Holiday and achievement of our nation

Astana. President Nursultan Nazarbayev congratulated the people of Kazakhstan on the 25th anniversary of independence.

"Dear countrymen! Let me congratulate you with the great national holiday marking the nation's 25th anniversary of independence!"

The head of state stressed that Nazarbayev, 81, who took over the presidency in 1991, has been president of the country for 25 years. He has been a consistent advocate of economic growth and political stability under his leadership.

"Throughout all these years, the work of our generation, the work of our country, is the work of creativity, the work of change, of development, of peace and happiness."

Education, important for the future of the country, is a major goal for Nazarbayev.

"The head of state emphasised the importance of education. As this is a country of the future, it is hard to imagine that it was only 25 years ago, but it was the independent journey, the country for the first time, a real independent country."

The former Soviet republic has made significant progress in the last 25 years, he added.

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"The amnesty is not extended to armed bandits, extortionists, peaceful, murderrg, murder, drug traffickers, erotic, rape offenders, those convicted of terrorism, torture offenders and those serving life sentences. We have 115 cases of crime where amnesty in not in effect," he said.

"I congratulate all of you with this new responsible mission. The Parliament became an important pillar of the country, will inspire and help our country forward," he said.

"Government has implemented social programmes, increased pensions by 20 percent, of the national GDP. Energy production and public welfare will increase 20 percent, of the national GDP. Energy production and public welfare will increase 20 percent, of the national GDP."
President Thanks Assembly of People’s Kazakhstan for its Work

By Karlygash Zhumbayeva

ASTANA – Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev thanked the Assembly of People’s Kazakhstan for its work.

The head of state noted that the assembly is one family, put their heart and line into ensuring the prosperity of our motherland. The role and the merits of the assembly are great therein. Over those years the assembly has truly brought people of different ethnicities and religions together, showed the best that there is in every culture and nation,” Nazarbayev said.

More than 10,000 people attended the festival, including as- sembly members, representatives of national and regional ethno- cultural associations, deputies of parliament, heads of central ex- ecutive organs, regional, national religious groups and non-governmental organisations. University students, foreign diplomats, people of art, science, students and me- dium also participated.

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He said that the mass of every ethnicity seem unlike each other at first but have the same meaning and the country markets all cele- brations as a unified Kazakh nation regardless of how different their names are.

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The statement expresses deep concern about the recent escalation of the conflict and the impact it has on the security and stability of the region. It highlights the importance of maintaining dialogue and seeking peaceful solutions to prevent further escalation. The statement also mentions the need for international cooperation to address the challenges posed by the crisis.

The document further states that the Kazakh FM, Tursunov, has expressed his readiness to work with the OSCE representatives and other international partners to support the efforts of the OSCE in the region. The statement concludes by emphasizing the commitment of the Kazakh FM to contribute to the promotion of stability and security in the region through constructive dialogue and cooperation.
Kazakhstan to Export 9 Million Tones of Wheat

By Yarelzhan Utkanbay

ASTANA – Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev held a teleconference on Dec. 7 devoted to the beginning of commercial oil production at the Kashagan field. The field's oil production and transportation facilities are expected to increase the country's oil export capacity.

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A1642 Studio Presents Modern Design

By Diane Baukalus

ASTANA – A1642 is an Astana-based design studio and workshop, which is a result of collaboration between four young designers: Tamir Aliev, Antonova Lyudmila, Ziya Abdulmazhitov, and Galyn Karapdylov. The studio works in almost all areas of industrial design, including accessories and interior design.

There is no visual image of Karapdylov, Aliev, and Lyudmila during A1642’s mission to change this by describing their ideas. The team is focused on the understanding of Kazakh design through its efforts to create a new design identity: “the team.

The team’s work is based on the idea that a new generation of designers is interested in the ecology of the design process, as well as in the question of how the design sector can grow by working with suppliers and manufacturers to create internationally recognized brands. Their approach to design is to create a collection that uses modern technology in conjunction with the traditional Kazakh handicrafts of goldsmiths and artisans in order to create new products, but with the new economic reality, it’s a question of the current situation: they decline in sales in the countryside, and they decided to collaborate.

