Tokayev discusses economic cooperation with German leaders, offers special conditions to German investors

By Nazira Khorshudova
MUSRUL-TKAZH - Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev discussed economic cooperation with German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Tokayev, who expressed Kazakhstan’s commitment to providing German investors with special conditions, said that the exemption regime in special economic zones would “save” the market.

Tokayev also addressed the ses- sions organized by the Berlin Euro- pean Club, where he expressed Kazakhstan’s commitment to providing German investors with special conditions, such as a tax exemption regime in special eco- nomic zones and infrastructure conditions.

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The meeting was co-hosted by the Kazakh and German parliaments. During the consultative meeting, the central Asian leaders discussed regional cooperation in politics, trade, economics, invest- ment and other fields.

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As part of the festivities, the Kazakh National Museum in the capital hosted the Rover Choice exhibit. Residents of the city and Almaty enjoyed fine works
shows.

The show in the capital were at the Vasylov exhibition, including "Kazan Shen Mura-Mule and the
intersection of Almaty Khan Avenue and Pushkin Avenue in Almaty, the show was at Kok Tok and First President's Park.

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NUR-SULTAN – Kazakhstan celebrated the Day of the First President Nov. 5 with a range of festive
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achievement, has been complemented by the current political conditions in
2012. The day marks the date he
in 1990, 1993, and 2002. It is a public

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New law makes ministers, governors responsible for corruption among subordinates

By Galily Khusnavieva

NUR-SULTAN – The Kazakh

government has introduced a new law that makes ministers, governors, and other state heads responsible for corruption among subordinates.

The new law envisages two types of responsibilities. The first is the responsibility of political civil servants to ensure after a court
voting come into force in case of a corruption offense by subordi-
nates appointed by that political civil servant.

The second is a disciplinary re-

The law came into effect on Nov. 2.

"In general, the situation is such
that if an employer is the most
stable, the employee, is the most
stable. Therefore, if the top officials in their institu-
tions have one structure. Therefore,
their employees were systemati-

cally corrupt.

The new amendments are intro-
duced to the anti-crisis and anti-cor-

The minister will be liable if
his deputies, executive secretary, heads of staff or regional divi-
sions commit offense. The vice
minister is responsible for the heads of subdivisonal departments and independent structural units.

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Tokayev, Zheenbekov hold talks on wide-ranging cooperation, EAEU in Bishkek

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Kazakhstan’s Permanent Mis-
sion to the United Nations in
New York last Dec. 5 to 7 in-
creased its experience in negoti-
at ing from conflict zones and
their transition into society,
said the UN’s special represen-
tative.

The event gathered nearly 130 UN
missionaries, international
 specialised organisations and
NGOs, representatives of the
Kyrgyz delegation was headed by
Deputy Minister of Foreign
Affairs Maksat Kozhagali.

Kazakhstan, like Kyrgyzstan,
has just started to develop and
find new areas of joint work that
are consistent with the spirit and
nature of the Astana-Kyrgyzstan
countries cooperation,
according to Tokayev, according
to the Astana Hub and the IT Un-
iversity.

Regarding the condition of the
nationwide civil conflict, Zheen-
bekov noted that the developmen-
tal cooperation of cultural
and intellectual interaction be-
comes of utmost importance.

"Kyrgyzstan is a good neigh-
bouri for Kazakhstan. We have a
common history, a common
language, religion, values. It is
necessary to cooperate more
actively on important issues of
international agenda," said Zheen-
bekov, adding Kassym-Jomart
Tokayev.

In particular, he proposed in the
future to organise reciprocal
Days of Culture, which were held
earlier and "Strengthen our rela-
tions of friendship with Kyrgyz-
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Among the paths of working with
Kazakhstan, Tokayev high-
lighted the benefits of the Kal-
ys Republic’s integration with
Central Asian neighbours that
allow for
China and Russia are great
neighbours of Kazakhstan. They
know the One Belt, One Rail
initiative, which is not only
reason as Europe, as Germans,
said Tokayev, are one of the key
partners in economic pro-
jects in the development of the
Central Asian region.

During their talks, Tokayev and
Markel focused on developing
economic cooperation as well as
the political dialogue comprised
in the Astana-Central Asian
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"We hope to have a chance to
work with China and Russia and
countries both from Syria and Iraq.
"We are an important transport
corridor in the region of Syria and
countries, as well as investment
in itself. We will continue to work
together. We will do everything in
our power to ensure that business and
investment from Germany come
to our country, feel safe and sus-
ceptible to provide special conditions for
the companies of both countries.

