

H.J. Heinz Company Foundation Fellowship Program 2003/2004
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First of all I would like to thank H.J. Heinz Company Foundation and University of Pittsburgh University Center for International Studies (UCIS) for providing me with such an excellent opportunity for my professional advancement by spending a great year in Pittsburgh.

This was a very special year for me and for my other Heinz fellow colleague as we had a chance of meeting His Excellency Secretary-General of the United Nations Kofi Annan during his Distinguished Lecture to University of Pittsburgh students, faculty and staff. We were excessively honored to be on stage together with His Excellency Kofi Annan and other distinguished people like the CEO of the Heinz Company William R. Johnson, Chancellor of University of Pittsburgh Mark A. Nordenberg, the Heinz Chief Administrative Officer and Senior Vice President Corporate and Government Affairs Ted Smyth, the University of Pittsburgh Provost James V. Maher, Director of UCIS Dr. William Brustein and Dean of Graduate School of Public and International Affairs Ban Carolyn Ruth.

I would like to express my special thanks to UCIS staff, especially to Elaine E. Linn and Shannon Clover for their professional, warm guidance and support during the whole year of my stay in Pittsburgh since my arrival on August 4, 2003. Also I would like to thank my mentor Professor John C. Weidman from School of Education, Department of Administration and Policy Studies for his excellent guidance and support in connecting with professional organizations in Pittsburgh and United States.

Courses attended

With intention of developing my knowledge and skills in the area of education administration and development, I have audited the following courses during the fall 2003 and spring 2004 semesters. These courses were very useful for me as I had a chance of learning not only from faculty but also from other students in the field, as well from challenging and practical assignments, some of which I would like to mention and elaborate on.

Fall 2003 courses:

- ***Issues in Development Policy and Management (PIA-2501, GSPIA)***
Prof. Paul Nelson
 - With other 2 students we have formed a group and worked on Desertification issue in China and Mongolia. Our small research and presentation was successful by emphasis on economic effects of migration of the poor resulted from desertification;

- ***Introduction to Education Evaluation (APS 3201; PSYED 3450, SOE and LRDC) Professor William E. Bickel***
 - Learnt a great deal from excellent case studies and evaluation reports, provided by instructor;
 - Did evaluation of evaluation report of the Nepal Vocational Education Project funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB). The Evaluation was carried out by Operations Evaluation Department of the ADB.
 - Simulative exercise: formed an evaluation firm and submitted a proposal to bid to carry out an evaluation of a charter school
 - Designing an evaluative exercise. Evaluation exercise of activities of “National Consortium for Teaching about Asia” coordinated by the University of Pittsburgh Asian Studies Center.
- ***Psychology of learning and development (SOE)***
- ***World literature in English (CRN 13561)***

Spring 2004 courses:

- ***The Economics of Education (SOE, department of Administration and Policy Studies)***
 - Carried out an economic analysis exercise of “Employment Promotion and Skills training project in Mongolia”, funded by Asian development project and being implemented;
- ***International Organizations and Development Education (ADMPS 3347, SOE)***
 - Presentation of UNESCO activities in international education development and of the “Education for All” Program based on the case of Egypt EFA program.
 - Paper on “***Aid coordination and management. Sector wide approach to programming. Case of Mongolia and of Mongolian education sector***”. The paper have been presented also on April 8, 2004 at the “Asia over lunch series”, hosted by Asian Studies Center of the University of Pittsburgh;

Professional development activities

- Under directed study with Prof. John C. Weidman I have written a paper “Reform initiatives and changes in Mongolian Higher Education sector”, which was presented at the annual meeting of Mongolia society and American Center for Mongolian Studies in San Diego workshop on March 4, 2004.
- With request from Mongolian Universities Consortium (MUC), American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) and Honors College of the University of Pittsburgh has served as voluntary translator for a delegation of 15 Mongolian University leaders that visited South and North Carolina, Washington DC universities, Higher Educational and Educational organizations and institutions between November 17, 2003 to November 20, 2003. It has been a very practical and good experience for myself, as I learned about Smithsonian Museum of Natural History cooperation and projects with Mongolia, American Center for

Mongolian Studies initiatives and activities, Institute of International Education in DC, and Center of Excellence and Teaching of George Washington University.

