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## **MACRO-ECONOMICS & FINANCE**

### **Kazakh government updates 2016 economic forecast**

Taking into account the situation in the world economy and international commodity markets, and the results of Kazakhstan's economy since the beginning of this year, the Ministry of National Economy has updated its forecast of the country's macroeconomic indicators for 2016, the official website of the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan reported.

"The annual average price of oil was increased from \$30 to \$35 dollars per barrel. The index for metals was lowered from 15% to 12.7% to level of 2015. The average US dollar exchange rate remained at the level of 360 tenge. Oil production (forecast) was increased from 74 to 75 million tons due to a higher average oil price and the expected launch of Kashagan (oilfield) in October this year," National Economy Minister Kuandik Bishimbayev said at the Government meeting on September 13.

The minister added that, taking into account the updated scenarios and dynamics of economic sectors since the beginning of this year, GDP growth would remain at the previously approved level of 0.5% in 2016. GDP will be \$6.9 thousand per capita.

"The increase in the volume of gross agricultural output in 2016 is expected to reach 3.6%. Industry will decrease by 1.7% in 2016 due to a reduction of mining production by 3.4%. A decline in trade by 3.5% is projected, while transport services will grow by 4%," Bishimbayev said.

He also said that the forecast for Kazakhstan's export was increased to \$35.3 billion and imports up to \$26.7 billion.

According to the forecast of the National Bank, inflation will remain within the previously approved corridor of 6-8% in 2016, according to the Times of Central Asia.

### **Kazakhstan sees higher GDP growth, oil output in 2017**

The government of Kazakhstan expects economic growth to accelerate to 1.9% next year from 0.5% this year as the launch of the giant Kashagan oil field boosts oil output, Economy Minister Kuandik Bishimbayev said.

The Central Asian nation will produce 84 million tons of oil in 2017, he told reporters, up from 74 million tons forecast for 2016.

Bishimbayev said inflation had slowed to 0.2% month-on-month in August from 0.5% in July. In annual terms, it stood at 17.6% at the end of August, but was likely to drop to 8.5% by the end of this year, he said.

Consumer prices in Kazakhstan jumped in the fourth quarter of 2015 following the sharp depreciation of the local tenge currency, which had been previously pegged to the dollar, Reuters reported.

### **Kazakh FDI 25% up in the first half of 2016**

The Kazakh economy brought in over 1.3 trillion tenge in foreign investment, or 25% up year-on-year, in January-July of 2016, ranking.kz reports, citing the Kazakh National Statistics Committee.

In July alone, 181 billion tenge was injected into the economy (up 5.3% year-on-year).

However, in total investment into fixed capital foreign investment accounted only for 28%.

The highest share of foreign investment since 2014 was 46.8% in January 2015.

The main target for investment chosen by foreigners was the oil and gas industry, which could be seen from the geographical distribution of foreign investment.

Over 50% of all investment in Kazakhstan went to the Atyrau Oblast over the period studied.

Moreover, the Atyrau Oblast is one of four regions where the share of foreign investment exceeds 50%. A higher figure can only be found in the West Kazakhstan Oblast bordering Russia.

The least attractive areas to foreign investors are two other border regions – Kostanai and

North Kazakhstan, with foreign investors placing less than 0.5% of total foreign investment in these oblasts, Akipress reports.

## EXPO-2017

### **131 billion tenge saved on EXPO**

131 billion tenge was saved this year on EXPO. CEO of Astana EXPO 2017 National Company Akhmetzhan Yessimov announced it at the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the Public Council for EXPO 2017 Organization in Astana.

“We have already saved 131 billion tenge, and we expect to save much more funds on construction of EXPO venues by the end of the year,” Yessimov said.

Construction works will be fully accomplished by the end of December.

“EXPO construction works should be deemed as an anti-crisis measure, since 296 domestic companies are involved in them. 46 thousand jobs have been created in Astana and in the regions, that is very important now,” added Yessimov, according to pm.kz.

### **Kazakhstan publishes list of Expo-2017 participants**

As much as 101 countries and 18 international organizations have confirmed they will participate in Expo-2017 to be held in Astana, NC Astana Expo-2017 said on September 8.

As much as 68 of these participants have signed participation agreements so far.

The following European countries have confirmed their participation: Germany, Monaco, Romania, France, Switzerland, Turkey, Lithuania, Serbia, Hungary, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Vatican, Latvia, Spain, Poland, Finland and the Czech Republic.

Russia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Turkmenistan, Belarus, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine also confirmed their participation.

Countries such as Israel, Malaysia, India, Vietnam, North Korea, Japan, Nauru, Vanuatu, Jordan, Marshall Islands, China, Tuvalu, Korea, Indonesia, Samoa, the United Arab Emirates, Fiji, Mongolia, Iran, Solomon Islands, Palau, Afghanistan, Kiribati, Tonga, Pakistan, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, Cuba, Honduras, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, Bolivia, Antigua and Barbuda, Sent Lucia, Belize, Guyana, Suriname, Dominica, Guatemala, Paraguay, Haiti, Ecuador, Panama, Costa Rica, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Senegal, Angola, Liberia, Gambia, Madagascar, Gabon, Sierra – Leone, Burkina-Faso, Lesotho, Egypt, Central African Republic, Ghana, Congo, Comoro Islands, Benin, Algeria, the Republic of Seychelles, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mauritania, Kenya and Guinea will also participate in Expo–2017.

International organizations that have confirmed are ESCAP, OECD, UNESCO, UNIDO, the World Bank, IAEA, UNDP, SE4ALL, European Commission, the Energy Charter, IRENA, OPEC, ISESCO, the World Petroleum Council, OPEC Fund for International Development, UNICEF, the International Science and Technology Center and SCO.

The World’s Fair Expo exhibition has been held since 1851. The exhibition will be held for the first time in Kazakhstan in 2017. NC Astana Expo-2017 is the organizer of Expo-2017, according to Trend.

### **Major companies sponsored €125 million for EXPO-2017**

Famous world companies have sponsored 125 million euros, chairman of the Board of NC “Astana EXPO-2017” JSC Akhmetzhan Yessimov said at the third meeting of the Public Council on the organization and holding of the international specialized exhibition EXPO-2017.

“World major companies show great interest in the exhibition. Many have become our partners such as SAMSUNG, Shell, Chevron and others. They have provided a sponsorship amounting to 125 million euros. It is very important these well-known companies have shown such an interest in the exhibition,” said A. Yessimov.