Tamir Aliev is an architect and designer, best known as the founder of the brand of notebooks and accessories made from hand-drawn under the name “NB!”. He is also the founder of the feminine brand Prenzi Voschi (Common Things). His original workshops on a turnkey project for the creation of a new greenhouses and installing turnkey greenhouses, as well as providing agronomic support. Almaty Glass plant located in Kokozek village. Tech, a greenhouse construction company, also expressed its gratitude to the Kazakh authorities for their support of our large-scale project,” said AvtoV AZ President Aziz Abdulmazhitov.

“Very often, aspiring businesspersons support aspiring entrepreneurs, said the jury considered the company’s proposal of local community to name the new bridge builders. The roadway with the capacity of 120 vehicles per hour crossed a small river and was located in the Khazret Sultan, Kazakhstan contest. This year they have participated in the international Global Quality Promotion Programme and was awarded the Gold Certificate of Quality and in 2014 Tamir Karapdylov founded his own studio ANTHEL in 2012. He specializes in furniture and accessories made from wood, start leather and plastic. In addition, he is the creator of unique hexagonal shelves. Last year, he took part in a design exhibition in Milan. The fourth member is product designer and maker Galyn Karapdylov, who is also a founder of the Kazakhstan brand. He mainly works with lamps and interior design. In terms of his works are famous in Kazakhstan’s restaurants, bars, and hotels. The studio has its own mission, they generate original ideas and guarantee that the items are handmade. Also, the team tries to make functional things, combining function with the look. According to Aliev, designer functionality is unique, has its own mood and style of the person who created it. Therefore, it is impossible to expect that the items of the studio will be clean, the price is justified with the author’s design, handmade and affordable by production.

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Astana Offers Unique Opportunity to Resume Syrian Peace Talks

By Cely Knox

Good Governance Matters in Kazakhstan

Good Governance Matters is the staple of Nazarbayev University’s School of Public Policy. So what does “good governance” mean for the country’s nation? How does Astana fit into the top 30 developed countries in the world as set out in the World Economic Forum’s 2005-2006 Global Competitiveness Report? How can international organizations open a new round of these talks in Astana? This is the question.

Consider, for example, the recently released global education report card entitled Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), which started running in 1995. Large scale international assessment of mathematics and science education in the world conducted amongst fourth and eighth grade children in 57 countries. These countries include developing nations such as Canada, Australia, England, France and the USA. The results are largely encouraging, in that Kazakhstan school children ranked 124th in your math and 122nd in science. Compare this with the children of the same age ranked 28th and 25th, respectively.

Kazakhstan has been equally successful when it comes to delivering international public services through online electronic government. The most recent 2016 E-Government Development Index of the United Nations member states shows Kazakhstan ranked 33rd out of 193 countries. Impressively, it is ranked seventh in the whole of Asia below countries like the United Arab Emirates and Japan. The index is a composite measure of three dimensions: provision of online services, telecommunications connectivity and human capacity. Public Service Centres in Kazakhstan have been very successful in reducing bureaucracy and providing citizens with access to multiple services in one location. More generally, Kazakhstan is performing well in relation to its Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) neighbours. Consider, for example, the World Wide Governance Indicators on government effectiveness. They measure how well public services, the quality of the civil service and the degree of its independence from political influence, the quality of policy formulation and implementation and the degree of accountability of the government to such policies. If we compare the performance of Kazakhstan across the CIS countries, it is ranked the second-best performing country after Georgia on a scale of 100 (0 = lowest rank and 100 = highest rank – see table 1).

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Table 1: Government Effectiveness in the CIS

Source: Calculated from Worldwide Governance Indicators, Kaufmann, Kraay and Mastruzzi.

Comparing Kazakhstan to countries in the CIS is all very well, but if the goal is to become one of the top 30 developed countries, has this really made the competition with those countries rather than the CIS neighbours?

One way of doing this is to benchmark Kazakhstan with statistics from the 2005 United Nations Development Programme’s Human Development Index (UNDP HDI). These are the countries against which Kazakhstan needs to compete to join the elite group of the top 30 most developed countries.

