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Increasing Quality of Education at Mongolian University of Life Sciences

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Abstract

The project focused on transfer of know-how of institutional management and education process between Czech University of Life Sciences Prague and Mongolian University of Life Sciences (former Mongolian State University of Agriculture) in Ulaanbaatar has been financed by the Government of the Czech Republic within Czech Development Cooperation since 2012. The main target groups involve students, academic staff and management of School of Economics and Business and Institute of Animal Husbandry. The implementation of the project activities is based on direct active participation of Czech experts in education process as well as in management planning. Within the project seven courses have been already improved by revision of their syllabus, introduction of modern teaching methods, and creation of new study supports. Further, Mongolian teachers have attended three two-day workshops on enhancement of pedagogical and didactical competences and three one-day workshops on research and science. Czech and Mongolian teachers have organised two summer schools for Mongolian and Czech students in 2013 and 2014, primarily focused on broadening knowledge on livelihood of small livestock herders and agricultural cooperatives, respectively; on developing scientific and research skills in field surveys and on cultural exchange while working in international research groups. The project has also supported successful students' research grants and students' associations. Every year, Career Day for linking up students with their potential employers and Documentary Film Festival for creating stimulating environment for debates have been organised. The remaining challenges for this year lie in analysing conditions for introduction of Bologna process and preparing joint research grant proposal.

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