

**CONFERENCE IN BISHKEK DISCUSSED  
BORDER MANAGEMENT AND DRUG ACTION IN CENTRAL ASIA**

During September 27-28, 2007 EU-UNDP BOMCA Programme convened the Conference in Bishkek to provide an opportunity for discussion of border management issues among all 5 Central Asian border management agencies and promote parallel funding from other donor organizations. The Conference was held under auspices of the Central Asia Border Security Initiative (CABSI).

CABSI is a consortium of the European Union Member States led by the Republic of Austria. Each year, the CABSI Consortium meets to review the progress of the BOMCA programme and to discuss its future direction and necessary funding.

**COMPUTER BASED TRAINING CENTRE HANDED OVER TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR**

On October 17, 2007 the BOMCA Programme handed over a Computer Based Training (CBT) Centre to the Department on Counter Narcotics in the Ministry of Interior.

Deputy Minister of Interior, staff of the Border Service, the State Customs Committee, Drug Control Agency and representatives of the European Commission attended the ceremony. Also representatives of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) attended the event.

Six CBT sites have been built for the Border Control authorities of Kyrgyzstan through the provision of renovated and equipped training classrooms and CD-ROM based interactive learning software (Border Service Detachment in Novopokrovka and Osh, State Customs Committee Headquarters in Bishkek, Drug Control Agency Headquarters in Bishkek and Department in Osh, Department on Counter Narcotics of the Ministry of Interior in Bishkek).



The aim is to implement self-sustaining computer-based law enforcement training programmes, creating a flexible and innovative method to deliver training to law enforcement personnel, to effectively counter drug trafficking, money laundering and related cross-border criminal activities.



*The European Union is funding a number of projects under its Border Management in Central Asia (BOMCA) Programme. The overall objectives of the Programme are to enhance security in Central Asia and contribute to an increased flow of persons and legal goods across Central Asian borders. The specific objective of BOMCA is to strengthen the Central Asian states' capacities in managing their borders in accordance with European best practices. BOMCA is a multi-annual assistance Programme funded under the EC TACIS instrument.*