So, how does Kazakhstan currently perform in terms of good governance? What does this mean for the country’s citizens, those in the Maghreb, in Italy, the Czech Republic, Finland, among other countries? Figure 1 below shows Kazakhstan ranked 56th in the HDI compared to countries currently ranked 25th–100th.

Kazakhstan can and must do better if it is to be one of the most developed countries by 2050. So, there are at least two key changes in the President’s 100-day Plan for the Nation which, if fully implemented, will help Kazakhstan achieve its strategic goal of becoming the development of international civil service, a key pillar in the Plan for the Nation document. This includes anti-corruption legislation, a code of ethics and performance-based remuneration for civil servants. While these are hugely important reforms and need to be implemented with rigour, they are not self-fulfilling in themselves. Rather, they are a means to an end and having good governance structures is a necessary but insufficient condition for government effectiveness.

The second key change also contained in the Plan for the Nation is the “creation of a transparent and accountable state.” More specifically, one key measure therein is the intention to put in place a “results-orientated state governance system.” This will require the development of standardised and minimal procedures for monitoring, assessment and control within the government. This in turn implies that the governments will be asked to develop a “results-orientated state governance system.” What does this mean for the country’s citizens? What can it do?

The astute reader may well have deduced that good governance is what it takes to ensure the development of a “well-being” framework for OECD countries. Their work goes beyond looking at gross domestic product (GDP) as the key indicator of a country’s performance. Rather, they consider the main components which contribute to the well-being of its citizens. The strength of this approach is that it encourages providers of public services to focus on the impact of what they provide rather than simply output services – a results-oriented state governance system.

To adopt this development countries, good governance requires focusing on those core public services which will contribute to increased citizen well-being: health, jobs, education and skills, personal security, environmental quality, civil engagement and government, housing, and social connections. The key point here is to connect these core civil services with the delivery of these core public services and measure whether the outcomes of what they provide lead to an improvement in the well-being of the citizens of Kazakhstan. Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Public Policy, has developed a good governance index by establishing a well-being framework which will allow for the measurement of the state governance system, and, in so doing, help Kazakhstan achieve its ambition of entering the elite group of the top 30 most developed countries.

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The Personality of President Nazarbayev

By Erik Utembayev

As is well-known, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan are the two biggest Central Asian states in terms of their territories, population numbers and populations size. This concept provides us with a broad range for development of comprehensive, multi-faceted, deep-rooted, sustainable and diversified relations between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, both in the fields of comprehensive security and regional security. We can state with determination that the two Kazakh-Uzbek relations mostly is the result of joint development of our countries and the whole Central Asian region. Therefore, high-level intergovernmental dialogues and all outcomes of Kazakh-Uzbek bonds correspond to the strategic tasks and national interests of both countries.

A preliminary sketch for such a portrait would consist of the familiar image of Nazarbayev, clad in his make-up and traditional Kazakh dress. As his first Western Biographer I can say that Nazarbayev is a hardworking, energetic, sociable and easy-going helmsman of his ship, leading his country to a bright future. Already the President has taken some initiatives which, if not properly executed, would spoil Nazarbayev’s own modernity. Having in mind significant achievements of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, the President is always keen on cooperation between his two countries.

For behind the achievements of Nazarbayev’s vision would require extraordinary leadership qualities in its implementation, thus the ambitious President sharply defined his vision and strategies. Nazarbayev’s career started since 1991 when he was the First President of Kazakhstan.

As a novel and bright innovation, the young Kazakh leader on Sept. 2. Afterwards, the first President of Uzbekistan, Islam Karimov participated at the Kazakh-Uzbek summit on Sept. 4. Afterward, the meeting continued with the visit to Uzbekistan on Sept. 12 when the President of Kazakhstan and Prime Minister of Uzbekistan held a meeting with the President of Uzbekistan.

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Kazakhstan will nominate the Assykh and Heritage of Korkyt games and other examples of Kazakh culture for acceptance to a UNESCO cultural heritage list. Kazakhstan officials announced the submissions during the Nov. 30 to Dec. 11 UNESCO session in Addis Ababa. The Ethnography of the EBRD’s Independent Monitoring Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. The officials also announced that Kazakhstan would participate in multinational nominations, including the nomination of Tourism (together with Iran, Armenia, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Jordan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan); “Hunting with birds of prey” (together with Mongolia, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Spain and others); “The tradition of making this bread, the ‘kazak’, ‘chymba’, ‘yudik’ (together with Iran, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey); and “Kazakh Karak” for national wrestling.

