

Mr. Kurmanbek Dyikanbaev's visit to Utah Valley University.



Mr. Kurmanbek Dyikanbaev (L) during the lecture with Dr. Baktybek Abdrisaev translating his presentation

On August 23rd, 2019, Mr. Kurmanbek Dyikanbaev has given us a great presentation about his country – the Kyrgyz Republic. Mr. Dyikanbaev is the Deputy Chief of staff of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic and representative of the President to the parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic. He has served in the Soviet Army. In 1980, he received his Bachelors' degree in veterinarian sciences from Belarus. He came to Utah and UVU to participate at the 68th United Nation Civil Society Conference in Salt Lake City.

The Kyrgyz Republic was under the regime of USSR for 70 years. However, in 1991 the Kyrgyz Republic gained independence and its people have done a lot to become a democratic state. As our guest mentioned, in 2010, the Kyrgyz people adopted a constitution which established a parliamentary model. Also, there is one six years term for President to serve in his position. The president of the country is elected directly by populace.

According to Mr. Dyikanbaev, there were four Presidents, who has served in the office since declaring the independence from USSR. There are currently also six parties in the Kyrgyz Parliament country, and thirteen ministries in the Cabinet of the Ministers. The Kyrgyz Republic appreciates the role of women in the political life of the country, so one of the former Presidents

of the Kyrgyz Republic was a woman, and the Chair of the current Supreme Court of the country is also a woman.



Mr. Kurmanbek Dyikanbaev during the lecture

When Mr. Dyikanbaev was asked his opinion how he felt to be under the rule by the USSR, he said that the strongest feeling was that everything in the county was controlled by the Communist Party from Moscow.

Overall, Mr. Dyikanbaev's presentation was very informative and I learned a lot about Kyrgyz Republic and how it became independent from the USSR.

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