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Knowledge and Skills Help Pass Test

Funded by USAID and Chevron Nebitgaz, Junior Achievement programs helped the 24-year-old alumnus get a job



Photo: JA Turkmenistan

Eziz Muradov (left) participates in a 2010 national contest.

“Junior Achievement gave me not only the theoretical knowledge in Economics and Business, it also provided unique hands-on experience that helped me to develop skills and merits like self-confidence, responsibility, sociability, ability to work as a part of a team, creativity and an entrepreneurial spirit. These are all very useful and important for young job-seekers”.

- Eziz Muradov

After graduating and completing military service, Eziz Muradov had to find a job. Turkmenistan’s young population is increasing and the problem of job placement for youth is very topical. After several attempts at finding a job, Eziz realized that he would not be able to find a good one without further education.

In 2010, Eziz entered the professional school #3 in Ashgabat. During his studies he heard about Junior Achievement programs for the first time. He signed up for JA Economics and liked the program because of its unconventional approach to explaining complicated economic concepts in a simple and easy-to-understand way. That is why, when the Economics teacher offered him a chance to participate in other Junior Achievement programs, he accepted gladly.

Eziz participated in national contests in management and economics simulation programs, in a banking simulation program, and in an intellectual quiz game. He also participated in an international long-distance contest. Later he was invited to join the Junior Achievement Programs Alumni Club. After joining, he became an active member and assisted Junior Achievement staff with organizing various events.

After graduating from vocational school, Eziz qualified as a banking operator. He was given the chance to interview for a position with one of the most prestigious commercial banks in Turkmenistan and was offered the job. According to Eziz, not only the knowledge he gained at professional school but also the knowledge and skills obtained by participating in Junior Achievement programs and activities played a significant role in his passing the interview and joining the bank. Now he is working as a cashier at the bank’s exchange office and he thanks Junior Achievement for inspiring and preparing him.