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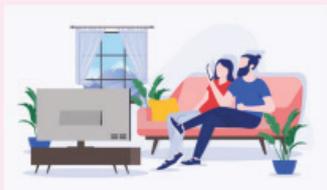
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Founding Members of British Chamber





Dear members,

As we move into the second half of the year, it's a great time to reflect on the progress we've made and look ahead to what's next.

2025 has already been an exciting and productive year for the Chamber with growing membership, a wider range of sectors represented, and a strong calendar of events across Almaty, Astana, and Atyrau. From strategic sessions on AI and sustainability to community-focused initiatives, we've been proud to see the Chamber network expand in both reach and impact.

We're now planning for the busy winter season, with several key events already in development. If your company would like to participate, speak, host, or support an event, please contact Dinara as soon as possible so we can include your involvement and highlight it in our upcoming newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you a productive and enjoyable summer ahead.

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Networking Reception in Honor of the Mining Trade Mission

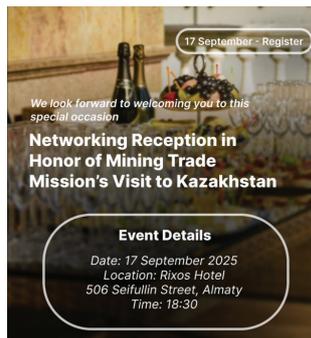
On **17 September 2025**, the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan, in collaboration with the British Embassy in Kazakhstan, successfully held a Networking Reception in honor of the Mining Trade Mission’s visit to Kazakhstan at Rixos Almaty.

The evening brought together industry leaders, diplomats, and representatives from the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Kazakhstan, and other international partners — providing an excellent platform for dialogue, business networking, and collaboration in the mining sector.

The Chamber was also pleased to welcome the participation of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which further enriched the evening’s international engagement.

Special thanks to our co-organizers — the British Embassy in Kazakhstan (@ukinkz) and the Embassy of the Netherlands in Kazakhstan (@nlincentralasia) — and to our valued sponsor @lifeatriotinto for their support in making this event possible.

An evening of meaningful connections, global partnership, and shared vision for the sustainable future of the mining industry in Kazakhstan.





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Tourism Horizons: Kazakhstan’s Challenges and Opportunities

On 16 October 2025, the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan, together with Qazaq National Parks (@qnp.kz), the Qazaq National Parks Foundation (@qnpfoundation), and ITraveler.kz (@itraveler.kz), hosted an inspiring event — Tourism Horizons: Kazakhstan’s Challenges and Opportunities — at the Altyn Emel Visitor Center.

The event brought together experts, partners, and travel enthusiasts to discuss the future of sustainable tourism in Kazakhstan.

Key discussion points included:

- Integration of education and tourism
- Eco-tourism and preservation of national parks
- Village revival through tourism
- Slow travel and ethical exploration
- Cultural and gastronomic tourism

The day concluded with dynamic discussions, valuable insights, and a shared vision for promoting authentic, responsible, and sustainable tourism across Kazakhstan.

We express our sincere appreciation to Qazaq National Parks, the Qazaq National Parks Foundation, and all speakers, partners, and participants whose contributions and enthusiasm made this event a great success





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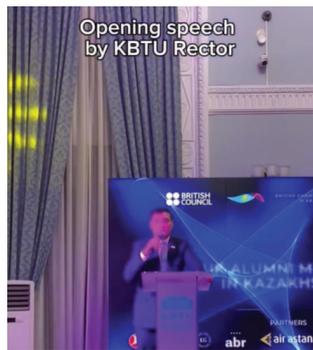
UK Alumni Gathering at KBTU

On 10 October 2025, the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan in partnership with the British Council and the Kazakh-British Technical University (KBTU), hosted the UK Alumni Gathering — a special evening celebrating the enduring connection between Kazakhstan and the United Kingdom. The event brought together members of the UK Alumni community for an inspiring night of networking, meaningful conversations, and shared achievements.

This year’s gathering was honoured by the presence of John Alderdice, Baron Alderdice — Member of the House of Lords of the United Kingdom, renowned mediator and expert in conflict resolution, and a prominent figure in strengthening international cooperation.

KBTU kindly hosted the event in honour of Baron Alderdice’s visit, providing an exceptional venue that contributed to the warm and engaging atmosphere of the evening. We extend our sincere thanks to KBTU for their sponsorship and support.

