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WLU professors donate books, journals to new school in Kyrgystan

Waterloo (April 14) — Professors at Wilfrid Laurier University are donating more than 40 boxes of textbooks and journals for a new business school in the former Soviet republic of Kyrgystan.

The Bishkek School of Management is being established as a key part of the strategy to transform the country from a central economy to a market-based economy.

Last month the dean, Misir Ashirkulov, visited business schools at Laurier, York University, and the University of Toronto to gain insight into teaching facilities, curricula, the case method of teaching, and executive development. His tour at Laurier included the library, computer facilities, and the main teaching building for business and economics, the Frank Peters Building.

From his personal library, Laurier president John Weir is donating 25 boxes of books and 10 complete years of two academic journals.

All of the donated books will be picked up at Laurier on Wednesday, April 15, by Alex Sokolovsky of the Seabeco Group, an international trading company that is helping to establish the business school.

"This is a good precedent for other universities," Sokolovsky said of Laurier's donation. "The Bishkek School is starting from scratch but with help like this, it will happen."

He added that some of the books will be translated for course readings and others will help build the library collection.