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Tsedevdamba OYUNGEREL

Born and grew up in Huvsgul, a province in the Northern Mongolia.
She is married and has a son and a daughter.

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| 1983 | After having completed her secondary and high education, she went to Sverdlovsk, Russia (the then USSR), to study at the Institute of National Economy |
| 1988 | Graduated with a Bachelor's degree in planning economy |
| 1991 | She returned to her home province and worked as a sales manager of the province's Supply and Procurement Company, when she was appointed the Chief of the Labor and Social Security Division of the Huvsgul province. |
| 1991-1992 | She was the Chairperson of the Renaissance Party in Huvsgul province; later this party co-founded the National Democratic Party which merged to the current Democratic Party in 2000.
She grew as a politician during her service in the staff of President Elbegdorj Tsakhia for more than a decade |
| 1993 | She moved to Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia, to serve at the National Social Security Office
At that time, she was already determined to pursue politics to help the country establish democracy and rule of law. |
| 1996-1998 | She was the Personal Assistant to President Elbegdorj when he served as the Vice Chairman of the State Ikh Khural and, later in 1998 when President Elbegdorj was the Prime Minister of the country. |

- 1998-2000 She headed the staff of the Parliament majority (Democratic Union Coalition) caucus.
- 2000-2003 She advised a Member of Parliament Lamjav Gundalai.
- 2004 When President Elbegdorj was appointed the Prime Minister for the second time, she joined Elbegdorj's team as an advisor and in 2009 when Elbegdorj Tsakhai was elected as President, she became his adviser on human rights and public participation.
- She has initiated, established and lead a number of civil society and human rights organizations; to name but a few – Oyungerel is the President of Local Solutions Foundation, an Ulaanbaatar based NGO, Vice president of Local Development Foundation, an NGO, and was the first Executive Director of Liberty Center, a human rights watchdog.
- 2004 She is a graduate of Stanford University majoring in international policy studies. Long before the Stanford, she earned her MBA in international business in 1993 from the Moscow School of International Business
- She was awarded the 2003 Fulbright Fellowship, and she is a Yale World Fellow (2006) and Eisenhower Fellow (2011) as well.
- 2004-2007 She made strenuous efforts to help the civil society and its individual members to raise funds to run public activities.
- June 2012 She is elected to the State Great Hural of Mongolia as a Democratic party candidate from Khan-Uul, Baganuur and Bagakhangai districts of Ulaanbaatar, and was appointed as one of three female members of the Cabinet. She is the President of the Democratic Women's Union.

Books

- She is a well-known, best-selling author of seven books and editor of three books on the Mongolian market.
- 2007 Her first book, Notes on My Study in America- a story of her educational aspirations for Stanford and Yale Universities, became an instant bestseller.
- 2008 With her husband Jeffrey Falt, she co-authored a historical novel, Green-Eyed Lama, which is setting a record on today's Mongolian book market by leading the sales for five years straight since its launch.