We must develop our
potential for cooperation with
"Our close integration with our
neighbours makes us great allies in good
interests. We have good hopes that we
will have support of our friends
and do not experience any fears.
"We have the opportunity of
take part in the work of the Astana
Center.

"It was a great honour for us
to talk with Chancel-
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visit Finland, but also
the economic area," said
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Kazakhstan, the National University of
Science and Technology, the Kazakh National
University of Al-Farabi, as well as with German
cities like Munich and Berlin.

The German representatives
expressed interest in participating
in the Astana Hub and the IT
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Kich, a Japanese multinational imaging and electronics company, reports that international conference held Nov. 29 attract –son of the Board Rustam Zhur-

AIFC aims to improve educational technologies

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The team's long-term plan is to commercialise the project, so they will be using hydrogen cars and our long-term plan is to make the project more ambitious. The main demand is developing the HydroPlat project was finding specialists.

The challenge was in getting into the project, because in Kazakhstani we don't really have a lot of experts in the field of energy and hydrogen cars. It will be difficult for us, because we have some shortcomings from experts. It’s not only local people who help us and advise us, the whole country is.

AIFC CEO Serik Qaunaqv co-founder and CEO of HydroPlat, Elerbaev said, "Our short-term plan is to test the cars and in 2020 we might be using hydrogen cars, and rate in their performance, and even though it might seem impossible now, but in five years we’ve been using hydrogen cars, and it’s a necessity to switch to non- petroleum fuel vehicles, which are either hydrogen cars or electric cars. Even though there are some electric cars, they are not going to last as much as hydrogen cars will, because hydrogen cars can potentially become a common way of getting back to the fuel cells, and fuel cells are used in hydrogen cars. Our nanostructures can be made of fuel cells, so we might use the fuel cells for this purpose, hydrogen cars are a lot better than even electric cars, but they are not popular because it’s too expensive, and by using HydroPlat in hydrogen cars manufacturing we'll be able to produce them at a cheaper price, which will make them more al-

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Kazakh Independence Day also celebrates three decades of international partnerships

By Galia Kishimishkina

NUR-SULTAN—Newly-appointed Hungarian Ambassador to Kazakhstan Dr. Szilvia Heizer has been continuing the embassy’s work to strengthen political, economic and cultural cooperation between the two countries.

“The relations between the two countries are excellent. If we are to talk about Kazakhstan and Hungary at this moment, it seems that the relations of our countries are not only stable but also very promising,” she said in an exclusive interview with The Astana Times.

Heizer, who is the first Hungarian diplomat to be appointed as a full ambassador to Kazakhstan, was named by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban to his post in Astana last month. She has had the opportunity to visit Kazakhstan several times in recent years.

“Kazakhstan is a very important country for Hungary. It is the only such partner in Central Asia and Hungary is the only such partner in Central Asia in the European Union, which sees Kazakhstan as a strategic partner or as a partner that is very important,” said Heizer.

As for the future of the relationship, Heizer said, “I think there is a space here to bring Hungarian agricultural products and food. We are active in other fields as well. I think the focus should be on the food sector, not only on the export imbalances now, but also in investments,” she said.

Financial cooperation will soon be evident, as Hungary has already taken an active part in the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC). The country will be opening a representative office of Hungarian Export and Investment Bank EXIM and other financial organisations are expected to be involved in becoming involved. He noted financial cooperation will be important because it will demonstrate to Hungarian business that there are plenty of offers of having the nation’s banks present here in Kazakhstan. He added that the capital city of Astana, which is the capital city of Kazakhstan, will give guarantees and easy the process.

Heizer noted Kazakhstan-Hungarian cooperation is based on good diplomatic relations between the nations, as scientific research, education and tourism. One of the main topics is the fact that the two countries have a lot of overlap in their respective national development plans. He said, “I think the future will be a new basis of our cooperation. They will work in financial, economic, political and cultural fields and will be the key partner between the two countries. It is a long-term investment from the Hungarian side. We hope the interest of Hungarian students towards Kazakhstan will also increase,” he said.

The Hungarian embassy in Astana is also helping with cultural and humanitarian projects, particularly gathering culturally active students in different Hungarian cities for singing, dancing and participating in the Hungarian life.

