

Public Information Center (PIC) Hosts "TechGirls"



Three years a run since 2005 PIC Uzbekistan has been hosting a group of girls from various remote areas of Uzbekistan taking part in the "TechGirls" Project. The third visit was held on 10 July 2007.

The "TechGirls" Project provides gifted girls with an opportunity to develop their skills in using information technologies (ITs). They are provided with consultations on IT basics, they learn how to develop and implement their own IT projects, including web-site design, creating of blogs, developing forums.



During summer consultations the girls have a unique opportunity to meet successful women of the country, visit various offices including the Women's Committee of

Uzbekistan, UNDP, World Bank, UNESCO and many others.

While visiting the World Bank the girls were impressed with the PIC facilities and opportunities to use them freely. They took a great interest in the exhibition of pictures painted by children from



a remote village of Perm region in Russia and sent to Uzbekistan country office with the greetings to Children's day held in June.

The PIC visit agenda



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also included an excursion around the World Bank office, a presentation about the World Bank and its activities in Uzbekistan. The most interesting part of the visit included

hands on session on WB on-line resources including e-library, the WB country office internal and external web sites and SAP system.

Informal discussion was held during coffee break. The girls asked a lot of questions on the job and internship opportunities in the Bank, on youth programs, on grant opportunities for young people, web resources and publications.



It was decided that E-database, including the e-mails of the project participants, will be developed. The WB PIC will regularly send them PIC bulletins and other information placed on the www.worldbank.org.uz

web site.

