

NEWSLETTER

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4th Asia-Pacific Evaluation Association Conference

Mongolian Evaluation Association /MEA/ attended APEA Conference with 10 delegations, and also a total of 192 people from 39 countries are convened in Manila.

- MEA's 7 young and emerging evaluators awarded with certificates for their participation in the 4th Winter school of Asia Pacific Evaluation Association - APEA.
- Byambasuren Uuganjargal, MEA Member and Co-Founder and Co-Leader of EvalYouth Mongolia, moderated the session 'Engagement of young and emerging evaluators: Lessons from UN agency evaluations in the Asia and Pacific.'
- Had a side meeting with Dr. Beth Snow, PhD, MBA, CE, the Vice president of Canadian Evaluation Society about partnering on starting the Credentialed Evaluator designation.
- Had a side meeting with Alfredo Dominguez, President of International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation -IOCE on cooperation.
- Presentation of 'Asia Pacific Evaluation Association - APEA's Code of Ethics' by Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren, Founder & President of MEA



Congratulations to our student young evaluators for becoming the Asian Champions of the World Evaluation Case Competition.



The Mongolian team, Progresso, became the second team the Asian Champions of the World Evaluation Case Competition, encouraging many young evaluators to get attracted to the evaluation field.

The first Mongolian Evaluation Case Competition (MECC) was successfully held in June 2023. A team of 5 young evaluators composed of the winning team of MECC, a 2nd runner, and a YEE Internship graduate competed in the World Evaluation Case Competition (WECC) on November 4. The Mongolian Evaluation Association is honored to coach our Mongolian team for the WECC for the 2nd year.



World Evaluation Case Competition TEAM MONGOLIA



Nymsuvd Battulga
Statistics,
National University of Mongolia



Khaliunaa Batjargal
International relations,
National University of Mongolia



Enkhjin Natsagdorj
ACCA accounting,
University of Finance
and Economics



**Munkh-Uchral
Byambasuren**
ACCA accounting,
University of Finance
and Economics



Galbadrakh Erdenetsogt
Marketing,
University of Humanities

COACHES



Dr. Ganzorig Gonchigsumlaa
Board member,
Mongolian Evaluation Association



Uugantsetseg Gonchigdorj
Board Member,
Mongolian Evaluation Association
Co-Founder,
EvalYouth Mongolia Chapter



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2023

CHAMPION TEAMS

Asia Champions

Team Name: PROGRESSO

Country: Mongolia



Learning session with Tom Grayson ,American Evaluation Association, Former President Ph.D, Evaluation Consultant: MEA Learning Session # 2023/13 on “Evaluative Thinking”

MEA organized the Mongolian Evaluation Association's Learning Session on “Evaluative Thinking” 2023/13 with Tom Grayson, American Evaluation Association, Former President Ph.D., Evaluation Consultant: “Evaluative Thinking”. Big thank you for Tom Grayson, and also moderator Ms, Suzanna Sumkhuu, MEA Member, Researcher on Policy Analysis. Here is the recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJKcWMcHwGA>



ONLINE

LEARNING SESSION #13, 2023

TOPIC:

EVALUATIVE THINKING

THURSDAY | 21 DECEMBER 2023 | 21:00 (ULAT)

WWW.MONGOLIANEVALUATION.MN

Our speaker

Thomas E. Grayson is a recent retired Professor of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and served as American Evaluation Association's President in 2020 - 2022.

In addition to his work in the United States, Dr. Grayson has provided technical assistance and training to professional evaluators in international settings, including the Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán, Mexico; the Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium; the International Program Evaluation Network (IPEN), Moscow, Russia; and the International Labor Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.

Tom received his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Illinois, his M.S. in Instructional Technology from Syracuse University, and his B.A. in Psychology from Rutgers University.



TOM GRAYSON
American Evaluation Association,
Past President
Ph.D, Evaluation Consultant

Our moderator




Ms, Suzanna Sumkhuu,
MEA Member,
Researcher on Policy Analysis



Mongolian Evaluation Association
December 2023, Learning Session

Evaluative Thinking

Tom Grayson, MEA Past President
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Key aspects of evaluative thinking

Questioning and Curiosity: It involves continuously asking questions, e.g., who, why, what, when and how.

Evidence-Based: Evaluative thinking relies on evidential information to make judgments. This includes collecting data, analyzing it, and using it to draw conclusions about the value, merit or significance of something.

Systematic Approach: Evaluative thinking involves a systematic approach to understanding the context, culture gathering and analyzing information.

Reflective Practice: Evaluative thinking encourages reflection on practices, decisions, choices, and outcomes.

Decision-Making: It aids in making informed decisions by providing a framework for assessing the implications and potential fallout or consequences of different choices.

Continuous Improvement: Evaluative thinking is often used to identify areas for improvement, make adjustments in and enhance the effectiveness of programs, strategies, or policies.

Stakeholder Involvement: It involves engaging stakeholders and boundary partners in the evaluation process, ensuring that multiple perspectives are heard.

Evaluative thinking can be applied in various contexts, from educational settings and nonprofit organizations to businesses and government policies. It's a valuable skill set for leaders, managers, educators, and anyone involved in planning, implementing, and assessing projects or programs in terms of value, merit, or significance.

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



Ms. Tseveengerel Amgalan

Ms. Tseveengerel Amgalan is a social and financial policy researcher and evaluator who worked on national-level development and policy studies at the Authority of Government Supervisory (AGS), the Secretariat of the Parliament of Mongolia, and the Financial Regulatory Commission of Mongolia. The AGS was established on January 1, 2023, and her team was responsible for monitoring and evaluating long-term, medium-term, and short-term development policies. She led a team to support line ministries and provinces and build national M&E systems until October 2023. Her recent education at Brandeis University helped her to learn how to practice sustainable development and hone her skills in analyzing, implementing, and evaluating development-related national policies. Additionally, for her master's degree thesis at Brandeis University, she produced a comprehensive study on how the Mongolian political climate in the last 30 years has shaped health policy. She demonstrated a positive correlation between an increase in female representation in government and improved health policy, along with other vital factors.

She joined MEA at the beginning of 2023, and actively participated in all activities. In Mongolia, there have been a lack of the necessary evaluators, monitoring and evaluation specialists, to conduct evaluations of national development policies' outcomes. As a result of the lack of qualified human resources, the national monitoring and evaluation system is not functioning properly and is not able to effectively incorporate monitoring and evaluation into its decision-making processes. Thus, she decided to join the Professionalization of Evaluation Task Force at MEA.

CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS

173 members and 9 Board members

- Professional - 160 (92%)
- Student - 13 (8%)

OUR INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS



Mongol Ecology
Center



Чанарын Удирдлагын
Зөвлөхүүдийн Холбоо

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

1. Professional development and Leadership opportunities
2. Access to training and consultancy opportunities
3. Networking at national and international levels
4. Free Access to All MEA Products & Archives
5. Leadership opportunities to influence MEA's direction and activities

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Association



**CELEBRATED THE NEW YEAR WITH MEMBERS WHAT WE HAVE
ACHIEVED IN 2023 AND INVITED 2024 WITH FULL OF ASPIRATIONS AND
PLANS**



UPCOMING TRAININGS AND EVENTS

Evaluation 2024

October 21 – 26, 2024
Portland, OR



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Evaluation
with Tessie Catsambas



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with Asma Ali



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Prepared by Ms. Oyundalai Odkhuu, MEA Member