

Location: Balkh Journalism Faculty

Date: January 27, 2014

Participants: US embassy delegations, Omran Holding Group, Trivision Designing Company and Journalism professors

Meeting on Balkh Media Operation Center and the Cornerstone Ceremony

On January 27, 2014 the US embassy delegations, the delegations from Omran Holding Group and delegations from Trivision visited journalism faculty of Balk University.

At the beginning of the meeting Dean Nazari welcomed all the delegations to the faculty and they got introduced to each other.

Mr. Nazari explained all about the supports and doings of SJSU to Balkh Journalism Faculty to the delegations. He threw light on the Academies held in Dubai and Hyderabad, India as well as visit of Balkh and Herat professors of SJSU for the purpose of attending the eleven weeks training. Mr. Nazari has found all the trainings so much useful for practical and academic capacity building of Balkh journalism Faculty. He expressed his greatest gratitude to all colleagues helping Journalism faculty of Balkh University. At the continuation of the meeting Professor Ferozpur gave more explanations about the project and asked questions about the building, equipment and maintenance of the Media Operation Center after it is formally submitted to Balkh University. To answer Ferozpur's enquiries, Omran Holding Group gave more explanations about the construction of MOC. They asserted that the MOC will be built in two stories in the area of 2620 meter squares which it will have space for 800 students consisting 10 classrooms and a conference room having space for 200 people at the same time. It will also contain administrative rooms, reception room, rooms for dean of the faculty and dean deputy and professors, radio studio, TV studio and print studio, furniture for MOC, Tables and Tribunes for the classes. The construction of MOC completes between October 2013 and December 2014.

Trivision is a sub-contractor which will purchase and install the Radio and TV studios' equipment as well as the furniture. This company will start its work after the completion of MOC's construction. Trivision is an expert company having experience in designing several studios in Afghanistan like Tolo TV studios, Ariana TV studios and designing of many other studios in US. Trivision promised that they will provide a training after the installation of equipment for Balkh journalism staff on how to operate the studios and use equipment as well as on maintenance of equipment.

The meeting ended at 12: 30 am. In the afternoon all the delegations and journalism faculty professors attended the cornerstone ceremony on new campus of Balkh University.

US embassy Counsel at Mazar-i-Sharif, Deputy Governor of Balkh Province, Balkh University Chancellor, Head of Provincial Counsel of Balkh province, professors of Balkh University and Medias attended the cornerstone ceremony. After expressing their greatest gratitude to US embassy, Omran Holding Group and Trivision; they put the corner stone of the MOC, though the initial construction of the building started three months back at October, but they formally put the corner stone. At the end all the guests were invited to a volunteer lunch served by Omran Holding Company.

Reported by: Atiqullah Samadyar

Below are some photos taken on that day.



Doctor Mohammad Afzal Adid

Head of Balkh Provincial Counsel

Speaking on the cornerstone ceremony



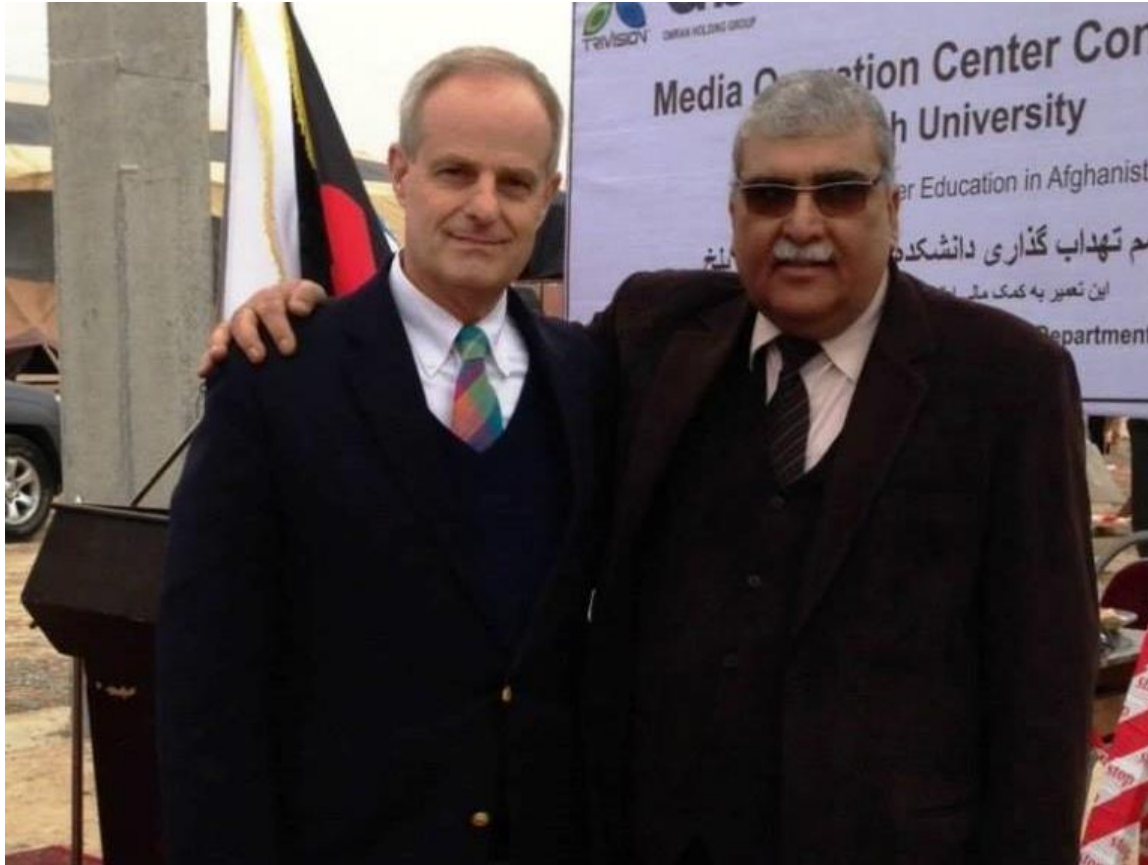
From left to right: Mohammad Zaher Wahdat, Mokamil Alkozai, Doctor Afzal Adid, Khoshal Wardak, and Peter Kaestner

From left to right: Deputy Governor of Balkh, Chancellor of Balkh University, Head of Balkh provincial council, political assistant of US consulate at Mazar, and U.S senior civil representative to Northern Afghanistan. All putting the corner stone.



Professor Ahmad Zia Ferozpur

Speaking on the corner stone ceremony



From left to right: Peter Kaester and Mokamil Alkozai



Mohammad Zahir Wadat

Deputy Governor of Balkh Province