

AMERICAN CITIZENS SERVICES NEWSLETTER

The U.S. Embassy is transmitting the following monthly newsletter via its warden system as a public service to U.S. citizens in Mongolia. Please feel free to disseminate this message to U.S. citizens in your organizations or to other Americans you know.

The Consular Section would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Ambassador Jonathan Addleton Presents Credentials



U.S. Ambassador to Mongolia Jonathan Addleton presented his letter of credentials from President Barack Obama to the President of Mongolia Ts. Elbegdorj on November 25th at Government House. His wife Fiona and U.S. Embassy representatives accompanied him on this memorable day.

Ambassador Addleton, a career member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service since 1984, most recently served as Counselor for International Development at the U.S. Mission to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium.

Previously, he served as USAID Mission Director in Pakistan (2006-2007), Cambodia (2004-2006) and Mongolia (2001-2004). He has also served as USAID Program Officer in Jordan, Kazakhstan, South Africa and Yemen, and worked briefly at the World Bank, Macon Telegraph and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He has a PhD and MA from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and a BS from Northwestern University.

Ambassador Addleton was born and raised in Pakistan where his parents served as missionaries. His memoir on his childhood in Pakistan was published by University of Georgia Press under the title *Some Far and Distant Place*. He has also published articles in a variety of publications, including *Asian Survey*, *Asian Affairs*, *Muslim World*, *Foreign Service Journal* and the *Washington Post*.

In announcing this nomination, President Obama said, "I am confident that this fine individual will represent our nation with distinction and strengthen our diplomatic efforts to meet 21st century challenges. I look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead."

Ambassador Addleton is delighted to return to Mongolia in this new role, and looks forward to the opportunity to strengthen and expand relations between our two countries in the years ahead.

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Upcoming Town Hall Meeting in January 2010

On January 22, 2010 the Consular Section will hold a Town Hall Meeting for American Citizens in Mongolia to welcome Ambassador Addleton back in Mongolia and discuss any issues of interest to the American Citizens. The Town Hall Meeting will take place at the Star Apartments Community Center between 5:30-7:30 pm.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP with the names of guests to UlaanbaatarACS@state.gov **NO LATER** than January 15, 2010. Please note that due to space limitations and nature of the event, we encourage you not to bring children to the event.

We will appreciate if you let us know what issues you want us to address during the meeting so that we can do advance preparation. You can direct your questions and/ or comments to UlaanbaatarACS@state.gov.

The Consular Section requests your assistance in spreading the word of the Town Hall invitation so that American citizens who have not registered with the Embassy are included in this event. Those people should send an email to the above address stating that they are not registered but would like to attend.



**Rich is he
who has no debts;
fortunate he
who lives without
handicap.—
Mongolian proverb**

CONSULAR SECTION IN SOCIAL MEDIA



Become a fan of Consular Section Ulaanbaatar on Facebook.

ONLINE PASSPORT FORM WIZARD MAKES APPLICATIONS A BREEZE!

The U.S. Department of State has prepared an online wizard allowing you to fill-in the data fields of a Passport application and prepare a hardcopy all in a few simple steps. After filling out your application on-line, print and bring your application with you to your appointment.

You can access the required forms using the Passport Wizard at the following site:
<https://pptform.state.gov/?Submit=COMPLETE+FORM+DS-4085+ONLINE>.

Additional information about passport services may be found here:
<http://mongolia.usembassy.gov/passports.html>

The American Citizen Services Branch of the US Embassy in Ulaan Baatar encourages all citizens needing passport services to use the electronic application form as it will significantly decrease the time needed to process your application and increase the accuracy of the data entered for you.

Updated Files on Citizens' Services Web Site

The Consular Section has recently updated the [Medical Facilities list](#), [Lawyers List](#) and [Disposition of Remains report](#) on the U.S. Embassy Ulaanbaatar web site.

Tax Info for Americans Overseas

Recently Consular Section has received many questions from American Citizens residing in Mongolia. The following link provides information for US citizens and Resident Aliens abroad:

<http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/international/article/0,,id=97324,00.html>

There is no bilateral tax treaty between the Governments of the USA and Mongolia. Therefore, American citizens residing in Mongolia are responsible for complying with Mongolian tax regulations.

A Message to American Communities and Organizations in Mongolia

The Embassy encourages all business groups, churches, private companies, and other organizations with a nucleus of American citizens to make sure that the Embassy has a point of contact for your group. To receive Embassy announcements and advisories via e-mail, please join the Embassy Newslist. Your membership in the Embassy Newslist will assure you of receiving Embassy issued announcements and advisories in a timely manner. Your private information will be kept strictly confidential.

Send an email to the Embassy at UlaanbaatarACS@state.gov providing the name of your organization, a point of contact (POC), email address, phone number, and any other contact information. It is not necessary that your POC be an American citizen. The Embassy will use this information to contact your group in an emergency. Please type "Group Contact Info" on the subject line of your email.



H1N1 Recent Update

The Government of Mongolia recently announced that the state of 'Increased Preparedness', originally instituted on Nov 3, will be extended in modified form for an additional two weeks. The following is summary of the new restrictions:

- Schools reopened for grades 6th and up as of November 23. Lower grades of schools and kindergartens will remain closed.
- Auto and train travel between Ulaanbaatar and the provinces may start operating again after appropriate sanitation and disinfection measures are taken. However, the government will continue to screen travelers for flu-like symptoms.
- Merchandise markets may reopen if they meet certain sanitary and disinfection standards.
- Restaurants, bars, and public gathering places must still close at 9 pm.
- Public gatherings, conferences, seminars, cultural and sporting events continue to be restricted.

The full text of the Warden Message can be found here: [H1N1 Influenza Update #7](#)

Travel Warnings and Alerts

- [Chad](#) 11/23/2009
- [Mali](#) 11/19/2009
- [Sri Lanka](#) 11/19/2009
- [Nepal](#) 11/19/2009
- [Algeria](#) 11/16/2009
- [Colombia](#) 11/10/2009
- [Guinea](#) 10/17/2009
- [Lebanon](#) 09/29/2009

- [Philippines](#) 11/24/2009
- [Niger](#) 11/19/2009
- [Germany](#) 11/12/2009
- [Mozambique](#) 11/10/2009
- [Honduras](#) 11/06/2009
- [Saudi Arabia](#) 11/05/2009
- [India](#) 11/01/2009
- [Cuba](#) 10/09/2009
- [China](#) 09/25/2009

For additional information about these travel warnings and alerts, please go to this site:
http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html

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China Travel Alert

The Department of State alerts U.S. citizens to the quarantine measures imposed by the Government of China in response to the 2009-H1N1 pandemic that may affect travel to China. This Travel Alert updates the July 9, 2009 Travel Alert in order to address the potential for quarantine of unaccompanied minors. This Travel Alert expires on December 30, 2009. For more information go to http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_4238.html

WONDERING IF THE FLIGHT IS ON TIME?

This website has virtually every flight in the world and is updated regularly. It has been used for MIAT and Korean Air flights and it has been accurate every time.
<http://www.flightstats.com/>

Upcoming Holidays

- December 25 – Christmas Day**
- January 1—New Years Day**
- January 18—Martin Luther King Day**

