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# We Have One House – Charity Event of the Ministry Of Justice of Georgia

A charity event for children lacking family care was held by the Ministry of Justice of Georgia on April 17, 2011, on Palm Sunday feast.  All departments subordinate to the Ministry of Justice - Civil and Public registries, the Notary Chamber, the National Archives and others took part in the event.  Organizers of the event offered variety of shows and many surprises to the participants. Money collected during the event will be spent for the orphanages.
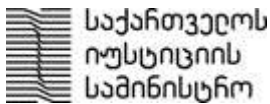
# German Expert Gave Assessments on E-governance Development in Georgia

Doctor Dieter Schimanke, an expert in E-governance affairs from Germany paid a visit to Georgia, during which he spent a week in Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia discussing various issues concerning the current situation in the country in terms of E-governance development index.  Dr. Schimanke is a former State Secretary, currently representing International Cooperation Society of German Federation.  It's been years since he started his involvement in consulting Eastern European and Central African Nations on E-governance development issues.

"It's been a very productive week.  I with my partners at the Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia  have discussed numbers of issues which are related to the E-governance development in Georgia.  The situation is good and promising.  I think, it's important to have strong legal framework backing these ongoing processes.  One of the main issues I gave my recommendation on was the legal framework, its structure and importance in building strong E-governance platforms."- **Dieter Schimanke** commented.

"We are delighted to host Dr. Schimanke at the Agency.  His visit is very important as we are able to share the experience he possesses.  Since we are determined to bring the E-governance development level to the next stages, his expertise will surely help us in correctly using the best practices adopted in Eastern European countries." - **Irakli Gvenetadze**, DEA Chairman.

# Partnership for the Technological Development - Georgian-Armenian IT Business forum

With the support of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, the Union of Information Technology Enterprises (UITE-Armenia) and ICT Business Council (Georgia) held a joint business forum, which was devoted to the various ICT-related issues.

The aim of the forum was to enhance business contact between Armenian and Georgian IT companies, promote ICT industry development and economic integration.

Traditional conference GITI, which last year was held for the third time in Georgia, prompted the idea to continue the cooperation between Georgian and Armenian IT companies. The forum gathered public and private organizations operating in ICT businesses to discuss current and future possibilities of successful cooperation. More than 40 participants from nearly 20 Armenian companies have arrived to join the action. During the forum, productive discussion took place on issues such are free economic zones, improved environment for business administration, educational initiatives, prospects of telecommunication industry and others.

"In November, 2010, Georgia hosted the conference GITI 2010. Our union along with numerous Armenian companies have participated in that event. I can say that today's forum is inspired by the successful outcomes of GITI, Then we agreed to continue our cooperation for the development of ICTs in the region. Our presence here means that we are active in this direction. I am very delighted to have an opportunity to meet my partners and colleagues from Georgia. I'd like to thank the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia and ICT Business Council for organizing this event at a such high level." - **Vahan Hovsepyan**, Advisor, the Union of Information Technology Enterprises.

"Georgian-Armenian business forum is very important for us. As it is known, Armenian Republic is one of our closest and strategic partners and we have strong ties in various spheres of cooperation. One of the fields we are working together are ICTs. Without proper development of Information Technologies it is impossible even to think about further development of the strategic fields such are telecommunication industry, information security, E-governance, privatization process and others. The role of ICTs is enormous both for the public and private sector. We can safely say that the index of attractiveness for investments is directly affected on how the ICT sector is developed in the country." - **Irakli Gvenetadze**, Chairman, DEA.

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Data Exchange Agency (DEA) started its operation on January 4, 2010. The agency operates under the status of LEPL (Legal Entity of Public Law) and is governed by the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. DEA's overall activity is divided into several directions. Each of them bears equal importance and strives to support the following fields: E-governance development, creation and installation of unified Georgian Governmental Gateway (3G) and its monitoring, establishment of data exchange infrastructure. Setting ICT standards for public sector entities and elaborating information security policies are the agency's another important responsibility.

Subsequently, the agency's core functions can be split into 3 directions:

- E-governance;
- Data Exchange Infrastructure;
- Information Security.

## E-governance

An effective tool to administrate and manage various-leveled governmental institutions and to boost their productivity through the active usage of electronic platforms. One of the models for E-governance is a one-stop portal, where citizens have easy access to a variety of information and services. The web portal of Georgian governmental electronic resources managed by the agency is one of the first steps to establish simplified forms of Government to Citizen, Government to Employees, Government to Government and Government to Business relationships. DEA is set to be the principal body in Georgian government responsible for E-governance development.

## DATA EXCHANGE INFRASTRUCTURE

The government holds unprecedented amount of electronic information. Data exchange infrastructure guarantees fast, reliable and secure sharing of accumulated data between governmental public and other institutions. The well-developed data exchange infrastructure raises the level of government's flexi-

## INFORMATION SECURITY

E-governance functionality as well as data exchange infrastructure's activation poses increased threats for information security. Data exchange agency is a primary institution responsible for country's cyber and information security. To fully execute its duties connected with information security, DEA governs Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT's mission is to identify, register and analyze incidents of any origin threatening ICTs. DEA is also responsible for creating and implementing information security policies in various governmental institutions.

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