Guests enjoyed an inspiring environment that highlighted the strong educational and professional ties between the two countries, fostering continued collaboration and exchange among alumni. *A memorable evening dedicated to connection, collaboration, and community.*



Key Amendments to the Tax Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan: What Oil & Gas and Oilfield Service Companies Need to Know

On 22 October 2025, the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan, in collaboration with EY (Ernst & Young), hosted an online webinar dedicated to the key updates of the new Tax Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

During the session, EY experts discussed major legislative changes, their impact on businesses, and practical steps for adaptation under the new regulations.

The event attracted a wide audience of finance professionals, legal experts, and company executives, providing valuable insights into the evolving tax landscape and compliance requirements in Kazakhstan.





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Key Amendments to the Tax Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan: What Oil & Gas and Oilfield Service Companies Need to Know

On 5 November 2025, On 5 November 2025, the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan, together with PwC Kazakhstan and PetroCouncil.kz, held a seminar in Atyrau dedicated to the key amendments to the Tax Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan and their implications for oil and gas and oilfield service companies.

During the session, PwC experts provided an in-depth overview of:

- Taxation of subsoil users
- Corporate income tax
- Value-added tax (VAT)
- International taxation
- Personal income tax

The event gathered finance directors, tax managers, compliance officers, and industry professionals, fostering discussion on current tax challenges and compliance practices in Kazakhstan's energy sector.

A similar seminar was also held in Aktau on **18 November 2025**, bringing together local representatives of the oil and gas industry and continuing the Chamber's commitment to supporting professional dialogue and knowledge sharing across Kazakhstan's key energy hubs.

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Oil & Gas Strategic Partnership Development Council

Key Amendments to the Tax Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan:
WHAT OIL & GAS AND OILFIELD SERVICE COMPANIES NEED TO KNOW

Event Details
18 November, 2025
09:30 - 11:30
Aktau, Holiday Inn Seaside, Microdistrict 15 Samal
Language: Russian

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55, Aiteke Bi Str., Atyrau, River Palace
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Kazakh Composers of the 19th–20th Centuries

On 7 November 2025, the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan in collaboration with Pianos Music and Art Center (@pianos.kz), hosted an exclusive Private Members' Event dedicated to the Kazakh Composers of the 19th–20th Centuries.

The evening celebrated the rich heritage of Kazakh classical music, featuring pianist Laura Alypspayeva and opera singer Bogdan Shevchenko, whose performances created an inspiring and intimate atmosphere where art, culture, and business came together.

Guests enjoyed elegant fine drinks and refreshments kindly provided by @esentai.gourmet, Ararat, and Aqqu Cafe, adding a refined touch to the evening's cultural experience.

It was a memorable night honoring Kazakhstan's musical legacy, uniting the Chamber community through appreciation of art and tradition.





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Welcome Our New Member: Altai Horizons and ITraveler.kz



The British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan was delighted to welcome Altai Horizons as a new member of the Chamber community.

Altai Horizons is a consulting firm that helps businesses expand globally, bridge markets, and connect cultures.

With deep expertise in market entry, legal compliance, localization, and leadership development, the company supports sustainable growth and cross-border collaboration.

Operating between Kazakhstan, China, Russia, and Europe, Altai Horizons serves as a connector between emerging markets and global opportunities, helping companies navigate international business landscapes successfully.

We are excited to have Altai Horizons on board and look forward to building impactful collaborations within the BritCham community.

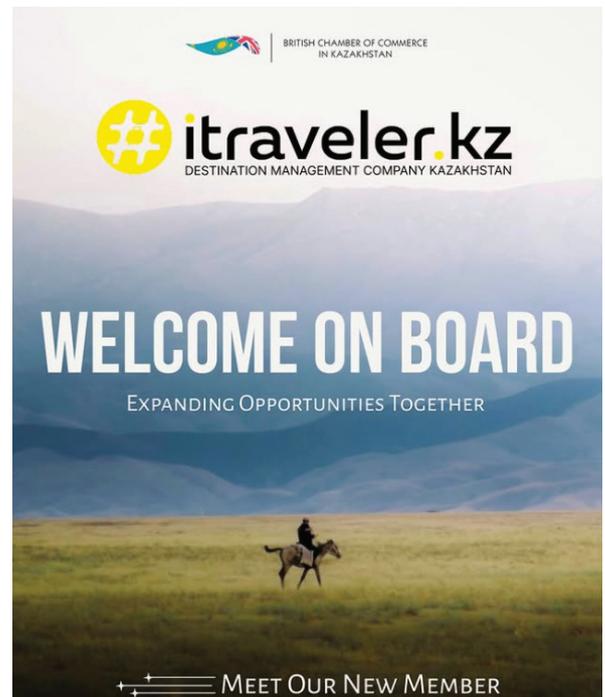
In August 2025, the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan was delighted to welcome ITraveler.kz as a new member of the Chamber community.

