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MODERN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES AT GEORGIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS



At the beginning of school-year 60,000 net-books were presented to 1st graders and their teachers.

In order to effectively integrate net-books in education process, Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia carried out special training in Information technologies for all teachers of 1st graders throughout whole Georgia. Teachers familiarized themselves with the structure and working process of the net-books.

They studied to prepare lessons and education projects using the information technologies (ICT) as well.

All School throughout whole Georgia had internet access and hence net-books along with the textbooks will be unique source for 1st graders to obtain more information.

As a result of the agreement between companies Algorithm and Intel the first computer factory was built in Transcaucasia region. The factory is producing net-books and installing all necessary programs. Net-books assembled in this factory were presented to 1st graders. The computers and educational programs and games are designed for Georgian Schools by the company Intel on the basis of international experts' recommendations.

As **Dimitri Shashkini**, Minister of Education and science of Georgia stated in this world of computerization and internet, availability of the modern technologies for the children is essential for their right development. On the initiative of the President of Georgia, net-book Buki has been produced. School programs and cognitive games are installed in the net-books in accordance with the National Curriculum.



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PUBLIC SERVICE HALL OPENS IN MESTIA



Along with Batumi and Rustavi, Public Service Hall opened in Mestia on September 13, 2011. The opening ceremony of the third public service hall in Georgia was headed by President of Georgia, **Mikheil Saakashvili**. The event was attended by Minister of Justice, **Zurab Adeishvili**, and representatives of legislative and executive bodies, as well as diplomatic corps, international organization, mass media and local residents.

The building of Mestia Public Service Hall was designed by the famous German architect, Jurgen Meyer and the building interior was designed by a US company Senteo, which also carried out the interior design of Batumi and Rustavi public service halls.

Mestia Public Service hall will offer various services to the citizens of Svaneti, including those delivered by the Civil Registry and Public Registry Agencies. The public wedding hall and Regional Prosecutor's Office of Mestia will be also located in the same building.

About Public Service Halls: The New Georgian brand - the Public Service Hall is the first public service institution in Georgia with completely new concept of service delivery by the Ministry of Justice. The House of Justice delivers various types of services based on the so-called "one-desk-service" principle. The citizens have an opportunity to receive here services delivered by the Civil Registry Agency, National Agency of Public Registry, National Archive, National Bureau of Enforcement, Notary Chamber, Legislative Herald and Training Center of Justice.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN BATUMI



On September 22-24, 2011, a Regional Workshop on Georgia's anti-corruption and public service delivery reforms was held at Sheraton Batumi Hotel. Around 70 foreign and 35 local delegates attended the first session of a three day meeting. Delegates shared Georgia's experience in fighting against corruption and improving public service delivery. Several e-governance and anti-corruption experts from the U.S., the EU states and some of the other regional countries were also presented at the Workshop.

Minister of Justice of Georgia – **Mr. Zurab Adeishvili**, Chairman of the Adjara Autonomous Republic – **Mr. Levan Varshalomidze**, and Georgia Country Director of the United States Agency for International Development – **Mr. Jonathan Conly** opened the first day of the Workshop.

The Workshop also hosted the Minister of Justice of Ukraine – **Mr. Aleksandr Lavrinovich** and the Head of the Central Anticorruption Bureau of Poland – **Mr. Pawel Wojtunik**.

First Deputy Chief Prosecutor of Georgia, **Mr. David Sakvarelidze** made a presentation on anti-corruption reforms implemented in the country. Later, Deputy Minister of Justice, **Mr. Giorgi Vashadze** informed participants about the new project of Public Service Halls, while representatives from Civil Registry Agency and the National Agency of Public Registry discussed about innovations introduced within the service sectors by those institutions.

Deputy Minister of Justice **Mr. Giorgi Vashadze** underlined the importance of simplification of service delivery: "Simplified and transparent service delivery procedures leave fewer possibilities for corruption deals to occur. The Georgian example proves that simplifying and expanding access to services is a correct mechanism for defeating and, more importantly, preventing corruption." – commented **Mr. Vashadze**.

