Dear participants of a seminar,
Ladies and gentlemen!

On behalf of Council Djamooat of Somoniyon city, I also warmly welcome you participants of the international seminar of donors and the financial organizations working in Tajikistan. Somoniyon city territory is only 390 hectares, the population now hardly more than 20 thousand persons. However at Somoniyon there are big potential possibilities for development. These possibilities are caused by that the city is located all in 17 km from capital of Tajikistan of a city of Dushanbe, and also that around Somoniyon there are the big territories allowing expansion of territory of a city. Through city territories there passes the international automobile highway connecting cities of Tajikistan with Afghanistan. Natural climatic conditions of a city favorable for development as territory Somoniyon basically is located on plain. The city with two threads of the international highway is connected from two parties to a city of Dushanbe.

Also for development of a city and creation of its infrastructure there is enough of a labour which now partly completely it is not occupied in manufacture. The city also has the industrial potential, capable to provide requirement of town-planning for building materials. Round a city sets of the enterprise for manufacture of building materials, including cement, a brick, a stone, plaster are located, to exhaust.

With the account of requirements of the population and potential possibilities for development Somoniyon by the Republic Tajikistan
Government has been accepted **General plan for development Somoniyon for the period till 2030**. According to the given plan the territory of the city of Somoniyon will be increased for the account of territory more close located djamoat Chorgultmeppa and Zaynabobod. To settlement term the population of the city of Somoniyon increases to 40 thousand persons. The city territory will be will extend to 810 hectares.

According to the given general plan **building, first of all Housing construction** will roughly develop. The total amount of available housing of a city increases to 800 thousand m², and more than 500 thousand m² new building will make. Only within city centre building of 4 microdistricts with many-storeyed houses (4-9 floors) is planned. Will be also new shopping centres, the sports constructions, new schools and hospitals, kindergartens are under construction, streets and city squares, sites of green planting for city using will be arranged well. Also new office buildings will be constructed. The system of power supply of a city improves: will be constructed **35** new substations and the new electric main from station "Koktash-2" to a city is involved. Systems of water supply and a city heat supply will be updated: Already **the Project in restoration of system of water supply of the city of Somoniyon**, financed by the Republic Tajikistan Government is now realized.

Realization of development of a city is impossible without power supply. We receive the electric power from republican electro system of the State company «Barki Tojik». For all difficulties of Tajikistan in power supply, especially during the autumn-winter period. Somoniyon not an exception and we have the same difficulties as all republic. At us use of other energy sources also whil, is not present some gas, coal is delivered from other regions, transport expenses essentially raise its cost.
The specified problems with power supply force us to search for their more effective decision and we see the most effective decision of power supply of a city - in wide application energy used technologies in a life, in building, in transport, municipal spheres, in the industry, and also in use of alternative kinds of energy: energy of the sun, a wind, biogas of vegetative substances and that similar. Our republic is rich with possibilities of data acquisition of kinds of energy and our city also has such possibilities.

For introduction of practice of use of alternative kinds of energy we require in use of experience of other countries, first of all the most developed countries of the world to which many countries of Europe concern. With that end in view we have joined project DACO, financed by the Council of Europe. This project on net energy introduction in a life and in manufacture of materials, transport and other spheres of ability to live of the person. Already more than a year we try to introduce positions of the given project in a life of our city. Within the limits of the given project we make «the Plan of action of steady power development» the cities of Somoniyon, performance will be reported on it at the given seminar in other, have made the documentation on performance of "the Pilot project» DACO in Tajikistan. This pilot project will be devoted introduction energy technologies in arrangement of a building of one kindergarten in our city.

We have signed the agreement on joining of the city of Somoniyon to «the Pact of Mayors» which unites more than 400 cities of the world. It is the first step in the countries of Central Asia and our city of Somoniyon became on introduction energy technologies in ability to live of our citizens. Joining to «the Pact of Mayors» is a big duty for a city management, for experts of various divisions local Khukumat and the city organizations. We should try use more effectively advantages of our
joining to «the Pact of Mayors», to develop the international cooperation with other cities of the world, to provide a worthy condition of a life of our citizens.

For development of the international cooperation the fruitful help to us is rendered by experts of power organization ALESA of municipality provinces Chieti has been accepted (Italy) and Secretary Power Charters (Belgium). Representatives of these organizations are present here and I hope, that they will act with the presentations. I express them gratitude for their invaluable advisory help to us for development of project DACO in Tajikistan.

Dear participants of a seminar, once again I welcome you in our city and I wish you successes in your noble activity for the blessing of people.

Thanks for attention!