

## June\_Open Policy\_Interview Translation

**Susan:** The subject of open policy - what I would like to know is what open policy means to you in your country.

**Dastan:** Open education policy implies people having access to all textbooks using various ways, like electronic devices, libraries, or through schools.

*[Lira speaking.]*

**Susan:** And how difficult were the laws to be passed in your country? Was it very difficult? Did it take very long?

**Dastan:** I have been one of the people behind these legislative proposals that now allow us to convert textbooks and other works to accessible formats. In general, the Kyrgyz MPs [Members of Parliament] supported these changes, we didn't have any significant challenges, and the Government was supportive as well. Everybody understands that under limited financial resources we have to facilitate access to educational resources, and MPs voted for these [legislative changes] realizing this need and that we can actually save government money using open educational resources. So everybody was overwhelmingly supportive, and I'm thankful to the Government and my colleagues [MPs].