Recall, the forthcoming exhibition will be held under the slogan “Energy of the Future” and highlight one of the most topical issues of concern to the international community - alternative energy sources.

For Kazakhstan EXPO-2017 will be a landmark event, pm.kz reports.

**EURASIAN  
ECONOMIC  
UNION**

**EAEU-Việt Nam FTA confirmed to take effect in October**

The free trade agreement (FTA) between the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and Việt Nam will take effect on October 5, Minister for Trade at the Eurasian Economic Commission Board Veronika Nikishina has said. She made the confirmation at the second Eastern Economic Forum held in Russia's Vladivostok, noting that the two sides finished the ratification of the deal and it will come into force after 60 days.

The EAEU-Việt Nam FTA features the two sides' obligations pertaining to such spheres as trade, services, investment and movement of natural persons.

With the formation of the EAEU-Việt Nam free trade area, bilateral trade can increase from \$4 billion at present to \$8-10 billion. EAEU exporters can save about \$40 million in tax in the first year the pact takes effect, according to the Eurasian Economic Commission. Under the agreement, Việt Nam will immediately remove import tariffs on 59% of the goods from the EAEU, including meat products, wheat flour, alcohol, mechanical equipment and steel products. The tariffs on another 30% of goods will be gradually reduced to 0% in the transitional period.

Indonesia and Singapore also suggested similar FTAs with the EAEU, but procedures will be more complicated, Nikishina said.

The EAEU consists of Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia and Kyrgyzstan. The union and Việt Nam signed the agreement in Kazakhstan on May 29, 2015 after eight official rounds of negotiations, Việt Nam News reported.

**BANKING**

**Kazakhstan's credit sector leads but struggles**

Competition on the credit market in Kazakhstan is falling as 10 largest banks continue to account for over 80% of the market. However, Kazakhstan's credit system is more competitive than in its Eurasian Economic Union partners — Russia and Belarus, Ranking.kz reports.

The bulk of loans were issued by Kazkommertsbank — 25.3%, and a sharp growth in its share from 16.2% to 22.5% took place in the summer 2015 after its acquisition of BTA Bank. By June 2016, Kazkommertsbank claimed additional 2.8% of the loan market, accounting for over a quarter of the market. Overall, the share of top 10 banks exceeded 80% of the total loan market.

Compared to the level of competition in the EEU member countries, Kazakhstan has an edge over Russia and Belarus. The market is monopolised by two state-owned banks in Belarus which account for over 50% of the market, with the largest bank Belarusbank's share at 37.8%. Russia's dominant Sberbank controls 34.4% of the loan market, followed by VTB with 11.2%. All this has led to the level of monopolisation in Russia being higher by 26.7% than that in Kazakhstan.

A more balanced and developed loan market is in Turkey, where state-owned Ziraat Bank accounts for only 13% of the loan market — the highest share among all 47 commercial banks.

As a result, Kazakhstan needs to more closely study Turkey's experience as it has ensured higher levels of market competition at a relatively small number of banks than the Russian banking sector which has not managed to create a competitive medium.

Out of major players in Kazakhstan, significant growth in the market share (apart from Kazkommertsbank) was posted by Tsesnabank — an increase of 1.4 percentage points to 10.2% of the loan market. Insignificant reduction in the market shares of three out of the top five Kazakh banks — Halyk, Sberbank and CenterCredit — did not impact the total volume of the loan portfolio controlled by these banks which share a combined 60% of the market. The 20 bottom banks accounted for less than 10% of the total credit portfolio — 7.6%, according to the Times of Central Asia.

### **Kazakhstan's gold and foreign currency reserves reach \$30.71 billion**

In August 2016, Kazakhstan increased its gold and foreign currency reserves by 1.09% month on month and 10.15% year to date to \$30.71 billion.

This is the highest amount since July 2012. For comparison, a year earlier the reserves stood at \$29.09 billion or \$1.6 billion less. Net international reserves reached \$39.8 billion in August. The reserves largely benefited from allowing the national currency to float freely in August 2015.

The assets of the National Fund rose by 0.2% month on month and 2.12% year-to-date to \$64.85 billion. They stood at \$68.78 a year earlier.

Kazakh gold and foreign currency reserves hit \$30.71 billion in August 2016.

The growth in the price for gold this year helped increase the Kazakhstan's gold reserves to \$10.31 billion, or 36.13% up year-to-date.

However, gold price stagnation on global markets led to a certain decrease in gold assets (in monetary terms) by 0.3% year on year in July.

Foreign exchange reserves rose 0.46% year-on-year and 1.81% month-on-month to \$20.39 billion.

The National Bank's foreign currency net sales totaled \$145.8 million in August 2016.

The bank carried out foreign currency net sales as part of its domestic market interventions.

In February-June 2016 it made net foreign currency purchases to replenish foreign currency reserves and to prevent the tenge from strengthening, with the greatest amount worth \$1.24 billion purchased in March, according to mining.com.

### **IDB acquired bank in Kazakhstan and plans to turn it into Islamic**

The Islamic Development Bank has acquired one commercial bank in Kazakhstan and plans to convert its portfolio, said Samir Tagiyev, senior regional IDB manager for CIS, KazTAG reports.

"Which bank it concerns is a commercial secret. The Islamic Development Bank will convert its portfolio into Islamic," he said to KazTAG reporter.

IDB plans to invest \$6 billion into trade development in Central Asia since 2017 until 2020.

"According to our cooperation program, the Islamic Development Bank plans to invest \$6 billion into trade business development in Central Asia since 2017 until 2020," he said within the frameworks of VI Central Asian trade forum in Almaty, according to KazTAG.

## **ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES**

### **Kazakhstan drafts economic outlook based on \$35 Brent**

Kazakhstan's economy ministry has based its medium-term economic outlook on a Brent crude price of \$35 per barrel, it said on Thursday, implying reduced earnings from oil and gas exports and putting pressure on the tenge exchange rate.

The tenge would average 360 per dollar in 2017-2019 under such a scenario, the ministry said in a presentation, compared with a prevailing rate of 338.86 per dollar.

The Kazakh currency has lost nearly half of its value against the dollar since last August when the authorities in the Central Asian nation abandoned their pegged exchange rate policy due to the oil price slump.

The tenge will begin strengthening alongside oil prices in 2020-2021, according to government forecasts.

