



## **Press Release**

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### **The American Chamber of Commerce in Mongolia Congratulates Mongolia on 25 Years of Democracy**

ULAANBAATAR – The American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) in Mongolia congratulates Mongolia on the 25th anniversary of its first full, multiparty democratic election. This is a significant milestone in Mongolia’s democratic revolution since its break from a Communist system a quarter century ago.

Recently, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry commented during a meeting with Mongolia’s Foreign Minister Lundeg Purevsuren that the United States is “happy to congratulate our friends in Mongolia on 25 years of democracy. And it’s really highlighted by the fact that they have taken leadership positions on democracy, democracy support.” He went on to say that the U.S. wants “to be a good ‘third neighbor’ with Mongolia and we congratulate you on the path you’re on. It’s very exciting.”

Jackson Cox, Chairman of the AmCham Mongolia Board of Directors also commented, “Mongolia’s successful transition to democracy 25 years ago was made possible by brave leadership and the determination of the Mongolian people. Much work remains, but if the past 25 years offers a glimpse of what’s to come, then I certainly remain optimistic about the future of democracy in Mongolia.”

Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj, President of Mongolia, authored an op-ed piece for The Wall Street Journal and he highlighted the challenging yet peaceful journey that he and his countrymen embarked on 25 years ago stating, “through discussion and dialogue, and then massive peaceful protests, the Communist Party was pushed aside and relegated to the ash heap of history. Not one shot was fired, not a single window broken or a drop of blood spilled. A new Mongolia was born.” He highlighted “that democracy is centered on the concepts of freedom, individual liberty and the rule of law,” and acknowledged that “much more work remains.”

### **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 office of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Based in Washington, DC, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the largest business federation in the world with over 3 million member companies. American Chambers have been established in over 100 countries in the world – Mongolia being one of the most recent.