The geographic distance between the nations makes cooperation slightly more difficult, but Wizzair direct flights, which opened in 2017, help to connect different large groups of people who want to travel to Hungary.

“Thanks to Wizzair flights, young people are travelling there quite often. There is no such flight from Central Europe, so it is a long-term investment from the Hungarian side. We hope the interest of Hungarian students towards Kazakhstan will also increase,” he said.

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Baiterek Holding creates favourable investment climate, suggests ways to minimise risks in market

By Almira Vergilieva

NUR-SULTAN – Baiterek Na-
tional Management Holding attracts investments by creating support
for foreign investors from the ini-
tial stages of projects to the apart-
tement through implementation, Baiterek
Chair Aidar Arifkhanov said at the
Astana Times in an exclusive in-
terview.

Baiterek is the Kazakh govern-
ment’s key financial agent respon-
sible for the country’s diversifi-
cation and sustainable economic
growth. It manages 11 state de-
velopment institutions, financial
organisations and national com-
panies. The holding attracted ap-
proximately $2.95 billion in for-
eign investment from 2016 to the first
half of 2019.

The company’s main focus is
building positive relations with inter-
national financial organisations, banks, in-
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companies, noted Arifkhanov. It
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ested in establishing cooperation
with Dutch companies on projects
both in Kazakhstan and abroad.

The holding is ready to assist in the
division of Dutch companies into the
Kazakh market by providing a
web of 11 subsidiaries (that in-
clude) searching for a co-investment
development of project document-
attainment, risk management and
effectiveness, he said.

“the foreign participants of the
Kazakhstan-Dutch business forum
drew great interest in the hold-
ing’s tools,” he added.

As part of the forum, the Dutch
company Farm Frise and the Kaz-
akh KAG companies signed an agreement to establish an agri-
cultural products processing fac-
ility in Kazakhstan. The project “is
currently under consideration by the
Development Bank of Kazakhstan,”
which is a subsidiary of the
holding, and Arifkhanov.

The Netherlands is Kazak-
stan’s biggest investor and one of
its leading European Union (EU)
trading partners. According to the
Kazakhstan National Bank, its gross
inflow of direct investment from the
Netherlands-based compa-
ies reached more than €3 bil-
lion from 2005-2018. The figure
for the first half of 2019 was $4.4.

Among the major Dutch inves-
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The forum was held as the city is creating its development strategy for the next five years, under the guidance of First President Nursultan Nazarbayev's 2018 state-of-the-nation address.

Three major clusters of the city have already been created: an industrial cluster, an innovation ecosystem of the city, and a business cluster.

By Yelena Levkovich

Shymkent and Turkestan regions have launched new prototypes of the idea at a joint forum.

By Gulya Khasanovna

NUR-SULTAN – The Center for Research and Consulting (CRC) is a relatively young and growing company with the vision of becoming one of Kazakhstan's leading management consulting specialists in strategy, regulatory support, and public policy, to make the country more competitive and attractive for all people.

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Barys HC celebrated their 20th anniversary with a 5-1 victory over Dynamo Minsk. The celebration was attended by Belka Akhmetzhanov, the Rector of the Narxoz University, and Askar Mamin, the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan.

Belka noted the legendary players who played in Kazakhstan and has been around for 20 years: “I've cheered for Kazakhstan playing for the third time, are the world number ones in the capital is a special city for him, he sees it as a crucial time in his life.”

Berys, a graduate of Harvard University, explained in an interview with The Astana Times that “this is one of the main advantages of the dual programme that is the agreement between universities makes it possible to form a global network of demanding students. For two years after graduation, they will receive degrees from both universities.”

Narxoz University Rector and U.S. Academy of Sciences member Andrew Wachtel explained in an interview with The Astana Times that “the dual programme is the result of a fruitful dialogue between the universities of the UAE (United Arab Emirates) and the U.S. and Canada, the University has also benefited from the dual programme.

The university offers joint degrees in law, economics, business, management, and information technology. Students have the opportunity to take courses at the University of California in Santa Barbara, London School of Economics and Political Science, and the University of Manchester. They can also participate in internships at large companies, such as Ford, Google, and Microsoft.

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Social workers start adaptation for children returned from Iraq

By Aisuluu Yrgazhiyeva

NUR-SULTAN – Karakoram's humanitarian operation on Nov. 27 brought 16 children back to their homeland from an Iraqi prison, where they have been held for two years with their mothers. The life "after" will be marked by courses of rehabilitation at Pravo public foundation for two years with their mothers. The Ministry's official who preferred to remain anonymous said that the children were brought from an Iraqi prison in March, said The Astana Times.

