

**ABOUT 150 BORDER GUARDS AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS FROM CENTRAL ASIA TRAINED IN RUMMAGING TECHNIQUES**

A series of national trainings on rummaging techniques and concealment methods for agencies involved in border control and seizure of drugs at land border posts (border guards, customs inspectors and officers from Drug Control Agencies) was held in Bishkek, Astana, Ashgabat and Tashkent in October 2006.



The trainings covered drug identification, risk assessment, rummaging techniques, as well as enforcement and basic procedure techniques.

**DRUG PROFILING UNITS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN**

A Regional seminar for officers in charge of drug trafficking interdiction at airports in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan was held during 11-15 December in Tashkent.

Under this project, Drug Profiling Units will be established in each of the four countries. The units will amalgamate the capacities of law enforcement agencies in detecting drug trafficking and coordinating joint search operations.

National training sessions for law enforcement officers were also held by the project. In addition to organizing national and regional seminars, the project provides beneficiary countries with specialized equipment for drug search and data intelligence activities, and assists in renovating airport premises for the Units.

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON REHABILITATION OF DRUG ADDICTS IN PRISONS HELD IN BISHKEK**

During December 13-15, 2006 a regional conference "Rehabilitation and Treatment of Drug and Alcohol Addicts in Penitentiary System" to discuss results of the project "Prevention of Drug Use in Prisons" was held in Bishkek.

The project with financing of \$237,000 improves social and living conditions of the convicts' and their proper medical treatment in pilot correctional institutions № 47 in Bishkek and № 10 in Jalalabat.



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