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NEWSLETTER

„Building AIESEC in Afghanistan“



Afghanistan gains official AIESEC extension status

On Tuesday 25th – 1am Afghanistan was accepted as official extension country within AIESEC. The decision was made at this years international presidents meeting which took place in Bucharest. The whole AIESEC presidents voted unanimously for Afghanistan. This is an enormous step forward.

The extension status is the last step before getting a full AIESEC membership. Within three years, Afghanistan has to fulfil all AIESEC membership criteria in order to become a full member.

A special thanks you to all the national presidents of AIESEC and AIESEC International for your confidence and support.

Thanks as well to everybody in AIESEC in Germany which is driving the project and AIESEC in the US which supported the application for extension status.

Last but not least I want to thank the „Building AIESEC in Afghanistan“/ NIFA-team in Afghanistan and Germany. The work you are doing and your commitment is outstanding. I am very proud to work with you and I am looking forward to a great future.

Keep on going!

Marcus Wittig

Transportation successful

With the strong support of Mr. Dünnhaupt from AGEF Berlin we were able to deliver our complete office equipment to Kabul. Already last Friday the computers, the fax-machine and phones arrived in Kabul, shipped by the German Federal Armed Forces.



One week in Magdeburg

On the 15th of February I just moved from Berlin to Magdeburg. The aim of this visit was to learn more about AIESECs basic work and its activities in the different areas. Together with the two Afghan trainees we had several sessions such as company raising campaign, about the exchange programs and marketing as well as how to build the AIESEC LC and MC structure.

I feel very motivated to work hard to run AIESEC in Afghanistan. I am very delighted to work together with the NIFA-Team, and this will help Afghan students to get the opportunity to be part of the international student organisation.

Assad Harifi

German NIFA-team in Kabul

Up from Wednesday 9th of March a team of four German AIESEC members will be in Afghanistan to set up the basis for the incoming exchange in Afghanistan. The team will stay until mid April to deepen the AIESEC structure and knowledge.

Further milestones are the selection of more outgoing students, the raising of new members as well as fundraising for covering the upcoming expenses.

Constance Marschan



Congratulations to a new chapter in AIESEC-history

Setting up AIESEC in Afghanistan is one of the boldest steps that AIESEC has taken, and this courageous step clearly reminds us as an organization of our Vision: 'Peace and fulfilment of Humankind's potential'. We as an organization are proud of what a few members in AIESEC in Germany have made possible by setting up an AIESEC chapter in this country with a war-torn past.

Personally speaking, meeting AIESEC members from Afghanistan at International Congress in Germany in August 2004, was one of the most powerful moments of my AIESEC life. Watching those young people from Kabul with hope in their eyes and aspirations in their hearts to make Afghanistan and the world a better place to live in, and sharing those hopes and aspirations with young people from over 85 countries is an image still vivid in my mind.

At the recently held President's Meeting in Romania, we officially admitted Afghanistan into our AIESEC network and gave our chapter in Germany the responsibility for expansion and development of AIESEC in Afghanistan.

I, once again, wish to congratulate our members in Afghanistan and Germany for their vision and courage towards this ambitious project, and send them my best wishes for their highly awaited success.

Regards,

Rajiv Chandna
President, AIESEC International