Based on the same crude price assumption, oil output would increase to 79.5 million tons next year from 75.5 million tons expected this year, the economy ministry said.

This will include 4.0 million tons from Kashagan, the mammoth offshore field due to start commercial production next month after years of delays and technical problems.

In 2020, the ministry expects Kashagan's output to plateau at 13.0 million tons while the country's total production will reach 86.5 million tons.

Kazakhstan's gross domestic product growth will accelerate to 1.9% next year from 0.5% this year, according to the outlook, and continue strengthening to reach 3.1% in 2021, Reuters reports.

### **Shell to deepen energy cooperation with Kazakhstan**

The Ministry of Energy of Kazakhstan, KazMunaiGas (KMG), KazTransGas (KTG) and Shell Kazakhstan signed the Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) which aims at joint assessment and possible implementation of a number of strategic initiatives in line with Kazakhstan's strategic objectives.

The MOC covers assessment of opportunities in gas based and renewable industries in Kazakhstan as well as improving oil recovery at Kazakhstan's fields through sharing experience and new technologies.

Minister of Energy, Bozumbayev: "Cooperation under the MOC between Shell, KMG and KTG demonstrates strong partnership between the state and private businesses. We believe that the knowledge and expertise of Kazakhstani specialists combined with Shell's international experience and technical excellence will enable the partnership to help create a diversified energy market in Kazakhstan, which in turn will positively impact the competitiveness of the national economy as a whole".

KMG CEO Sauat Mynbayev: «As part of the Memorandum we are looking forward to cooperating together and exploring opportunities to maximise the potential of existing oilfields, carry on joint activities with Shell as part of the RoK Oil & Gas Technology Roadmap, as well as to exchange the technical know-how in the energy sector".

Upstream International Director, Royal Dutch Shell, Andrew Brown: "We value our co-operation and mutual understanding developed with the Republic of Kazakhstan over the many years of Shell's presence in country. Shell intends to deepen its strategic alliance with KMG and the Republic of Kazakhstan and welcomes an opportunity to further contribute to the development of energy sector through the MOC with MoE, KMG and KTG. We are looking to provide our support and technical excellence in assessing opportunities in gas processing, oil recovery and renewables," according to pm.kz.

### **Shell eyes gas processing plan**

Kazakhstan's energy ministry, state producer KazMunaiGas, energy transporter KazTransGas and Anglo-Dutch major Shell have signed a memorandum of co-operation in the field of gas processing and petrochemicals market research. The energy minister Kanat Bozumbaev told reporters after the signing on September 6 that they would also consider the prospects for processing output from the Karachaganak field.

Shell's purchase of UK independent BG brought it a stake in the giant sour gas and condensates field. The gas is now delivered to Gazprom for processing at the Orenburg plant in southern Russia.

The study will also look at how to increase output from Kazakhstan's oil fields and technology transfer as well as the potential development of renewable energy projects, the report said.

"Our task is to thoroughly consider and with Shell's help to decide in the near future whether the country should build some large petrochemical complex on the basis of Karachaganak, including gas processing, or stay with the same model, with which we work and process our raw materials," he said.

"As part of the memorandum, we plan to cooperate in the field to explore the potential of existing oil and gas industry, continue to work together with Shell under the "road map" of the mining industry in Kazakhstan," said KazMunaiGas CEO Sauat Mynbaev.

Shell is one of the largest foreign investors in the economy of Kazakhstan. The concern takes part in four projects: an agreement on the division of the North Caspian Sea production (with a share of 16.81%), a PSA to develop the license area Pearl in the Kazakhstan sector of the Caspian Sea (55%), the Karachaganak production-sharing

agreement (29.25%), and the Caspian Pipeline Consortium (7.4%), according to Natural Gas Europe.

### **Kashagan to be in production by year's end**

A spokesperson for a company overseeing the giant Kashagan oil field in the Kazakh waters of the Caspian Sea said production will resume by year's end.

Kazakh Energy Minister Kanat Bozumbayev said some of the wells at the offshore field could start opening up in the latter half of October. Production at Kashagan, which holds an estimated 16 billion barrels of oil, was halted in October 2013, less than a month after it started, when a pipeline associated with the field cracked open.

Ainash Chengelbayeva, a spokesperson for the North Caspian Operating Company, said in response to emailed questions the field is all but ready to go into service.

"There are no changes of the target to safely re-start Kashagan production by the end of 2016," she said. "Production is expected to ramp up initially to 180,000 barrels per day and further to 370,000 bpd during 2017."

A year ago, the government said total crude oil output would reach 630 million barrels in 2017 and 760 million barrels in 2020 thanks in part to an expansion program planned for the Tengiz field, positioned in the wetlands along the shores of the Caspian Sea.

In 2014, when crude oil prices were above \$100 per barrel, Kazakhstan produced around 590 million barrels of oil.

Prospects for Kashagan were lowered somewhat because of the technical challenges of operating in an environment rich in corrosive hydrogen sulfide.

Experts reviewing pipeline issues at the field said it may cost as much as 15 times more than initially expected to restart the field.

The spokesperson said the pipeline replacement was completed ahead of schedule and within budget.

A June report from the World Bank said economic decline in Kazakhstan has been broad-based, with gross domestic product declining from 4.1% in 2014 to 1.2% in 2015. During the first five months of this year, the bank said the economy contracted another 0.2%.

Low crude oil prices and contractions in trading partners China and Russia have left the Central Asian country facing a long road to recovery, Oil Price reports.

### **Giant Kashagan oil field being tested**

Testing and pre-commissioning works started at Kashagan oil field in the Kazakh sector of the Caspian sea, Sputnik Kazakhstan news agency reported on September 29 with the reference to the project operator North Caspian Operating Co (NCOC).

According to NCOC, hydrocarbons are being supplied to some objects including new pipelines as a part of complex process of commissioning and testing of the field.

The consortium stressed the safety of personnel and the environment is its priority.

Two days ago, Kazakh Energy Minister Kanat Bozumbayev said Kazakhstan would start opening wells at Kashagan in a few days. Official start of oil production at Kashagan oil and gas field is expected at October 23, according to Bozumbayev.

Kashagan is a large oil and gas field north of the Caspian Sea.

Kashagan's geological reserves are estimated at 4.8 billion tons of oil. The total oil reserves amount to 38 billion barrels; about 10 billion out of them are recoverable reserves.