- As a newly elected member of Management board of the University of the Humanities of Mongolia I facilitated a visit of Prof. Chuluundorj, President of the University of the Humanities, to University of Pittsburgh from January 20, 2004 to January 25, 2004. Professor Chuluundorj had inspiring meetings with School of Education, professors from Department of Education Administration and Policy Studies. He has received a warm welcome and encouraging meetings with deans and heads of UCIS, Honors College, Linguistics' department, ELI, School of Information Sciences, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. These meetings served as initiating grounds for future cooperation between school of Education and the University of the Humanities. The cooperation work has been expanding by signing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between School of Education of the University of Pittsburgh and The University of The Humanities, Mongolia. Also, Dean of the School of Education Alan Lesgold has visited Mongolia and The University of The Humanities in August 16, 2004.
- Presented a paper “Reform Initiatives and Changes in Mongolian Higher Education Sector” at the Mongolia Society (MS) and American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) annual meeting in San Diego. Established a good networking relationships with initiators of ACMS, which have already opened office in Ulaanbaatar to assist research in Mongolian studies.
- Received an offer from Academy of Education Development to work as a data consultancy expert to provide Mongolian Education sector data to the Education Policy and Data Center (EPDC) launched in 2004 by AED as part of EQUIP 2 to increase the breadth and depth of information easily accessible to researchers and practitioners in international education.
- With the assistance of my mentor John Weidman I had a chance of being introduced to Manchester/Bidwell activities. Visited twice Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild/ Bidwell Training Center and had meetings with James Showrank, Community – Government Relations director. Still have plans of writing an article for Mongolian newspaper about this outstanding center with an exceptional entrepreneurial management.

Workshops, seminars, and conferences attended

Foundation Center Orientation, September 19, 2003, At the Library Center, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Oikocredit, Micro-finance workshop, October 20, 2003, Center for Latin American Studies and Oiko-credit

Writing Research Articles, January 10, 2004, The survival Skills and Ethics Workshops, University of Pittsburgh

How to make Decentralization Work, An EQUIP 2 workshop, Latin America, February 17, 2003, Academy of Education Development (AED) Conference Center, Washington DC

The Mongolia Society and American Center for Mongolian Studies meeting, March 4-6, meetings in conjunction with the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), San Diego, California

NAFSA (Association of International Educators) Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, USA, May 25- May 28, 2004. It was a biggest Conference I have attended with 6200 participants and very impressive plenary speakers like Madeleine K. Albright, William E. Kirwan, third Chancellor of the University System of Maryland and others. Was very impressed with efforts of educational organizations and Higher educational institutions to internationalize campus. Has attended workshops of ATESL (Association of teachers of English as Second Language), OSEAS (Overseas Educational Advisers Group, Community College meetings.

University of Pittsburgh Learning Solutions center, English Grammar and Punctuation course, June-July 2004, every Tuesday evening

Research fund

Conferences (conference registration, travel, accommodation)

NAFSA Conference, Baltimore

ACMS annual meeting, San Diego

Trips to DC conferences and meetings

Books and textbooks purchased

Chinua Achebe, *"Things fall apart"*

Jamaica Kincaid, *"A small place"*

Toni Morrison, *"Tar Baby"*

Buchi Emecheta, *"The Bride Price"*

Arundhati Roy, *"The God of Small Things"*

Salmon Rushdie, *"Fury"*

Lynne Truss, *"Eats, shoots & leaves. The zero tolerance approach to punctuation"*

Derick Brinkerhoff ... *"Managing Policy reform: Concepts and tools for decision makers in developing and transitional countries"*, Kumarian Press, 2002

Cultural life

Since my arrival to Pittsburgh and with advise and support from UCIS staff I have been registered to Pittsburgh Council of International Visitors. It is a great organization that provides excellent opportunities for students and international visitors to get immersed in rich and fascinating cultural events in Pittsburgh. Fascinated with wealth of resources

available from Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and Hillman Library of the University of Pittsburgh.