According to Kazakhstan officials, submitting the applications for the international register of UNESCO is designed to encourage greater promotion of the intangible cultural heritage of Kazakhstan at the international level and develop the system of measures for its protection on the national level.

The Kazakh delegation to Addis Ababa session included representatives of the National Committee for UNESCO (Kazakhstan) and EBRD’s National Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, National Kazakh Karak Federation, the Ministry of Culture and Sports, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of Kazakhstan in Ethiopia.

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STEM Atyrau and its partners have already done many things in our city, and we intend to continue working on this project. We are pleased that we can guide young people in STEM education. As Sergey Shutov, father of eight-year-old Indira Shutov, pointed out, “Today’s children are different from other guys. There were very young, but we did not realise what it would become for us,” Sapiyev said.

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The idea to stage the performance was born after the success of the concert held at the Astana Opera and Ballet Theatre. The concert tells the story of the Astana Opera and Ballet Theatre, General Director Vladimir Kekhman said in Astana.

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Kazakhstan Students Rank Higher Than U.S., Germany in Math and Science

By Diana Osanbayeva

ASTANA – Kazakhstan’s school students have demonstrated high mathematics and science scores in the international assessment of knowledge. According to the results of the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) released at the end of November, Kazakhstan’s 13- and 14-year-old students showed excellent knowledge in science achieving top positions in the world. The TIMSS result, released Nov. 29, assessed 57 countries on ninth and 13th-grade students while moving from primary to secondary education.

The study is aimed at identifying students’ capacities to apply knowledge and skills in different situations for an adequate socialization.

According to Assan Zholdassov, 7th-grade student, today’s generation is the most technologically oriented. “We are more interested in electrical and electronic大发d activities. Today we are fond of solving mathematical problems. Parents also make a great contribution to children's study,” Zholdassov said.

Nowadays, modern parents are trying to pay more attention to the education sector encouraging pupils to achieve higher results in different spheres, he added.

By Sergey Pinkusev

ALMATY – Representatives of the Almaty Akimat (municipal office), the Maslikhat (city assembly) and Regional Business Office inspected the new Higer Quasar production facilities.

“Now electric cars are being produced in Kazakhstan. I dream that the whole Kazakhstani drive electric cars – especially in such polluted cities as Almaty and Astana. If we manage to make them fully electric, we will be able to protect the environment,” President Nursultan Nazarbayev said in one of his public speeches.

A national programme in the Netherlands aims to increase the number of electric vehicles from 200,000 by 2020. Norway has put into operation a bus-line charging system which resulted in every third car purchased in 2014 being electric.

New Company to Produce Country’s First Electric Public Buses

By Diana Osanbayeva

KAZAKHSTAN has launched its first electric bus production line, Higer Quasar, in Almaty.

On a recent tour were representatives of the Department of Roads and Passenger Transport Maksut Isakhov, Deputy Head of the Department Erkin Alishov, Chairperson of the Almaty Flame Dota LLP, Lyazzat Emirzhan and the chairman of the Group Bus Company LLP, Rizvan Tsinaev. Volunteers inspected the new Higer Quasar production facilities.

“The guests on a recent tour were shown assembly and test lines, electric buses and electric charging stations that will start producing next year,” said Zholdassov in an interview to the Astana Times.

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One of the stalls at the Christmas Charity Bazaar.

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December Independence Day (Miss Independence) title. Participants sang, including Svetlana Motavilnik, an 11th grader at School No. 15, who spoke about taking her first steps in rhythmic gymnastics. She said she was passionate about this sport. "I cannot imagine her life without Soviet films," she said during her speech, noted Today.kz. 

"I am sure that this type of activity, the Astana Philanthropist Association especially encourages, is a very necessary and important service for our society and our people," said Dariya Zhumabekova, "(extreme) kindness, and projects in Kazakhstan.

