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NEWSLETTER

„Building AIESEC in Afghanistan“



Exchange program started

With a warm welcome we are proud to announce the first Afghan trainees: Wafiullah Gran and Ahmad Waheed. They will arrive on January 22nd at the International Airport Frankfurt/ Main.

From beginning of February until mid April the two Afghan trainees will work in the office of Dr. Pflüger (CDU) in the German Parliament in Berlin. Before starting the traineeship they will take part in the National Board of Advisor's meeting in Bonn. We are looking forward to present the key stakeholders of AIESEC in Germany another milestone of our project in real and the impact we are having with it.

A special thanks to the AIESEC Local Committee of the Technical University in Berlin which is helping us short term to find a suitable accommodation.

Within the first days in Germany, we will give them a short but intense cultural seminar (which is standard for doing an AIESEC traineeship). During their stay in Germany we will involve both trainees as much as possible in the German culture and organize as many "cross-cultural" events as possible.

Implementing AIESEC's core work - the exchange - is one of our most challenging aims to build a stable AIESEC structure in Afghanistan. Therefore our next big milestone will be the exchange-oriented project, organised by the local committee Frankfurt/ Main in summer 2005: five to ten trainees are planned for this project based on exchange.

www.aiesec.org.af

Mentioned in the December-Newsletter we are pleased to announce the launch of the new webpage www.aiesec.org.af thanks to the effort of Paiwastoon.

Furthermore we will change our email-communication step by step to the new addresses.



One of our AIESEC - Member from Afghanistan at the AIESEC International Congress in Hanover in August 2004.

NIFA-Delegation in Kabul

Besides the exchange part we are strengthening to build up a real AIESEC-existence in Kabul.

In March, part of the Nifa-team will fly to Afghanistan to give more training to our team in Kabul, raising traineeships and start a big selection process for the exchange in summer.

In addition the set up of the AIESEC-office as well as the PC-pool are a further focus as well.

More PCs sponsored

We are glad of getting sponsored four PCs including a laser printer. Special thanks to Ms Zingler from the company sd&m in Offenbach.

Currently we are urgently looking for a shipping opportunity for altogether eight complete PCs, two printers, a big photocopier and marketing materials of AIESEC as starting equipment for our office and the PC-pool in Kabul. If you have an idea about an opportunity please let us know:

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Dear friends of AIESEC and especially of the initiative „AIESEC in Afghanistan“,

„Peace and fulfilment of humankind's potential“ is the vision of AIESEC and it describes clearly why we were founded and why we continue to thrive in our existence.

Over 50 years ago, AIESEC was founded with the goal to unify students all over the world to contribute to peace and the reconstruction of Europe. The 7 founders invented & implemented the idea of the global traineeship exchange, so that students could practically benefit from cultural and "learning by doing" experiences. In their opinion, these were the key success factors for a sustainable AIESEC exchange growth in Europe and the world.

With NIFA we want to achieve exactly the same: peace and contribution to the reconstruction of the civil society in Afghanistan. After 23 years of civil war and 8 years of Taliban regime, the students in Afghanistan now obtain a chance to see new perspectives in the world, learn from other cultures and gain personal and professional skills besides their studies.

These are the origins of AIESEC and I am very proud that AIESEC in Germany is able and shows the willingness to support this initiative on all levels.

"The secret of freedom is courage."
(Perikles)

Let us show our courage and passion to the world and offer the AIESEC experience to as many students in Afghanistan as possible.

On behalf of my entire team I wish the organization team of NIFA all the best for the future and want to thank them and the LC in Frankfurt for all of their efforts, which they have shown us so far.

Yours,

Andreas Baller

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