

# Australia Awards - Mongolia Women's Leadership Program

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Since its launch there have been four lunch forums with women leaders in various industries including former MP and UNEP President, Ms Oyun, former State Secretary for Ministry for Justice Ms Bayartsetseg, CEO of Tavan Bogd Group, Ms. Khulan and

UK Ambassador, HE Ms Catherine Arnold. The lunch forums included topics such as personal leadership styles, critical issues for Mongolia, women's leadership in solving these issues and women's empowerment.

The third cohort of the Women's Leadership Program launched in October 2016 continues to equip Australian Awards alumni with cutting edge leadership skills. Eighteen women and two men were selected and over the past 5 months engaged in lunch forums with distinguished leaders in key sectors, skills-building seminars and networking events.



Furthermore, WLP delivered several seminars to improve participants' skills in areas such as time management, networking, project management, media, communication, gender mainstreaming and negotiations. These hands-on seminars proved to be highly effective in assisting participants to accept challenges and become better leaders.

Participants also attended several prestigious networking events including a Women's Leadership panel discussion and BCM and AustCham's monthly meetings. These events enabled participants to cultivate their networking skills and expand their professional networks.



## Community Development Projects

One feature of the WLP is its Community Development Project that participants design and implement over the course of the program. This component enriches participants experience with the program, allowing them to put their newly acquired skills into practice and contribute to their share in advancement of their communities. This cohort have designed four projects:

- *Safe route to school*: Improving the safety for children travelling to school by improving awareness and safety planning;
- *Healthy pregnancy*: Reducing risk in childbirth by improving mothers' awareness on prenatal care during pregnancy;
- *Wonder box*: Improving pre-school education of herders' children in Uvs Aimag by providing mobile libraries; and
- *From disability to ability*: Fitting wheelchairs to the needs of 60 mobility-impaired children.

