

**Америкийн Нэгдсэн Улсын хэргийг түр хамаарагч
Ллиуиллин Хэжбэтээс бага хурлын нээлтийн
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Сайн байцгаана уу. Та бүхэнд баяр хүргэе.

Та бүхний зарим нь хуучин танил андууд байгаагаас гадна зарим нь энд анх удаа оролцож буй хүмүүс байна.

Монголд Америк судлалаар анх удаа болж буй бага хурлын нээлтэд та бүхэнтэй хамт оролцож байгаадаа би баяртай байна.

Тус бага хуралд профессор Ишжамцын дурдсанаар Монголын засгийн газар болон их сургуулиудаас нөлөө бүхий олон хүн оролцож байгааг харахад сэтгэл таатай байна.

Энэ бол зөвхөн миний хувийн сэтгэгдэл юм шүү. Би бодохдоо, бусад орныхон манай улс, манай соёлыг сонирхон судалж байгааг хараад бидний хэн маань ч баяртай байх нь мэдээж. Түүнчлэн Америк судлалыг хөгжүүлэх талаар та бүхний тавьж буй чармайлт нь Монголд ашигтай учир би бас сэтгэл хангалуун байна.

Та бүхэн энэ бага хурлыг хийж байгаа нь олон улсын хамтын нийгэмлэгийн тусгаар тогтносон идэвхитэй гишүүн Монгол Улс өөрийн байр суурийг бэхжүүлэх талаар хичнээн хол алхасныг гэрчилж байна. АНУ дэлхийн эдийн засаг, улс төрийн тавцанд гол үүрэг гүйцэтгэж байгаа билээ. АНУ-ын засгийн газар, түүний бодлого, практик үйл ажиллагааг мэддэг дипломатууд, банкний эзэд, бизнесменүүд, эрдэмтдийн мэдлэг, дадлага туршлага эдгээр салбарыг Монголд үр өгөөжтэй хөгжүүлэхэд яах аргагүй хэрэгтэй. АНУ судлалын салбарт манай мэдлэг, туршлагыг судлан хэрэгжүүлэх талаар та бүхний тавьж байгаа чармайлт Монгол Улсын үндэсний зорилтыг хэрэгжүүлэхэд чухал хувь нэмэр болох нь дамжиггүй.

1920-иод оны эхээр Монгол Улс АНУ-тай харилцаа тогтоох сонирхолтой байгаагаас анх удаа илэрхийлснийг би мэднээ. Даанч тэр үеийн улс төрийн уур амьсгал та бүхний тэрхүү чармайлтыг талаар болгосон бөгөөд хэдэн арван

жилийн турш саад болсон уг бодлого манай хоёр орныг салангид байлгасан юм. Түүнчлэн хоёр орны хооронд хэлхээ холбоогүй явж ирсэн нь мэдээж мэдээллийн хомсдолд оруулсан билээ.

Танай орон АНУ судлалын салбарыг бий болгон хөгжүүлж, энэ талын мэргэжилтнүүдийг бэлтгэж байгаагаараа тэр өнгөрсөн үеийг гэтлэн давахад та бүхний гаргаж буй чармайлт надад сайхан сэтгэгдэл төрүүлж байна. АНУ-ын Элчин Сайдын Яам ч тус бага хурлыг зохион байгуулахад идэвхитэй оролцож байгаадаа би их баяртай байна. Анн Дрисколлын чадамгай удирдсан манай Мэдээллийн албаны ажилтнууд ч танай оронд Америк судлалыг хөгжүүлэхэд та бүхэнд туслалцаа үзүүлсээр байх болно гэдэгт би итгэл төгс байна.

Хоёр өдөр үргэлжлэх та бүхний хурлын ажилд, түүнчлэн Америк судлалын үйл ажиллагаанд амжилт хүсч үгээ төгсгөө.

Та бүхэнд баярлалаа.

**Speech delivered by S. Boldhet, Member of the
Mongolian Parliament, Chairman of the Mongolian-
U.S. Inter-Parliamentary group at the conference
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Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of members of the Mongolian parliament, and of the Mongolian-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group I would like to extend sincere greetings to all the participants, scholars and researchers attending the Ulaanbaatar "US Studies and Mongolia" Conference. I also wish to express my deep appreciation to the US Studies Center, US Information Service and Foreign Service School for the excellent organization of this Conference.

Following the collapse of communist regime and emerging of democracy throughout Europe, a great opportunity was opened up for Mongolia to choose a way of democracy, freedom and market-oriented economy and build a humane and democratic civil society in the country, based on the new Constitution of Mongolia adopted in 1992. To that end, Mongolia opted a path for peaceful transition towards democracy, representative government and market-oriented economy. The democratic changes and reforms started in Mongolia since 1990 and establishment of diplomatic relations between Mongolia and the USA on January 27, 1987 have opened a new era in the history of relations between our two countries. A solid framework has been created for further growth and development of our relations by the visit of Mr. James Baker III former US Secretary of State, to Mongolia in 1990 and visit of Mr. Punsalmaagyn Ochirbat, President of Mongolia, to the USA in 1991. Ten years have passed since Mongolia established diplomatic relations with the United States of America. However, the relations and cooperation between our two countries, namely, between the Mongolian parliament and the US Congress, have steadily been enhanced and strengthened.

After entering Mongolia into stage of development on the road to freedom and democracy the US parliamentary delegation headed by Mr Alan Cranston, former Chairman of the Committee on East Asia and Pacific Affairs, US Senate, paid a visit to Mongolia and this visit provided a basis for inter-parliamentary relations and cooperation between supreme legislative bodies of our two countries.

