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## Grand Opening of the new American Education Center in Bitola!

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American Corner Bitola in partnership with the US Embassy in Macedonia, the Municipality of Bitola and Goce Delcev Elementary School on Wednesday, May 19th, 2010, inaugurated the new American Education Center in Bitola.

From now on, Bitola is the second city in Macedonia to have an American Education Center. Being an official TOEFL testing center will mean becoming part of the group of 180 countries in the world that administrate this test.



“TOEFL iBT has become the most popular and accessible English-language test in the world. It is also the most accepted test in the world with more than 7000 colleges, universities and agencies in 110 countries that accept TOEFL scores. Opening of this center will provide opportunities for students and professionals from this region to become part of the educational system in the USA, as well as receive the latest and the most reliable information and materials for preparation of TOEFL iBT” – said Tasha Jovanovski, Coordinator of the American Corner Bitola.

Public Affairs Officer Ryan Rowlands emphasized the excellent friendship and cooperation between Macedonia and United States of America.

“United States of America is proud of this kind of partnership with the citizens of Macedonia. I think that the more we learn about each other, the more our friendship and

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partnership becomes stronger and stronger. It a real honor for me that at the end of my third year in this country I am being part of the opening of the American Education Center in Bitola – said Mr. Rowlands

Both the Mayor of Bitola Vladimir Talevski and the principal of Goce Delcev Elementary school Jane Angelevski were delighted to participate in the opening of this center in Bitola. Mr. Talevski underlined that the new Center has the

capacity to fulfill the needs and expectations of the citizens of Bitola and the region and that this center will eliminate the travel costs for the TOEFL test takers.

The American Education Center in Bitola offers one-on-one advising sessions with professionally trained counselor, weekly updates on newest scholarships, test preparation materials ( TOEFL, SAT, GRE), access to a large resource collection about US Universities and informative discussions and presentations about the application process and admission to an accredited US Universities.

As part of this event there also was a Photo Exhibition from the American Corner's Photography Club supported by Koktel Media Group. The guests had the chance to enjoy the amazing photos and see a result of AC's programming.



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Local TV stations Orbis and TERA covered the event. To see their TV footage go to:

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[http://tera.mk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=21640:2010-05-19-16-12-25&catid=48:2008-10-22-13-36-33&Itemid=106](http://tera.mk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=21640:2010-05-19-16-12-25&catid=48:2008-10-22-13-36-33&Itemid=106)

To see the photos of the exhibition and more photos from the event go to our American Corner Facebook Fan Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=227722&id=182025015040&saved#!/pages/Bitola/American-Corner-Bitola/182025015040>