"After they arrive in Karakoram, they will be in our (Pravo) centers alongside with mothers; some come to be engaged in terroristic acts. So we want them to have a new life and (we want) them to forget quickly. They are mostly little. Many of them were born in the camps where their parents were held behind bars," he said.

The public, however, should put an end to it. You need to work with the children, and to all children. If a child has committed an offence or a crime, even the most serious one, this does not mean that you need to put an end to it. You need to work with him," he said.

So, what is the “after” for the children?

"We will now go to the children's rehabilitation centre, where children will be for some time while they will have full medical check-up, and then a range of inspections, and then will just have their relatives, grandmothers and grandfathers, aunts and uncles," Azamat Sam, Karakoram's Ombudsman for Children’s Rights told The Astana Times.

The project has launched services in Nur-Sultan, Aktobe and Almaty.

"We recently signed our first franchise deal in Kazakhstan. Currently, we have a goal to reach 1 million people in five years. In other words, we will have one million conscientious people who will pressure all those who are unaware," he said.
Astana Ballet finishes first California tour

By Galyla Khasenkhaleeva

NUR-SULTAN - Astana Ballet performed for the first time on the United States' West Coast, reported in press service, Three Golden Age - Los An- geles, San Diego and San Fran- cisco. The event was part of national art and work of modern choreographers.

“The national dance has a con- siderable influence on us. It is abso- lutely different in body plasticity and mood, which we do not often see, especially in California. This evening was a pleasant discovery for me and I hope to someday see the performance of this beautiful troupe again,” said San Francisco resident Susan Galant.

For four days, Astana Ballet artists showed their skills on the west coast. They performed in San Francisco, California Centre für die künstlerischen Kulturen der Welt, San Diego and the famous Saban Theatre in Los Angeles, which in December started hosting the festival.

“California and Astana became acquainted with each other after the Astana International Ballet Festival, which includes examples of Kazakh traditional dance, folk and contem- porary music, and Kazakh folk-art images. The artists also presented an unusual performance, a check in the wall in order to finally this time it is like a strong, lasting and at last is becoming very big in China. Distributors got interest- ed and at last is becoming very big in China. Distributors got interest- ed our movies were full. It was very flattering. People were well prepered and actively asked questions,” said Kowandov.

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The film festival itself has been growing in prestige, delighting the international art world and Kazakh film’s co-producers.

“We have a very emotional ballet,” Dvortsevoy told reporters.

“Ayka” is about a young Kyrgyz immigrant who lives and works illegally in Moscow. After an un- wanted pregnancy, the abandoned baby is in a hospital.

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“Bravo, it was a great perform- ance at a very high level. It is nice that they brought a varied movie and the national ballet. It allowed the artists to present themselves in different roles. I think the troupe has a great future – we will be glad to see them again in the United States,” said Los Angeles resident Brian Mitchell. While the audience named the complex programme, active tour schedule, daily performances and bright future of the troupe was a child's dream. The performance inspired the characters. Upon returning to Kazakhstan, Astana Ballet artists will start preparations for the big winter perform- ance of “Cinderella” from Dec. 23-29, and the New Year performance of “The Nutcracker” from Dec. 26-31.

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Kazakhstan Paramount Engineering delivers new batch of armoured vehicles to Lebanon to defend ministry

By Aidana Yergaliyeva

NUR-SULTAN – Kazakhstan Paramount Engineering (KPE) delivered a series of Arlan 4x4 mine-protected armoured wheeled vehicles (AWVs) Nov. 25 to the Ministry of Defence and Special Services Divisions.

KPE is a joint-venture of the Paramount Group, a global aerospace and technology company based in South Africa, and the KPE Kazakhstan Consortium. Founded in 2004, the company produces advanced military vehicles such as the Paramount Pantser, the multirole Paramount Pantser Marauder and the Paramount Pantser Marauder 4X4. It has a quick turn-around, capable of reaching up to 120 kilometres per hour and a range of 700 kilometres. The vehicle can ford 50-centimetres deep and is able to climb 45-degree slopes and 35-percent gradients.

“Our vision is to play a leading role in the canyon of leading companies in Kazakhstan in enhancing local capabilities and leading next-generation, export-oriented technologies and economic growth in the region,” said Kilikovite.

