

November 18th 2016

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims was celebrated in Kyrgyzstan.

“Road Safety” PA, Traffic Police and the Ministry of Health have joined together to host the events dedicated to the World Day with the support of the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan. In Kyrgyzstan, road accidents kill more than 1,000 people a year, it is 3 per day. Accidents annually take 90 - 100 children's lives! That's why this Day is very essential for us to help people realize the importance of road safety.

In the morning of November 18th the Day began by a meeting with the children that had been injured in accidents. Children were given small presents for their courage to overcome the difficulties.

Later that day there was a ceremony commemoration at the Victory Square in the downtown. Students from medical universities, schoolchildren, staff of the Ministry of Health, staff of Traffic police, lots of indifferent people came to a meeting commemoration.

The ceremony started with short speeches of the Head of Traffic Police, the representative of the Ministry of Health and the Head of “Road Safety Kyrgyzstan” PA. Later there has been a minute of silence commemoration.

At the end of the ceremony all the people launched 96 balloons to remember 96 children that were killed in accidents in 2015 in Kyrgyzstan.

The key element of the ceremony has become 1060 posters that had been put on the ground before people came. 1060 posters represented 1060 people that died in accidents in Kyrgyzstan in 2015.

By the commemoration we wanted to remind everyone that each of them is responsible not only for their own but also for others' lives on the roads. After all, anyone can become a victim as well as the culprit of an accident.