PRESENTATION OF DEMONSTRATION CENTER AT BATUMI PUBLIC SERVICE HALL



On September 23, 2011, the presentation of the demonstration center was held at Batumi Public Service Hall. The first demo-center in Georgia was opened by Chairman of Georgian Parliament, **David Bakradze**. Minister of Justice, **Zurab Adeishvili** and Justice Minister of Ukraine, **Aleksei Lavrinovich** attended the opening ceremony. The event was also attended by representatives of Adjara government, delegates of the international conference which is currently undergoing in Batumi, and anticorruption reform experts from the US and Europe.

The demonstration center of the Public Service Hall was created for demonstration of those operations, which are being carried out by public service halls. The visitors will have an opportunity to see presentations on issuance of ID cards, registration of businesses and various types of property, as well as ongoing and implemented reforms within the system of the Justice Ministry system. In addition, special monitors will allow citizens to take part in various online auctions as well as to verify related information.

DATA EXCHANGE AGENCY LAUNCHES PUBLIC AWARENESS RISING CAMPAIGN ON INFORMATION SECURITY ISSUES



Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, which among other directions, is focused on developing country's information security trends, launches public awareness rising campaign to better spread basic concepts of information security in general audience.

The aim of the campaign is to make useful information available narrated in easy-to-understand language, which will span the range of topics from a safety concerns of personal computing to potential threats affecting our personal data.

"The effective operation of information security's common policy is significantly depended on how literate we are about the safety procedures, which at first glance we may think are very simple, while working on computers whether in office or at

home. In order to reach the desired level of information safety, it is essential to know how to distinguish safer and non-safer activities and how to protect ourselves from the loss of personal data or damage of computer systems. We hope, the campaign carried out by the agency will raise the level of knowledge among our fellow citizens in this direction. The more we know about information security, the less we are susceptible to various problems cyber environment may evoke."
 – **Irakli Lomidze**, DEA, Head of Information Security and Policy Division.

During the first stage of the campaign, DEA's official webpage at www.dea.gov.ge will periodically feature various useful articles on topics such as private email and safety, wireless internet safety, system viruses and others. The future plans include broadening the scope of campaign.

DATA EXCHANGE REPRESENTATIVES VISIT MARSHALL CENTER



On 12-13 September, 2011 George C. Marshall Center for Security Studies (held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany) on security issues. The event was organized with the support of Security Council of Georgia and the US Embassy to Tbilisi. The seminar featured various useful tips and provided helpful information to support the ongoing process of Georgia's national security strategy development. Among the representatives of Georgian governmental institutions, Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia was also presented at the seminar (continued on p.4).

(from p.3) During a two-day seminar, security experts from the US and Eastern Europe moderated discussions and made presentations for the participants. Legal, organizational and technical issues of critical infrastructure identification and protection were discussed during the sessions. Special attention was paid to the cyber security as one of the important and fast-growing challenges for the entire world. This direction was a special point of interest for DEA representatives, as the Agency bears large portion of responsibility for Georgia's cyber security issues. Within the frames of the seminar, **Mr. Irakli Lomidze**, head of DEA's Information Security and Policy Division made a presentation on the chain of cyber-attacks against Georgia masterminded by the Russian Federation during the Georgian-Russian war in August 2008. **Mr. Lomidze** also discussed DEA's functions and contribution for securing Georgia's cyber security.

Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia plans to deepen its ties both with the Marshall Center and Estonian and Latvian respective organizations to share information security best available practices.

DEA HOSTS INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANTS UNDER THE UN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia has started the final phase of information security policy and standard creation/renewal within the frame of the UN Development Project.

The project will enable the agency to carry out the process under the supervision of field experts. The project includes special training sessions for DEA representatives, during which the best practices in information security policy making currently available in EU countries will be shared.

Final products produced within the project will be available both for public and private organizations, which raises the importance of the project.

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