KPE is one of the leading defense companies in Kazakhstan and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) region. The company began production of Arlan 4x4 in November 2015 and presented the vehicle at the KACEX 2016 Defence Expo. Its armoured vehicle factory is one of the largest and most modern plants of its type in the region. Paramount Group was founded in 1994.

The strong growth of Kazakhstan Paramount Engineering, driven through indigenous manufacturing solutions, has been an important success story. The portfolio manufacturing model that we have pioneered around the world has enhanced indigenous capability, high-skills training and local employment.

The Arlan has a modular design, allowing the addition or removal of equipment. The vehicle can also withstand the shock and noise generated by engines and offer increased protection against mines blast.

The Arlan provides STANAG 4569 Level 3 ballistic protection against small arms ammunition and Level 4a and 5b protection against mines and anti-vehicle mines.

The vehicle is also equipped with a communication and chemical biological protection (C3P) allowing it to survive radiation dust, opal and/or biological attacks. It also has ventilation equipment to purify the air inside the cabin for several hours.

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Campaign against domestic violence underway in Nur-Sultan

By Yelena Levkovich

NUR-SULTAN – The national awareness raising campaign, “16 Days Against Violence” launched in the Kazakh capital Nov. 25. The campaign seeks to promote human rights work on masculinity and child care among the population, the Nur-Sultan activist (city administra- tion) explained on its website. The campaign is facilitated by the Nur-Sultan Police Depart- ment’s Local Police Service and UN-Narooma Kazakhstani with the support of Kazakh government bodies, non-governmental organi- sations and representatives of the public.

The domestic abuse situation in Kazakhstan is being intensively ob- served by the Local Police service. They have launched a telephone hotline for people in distress, and since the beginning of the year, ap- proximately 400 women have used it. The problems the women cite are common ones (most and they were needy and unable to count on the support of their own family mem- bers and were unable to protect themselves. Some of them didn’t want to involve the police, for fear their husbands would be arrested, and the help they offered them only access to psychological and moral assistance, legal advice, or even someone to simply listen to their problems.

Narxoz University’s Cross Shelter Cen- tre is another place where abused women can find support. Women and children can stay in the shelter for periods of time, receiving food, medical assistance. All the services are provided free of charge and on a non-profit basis. Those who need help can also apply for support through the centre’s 24-hour crisis line.

As part of the 16 Days campaign, Nur-Sultan hosted a roundtable discussion on the prevention of and response to violence against women, taken into account the needs of women with disabilities. The Nov. 28 event, held by the National Commission for Women and Fam- ily Democratic Policy under the Kazakh President and with techni- cal assistance from the United Na- tions Population Fund and the Kazakh Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, the State Welfare and Children’s Rights Protection, and the State Nationality and Religious Affairs Ministry, brought together representatives of the National Commiss- ion, state entities, civil society,

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Baikonur to be designated free economic zone

By Naiza Katalova

NUR-SULTAN – A free economic zone will be created at the Baikonur Cosmodrome to attract tourists to the world’s first and largest operational space launch facility, Kyzylorda Region Akim (Government) Kairat Sultangereyev told KazInform news agency Nov. 22.

“We have already developed the concept of a free economic zone. One of the aims of the free economic zone is the development of tourism. There are tourists and entertainment zones, which are included in the map of top 10 tourist priority destinations of our republic. As you know, Baikonur is a closed city and tourism is not developed there,” he said.

The actual (city administration) is planning to build hotels, museums, pavilions and observation platforms. “I think that there will be favorable conditions for the creation of tourism. From new facilities will be built, new hotels meeting international standards, museums, pavilions, observation platforms for space rocket flights and others,” he added.

The Baikonur development project, planned for 2021-2026, includes improving the area’s tourism, entertainment and industrial potential, noted Kyzylorda Region Department of Industrial and Innovative Development head Rinat Sultangereyev Nov. 25, according to Kazinform.

“The project implementation period is 25 years, from 2021 to 2046. The purpose here is the creation of a new industrial space for tourism, entertainment and tourism zone and the organization of tourism and entertainment zones. As a part of the development of the tourism potential of the region, the project is aimed at creating a new tourist area of space tourism at Cape Canaveral, he said.

“Seven-sixty million tenge ($96,746) was assigned from the regional budget for the development of a feasibility study project for the project. On the territory of the entertainment and tourism zones, there are plans to create an entertainment and tourism zone, which is actively promoted by the tourism potential of Baikonur, following the example of the success story of space tourism at Cape Canaveral,” the head noted.

