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Academician Ch. Dugarjav: Peatbogs ecosystems can survive for thousands of years. We are grateful to IIB for supporting this important environmental project.

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Interview with Ch. Dugarjav, Academician of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences, PhD in Biological Science, Professor.

You are doing a research work related to peat bogs. Let us start our conversation on what exactly is a peat bog.

In 1970, member countries jointly established International Investment Bank. The Bank's mission is to support the development, integration and cooperation between the economies of its member states in order to improve their competitiveness. The IIB member states are nine countries: Russia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, the Czech Republic, Cuba, Mongolia and Vietnam. IIB provided more than 50 million Euros to support energy and food industry projects in Mongolia. In 2017 among the participants of an international scientific conference , I met the IIB representatives **D. Molomjants**, PhD, and **M.S. Minaeva**, PhD, and we exchanged views on peat bogs problem in Mongolia, so I was advised to apply for IIB's financial support. In November 2018, I and D. Regdel, **the President of the Mongolian Academy of Science** presented the project to **Nikolay Kosov, the Chairperson of the IIB Management Board**. As a result we signed a Memorandum of Understanding which provided for MNT 100 million worth financial support for our project. Thus, the project has started since then. Using this opportunity, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Chairperson Kosov and other members of the Management Board of the Bank.

What did you start your peat bog research and rehabilitating project in the basin of the Tuul River?