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TSC stands up during official visit, ribbon cutting



The Honorable Daniel Ginsberg, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, gives a brief overview of Theater Security Cooperation division operations during the stand up ceremony here April 23.



Secretary Daniel Ginsberg enters to officiate the Theater Security Cooperation division ceremony. The division will focus on community partnership to enhance the peace in Kyrgyzstan.

Transit Center at Manas holds Spring 2011 Industry Day

Right: Col. Dwight Sones, Transit Center at Manas director, opens Industry Day in Bishkek April 22.

Below: Patrons look over potential vendor information at Industry Day.



TCM opens doors on Friends and Family Day



Above and left: Officials opened the Transit Center gates to local contract employees, family and their associates during Friends and Family Day here April 2. Individuals and groups received the chance to tour a KC-135 "Stratotanker" operate an Explosive Ordnance Disposal robot, watch a K-9 demonstration, enjoy lunch and view day-to-day operations at the Transit Center.

Kyrgyz Parliament members tour, fly tanker mission

Below: Col. Dwight Sones, Transit Center at Manas director, answers questions during a KC-135 mission May 14. Right: Kyrgyz Parliament members toured the TCM and learned about current operations. Additional tours and flights are scheduled for the Parliamentarians later this summer.



Center officials demonstrate dental hygiene



Above and right: Volunteers from the Manas Area Benefit Outreach Society at the Transit Center at Manas meet with children from the Vasilievka school in Vasilievka village as a part of a dental outreach mission April 12. The volunteers demonstrated the correct way to brush and floss, what kinds of foods are good or bad for teeth and even played a few fun games designed to teach children about dental care. The team also donated 90 kits with floss, toothpaste and toothbrushes. They also donated more than 50 pounds of toys and supplies to the school.



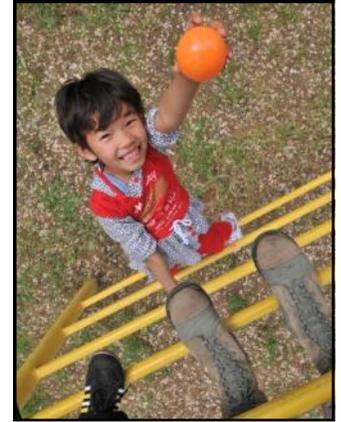
EOD team, Kyrgyz work together



Above: Staff Sgt. Ryan Milliken, Explosive Ordnance Disposal team member, explains basic EOD operations during a U.S.-Kyrgyz military-to-military event here May 21. This event increases overall awareness and sharpens EOD skills, improving the ability to defend against extremist organizations who use unexploded ordnance and improvised explosive devices.

Left: Master Sgt. Tom Koontz and Staff Sgt. Ryan Milliken, Explosive Ordnance Disposal team members, explain a bomb suit during a military exchange event here May 21.

Transit Center welcomes Bishkek orphanage children



Above and right: Children from various orphanages around Bishkek visited Manas Transit Center April 30. Officials lined up field day activities and an all-day event. Military members from the transit center also set up games, a fire truck, and sports in a local park and spent the afternoon playing with the local children.

MABOS officials assist, visit Nizne-Chuisk Village school



One of the Nizne-Chuisk Village children shows his skills at the village orphanage here April 11. Manas Area Benefit Outreach Society representatives donated items and their time for games and laughter with the local youth.



Staff Sgt. Bianca Barbir, 376th Air Expeditionary Wing finance, passes out snacks at the village orphanage April 11.



Take me out to the ball game

Teams from the Transit Center at Manas and the embassies of Japan, Korea and the United States came together for a friendly round-robin series of softball games at the Kyrgyz State Academy of Physical Training and Sport in Bishkek May 21.

(U.S. Air Force photos/Master Sgt. Daniel Nathaniel III)



Center Airmen participate in friendly "Sports Day" competition



Transit Center Airmen participate in sports day with a local school in Sadove village May 9. Officials use events like this to develop teamwork and friendships through the TCM community outreach program.

Transit Center at Manas economic impact as of May 28, 2011

Direct Expenditures	FY08 Actual	FY09 Actual	FY10 Actual	FY11 YTD
Payments to Kyrgyz Govt - Dip Note	\$17,400,000	\$26,620,000	\$60,000,000	\$45,000,000
Payments to Manas International Airport	\$22,426,354	\$22,999,039		
Lease, Passes, and Utilities			\$4,029,091	\$4,135,299
Aircraft Landing, Parking, Service Fees			\$21,157,571	\$11,479,882
Contributions to Airport Improvements	\$131,000	\$30,600,000	\$0	\$0
Contributions to Kyrgyz Aeronavigation	\$480,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contract Payments	\$35,351,310	\$24,601,908		
Commodities (Furniture/Sports equip/ parts/supplies)			\$28,214,794	\$14,185,216.00
Construction (Buildings/renovations/ road repairs)			\$5,229,757	\$2,962,557.00
Services (Grounds/refuse/custodial/ vehicle lease)			\$9,345,966	\$7,131,298.00
Leases (non-MIA)	\$83,726	\$81,562	\$66,596	\$93,817
Programmatic Humanitarian Assistance		\$1,700,000	\$2,273,488	\$263,215
Subtotal Direct Expenditures	\$75,872,890	\$106,602,509	\$130,317,263	\$85,251,284
Indirect Expenditures				
Estimated US Military local spending	\$946,000	\$1,037,530	\$1,161,743	\$895,830
Subtotal Indirect Expenditures	\$946,000	\$1,037,530	\$1,161,743	\$895,830
Total Economic Impact	\$76,818,890	\$105,940,039	\$131,479,006	\$86,147,114

TCM officials help celebrate local school graduation



Left: Col. Dwight Sones, Transit Center at Manas director, greets local Evrika School-Complex officials in Birdik May 25.

Above: Students savor the remaining moments leading up to their graduation in Birdik May 25.