

Visit of the Ambassador of Finland to Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan to Kyrgyz National Agrarian University named after K.I. Skryabin on 19.5.2021

A monitoring visit on the project FishEDU (Capacity Building for Fisheries and Aquaculture in Kyrgyzstan) was conducted by the Ambassador of Finland to Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan **Her Excellency, Ms. Soili Mäkeläinen-Buhanist**, during her visit to the Kyrgyz National Agrarian University named after K.I. Skryabin (KNAU). She was accompanied by the **Honorary Counsel of Finland in Kyrgyzstan, Mr. Anvar Prazdnikov**, and **Honorary Counsel of Kyrgyzstan in Finland, Mr. Petri Numminen**.

The project team familiarised H.E. Ambassador Mäkeläinen-Buhanist and the Honorary Counsels on the decade-long collaboration between KNAU and the University of Eastern Finland (UEF) as well as the progress of the project. During the visit they toured KNAU's facilities, the FishEDU Aquaculture Center, FishEDU Water Laboratory and FishEDU Demonstration Fish Farm.

Rector Rysbek Nurgaziev expressed the interest and will to continue the long and fruitful collaboration in fisheries and aquaculture, with UEF. – We have recognised the importance of this sector for the development of our country. With the development of fisheries and aquaculture and dealing with fish as live animals, we shall need to develop the area of fish pathology. We do not have a proper fish disease control laboratory in the country. There is much to do- he said.

Honorary Counsel Petri Numminen also supported the continuation of the collaboration between KNAU and UEF, saying- There have been good transformations in the field as a result of the shared activities of KNAU and UEF and the collaboration would do well to continue.



To conclude the meeting, H.E. Ambassador Mäkeläinen-Buhanist and Rector Nurgaziev planted an apple tree together on the grounds of the FishEDU demonstration fish farm, thereby also making a contribution in the greening of KNAU's campus.



Rector Nurgaziev and H.E. Ambassador Mäkeläinen-Buhanist plant an apple tree on the grounds of the FishEDU demonstration fish farm

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