

**SPECIALISTS FROM TAJIKISTAN,  
TURKMENISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN ARE  
ACQUAINTED WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION  
BEST PRACTICES IN PENITENTIARY SYSTEM**

Twelve representatives of Government agencies from Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan participated in a study tour to Poland on 10-16 May 2009 to get acquainted with activities undertaken in the Polish penitentiary system in the field of drug abuse prevention.

During the study tour, participants visited the Polish Department of Prison Service, investigative wards in Krakow, Lublin and Warsaw, and the Centre for Drug Addicts run by a non-governmental organization.

The visits were organized to introduce delegates from Central Asia to imprisonment policies in semi-closed facilities, the use of modern technologies and drug detecting dogs on the territory of penitentiaries, as well as the treatment of inmates addicted to drug and / or alcohol.

During the visit to the Department of Prison Service, the participants of the study tour were instructed in methodologies on preventing drug abuse in prisons, training prisons' personnel, drug users treatment techniques, preparation of prison inmates foreseen to be released soon and incentives for collaboration with the Ministry of Health and NGOs after the prisoner's release.

At the investigative ward in Warsaw the study tour participants were familiarised with the "Atlantis" rehabilitation programme, which is designed to treat former prison inmates that are addicted to drugs.



**A DRUG PROFILING UNIT INAUGURATED IN UZBEKISTAN**



Mr. Azizbek Ergabayev, Head of international cooperation's department, National Drug Control Centre under the Cabinet of Ministers of Uzbekistan, cuts the ribbon with H.E. Robert Kopecký, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to Uzbekistan

The EU-UNDP Central Asia Drug Action Programme handed over a newly constructed building for a Drug Profiling Unit (DPU) at the "Keles" railway station to the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on 26 May 2009.

The "Keles" railway station located on the Uzbek-Kazakh border connects Uzbekistan with Kazakhstan and Russia. The DPU which is on this strategic route will help Uzbek drug control agencies to detect drug trafficking and make searches for drugs as well as collect, collate and analyze information for the detection of illegal drug trafficking.

The DPU has been established as a part of the CADAP "Drug Control at Airports and Railway Stations" project. The agencies responsible for implementing the project in the Republic of Uzbekistan are the National Security Service, the State Customs Committee, the Ministry of the Interior and the State Border Guards Committee.

The total cost of the construction work and equipment (computers, furniture, and the drug detection devices) is €76,000.



*The overall objective of the CADAP Programme is to foster a public health approach to drug demand & an interdiction approach to drug supply in line with the European Commission drug strategies. The Programme is funded by the European Union and implemented by UNDP. CADAP is a multi-annual assistance Programme funded under the EC TACIS instrument.*