At the joint meeting of Committee on East Asia and Pacific Affairs, Human Rights and International Organizations of the US Congress considered the issues concerning bilateral relations of Mongolia and the USA and exchanged views on further steps towards the growth and development of the relations of our two countries. The US Senate and the US House of Representatives congratulated Mongolia on the success achieved in the process of economic and technical assistance to Mongolia on March 17, 1991. The adoption of this resolution at the US Congress on October 17, 1991, facilitated favourable conditions for further growth and

development of Mongol-US relations and co-operation in political, economic, cultural and humanitarian spheres.

I would like to note an important role of the Asia Foundation in developing and strengthening of the relations between our two supreme legislative bodies. The Asia Foundation is a private, non-profit organization that is designed to promote US-Asian understanding and co-operation and encourage Asian-Pacific efforts to strengthen government, build effective legal systems and foster market economies.

The Asia Foundation is actively engaged in providing assistance and support in strengthening the Mongolia's parliament through the creation of effective legal systems and professional training and study tours of the fellow members and staff of the parliament as well as legislation drafting.

Programs and projects supported by the Asia Foundation such as professional training and short and long term study tours to the USA for the fellow members and staff of the State Baga Hural and State Great Hural, are of vital importance for creating and consolidating a legal system in Mongolia.

The Asia foundation funded the participation of the Mongolian parliamentary delegation headed by Mr. Radnaasumberel Gonchigdorji, Chairman of the State Baga Hural, Mongolian parliament, at the Asia-Pacific Regional Parliamentarians' Conference held in Hawaii, USA and the visits of the Mongolian parliamentary delegations to such countries as the Republic of Korea, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippine and Australia. These programs enabled us to know the legal systems and functions and learn from the experiences of the parliaments of these countries.

Starting from 1991 Wiliam P. Fuller, President of the Asia Foundation and its consultants visited Mongolia, developed further plans on co-operation and provided recommendation on structure and functions of a supreme legislative body and local governance.

Since 1990 the US congressmen and US senators have visited Mongolia several times. They have been acquainted with the situation of Mongolia and have met the members of parliament, leaders of the government and political parties and exchanged views

on a wide range of issues. It contributed significantly to set up a Mongolia Support Group in the US Congress.

Mr. Robb, US senator, participated in the 1996 parliamentary elections as observer. Following his return the USA, he made a statement, supporting the democratic reforms in Mongolia. The resolution concerning congratulations of the Mongolian people submitted by Mr Robb, was adopted in the US Congress is of utmost political importance. It is stated in the resolution that Mongolia presents an admirable example of democracy for the East Asian peoples deeply committed to freedom and democracy.

During his visit to Australia and Thailand, Mr Bill Clinton, US President stated that Mongolia is an example of democracy in Asia. This statement witnesses that the US Government has firmly supporting the democratic changes and reforms in Mongolia.

The Committee on East Asia and Pacific Affairs submitted the legislation ensuring that Mongolia be granted equal treatment and access to the US government assistance funds under the Freedom Support Act was by the House of Representatives, US Congress in 1991.

On the occasion of the 5th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia the US Congress adopted a resolution, congratulating Mongolia on its achievements in the process of building free democratic society. The support by the US Government to the democratic reforms are also provided through the US Peace Corps and their volunteers engaged in teaching English language to Mongolian youth and children in different parts of Mongolia.

Following the landslide victory of the Democratic Coalition of the Mongolian National Democratic Party and the Mongolian Social Democratic Party in the 1996 parliamentary elections, the International Republic Institute has been engaged in organising the workshops and seminars for the fellow members of the Mongolian parliament, their assistants and accredited representatives in the constituencies and staff of the parliament.

As a Chairman of the Mongolian-US Inter-Parliamentary Group, I'd like to welcome by the opening of its permanent local office of the International Republican Institute in Ulaanbaatar in

April. Our parliament and its staff greatly benefit from the seminars and workshops that are conducted by the experts of the US International Republican Institute, sharing their experiences.

After the parliamentary elections the Mongolian-US Inter-Parliamentary Group composed of 45 members, that is one of the largest group in our parliament, has been set up in the Mongolian parliament and begun its functions.

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries, our group participated in a television broadcast between Ulaanbaatar and Houston, Ulaanbaatar and Washington. In the television broadcast took part Mr. Sh. Altangerel, Minister of External Relations of Mongolia, Mr. James Baker, former US secretary of State and Ms. Lou Ivey, Executive Director of the US-Mongolian Business Council exchanged the views on the issues regarding the current situation of the relations and co-operation of our two countries and their perspectives. On this occasion, Mr. James Baker, former US Secretary of State was awarded the highest Order of Mongolia for his valuable contribution to the development of the relations between Mongolia and the USA.

I would like to note that the Mongolian parliament attaches a great importance to the conference entitled "Government Economic Policy in a Market Economy" organised jointly by the Mongolian-US Inter-Parliamentary Group and US Information Service, held in Ulaanbaatar, in May, 1996.

Although the Mongolian-US Inter-Parliamentary Group is a young one, it is desirous to take its actions through exchange of parliamentary delegations and information on both of our parliaments and creation of legal framework and favourable conditions for the development of political, economic and trade relations with a view to enhance and strengthen the friendly relations and co-operation existing between our two countries and the Mongolian parliament and the US Congress.

I wish you the best for a most successful conference.
Thank you.