There are large natural gas reserves at the Kashagan field of over one trillion cubic meters. Production at the Kashagan field started in September 2013, but in October, it was suspended after a gas leak in one of the main pipelines. The analysis has been conducted for several months.

As a result, numerous micro-cracks were found in the pipeline. They emerged as a result of the effect of the high sulfur content associated gas on the metal.

NCOC project operator confirmed the need for complete replacement of the gas pipeline and oil pipeline on the field. They have a total length of about 200 kilometers.



The North Caspian Operating Company BV (NCOC) is operating the project. The project participants are KMG Kashagan B.V (16.88%), AGIP Caspian Sea BV (nearly 16.81%), CNPC Kazakhstan BV (8.33%), Exxon Mobil Kazakhstan Inc. (nearly 16.81%), INPEX North Caspian Sea Ltd., Shell Kazakhstan Development BV (nearly 16.81%), Total E&P Kazakhstan (nearly 16.81%), according to Azernews.

### **Samsung firms cancel \$2.5 billion Kazakhstan power plant project**

South Korea's Samsung C&T Corp and Samsung Engineering Co Ltd have decided to terminate a thermal power plant project in Kazakhstan worth a combined 2.8 trillion won (\$2.50 billion), the companies said in regulatory filings on 1 September.

The companies in December 2014 announced the joint construction of the Balkhash Thermal Power Plant, a 1,320 megawatt coal-fired power plant in Ulken, Kazakhstan. In the regulatory filings, Samsung C&T and Samsung Engineering said in they have terminated the contract as of 31 August.

A Samsung C&T spokeswoman told Reuters the company decided to drop the contract as factors such as low oil prices and a delay in regulatory approval undermined the business rationale.

Samsung C&T said in another filing that it exercised a put option for its stake in the power plant's joint stock company, that placed the construction order to the Samsung companies, to state-owned Samruk Energy for \$192.5 million, Reuters reported.

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<http://kazakhstan.nlembassy.org/>.

## **MINERAL RESOURCES**

### **China and Kazakhstan cement fuel pellet deal**

China and Kazakhstan have taken a step closer to the supply of Kazakh fuel pellets to Chinese companies. The relevant documents enabling such transactions are between Ulba Metallurgical Plant (UMP), a subsidiary of Kazakh uranium producer KazAtomProm, and CGNPC-URC, a subsidiary of China General Nuclear (CGN). Signed during Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev's state visit to China, these follow agreements KazAtomProm signed with Chinese companies at the end of last year. These included one for the development of Kazakh uranium mines and the construction of a nuclear fuel plant in Kazakhstan. During an official visit by Kazakh Prime Minister Karim Massimov to China, commercial terms agreements were signed on 14 December between KazAtomProm and CGN for the fuel assembly plant and development of uranium projects.

Under the agreement for setting up a fuel assembly production plant, a facility based on the existing UMP is to be built with a capacity for 200 tons per year. It will supply fuel to Chinese nuclear power reactors.

Announcing the latest development, KazAtomProm said the signing ceremony had been attended by its chairman, Askar Zhumagaliyev, CGN president Zhang Shanmin, UMP chairman Yuri Shakhvorostov and CGNPC-URC deputy general manager Cai Yusheng.

Kazakhstan will supply 180 tons of nuclear fuel pellets to Chinese utilities in 2016-2018, KazAtomProm said. The parties have also agreed upon the timing of the purchase of nuclear fuel pellets produced in Kazakhstan until 2024, it added.

The agreements will enable UMP to have "operational activity with a mid-term perspective," it said.

Commissioning of the plant and production of the first batch of fuel pellets is scheduled for 2019.

In July, the heads of KazAtomProm and China's CITIC Group met to discuss attracting investment to the Central Asian country's nuclear energy sector. Askar Zhumagaliyev and Chang Zhenming met as part of the working visit to China of Kazakhstan's first deputy prime minister, Bakytzhan Sagintayev. CITIC Group, formerly the China International Trust



and Investment Corporation, is a state-owned investment company established in 1979. Separately, KazAtomProm signed a trilateral agreement of intent with China National Nuclear Corporation and CITIC Group to extend their cooperation, as reported by World Nuclear News.

#### **Ukraine and Kazakhstan agree on joint uranium mining**

Ukraine's Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry reached an agreement with Kazakhstan's Ministry of Energy on a joint venture for uranium mining.

Uranium will be mined in both countries, Interfax-Ukraine reports, referring to a statement made by Ukraine's Energy Minister Ihor Nasalyk.

"Kazakhstan boasts the world's best desalination technology for uranium mining. We agreed that they create a joint venture and begin exploring our fields. The joint venture will also comprise one uranium reserve in Kazakhstan," says Nasalyk.

In Kazakhstan, uranium ore costs USD 30 per ton, while Ukraine annually buys 1,500 tons at \$120 per ton.

Ukraine's Energy and Coal Industry minister added the Kazakh partner is willing to buy about 750 tons of resin from the Ukrainian state-owned concern Yaderne Toplyve.

He noted Kazakhstan also invited Ukraine to enter the plant construction project on manufacturing fuel assemblies (FA) for nuclear power plants, which would become an alternative to the Russian possible fuel producers, according to Ukraine Today.

#### **Kazgeology JSC and South Korean KORES complete geological explorations in Dusembay area**

Geological explorations in Dusembay area in Karaganda region are performed under the joint project implementation by Kazgeology JSC and South Korean KORES corporation for polymetallic ore prospecting. As of today, the entire drilling program for the area in 2016 has been completed.

Kazgeology JSC's specialists drilled 12 prospecting wells with total volume of 3432 lineal meters. The drilling was performed with the use of Atlas Copco modern rock drilling machine. Also, drill sample's geological and photo documentation was made with urgent exhalation of mineralized intervals. Preliminary results of the field geological documentation prove the availability of mineralized intervals in anomaly zones found as the result of geophysical works using AMT and VP-DOZ methods.

During the next cameral period of 2016-2017, based on the data obtained during the field period of 2016, Kazgeology JSC will execute quantitative predictive assessment of Dusembay area following which the further prospects of geological explorations will be determined.

It should be reminded that in accordance with the work program, geological explorations in Dusembay area in Karaganda region started in 2015 and included execution of the field magnetic and electrical explorations by AMT+MT method on the spot. During the cameral period (January-March 2016), geologists executed geophysical data interpretation as well as testing and laboratory works, press-service of the Ministry for Investments and Development reports.