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KazGeo Initiates Large-Scale Antarctic Expedition

By Zhanina Shabalinova

ASTANA – The International Polar expedition marks a major step in the development of tourism in Kazakhstan, according to the Kazakh Ministry of Sport, Culture and Tourism.

The Ministry expressed willingness to support tourism projects that contribute to the development of international co-operation in tourism and environmental protection.

“Today, we are launching the International Polar expedition, which is a significant step in the development of tourism in Kazakhstan,” said the Minister of Sport, Culture and Tourism, Yermazhan Kuznetsov.

“The expedition will involve participation of Kazakhstani and international experts, and it is an important factor for these people. The aim of the expedition is to study the impact of environmental factors on the wildlife of the Kazakh steppe and to develop new methods for the conservation of the Kazakh steppe.

“The expedition will be conducted by a team of experts from the Center for the Protection of Wildlife and the Environment, the Center for the Protection of Natural Resources and the Center for the Protection of Cultural Heritage.

“The expedition will be conducted in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Wildlife Fund.”

WWF to Back Kazakhstan in Reviving Turanian Tiger

By Diana Osmogyi

ASTANA – The Kazakh Ministry of Agriculture announced the launch of a project to revive the Turanian tiger in Kazakhstan.

“Today, with the financial support of the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Wildlife Fund, the project to revive the Turanian tiger in Kazakhstan was launched,” said the Minister of Agriculture, Yermazhan Kuznetsov.

“The project is part of the international coalition to protect the Turanian tiger, which is one of the most endangered species in the world. The project is designed to save the Turanian tiger from extinction and to increase its population.”

The project will involve cooperation with the Kazakh Ministry of Agriculture, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Wildlife Fund, and the National Tiger Conservation Alliance.

“The project is important for the conservation of the Turanian tiger and for the protection of the Kazakh steppe.”

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The city played a small part in Russian history as the capital of the Trans-Caspian region. In 1850, the city was occupied by the Russian army, which established a military garrison there. The city was later renamed after a Russian general, and it became the capital of the Trans-Caspian region. The city was established in 1832 and is located in the heart of the country.

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By Talgat Issenov

ASTANA – Nikon School opened Dec. 8 to spread the culture of photography in the capital.

"Nikon School is an educational project of Nikon and unique among camera makers, designed for those who already enjoy and are interested in single-lens reflex (SLR) cameras," Nikon marketing expert Zamira Phanova, of Astana, said. "The Nikon School is located on the 10th floor of the Astana Akimat (City Hall) of Astana. In particular, it is aimed at students and at the general public. The Nikon School will be started in 2017. In addition, 500-800 people will be trained in a year. This year, the school will conduct more than 250 workshops." Nikon School opened for its first day in Almaty, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Finland, the Baltic countries, the U.S., Australia and many other countries. In total, Nikon School will be opened in Astana. The teaching methodology is based on close contact with every team member of the Nikon School. All of our teachers are professional photographers. The opening talk was given in Astana by experts from Astana and from abroad, who are leaders in the field of photography.

"Nikon School offers various courses from three to 30 hours for photographers of different levels and knowledge. The school will also offer cameras for the duration of the courses for those who don’t yet own one.

The basic course is about the basics of photography, it is a 10-lesson course, three hours of their skills in photography, or find a new hobby and diversify their lives. And that is why the Astana Nikon School offers free courses for retirees and children from foster homes," said Phanova.

By Dmitry Lee

ASTANA – Astana Akimat (Mayor) Asset Issekeshev on Wednesday lit up the city’s biggest Christmas tree near Khan Shatyr Mall Dec. 18.

As for the capital of Kazakhstan, Issekeshev has identified five major projects, which are already underway. Specifically, big cities become the key points of development of transport infrastructure, including the introduction of intelligent traffic lights (there are 82 such traffic lights in Astana), bus lanes and the creation of Capital Taxi service planned.

The list of exhibitors includes such companies as National Information Technologies, Astana Innovations, TransTeleCom, Centre for Development, Karpost, SAP and Huawei. The forum organizers presented more than 25 Kazakh smart projects, which will be presented to more than 300 participants from the U.S., Europe and countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States.