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Press Release

Geology books donated to Mongolian students

Techenomics assists in transferring the books from Australia

The donation of hundreds of Australian geology books and journals to Mongolia will empower geology students to more effectively exploit the country's vast mineral resources for the benefit of the entire population.

Delivery of the books from Brisbane, Queensland, to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, was made possible by Techenomics, which serves the country's mining industry with its fluid management services.

Techenomics CEO Chris Adsett says supporting the logistics involved with the transfer of more than 40 boxes of books added to the company's support of students in Mongolia.



Chris Adsett presents the books

The books and journals have been donated by geologists in Australia and follows a similar donation to the Institute of Technology of Cambodia in Phnom Penh several years ago.

Many of the items have come from the personal collection of 40-plus year geologist Adrian Day. Other donations are from Australian Institute of Geoscientists members disposing of their libraries and from the Bookhouse run by the Alumni of the University of Queensland (UQ).

The alumni collect discards from libraries and donations from the public which are sorted, classified and boxed for a Bookfair held every two years to raise funds for student bursaries, UQ art acquisitions and financial assistance to needy students. The Bookfair in April 2017 raised \$110,000.



Presentation of books to the National University of Mongolia



A batch of around 20 boxes was delivered to the Geology and Geophysics Department of the School of Arts and Sciences at National University of Mongolia last week and Chris Adsett said another batch of 20 or so boxes would be delivered to another university in Ulaanbaatar shortly.

Head of the department Professor Bat Bold said he was extremely grateful for the donation and indicated that it was very hard for students to gain access to relevant books. "The most valuable investment for students is self-esteem, and these books and journals will help teachers to provide this," he said.

Chris Adsett says as well as being delighted to receive the books and journals, the students, who are very proud of their geology department, provided a tour of the paleontology, petrology and mineralogy demonstration laboratories.

"We are happy to support this project as it will help Mongolians with their education and provide them with geological knowledge to better serve the country's growing mining industry."

The donation would not have been possible without the work of Adrian Day and other members of the UQ Alumni. "Adrian and his family have been associated with the development of Techenomics over a number of years and our support of the book project continues the association," he says.

"Adrian helped build the first laboratory we established in Indonesia, at Sangatta, has carried out a number of project manager jobs and his son was Techenomics Mongolia Acting Country Manager in our early days in the country."

In addition to supporting the book project, Techenomics Mongolia also has a cooperation agreement with the University of Life Science's School of Engineering and Technology.

This is aimed at helping Mongolia's future engineers and mechanics gain greater knowledge of the importance of oil and fluid analysis as a preventative maintenance tool, thus leading to less downtime and increased productivity.

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