

COMMITMENT: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Mongolia: Supporting access to the higher education of the local youth

Badrakh Energy*, an Orano subsidiary in Mongolia, is supporting students in Dornogobi Province by giving them the opportunity to study at university. This helps develop the skills and competences of the Province's youth, and in the medium term, allows future company specialists in the region to be trained. Education is one of the priorities for Orano Mining's community investment.



Students, recipients of the company grants with representatives of Badrakh Energy, September 2019

Badrakh Energy has created a program of university scholarships that cover the total period of studies for the bachelor's degree (3 years). Since 2010, 43 students from Ulaanbadrakh and Sainshand in Dornogobi Province have benefitted from a scholarship.

In 2020, four scholarship students were awarded degrees from prestigious institutions including the National School for Physical Education, the University of Science and Technology, the National Teacher-training University and the University of Culture and Arts.

There are a number of preliminary stages to complete before being shortlisted for a company university scholarship. Candidate students put in a request to their school and their local authority. Representatives from Badrakh Energy and the local committee select the dossiers meeting the criteria.

Students who pass this selection stage will be presented to members at the meeting of the Cooperation Council. The scholarship will be awarded based on a final vote.



U. UGANBAATAR,
beneficiary of the scholarship program between 2018 and 2020

« My family and I are truly grateful to have had the benefit of this scholarship. It has allowed me to study at an advanced level, something that children of stock farmers, with very limited incomes, could not hope to do. Once I've finished my course, I hope to return to my region to be a sports teacher. »

Badrakh Energy's support to the education of young people from its neighbor communities takes other forms than scholarships, and includes renovating a kindergarten and equipping and modernizing schools.

* Badrakh Energy: Badrakh Energy is a JV between Orano and its partners Mon-Atom and Mitsubishi Corporation. It owns three mining permits for deposits at Zuuvch Ovoo, Dulaan Uul and Umnut, located in Dornogobi Province. The company has built the pilot facilities for carrying out mining tests at the Zuuvch Ovoo site which will start once all the administrative authorizations have been granted.

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