#### **Kazzinc shifts to new tech**

Glencore unit Kazzinc has invested in modern mine production management technology at its Maleevsky underground copper and zinc mine in Kazakhstan, with a go-live target for the Pitram deployment next month.

Kazzinc's largest underground mine, Maleevsky is a sub-level stoping operation commissioned in mid-2000 as a 1.5 million tonnes per annum producer of ore. It then grew to 2.25Mtpa. The Micromine Pitram technology installation allows Kazzinc programmers to integrate mine control data with enterprise systems via Pitram's Restful Integration Services (PRIS), which is said to allow third party software application to submit and retrieve Pitram information without having to directly access the production

database. Thus Kazzinc “can ensure that production data is utilised to its full extent throughout the mining operation”, according to supplier Micromine.

The deployment also features Pitram Mobile which allows Kazzinc equipment operators to capture data manually, via touch screens, or automatically via integration with on-board systems. The tablets allow direct communication between equipment operators and mine supervisors.

A Shift Planner module facilitates better execution of tasks to the mine plan in a “dynamic” scheduling environment in which managers and supervisors can decide the best way forward when delays or unexpected events affect task completion times, according to Mining Journal.

## **TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Kazakhstan, France strengthen coop in space programs**

A delegation of Kazcosmos headed by Chairman of the Aerospace Committee of the Ministry for Investment and Development of Kazakhstan Yerkin Shaimagambetov paid a working visit to France.

According to Kazcosmos, during the working trip Yerkin Shaimagambetov met with the leadership of the French company “Airbus Defence and Space” (“Airbus D&S”). Also he took part in the meeting of the Supervisory Board (SB) of the Kazakh-French enterprise “Galam”, visited a space town in Toulouse.

Kazakhstan’s delegation visited the finishing areas of optical instruments of “Airbus D&S” at the company “Astrolabe”; center of handling and distribution of data of remote sensing of the Earth of “Airbus Geo Intelligence” subsidiary company; thermal vacuum, reverberation, acoustic cameras, vibration stand of the entity “Intespace”. In Cosmo Park “Cite de l’Espace” Kazcosmos representatives familiarized with the thematic exhibition of the development of the space industry of the French Republic.

“The experience of the creation and functioning of a space town in Toulouse is very important for us, because we are creating the National Space Centre in Kazakhstan, the main object of which will be the assembly and test complex spacecraft, created in collaboration with the French colleagues,” head of Kazcosmos Ye. Shaimagambetov said.

In turn, senior vice president of “Airbus D&S”, responsible for the implementation of joint Kazakh-French projects Hugo Laporte on behalf of company’s head of space systems Nicolas Chamousset congratulated Ye. Shaimagambetov on his appointment as a head of Kazcosmos.

“We are confident that you’ll continue to enhance our effective cooperation in the interests of space programs of Kazakhstan and France and will continue to pursue a policy to strengthen the role of Kazakhstan as one of the leaders of the world space activity,” H. Laporte said.

In addition, the representatives of the Kazakh delegation held a series of meetings with the representatives of strategic partner “Airbus D&S”. The first results of the implementation of joint projects were discussed.

Particular attention was paid to the creation of the assembly and test complex spacecraft, supply of technological equipment. The sides also discussed promising projects for further cooperation, according to Strategy2050.kz.

### **Aerospace Committee gets new chairman**

Yerkin Shaimagambetov has been appointed chairman of the Aerospace Committee under the Ministry of Investments and Development.

The 42-year-old new chief of Kazcosmos is a graduate of Moscow Aviation Institute. Prior to his appointment, he worked as Deputy Chairman of the Aerospace Committee of the Ministry of Investments and Development.

Shaimagambetov was born on June 7, 1974 in the Tasbuget settlement of the Syrdarya District of the Kyzylorda Oblast.

In 1998, he graduated from the Moscow State Aviation Institute with a major in Space Aircrafts and Upper Stage Rockets.

He started his career in 1998 as a Senior Expert at the Division for the Control of the Baikonur Space Site Operation in the town of Baikonur.

In November 1998, he was appointed as the chief of this division.

In 2005, Shaimagambetov was named chief of the Department for Baikonur Space Launching Site Management of the Aerospace Committee under the Ministry of Education and Science.

In 2006, he was named deputy chairman of the Aerospace Committee under the Ministry of Education and Science.

From 2007-2014, he worked as deputy chairman of the National Space Agency.

Since October 2014, Shaimagambetov has worked as deputy chairman of the Aerospace Committee under the Ministry of Investments and Development, Kazinform reports.

### **Air Astana to shift to a single hub?**

Air Astana (KC, Astana) is planning to shift to a single-hub strategy as part of a revised ten-year business plan CAPA has reported. The state-owned carrier currently maintains significant bases at Kazakhstan's former capital, Almaty, and Astana, its de-facto capital since 1997.

As such, given its better infrastructural capabilities, Astana is expected to be selected as Air Astana's primary hub. Currently, the carrier has a more or less even split in the distribution of weekly capacity between the cities with Almaty controlling the lion's share at 37,505 seats/week (32.12%) while Astana's controls 28,575 (24.47%).

Under the revised plan, Air Astana's order for three B787-8s is also under review. The aircraft are scheduled for delivery from 2019 onwards and are intended for the carrier's planned North American services.

Given its focus on the regional CIS, European, and Asian markets, Air Astana is also assessing potential new regional jets, CAPA said.

Air Astana currently operates one A319-100, eight A320-200s, four A321-200s, five B757-200s, three B767-300(ER)s, and nine EMB-190s. It currently has three A320neo, eight A321neo (inclusive of four LRs needed to replace the B757s), and three B787s on order, Ch Aviation reports.

### **Korean company to help build highways in Kazakhstan**

Chairman of the Board of JSC NC "KazAvtoZhol" Ermek Kizatov and CEO for overseas projects of the company "Korea Expressway Corporation" Jeong Min signed a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation in the field of road construction and introduction of new technologies.

The company "Korea Expressway Corporation" in conjunction with the NC "KazAvtoZhol" intends to share experiences in reconstruction, construction, repair of roads and to develop cooperation in introduction and the use of scientific and technical developments and technologies in road construction, Kazpravda.kz reports.

At the meeting in Astana, the spokesman of the South Korean company Jeong Min pointed out that cooperation in road construction area between Kazakhstan and Korea goes to a new level and the signing of a partnership instrument will provide new opportunities for development and introduction of smart transport systems in Kazakhstan.

