

Comparative aspects of civilizations: USA and Mongolia

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The main task of the Mongolian Center for US Studies is to further US Studies in Mongolia and to spread true knowledge on the US among the Mongolian public. But due to the newly born US studies in Mongolia there are good many subjects to deal with such as appropriate utilization of the US fellowship opportunities for training researchers, specialized in the US Studies, to be familiarised with the American reality there-of, to get acquainted with the contemporary first hand sources of US Studies and to learn from the US scholars.

The research interest of my paper the applicant will be focused on the commonness and peculiarities of American and Mongolian cultural history on the background of the Western (Sedentary) and Eastern (Nomadic) values of culture. Main purpose of my research shall be included such aspects as further strengthening of mutual understanding between the peoples of the USA and Mongolia, broadening of their relations in all spheres of social life and improving the potentiality of Mongolian civilization.

Despite the far off geographical situations of their countries the peoples of Mongolia and the USA have began to maintaining close and friendly relations between themselves. In fact Mongol-USA relations had successfully been developed for the last few years in political, social, economic, cultural, scientific as well as technological fields. Such speedy development of educational and scientific cooperation as well as cultural and technological exchanges and information service between our countries is creating the necessary preconditions for a strong influence of American culture and civilization on Mongolia. It is, therefore, that we have been urged for comparative studies of the USA and Mongolian civilization and at the same time to learn from American experience.

So the pivotal meaning of present project as such shall be explained by an attempt of Mongol researcher to define and draw a

conclusion on the role and places of USA and Mongolian civilizations in the world community and civilization concerned and thus to respond to the challenge of our own society.

Although, there are different nations with their own social and cultural structures they formulate trends of spiritual integration within the world civilization process. Depending on the various factors the human civilizations create two main structures with their tendencies of further integration between themselves.

However, the emergence and existence of any civilization have a direct involvement with geo-meto-bio factors and conditions. Therefore, interpretations of different forms of a nation or world culture as a whole is a novelty of the theme under considerations.

The cultural structures with national identities, in terms of relations of man with nature, transfer from one social structure to another or their technic and technological as well as spiritual diversities are:

- The traditional culture of living under the natural influence;
- Creation of culture originated by technological development against natural suppression.

These characteristics of world culture are being still observed in today's human life. In this context Mongolia is more close to the traditional civilization while the USA is already created the classic form of civilization with technological origin.

Along with its certain advantage the traditional civilization has its disadvantage as well in one or another historical stages of development and humanity had always been tried to overcome such disadvantages.

Throughout the last century mankind had created civilization with technological origin and accumulated great knowledge which led to a qualitative change of civilization itself.

On the other hand the meaning of life as viewed from the point of human civilization it is not otherwise than to live in harmony with nature and to be developed along with their environments.

To that end the applicant will draw his attention and submit certain proposals based on the comparative studies of US and Mongolian civilizations and define the advantages and disadvantages as well as values of traditional and technologically originated civilizations at large.

This research shall be relied on the comparative methods of studies. Hence, it includes comparison of essence, commonness, peculiarities, logics, forms and perspective trends of US and Mongol civilization concerned. Within the recent past resulting on the strong effect of USA civilizations on that of Mongolia two certain ideas have been appeared in Mongolia.

According to the points of Mongolian press service some researchers are of the opinion that if Mongolia become to much US oriented they (Mongols) will saw them put under the influence of US civilization and traditional culture of the Mongols will soon lost while others consider that as a result of close cooperation with the USA the identity of Mongolian culture will not lost but it will strengthened further and so on.

As for the opinion one should seek for a ways and means of combination of the advantages of both civilizations and make the viability of traditional culture more progressive and stronger. One of the important factors to accelerate the rate of national growth of Mongolia is the acceptance of US achievements of modern civilization with due inheritance of our own traditional culture.

My further research shall be pursued by the principles to contribute in the enrichment of the common knowledge of world civilization concepts to the setting up new world order, strengthening of the integration of world life and to express own remarks on the future aspects of world civilization, its rational structures and organizational forms to be found.