

Foundation and Present Situation of American Studies in Mongolia

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In this report speaker had dwelled upon the aims of American Studies in Mongolia, research work results and its impending tasks.

Since its foundation in 1991 Mongolian Center of American Studies had published first two numbers of scientific, informative and popular magazine "America: Studies and information", Mongolian translation of Douglas Stevenson's book "American life and institutions, Stuttgart, 1987" made by members of our Center and a lot of articles in American studies.

Thanks to support of the Asia Foundation and USIS in Ulaanbaatar the Center has already its own study room with a little library and opened American Study selective courses at the Institute of Foreign service as well as in the University of foreign languages. About thirty students for the first time graduated from these high schools in 1996.

Representatives of our Center attended the international american studies conference of 1991 in Beijing, organized a number of symposiums in connection with 200 years discovering an American continent and other memorable dates and important

problems. In these seminars participated some US scientists and our Americanists specialists who expressed valuable ideas useful for our work.

Noting the initial character and the process of forming American Studies in Mongolia, the speaker emphasizes a necessity to pay more attention to the problems of civilization and culture, full-time programs, problems of interdisciplinary projects and think-tank studies as in some countries of the world to enter the XXI century with a perfectly formed american studies.