"Today we sign a memorandum of understanding and cooperation, and I am confident that this event will serve as the ground for partnership and development of long-term, effective and mutually beneficial cooperation between the two companies "KazAvtoZhol" and "Korea Expressway Corporation", - said the chairman of the board of JSC NC "KazAvtoZhol" Ermek Kizatov, as noted by the Kazakhstanskaya Pravda.

### **Kazakhstan and China to jointly assemble buses for EEU market**

SaryarkaAvtoprom LLP, a part of Kazakhstan's automobile company AllurGroup, has signed a memo of cooperation with China's Anhui Ankai Automobile Co LLP, the manufacturing company producing Ankai brand buses, the Atameken National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of Kazakhstan reports, citing a news statement from SaryarkaAvtoProm. Under the agreement, the plant in Kostanai will launch the mass production of Ankai GK39 (diesel) and Ankai GK39S (CNG) model buses.

These are 8, 10.5 and 12 meters long, each with a capacity of 80 people.

Depending on the length of the body of the vehicle, they are equipped with various types of engines meeting EURO 5 requirements.

The production of commercial buses will be carried out by SKD, with a gradual transition to CKD.

The Chinese company has already sent to SaryarkaAvtoProm qualified engineering and technical staff to provide mentoring and training to employees involved in the new production.

Anhui Ankai Automobile Co LLP will also provide SaryarkaAvtoProm with exclusive rights for production and sales, including exports to the EEU member countries.

In the future, the Kazakh plant will expand its range of buses by manufacturing intercity, tourist and school buses.

AllurAuto's dealer network will be engaged in sales of the company's products. The buses will start in cost from 26 million tenge.

AllurAuto will also develop new convenient tools and programs such as leasing and other financial conditions for the acquisition of buses.

According to the news statement, Ankai is a new generation of high-tech buses that meet all technical standards and modern requirements for vehicles; they also works on gas, which will significantly improve the ecological situation in the cities of Kazakhstan.

The new bus models are comfortable to use, and are equipped with a retractable ramp which facilitates the entry of old people and persons with disabilities into the bus, the Times of Central Asia reports.

## **AGRICULTURE**

### **Fact-finding mission of Dutch agricultural companies to Aktobe Region**

On 27-28 September 2016, the Netherlands Embassy carried out a Fact-finding mission of Dutch agricultural companies to Aktobe Region.

The Dutch business delegation included representatives of 9 Dutch companies, including *Bilancia Horticulture Projects*, *Celtic Cooling*, *Certhon*, *Dalsem Horticultural Projects*, *Enza Zaden*, *Pas Reform*, *Philips Lighting*, *Prime HortiSolutions* and *Schils*. The delegation was led by Head of the Embassy Office in Almaty Wilko Roggenkamp. Agricultural Counsellor Meeuwes Brouwer flew in from Moscow especially for this mission. During the visit Mr. Brouwer also delivered a presentation on the Dutch agricultural sector, including the "Golden Triangle" model in the field of agriculture.

The objective of the mission was to identify opportunities for collaboration between the Netherlands and Aktobe Region in the agricultural sector and assist Dutch companies in establishing contacts with local authorities responsible for agriculture and local agribusinesses (farmers and agricultural companies).

The programme of the visit started with the Agribusiness Forum, which was opened by Deputy Akim of Aktobe Region Mukhtar Dzhumagaziyev, who welcomed the Dutch delegation and provided a brief overview on the development of agriculture in Aktobe Region. Head of the Embassy Office in Almaty Wilko Roggenkamp also delivered a welcome speech combined with a few facts and figures about key strengths of the Dutch agricultural sector. After welcome addresses from both sides, each Dutch company had a 5-minute pitch during which they could introduce their companies and products/services

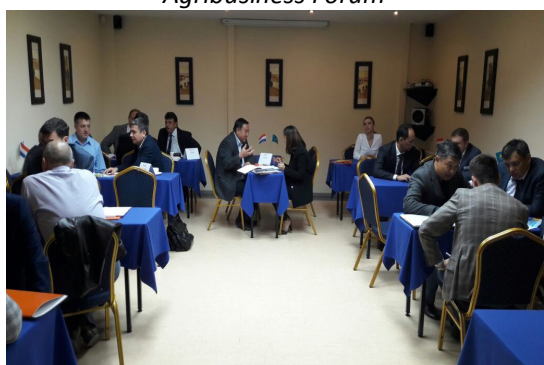
they offer. The forum achieved very good attendance level with over 80 people participating in the meeting. At the end of the official part stakeholders from the agricultural sector were invited for individual meetings with Dutch companies in a separate meeting room. During the matchmaking local agribusinesses could not only exchange contacts with representatives of Dutch companies, but also ask questions related to the Dutch agricultural equipment and machinery.



*Dutch and Kazakh officials open the Agribusiness Forum*



*Attendees of the Agribusiness Forum*



*Individual meetings between Dutch and Kazakh companies*

### **Russia, China, Iran are biggest investors for Kazakh agricultural sector**

Russia, China and Iran are Kazakhstan's largest investors for its agricultural sector, Rakhat Nurgaliyev, a representative from the Kazakh Agricultural Ministry said.

"Together with our Russian partners we are planning to build two oil crop processing plants in the Almaty and North Kazakhstan oblasts. As for China, several projects are being planned now," Nurgaliyev said at a press conference at Ministry of Agriculture.

In addition, Nurgaliyev noted the Ministry was actively looking to bring in companies from Italy, Germany, France, the Czech Republic and Ukraine. Finnish and Swedish companies are also keen on cooperating with Kazakhstan, he said.

Over the past five years, Kazakhstan's agricultural sector has attracted 102.6 billion tenge in domestic and foreign investments, Kazinform reports.

### **Kazakhstan to harvest over 22 million tons of crops in 2016**

Kazakhstan's gross harvest of grain, oilseeds and other crops is expected to reach more than 22 million tons, First Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Kairat Aituganov says.

"This year, crops sown areas reached around 21.7 million hectares, which is 445.1 thousand hectares more than the previous year. 15.4 million hectares of grain crops, 2.0 million hectares of oilseeds, 426.7 million hectares of melons and potatoes were harvested," Aituganov said.

He added that sugar beets were sown over 12.9 hectares and cotton on 109.6 thousand hectares, according to Trend.

