian specialists and to make all necessary arrangements making their trip a success. In June four Russian school carpentry instructors headed by the Head of the DPPE visited Canada to receive more training and expand their knowledge on wood frame houses construction.

Report of the Project activity has been prepared for the Krai Governor.

## **Components activity**

### **1.**

a) DPPE has provided training to 171 graduate students from 9 schools having introduced a 36 hours module on wood frame houses construction into their program. These schools have been able to complete mock up houses in their shops.

b) 7 vocational schools have prepared documentation to provide training to adult population on wood frame houses construction at evening courses.

c) On the 12<sup>th</sup> of May the Canadian Ambassador in Russia Mr. Christopher Westdal has visited the Canadian house at school #3. He was accompanied by the Khabarovsk Krai vice Governor Mr. Levintal. During the tour of the school facilities Mr. Westdal and Embassy officers were shown the new class where training will take place, the tools and the teaching aids provided by the Canadian partners. Mr. Levintal, Mr. Dovzhko and training participants made presentations to the Ambassador who was very excited to see high quality work and gave high appraisal of the Project's efforts. In his speech he stressed that this modest and affordable house is exactly the house that most Russians need at this period of development.

d) A group of four school instructors which have been selected for the Canadian tour visited Canada from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of June. Mr. Dovzhko, the Head of DPPE headed the group during the first ten days of the tour. The participants were able to visit development areas, construction sites, mills and facilities producing parts for houses as well as mobile homes manufacturing facility. They were also introduced to the work of building inspectors. The participants took a sufficient number of pictures, took videos and received a wealth of information. Besides this they were supplied with extra CDs and literature that they will use when teaching.

e) School # 3 received an order to build three Canadian houses. Currently they are negotiating the house designers and make an estimate on the cost of the construction.

### **2.**

a) Ten schools provided BNG training in the amount of 72 hours to 250 graduate students. Some of the business plans developed by the students found practical application.

b) On the 26<sup>th</sup> of March Instructional Techniques and Issues workshop and BNG training of school teachers began and went well into the middle of April. Altogether 18

teachers were trained in western teaching methodology. As for the BNG course the two groups of teachers experienced their new skills with two student groups, while the Canadian instructor observed their classes and provided valuable remarks comments and suggestions to improve teaching.

### 3.

a) The Canadian Ambassador visited the Academy of Civil Servants on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. He met with the Rector of the Academy, his deputies and the tour participants that made a study tour to Canada in February. The two sides exchanged their ideas on the progress of the program. They both stressed the importance of the training provided by Canadian experts to the municipal officials.

b) Two Canadian instructors visited Khabarovsk krai from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. They conducted a series of seminars on Civil Society, Public Participation and Local Governments as well as Municipal Budgeting and Finance  
The lectures were delivered to the Academy faculty, students and students of the Retraining Institute. Other than this the Canadian experts visited Khabarovsk City Hall, Khabarovsk and Bikin municipal regional districts.

Altogether the lectures were attended by:

Academy's faculty – 75 persons

Students of the State and Municipal Management Department – 43 students

Students of the Retraining Institute – 15 students

Administration officers of Khabarovsk municipal regional district – 27 officers

Heads of Municipalities of Khabarovsk municipal regional district - 27 officers

Municipal officers of Bikin municipal regional district - 109 officers