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Disaster Management Leadership Seminar commences in Mongolia

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia — Representatives from the U.S. and Mongolia gathered for the Disaster Management Leadership Seminar opening ceremony held at the Law Enforcement University of Mongolia in Ulaanbaatar, Sept. 19.

The Mongolia National Emergency Management Agency hosted the first of its kind exchange, partnering with service members from the Alaska Air National Guard's 212th Rescue Squadron, U.S. Army's 97th Civil Affairs Battalion, 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne), 5th Military Information Support Battalion, U.S. Air Force's 320th Special Tactics Squadron and Special Operations Command, Pacific in a leadership seminar.

"Mongolia is an extremely important partner and we are glad that our two democracies continue to work together," said Lt. Col. Devan Shannon, SOCPAC, Special Operations Forces liaison officer to the American Embassy. "I really appreciate and look forward to the rich exchange that is going to take place during this disaster management leadership seminar."

The seminar consists of discussion forums, hands on training and will culminate with a field training exercise of different disaster scenarios. Training will focus on the US disaster response management, human rights, displaced persons, incident command system, mass casualty incident management, vehicle extraction, information operations, messaging, countering negative social media and distributing information during a crisis.

"U.S. Service members will benefit from the unique nature of Mongolia and the way they manage disasters and hopefully, the U.S. can bring some experience from across the globe," said Shannon.

The exchange was designed to broaden the knowledge base of not just the National Emergency Management Agency, but of the participating U.S. service members as well.

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