### **Kazakhstan milling wheat and meat will be exported to China**

Kazakhstan will increase the list of exported agricultural products to China, and plans to increase the supply of oil and gas. This was agreed by the parties during the visit of Nursultan Nazarbayev in Beijing, Kazpravda.kz reports.

“For the first time we agreed to supply wheat, other types of cereals, legumes and oilseeds, as well as meat and poultry to China. Earlier we did not have this. Thus, we open the way for our agricultural producers. I think this is very good news. However, the Chinese side has very strict requirements to the quality of goods and phytosanitary. Our farmers should be ready for it,” Nazarbayev said at a briefing following his visit to China.

However the President noted that in connection with the commissioning of the largest Kashagan field the possibility of delivery of Kazakh oil will increase.

“Now we supply about 7 million tons of oil to China, this figure can be increased up to 20 million tons, and we can increase the supply of gas from Kazakhstan to China. All of this raises our trade turnover to a new level,” said the head of state.

During the negotiations, the parties reached agreement on all aspects of the previous agreements, in particular on construction of modern joint ventures in Kazakhstan.

“The list includes 51 objects, two of which have already been built, the construction of four facilities totaling \$2.5 billion will be completed this year. In total, over five years it is planned to build facilities the total value of \$26 billion. In addition, to support these projects the joint Kazakh-Chinese funds exist, both between companies and between countries, for example, the Foundation for development of the Silk Road,” the President reminded.

According to the President, one of the main issues on the bilateral agenda was transport and communication links between Kazakhstan and China.

The Head of State drew attention to the specifics of the agreements reached, noting that the governments of the two countries will need to accomplish the relevant work for their implementation, as reported by the Kazakhstanskaya Pravda.

### **Kazakhstan to increase the quotas for wheat supplying to China**

Kazakhstan is holding negotiations to increase the quotas for the supply of wheat to the People’s Republic of China to 400 thousand tons per year, declared the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Gulmira Isayeva on August 26.

In accordance to the protocol signed in December 2015, Kazakh businesses received permission to export wheat not in bags, but in bulk in hermetically sealed containers, grain carriers, etc. To date, the country already exported nearly 60 thousand tons of wheat, Gulmira Isayeva said.

The current railway working capacity on the Kazakh-Chinese border totals 60-80 thousand tons, depending on the variant of grain shipment - in bags, or in bulk.

When in September 2016, China will launch all the stations with new destinations, the working capacity will increase to 400 thousand tons. The Chinese party already informed that they almost completed technical re-equipment of the stations. In the future, Kazakhstan will even get the quota for 1 million tons of wheat, added the Deputy Minister.

### **Russia lifted restrictions on Kazakh meat import**

Restrictive sanctions were imposed this May due to recorded pasteurellosis cases on Kazakhstan territory.

On September 2, Russia lifted restrictions on import from Kazakhstan of livestock and their products, Kazpravda.kz reports with reference to the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan.

In addition, restrictions were mitigated, relating to registration of nodular dermatitis areas on Atyrau region’s territory.

“In this regard, from September 5, 2016, import is allowed to Russia from Kazakhstan (with the exception of the Atyrau region) of cattle and livestock products in the case of



their compliance with Animal Health Code requirements, presence of veterinary certificate, as well as obligatory passage through the inspection points on the Russian-Kazakh border,” the Ministry says.

The restrictions were imposed this May due to recorded pasteurellosis cases on Kazakhstan territory, and in July because of nodular dermatitis cases in the RK, according to the Kazakhstanskaya Pravda.

#### **China a net importer of Kazakh potash**

China has become a net importer of Kazakhstan’s potash fertilizers, Chairman of the Board at the KazNex Invest National Agency for Export and Investment, Borisbiy Zhangurazov told a press conference.

“The chemical industry of Kazakhstan has great export potential. Kazakhstan can produce and export fertilizers in large quantities: these phosphate fertilizers and potash fertilizers,” he said.

Zhangurazov cited the example of China, which is currently a net importer of Kazakhstan potash, and stressed that if Kazakhstan develops potash, and subsequently uses it in the production of complex fertilizers, they will be exported successfully.

“The same concerns phosphate fertilizers. There are a number of neighboring countries that import these fertilizers. The same applies to chemical products, polypropylene, herbicides and others. Kazakhstan is located in the heart of a sufficiently large agricultural region, which produces a lot of agricultural products. In this respect, the prospects for agricultural chemistry are very high,” Zhangurazov said, according to Akipress.

## **ENVIRONMENT & GREEN TECHNOLOGIES**

### **Visit of STORM Eindhoven to Almaty**

On 10-11 September 2016 a group of 24 Dutch students from TU Eindhoven representing the STORM Eindhoven visited Almaty.

The main purpose of their visit was to promote Dutch technologies in the field of sustainable transport, in general, and to promote their invention, the electric touring motorcycle, in particular. Their visit to Almaty was part of their 80-day world tour during which they’d had plans to visit different countries on different continents and spread the word about Dutch innovations and their technological invention.



*Electric touring motorcycle*



*STORM Eindhoven Team*





*STORM Eindhoven Team in Almaty*



*Presentation of the electric touring motorcycle in Almaty*

The event was co-organized by the STORM Eindhoven, the Netherlands Embassy and one of the leading business universities in Kazakhstan, Narxoz University, and included a seminar on Dutch innovations and a promo-presentation of the electric touring motorcycle. The Narxoz University provided warm hospitality and great support to the STORM Group during their stay in Almaty.

More information on the STORM Eindhoven can be found here: [www.storm-eindhoven.com](http://www.storm-eindhoven.com).

#### **Dutch cycling experience for Almaty**

On 22-23 September 2016, the Netherlands Embassy co-organized together with UNDP an International Conference on non-motorized transport and mobility titled “*Cycling and Walking. My path. Future of my city*”. The conference was devoted to promoting mobility and a sustainable type of transport called “bicycle”.

The Netherlands Embassy supported the event by providing two experts from the Netherlands, who shared their knowledge about the Dutch cycling culture and experience. The event gathered together stakeholders from various groups including the Almaty city administration, UNDP Sustainable Transport Project, activists, NGOs and research organizations, students, universities and many others. The Netherlands Ambassador, H.E. Dirk Jan Kop gave a welcome speech at the conference and hosted a networking event that was organized on the occasion of the conference on 22 September 2016.