“Funding for a feasibility study, a central facility and management will be allocated from the regional budget. “Seventy-six million tenge ($96,746) was assigned from the regional budget for the development of a feasibility study project for the project. On the territory of the entertainment and tourism zones, there are plans to create an entertainment and tourism zone,” the department head noted.

Creating the free economic zone is aimed towards the development of the industrial and innovative potential of Kazakhstan and Russia. The main objectives of the project are the development of industrial and innovative potential, including the field of space activities,” he added.

Kazakh Tourism launches tour for Chinese travel bloggers

By Yelena Levkovich

NUR-SULTAN – A free economic zone corresponds to priority development in the Central Asian region, Kyzylorda Region Akim Kairat Sultangereyev Nov. 25, according to Rinat Sultangereyev, noted Schengen tourism head Rinat Sultangereyev.

“A free economic zone is aimed towards developing the potential of Baikonur, following the example of the success story of the space rocket flights and others,” he said.

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“The priority areas here are the creation of entertainment and tourist zones, there are plans to create an entertainment and tourist zone of space tourism at Cape Canaveral,” the head noted.

The tour, initiated by Kazakh Tourism with the support of Capi- tal Partners Real Estate and Astana, the nation’s largest city, was aimed at highlighting the country, particularly Almaty and the Almaty Region, as an ideal destination for Chinese tourists.

The decision to invite them was not a random one. According to global data, Chinese tourists spent approximately $280 billion on travel, including winter tourism, which is actively promoted by popular bloggers.

The Chinese visitors spent their first day sightseeing in the city, becoming acquainted with the people, culture and cuisine and tasting traditional food – keft (cog- net or cheese), kazy (horse meat broth), kutuzh (fermented mare’s milk), beshbarmak (meat and noodles) and baursak (fried bread). They also had the option of visiting Esentai Mill, a luxury apartment positioned by the owners as the best shopping loca- tion in the Central Asian region, with prices 25 percent lower than similar malls in Dubai, Milan and Moscow.

The next day, the bloggers travelled by helicopter to Charyn Canyon, also known as Valley of Castles or Red Canyon, a site which afforded them a bird’s-eye view of the landscape. After a quick walk with the counselors, the guests were treated to a lunch in the traditional Kazakh yurt and got dressed in traditional garb. That evening, Kazakh Tourism covered and directed us officially on their visits.

Chinese citizens are permitted to visit Kazakhstan for three days under the 72-hour visa-free regime. The final day the travelers visited Shymbulak Mountain Resort, where they enjoyed views of the Carpathian Almaty moun- tains and photographed golden eagles.

“I want to live here forever! It is only the third day of my stay in Al- maty, but it seems I have spent the entire week here so many activi- ties, meeting new friends, eating so much delicious food! I plan to bring my parents here next spring,” she said.

“I’ve been to the UK and South Korea, but I have never been to Almaty,” said Zuo Ensyao, who with 57 million followers, is one of the China’s most popular fash- ionistas and travel bloggers.

Syzy Sairysheva, who counts more than two million followers, agreed with her colleague, noting Chi- nese tourists would appreciate learning more about the history of the Silk Road and seeing the an- cient Kazakh cities and mausoleums.

“The next time I arrive here I will try to use my platform to capture kep- philinian dunes,” she noted.

“In autumn, Baikonur, the Ministry of Culture and Sport in- tend to extend the visa free transit stay up to 120 days. The five-day period will allow visitors the oppor- tunity to travel to several cities or tourist destinations.

Last year, Kazakh Tourism in- vited four bloggers to visit Almaty, Shymkent and the East Kazakh Region. The bloggers spent nine days in Kazakhstan, express- ing their emotions online in videos and social media posts followed by 145 million viewers.

Kazakh Schengen visa applications increase 26% since 2016

By Zhanna Shayakhmetova

NUR-SULTAN – Schengen visa applications increased 26 percent in the last two years, reported Schengen visa stats. After a five-year low of 124,778 applications in 2016, Kazakhstan passport holders have increased the number to 157,688, the highest indicator in the last half-decade.

According to the most recent Schengen Visa statistics, embassies in Kazakhstan processed ap- proximately 160,000 applications in 2018, of which 149,575 were approved.

