



## Green Foundation for a greener Kyrgyzstan

**BISHKEK (TCA)** — One hundred trees were planted on Tuesday in Bishkek by the Green Foundation, a nonprofit organization that is going to be established by Kyrgyz Investment and Credit Bank (KICB), the Aga Khan Foundation, an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network, and Public Broadcasting Corporation of the Kyrgyz Republic in cooperation with the City Hall of Bishkek, the press release of KICB said. The Green Foundation will be formed to help preserve and revitalize parks and gardens in Kyrgyzstan. It will aim to revive the spirit of the greenest city by supporting ecologically responsible growth.

“Responsible business practices are an integral part of KICB’s corporate philosophy. Protecting the environment directly impacts the quality of life of citizens and complements the development of the tourism industry in the country. Through this initiative we hope not only to preserve an important asset, but also encourage youth to build a stronger, healthier and re-energized Kyrgyzstan,” said Mr. Kwang-Young Choi, CEO of Kyrgyz Investment and Credit Bank.

The trees were donated by Foundation members to the city and planted on Tynaliev Street (between Akhunbaeva and Sukhomlinova streets). The event was also attended by the director of the housing and public utilities service of Bishkek – Nurbek Sydykov. According to him, in 2012, it is planned to plant twice more trees and flowers in Bishkek in comparison with 2011.

Kubat Otorbaev, the General Director of Public Broadcasting Corporation, noted that this planting ceremony is significant, saying that “Bishkek has always been considered as a green city and special attention was paid to the protection of the eco system. The initiative of the Green Foundation members is important for Bishkek, its citizens and Djal microdistrict.”

Shahid Punjani, CEO of Aga Khan Foundation said he is very proud to be involved in this important initiative. “The planting of trees today and the future activities of the Green Foundation are a good example of how the corporate sector, government agencies, and private foundations can work together for the social good,” he said.



One hundred trees were planted in Bishkek on April 3  
(photo: KICB’s press service)