

Who knows best about Oyu Tolgoi?

I will not write facts, figures and rumours about Oyu Tolgoi that are written every day and heard by everybody. I just want to describe Oyu Tolgoi, as I understand it. There is a wise saying that goes, “risk and profit have a positive correlation.” If there are no mistakes and no risks, no achievements, no experiences can be accumulated. In other words, although there is criticism that current and future works may have mistakes and errors, there is much gained and won. If we see things from an angle of failure and mistakes, achieving success will be a fairytale. Inevitably, there is a question about what to do then? We need to focus on the positive results and achievements and promote them to the public. That in itself will bring a positive change and impact.

I know Oyu Tolgoi very well, as it is situated in my native place. Although, I have not visited this large development myself, I am one of many that benefit from this development. Youth, especially, highly educated, professional and competent youth with high ethical standards are the drive and engine of the future development of any country. The Oyu Tolgoi I know invests in this important social segment. They pay tuition and housing fees for talented students. They announce scholarship programmes and help many talented and able students realise their dreams. I’m the eldest son with four brothers and sisters. In my family, our mom is the breadwinner. For a family like us, sending a child from a rural area to study in university and having the tuition paid, is like a dream. However, this dream was made possible by Oyu Tolgoi. I have been enrolled in the Oyu Tolgoi student scholarship programme for three years. I think this scholarship is the best. Today, I have become the best student at our university and I am also the National Debate Champion.

Everybody is probably writing about what they know about Oyu Tolgoi. But each person knows it depending on his understanding and experience. This is the Oyu Tolgoi, I know. Maybe, some people write about bigger topics like the Oyu Tolgoi agreement, jobs, investment etc. However, a person can write best about the subjects they know best. The Oyu Tolgoi, I know as student, helped me to achieve my dream. I’m confident that Oyu Tolgoi will continue contributing to training many of the best students, in order to help in the future development of Mongolia.

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