Schengen refers to the European Union (EU) passport-free zone covering most of the union’s member states. A Schengen visa allows a person to travel to any of its 26 member countries for up to 90-day tourist or business stay.

The number of short-term visa applications filed at the Schengen embassies in Kazakhstan increased in relation to the worldwide number of visa applications received, noted Schengen Visa info expert Ella Worehead.

“The number of applications received at the embassies and consulates in Kazakhstan is not marked drastic changes except for the one decrease, which compared to 2016 and 2017, was about a 25 percent de- crease and increase, respectively. Yet, if we look at the overall number of Schengen applications worldwide, the lowest number of applications was filed in 2015, in the same year that applications from Kazakhstan hit the lowest as well,” she said.

Kazakh applications increased again in 2018 to approximately 8 percent more than 2014, she added. The launch of European low-cost flights from Nur-Sultan Airport and removal of Kazakh tariffs from the European air safety list allowing them to fly to Europe were among the main rea- sons for the increase.

More than 40,700 applications received multiplied-entry approval, permitting the visa holder to ex- tend the Schengen zone more than once using the same visa without exceeding the permitted number of days of stay.

The proportion of special appli- cations has increased. While only 2.2 percent were denied in 2014, the percentage more than doubled in 2018 to 4.8 percent.

The German consulates in Kazakh are the highest number of visa applications, with 40,829 requests received.

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Italy is also a favorite Schen- gen-area country for Kazakh visi- tors. The Italian consulate was second to Germany in receiving 20,000 applications. Of these sub- mitted, 1,147 were refused.
Kazakhstan plans seven new sports facilities to promote athletics

By Nazira Kambasheva

NUR-SULTAN – Kazakhstan is working to draw its residents and attract young people. We can almost achieve the result with professionals who understand that our sports have. On the part of your federation for the challenges and support of a culture of fair sports. It inspires me that your sports representatives understand this. Already three or five-kilometre races.

The Kazakh breaststroke swimmer Moldir Mekenbayeva won a gold medal in the 200-metre breaststroke at the 2019 World Short Course Swimming Championships held in Doha, Qatar, the second time she won this event.

For Moldir Mekenbayeva, winning is a dream come true. In 2015, the young athlete came to Prague to compete in the European Short Course Championships. She won two medals, a gold and a silver. Since then, Moldir has been developing in the swimming pool. Her second victory in Doha consolidates her position among the best in the world and confirms her growth and her consistency.

Moldir Mekenbayeva noted that the training in Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan, helped her achieve this result. She particularly thanked her coach, Roman Grigoryan, for his support. "We are really happy. We worked a lot, trained a lot, and this result came. I want to thank my coach, my entire family and the whole of Kazakhstan."

During the medal ceremony, Moldir Mekenbayeva received the gold medal and the flag of Kazakhstan. The young athlete also received a medal from the International Swimming Federation (FINA) for her participation in the World Championships, which was presented to her by FINA President Husain Al-Musallam.

The National Olympic Committee of Kazakhstan congratulates Moldir Mekenbayeva on her success and expresses its confidence in the athlete’s further development. The sportswoman returns to Kazakhstan today. The Astana Olympic Committee is going to welcome Moldir with honors.

"Three months of training in Astana helped me a lot. I was able to gain a lot of knowledge and experience from the best athletes of the world, who have already won a lot of medals at international competitions," said Moldir.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank all my colleagues and coaches who have supported me and were always there for me," added Moldir.

The Astana Olympic Committee plans to build several winter sport facilities in the capital. According to data provided by the Astana Olympic Committee, 29 percent of Nur-Sultan residents engage in sports.

Balandin wins gold, silver…

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Wilson won the silver in the 100 breaststroke race, finishing in 1:09.53, while Miller took the gold in 1:08.70.

Ashwin also took part to represent Kazakhstan at the tournament. Balandin, 24, won gold at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, where he set a new world record in the 200 breaststroke, 2:27.46.

Balandin, updated

FAC Astana beats Manchester United

By Galina Klimovskaia

NUR-SULTAN – «FAC Astana» defeated «Manchester United» FC in the quarterfinals of the UEFA Youth League, which was held in Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan.

The match was held at the Astana Olympic Stadium. Thespiel was characterized by high intensity and many goals. «FAC Astana» won the match with a score of 4:2. The young players from Astana played an excellent match, showing great technical skills and tactical awareness.

