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“Why the World Needs the World Bank?” Contest Winners Awarded

“Why the World Needs the World Bank?” this is a topic of a contest which the Country Office of the World Bank in Uzbekistan announced among Uzbekistan schoolchildren. The contest was devoted to 60th anniversary of the World Bank.



Contest Finalists

Children from remote areas of Uzbekistan were suggested to submit drawings, photos, posters, essays and stories for the contest. In them they were supposed to show their knowledge about World Bank activities in our country as well as worldwide.

To reach the pupils in rural areas of Uzbekistan the announcement was circulated through IREXes “School Connectivity Program”, which connects more than 60 schools in the villages situated far from regional centers and provides Internet to School Internet centers established by the Program.



First time at the Ballet



Talk in the PIC

World Bank's PIC provided the centers with additional information about the WB activities in Uzbekistan, web-sites and contacts in PIC to get more info if needed. More than 60

participated in the contest. Taking into account that some submissions were made from the



Getting prizes

Selection Committee consisted of the representatives from the World Bank and IREX. Committee made a short list of 20 candidates first, and later on selected 9 finalists.

On November 9 the finalists were invited to Tashkent to participate in prize awarding ceremony. For many of them it was their first visit to the capital city. The first day program included: acquaintance with the World Bank country office premises, visit of a ballet, dinner in Pizza Hut. For all of them the visit to the ballet was also the first and unforgettable experience. On November 10 they were invited to the PIC, where they had a talk about themselves, their participation in the contest and new things they got. PIC staff told them about the WB history, its activities in Uzbekistan, MDGs and PIC resources which they can use. After that a film based on “10 things you never knew about the World Bank in Uzbekistan” was featured.



Scanner Awarded



Special Present

Martin Raiser, WB Country Manager for Uzbekistan, greeted the finalists and awarded prizes. A special present was awarded on behalf of social issues team. Dilnara Isamiddinova, operations officer responsible for social projects, presented an HIV/AIDS promotion kit to the girl, who described Health project impact in Ferghana Valley.

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The drawings of all participants were displayed in the conference room



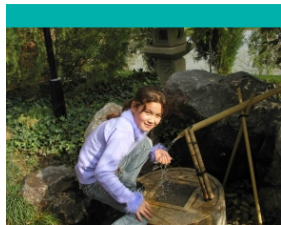
The winners explained their thoughts behind the pictures and drawings



A group photo was taken and distributed to all the participants



Laylo from Namangan is reciting a poem devoted to the World Bank which she wrote herself



A visit to Japanese Garden was a real fun



A final lunch to say good bye to each other closed the event



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