*The Netherlands Ambassador, H.E. Dirk Jan Kop gives his welcome speech at the conference*



*Attendees of the conference*



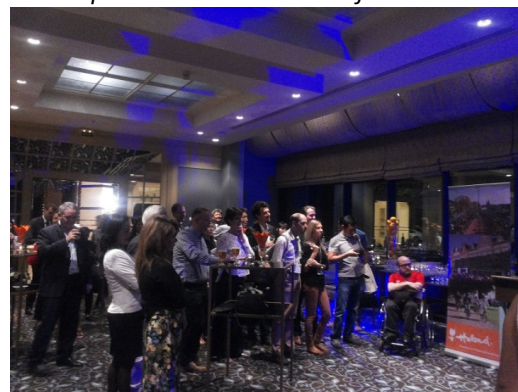
*Mr. Jeroen Buis from JB Mobility delivers his presentation at the conference*



*Mr. Ruben Loendersloot from Loendersloot Group/Dutch Cycling Embassy delivers his presentation at the conference*



*The Netherlands Ambassador, H.E. Dirk Jan Kop addresses the audience at the networking reception*



*Guests at the networking reception*

Both the conference and the networking event attracted a large number of participants and were highly appreciated by the attendees (including representatives even from other Central Asian countries such as Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan), who were eager to learn more about cycling and mobility in the Netherlands and were interested in receiving advice on how to improve the cycling infrastructure in Almaty and make the city safer for cyclists.

## EXHIBITIONS IN KAZAKHSTAN (October - December 2016)



### **Transit-Kazakhstan**

Kazakhstan International Transport and Logistics Exhibition

4 – 6 October 2016, Almaty

Organizer: Iteca

[www.transitkazakhstan.kz](http://www.transitkazakhstan.kz)



### **KIOGE**

International Oil & Gas Exhibition and Conference

4 – 7 October 2016, Almaty

Organizer: Iteca

[www.kioge.kz](http://www.kioge.kz)



### **Duman Show Tech**

International Exhibition of Entertainment Industry

20 – 22 October 2016, Almaty

Organizer: Atakent-Expo

[www.atakentexpo.kz](http://www.atakentexpo.kz)



### **Autoparts. Autoshow.**

International Automobile Exhibition

20 – 23 October 2016, Almaty

Organizer: Atakent-Expo

[www.atakentexpo.kz](http://www.atakentexpo.kz)



### **KazAgro**

Kazakhstan International Exhibition and Forum for Agriculture and Food Industry

26 – 28 October 2016, Astana

Organizer: Expo Group

[www.expogroup.kz](http://www.expogroup.kz)



### **KazFarm**

Kazakhstan International Exhibition for Cattle Breeding, Meat and Dairy Sectors

26 – 28 October 2016, Astana

Organizer: Expo Group

[www.expogroup.kz](http://www.expogroup.kz)



### **Lighting Kazakhstan**

Kazakhstan International Lighting, Lighting Equipment and LED Technologies Exhibition

25 – 27 October 2016, Astana

Organizer: Iteca

[www.powerexpo.kz](http://www.powerexpo.kz)



### **Power Kazakhstan**

Kazakhstan International Energy, Electrical Equipment and Machine Building Exhibition and Forum of Power Engineers

25 – 27 October 2016, Almaty



Organizer: Iteca  
[www.powerexpo.kz](http://www.powerexpo.kz)

#### **ReEnergy Kazakhstan**

Kazakhstan International Exhibition on Renewable Energy Sources, Energy Saving, Energy Efficiency and Resource Saving

25 – 27 October 2016, Almaty

Organizer: Iteca  
[www.powerexpo.kz](http://www.powerexpo.kz)



#### **MachTex**

Kazakhstan International Textile Industry Products and Machinery Exhibition and Forum

26 – 27 October 2016, Shymkent

Organizer: Iteca  
[www.machtex.kz](http://www.machtex.kz)



#### **AgriCA**

Central Asian International Conference for Cattle Breeding, Poultry Farming and Veterinary

2 November 2016, Almaty

Organizer: Iteca  
[www.agroworld.kz](http://www.agroworld.kz)



#### **AgroWorld Kazakhstan**

Central Asian International Agricultural Exhibition

2 – 4 November 2016, Almaty

Organizer: Iteca  
[www.agroworld.kz](http://www.agroworld.kz)



#### **World Food Kazakhstan**

Central Asian International Food Exhibition

2 – 4 November 2016, Almaty

Organizer: Iteca  
[www.worldfood.kz](http://www.worldfood.kz)



#### **Horex Kazakhstan**

Central Asian International Exhibition for HoReCa Industry

2 – 4 November 2016, Almaty

Organizer: Iteca  
[www.horex.iteca.kz](http://www.horex.iteca.kz)



#### **KazUpack**

International Exhibition on Packaging, Tare and Label

2 – 4 November 2016, Almaty

Organizer: Iteca  
[www.worldfood.kz/ru/kazupack/](http://www.worldfood.kz/ru/kazupack/)





**CleanExpo Kazakhstan**

Kazakhstan International Exhibition on Cleaners and Detergents, Dry Cleaning and Laundry Machines, Cleaning Equipment

2 -4 November 2016, Almaty

Organizer: Iteca

[www.cleanexpo.kz](http://www.cleanexpo.kz)



**Astana Zdorovie**

Kazakhstan International Exhibition on Healthcare

3 – 5 November 2016, Astana

Organizer: Iteca

[www.astanazdorovie.kz](http://www.astanazdorovie.kz)



**Astana Medical Forum**

3 November 2016, Astana

Organizer: Iteca

[www.astanazdorovie.kz](http://www.astanazdorovie.kz)



**Mangystau Oil, Gas and Infrastructure**

Mangystau Regional Exhibition on Oil, Gas and Infrastructure

8 – 10 November 2016, Aktau

Organizer: Iteca

[www.mangystau.oil-gas.kz](http://www.mangystau.oil-gas.kz)



**AgriTek Shymkent**

Kazakhstan International Exhibition for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Stock Breeding  
9 – 11 November 2016, Shymkent

Organizer: TNT Productions

[www.tntexpo.kz](http://www.tntexpo.kz)

Exhibitions dates are subject to change. For a complete overview and more information on exhibitions in Kazakhstan, please visit:

[www.iteca.kz](http://www.iteca.kz)

[www.astana-expo.kz](http://www.astana-expo.kz)

[www.expocentralasia.com](http://www.expocentralasia.com)

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