The victory of «FAC Astana» was a great success for the club and its coaches. «Manchester United» FC, one of the most successful youth clubs in the world, was a strong opponent. However, «FAC Astana» managed to overcome the challenge and secure a memorable victory.

The young players of «FAC Astana» demonstrated their skills and showed great potential. They played with passion and determination, making it difficult for «Manchester United» FC to score. «FAC Astana» will move on to the semi-finals of the UEFA Youth League, where they will face «PSG» from Paris.

The win is a great achievement for «FAC Astana» and a stepping stone towards their future success. The club is working hard to develop its youth program and to produce talented footballers who can compete at the highest level.

It is worth noting that «FAC Astana» is one of the key football clubs in Kazakhstan and is known for its strong youth academy. The club has been successful in various domestic and international competitions, and this victory is a testament to its continued growth and development.

The UEFA Youth League is an important tournament for young football players, as it provides them with a platform to showcase their skills and compete against the best teams in Europe. The winners of the tournament will qualify for the UEFA European Under-19 Championship.

The victory of «FAC Astana» is a great achievement for the club and its coaches. The young players have demonstrated their skills and potential, and the club is working hard to develop their talent further. The future is bright for «FAC Astana», and they will continue to make their mark on the footballing world.

Athlete wins gold at UEI Ju-jitsu Championships

By Galina Klimovskaia

NUR-SULTAN – «Kazakhstan»'s athlete Moldir Mekenbayeva won a gold medal in the 200-metre breaststroke at the 2019 World Short Course Swimming Championships held in Doha, Qatar.

The swimming event was part of the World Short Course Swimming Championships, which was held in Doha, Qatar. The event was attended by the best swimmers from around the world.

Moldir Mekenbayeva exhibited great skill and technique in the competition, winning the gold medal with a time of 2:01.17. She was followed by Canada's Jessica McNeill, who won the silver medal with a time of 2:02.34, and Russia's Sofya Kuznetsova, who took the bronze medal with a time of 2:03.40.

Moldir Mekenbayeva expressed her joy and satisfaction with her performance, stating that she was proud of her achievements and grateful for the support of her coaches and fellow athletes.

The World Short Course Swimming Championships is one of the most prestigious competitions in the world, and Moldir Mekenbayeva's victory demonstrated her talent and potential as a world-class athlete.

The Kazakhstan Swimming Federation congratulated Moldir Mekenbayeva on her success and expressed its confidence in her continued development. The Federation is working hard to develop its youth program and to produce talented swimmers who can compete at the highest level.

The victory of Moldir Mekenbayeva is a testament to the hard work and dedication of her coaches and fellow athletes, as well as the support of the Kazakhstan Swimming Federation. The Federation is committed to providing its athletes with the best possible training and development opportunities, and the athletes of Kazakhstan have shown their potential at the highest level.
By Nazira Kabaeva

NUR-SULTAN – Public discussion, building maintenance and commercialisation are necessary to save the city's architectural heritages, said former mayor and current Nur-Sultan Region head architect Yerulan Saparbayev at the opening of the centre-east and centre-west districts under the work of the State, Problems and Recommendations Committee for Construction, Infrastructural Development’s head architect.

“The main objective of the project is to improve the environment in our city. The technology of electric engine preheating allows car owners to reduce fuel consumption and reduce carbon emissions. The engine will always be in a warm state, which is nine times more than other cars,” he explained.

“In principle, the city has in face. Somehow, but we can’t say it all is bad. But it’s like a family – we want everything in one and we have nothing, not only skills to do everything all together. Tide is always there,” Yelena Levkovich, who is the executive director of the NGO, said.

“Tide opened the lecture by sharing the work with the world’s best Good Radon’s head architect. He emphasised the importance of the logic between the government and the family, he said.”

“People are buying and buying everything. We know that until 2030 is a long time. If the government will allocate 184 billion tenge (US$476.9 million) has been ear-

Inclusion support office opens at school

By Svetlana Levkovich

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“With an eye towards the cold weather, the city administration with the support of the Asian Development Bank launched the car engine block heating project based on French technology. The innovative idea is expected to have a positive effect on the environment and ease of services for drivers.

“Waste special attention is given to the city’s transport system efficiency, reduction of carbon emissions. The engine will always be in a warm state, which is nine times more than other cars,” he explained.

“I guess such a great joy just before the fact that you are doing charity. I’d like to thank everyone who’s been supporting the organisation,” Mrs. Surerbekova said.

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