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**AmCham Mongolia and U.S. Department of Commerce Host
Two-Day Intellectual Property Right Seminar**

ULAANBAATAR, Mongolia - The American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) in Mongolia in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Embassy in Mongolia hosted a two-day intellectual property rights seminar entitled, “Technical Assistance Program on Commercial Law: A Look at Intellectual Property Rights in Mongolia” on September 26-27, 2016.

The two-day seminar featured insightful presentations by international experts from the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Justice sharing international practices, in particular the US experience in IP enforcement and informative presentations by the officials from the Intellectual property and state registration general authority regarding the enforcement of intellectual property rights in Mongolia as well as a constructive discussion on Mongolia-specific case studies presented by AmCham members Microsoft, Mongol HD TV and Anderson and Anderson LLP.

Over 50 stakeholders representing AmCham members, senior government officials from the State Registration and Intellectual Property Rights Office of Mongolia, the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and the U.S. Embassy in Mongolia participated and identified concrete actions to improve the IP environment in Mongolia.

The Honorable Jennifer Zimdahl Galt, U.S. Ambassador to Mongolia, delivered opening remarks at the IPR Seminar and said, “The United States Government and AmCham Mongolia have already begun to work together with the Mongolian Government to fully apply current strong tools in Mongolia's intellectual copyrights enforcement regime and to enhance areas where improvement is possible. And while criminal prosecution for intellectual property rights violations is possible in Mongolia, the United States Government, supported by the business community, would like to see Mongolia use criminal prosecution more aggressively to deter intellectual property rights piracy.”

“We strongly believe that the sound development and implementation of intellectual property rights protection and policies are crucial to our members and to further promote free enterprise in Mongolia,” said Jay Liotta, Chairman of AmCham Mongolia, during his remarks at the IPR Seminar.

About AmCham Mongolia

AmCham Mongolia is an independent membership-driven organization that seeks to build, strengthen, and protect business between the United States and Mongolia and to actively promote Mongolia as a destination for American investment. AmCham Mongolia is the official local affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the largest business federation in the world with over 3 million member companies. AmCham Mongolia is also a member of the Asia Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce, consisting of 29 American Chambers of Commerce in the Asia Pacific Region.