

MONGOLIA

Association of Mongolian Montessori Teachers

The Association of Mongolian Montessori Teachers (hereinafter referred to as an “Association”) entered into an Affiliation Agreement and Intellectual Property Licence Agreement with Association Montessori Internationale on December 4, 2014.

Mrs Tsolmon Namkhainyam and Mrs Demberel Dashdorj, as official delegates of the AMMT, participated in the Annual General Meeting of AMI in April 2015.

We would like to thank in particular Susan Mayclin Stephenson, Sandrine Mallet, Heloise Wirth, Aika Marinaki, Susan Banon, and Annie Cox, the Administrative Director of Two Voices, and all other kind teachers of the schools that we visited.

Mission

Our mission is to provide a better understanding of Montessori education to the Mongolian public, especially parents and teachers, and decision-makers in the education field. Furthermore, we encourage AMI Montessori teaching in Mongolia, and to raise the standards of practice in the few existing Montessori school in Mongolia.

Events & Activities

- Experience exchange visits to Montessori Schools in France, the Netherlands and Italy. Delegates of the Association of Mongolian Montessori Teachers visited the Montessori schools in Amsterdam, Paris, and Milan after the AGM in April 2015:

- Interviews about Montessori in Mongolia

The Association gave interviews about Mongolia to journalists in Amsterdam and Paris.

Highlights

Our association signed the affiliation agreement at the AGM in 2015 and participated in the AMI Annual General Meeting.

Barbra Waller, a representative of the AMI Montessori Alumni Sweden, visited Mongolia during 24-29 October 2015, to write an article about Montessori in different countries, including Mongolia. During her visit, Barbra Waller visited several Montessori kindergartens, including Minii ger, Shine ger, Saint Paul Montessori kindergarten and Pink Tower.

Publications & Media

- We are in the process of preparing a Mongolian language website.

- Susan Mayclin Stephenson’s *Joyful Child* is currently being translated. This book based on the AMI birth to three, Assistants to Infancy programme, will provide information for parents so that they can begin to understand the development of the child from birth. It will also provide an introduction to the history of the Association

Montessori Internationale. It will be finalised and published by end of 2015.

- An interview on Daily news on AMI and Montessori in Mongolia was given in October 2015.
- Two TV projects were prepared on Montessori and aired on local television.

Collaborations & Partnerships

- The Association is collaborating with Mini Ger Preschool in Ulaanbaatar and looking forward to creating collaborations with public organisations – the Ministry of Education and the City Department of Education.
- Our Association hosted Mrs Barbra Waller, a Montessori consultant from Sweden in October 2015.
- The Association held a meeting with D. Khishigbayar, Head of the Mongolian Education Institute and Z. Bolormaa a Pre-school education officer of Ulaanbaatar Metropolitan Education Department. During our meeting with the Metropolitan Department of Education and Mongolian Education Institute, D. Baasanjav delivered a lecture on “Montessori education” to students and lecturers of the Preschool Department at the Mongolian National University of Education in November 2015.
- Also, the Association organised information outreach activities for other non-Montessori, public kindergartens in Ulaanbaatar and rural areas, including kindergartens from Bayankhongor, Darkhan-Uul, Khuvsgul provinces and public kindergartens # 85, 120, 139 in Ulaanbaatar city.

Mission

Deepen knowledge about Montessori theory and principles of the Association;
Increase public awareness of Montessori and AMI in Mongolia via public media tools such as the Internet and social media.

Memberships

Several individuals are interested in becoming members of the AMI affiliated Society in Mongolia and we are currently arranging for a collective membership for the future.

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President