ITraveler.kz is one of Kazakhstan's leading destination management companies, specializing in active recreation and eco-tourism. Passionate about showcasing the natural beauty of Kazakhstan, the team creates unique, author-designed tours that immerse travelers in the country's culture, cuisine, and landscapes.

Their modern, user-friendly platform allows for convenient online booking and reflects today's dynamic travel trends.

By joining the Chamber, ITraveler.kz strengthens international business connections and supports the development of sustainable tourism in Kazakhstan.

We look forward to fostering future collaboration and growth together within the BritCham network. Expanding opportunities together.





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New Committee Member: Assylbek Jakiyev

We are delighted to introduce Mr. Assylbek Jakiyev, Chairman of the Kazakhstan Oil and Gas Council (PetroCouncil), as the new Committee Member of the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan.

Mr. Jakiyev is a KIMEP University graduate and holds a Master’s degree from the University of Trento (Italy) and the University of Regensburg (Germany) through the Bolashak Scholarship. He also completed an Executive Master’s program at the prestigious Graduate Institute of Geneva, Switzerland.

He brings extensive expertise from the oil and gas sector, having held senior roles at the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs “Atameken” and serving as Head of the Regional Chamber of Entrepreneurs in Atyrau. In addition, he has been a university lecturer and was elected for three consecutive terms to the Atyrau Regional Maslikhat.

The graphic features a dark purple background with a stylized city skyline at the bottom. At the top, the text reads: "INTRODUCING OUR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN KAZAKHSTAN". In the center is a circular portrait of Assylbek Jakiyev, a man in a dark suit and light blue shirt. Below the portrait is a white rectangular box containing a small red flag with the Union Jack on the left, and the text: "Assylbek Jakiyev", "Chairman of the Kazakhstan Oil and Gas Council (PetroCouncil)".



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New Member Spotlight: Fortune Partners and Global Account

We are delighted to welcome Fortune Partners

Fortune Partners is a Kazakhstan-based legal and tax advisory firm renowned for its expertise in taxation, customs, corporate law, and cross-border transactions. With a team holding international qualifications (LLM, ADIT) and extensive experience in both national and international cases — including litigation at the Supreme Court level — Fortune Partners provides trusted advisory services to a wide range of businesses, from large investors to mid-sized companies.

What sets them apart:

- Proven track record in tax & customs litigation
- Deep insight into Kazakhstan's evolving tax legislation
- Business-oriented approach to compliance and risk management
- Support for international structuring and investment projects

Their philosophy is based on clarity, advocacy, and partnership, helping clients build sustainable and legally sound businesses in Kazakhstan and beyond.

We are delighted to welcome Global Account to the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan!

With over 20 years of expertise, Global Account provides comprehensive services in accounting, tax consulting, and legal support for entrepreneurs, as well as small and medium-sized businesses.

The firm offers a full range of accounting and legal solutions — from bookkeeping and tax optimisation to legal due diligence, contract support, and protection of business interests — ensuring reliability, compliance, and efficient operations at every stage.

We look forward to collaborating and supporting the Chamber community together.

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New Member Spotlight: Hone Your English and Narxoz

Welcome to our new member, Hone Your English!

We're delighted to welcome Hone Your English to the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan!

Based in the UK and supported by the Department for Business & Trade, Hone Your English delivers specialised Business English training for corporate teams in sectors such as manufacturing, energy, and logistics.

If you want your team to work safely, communicate clearly in meetings, present ideas with confidence, and build stronger international relationships, Hone Your English can help.

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Founder & Director



Welcome to our new member, Narxoz University!

We are pleased to welcome Narxoz University as a new member of the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan!

Narxoz is one of Kazakhstan’s leading universities, recognised for its strong academic programs, international partnerships, and commitment to developing highly skilled professionals in economics, business, finance, and public policy.

As a member of the British Chamber, Narxoz will strengthen connections between academia and the business community, support talent development, and contribute to collaborative projects that enhance professional education and international cooperation.

We look forward to working together and creating new opportunities for students, faculty, and industry partners.



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Welcome to our new member, English Accounting House and Aqqu Cafe!

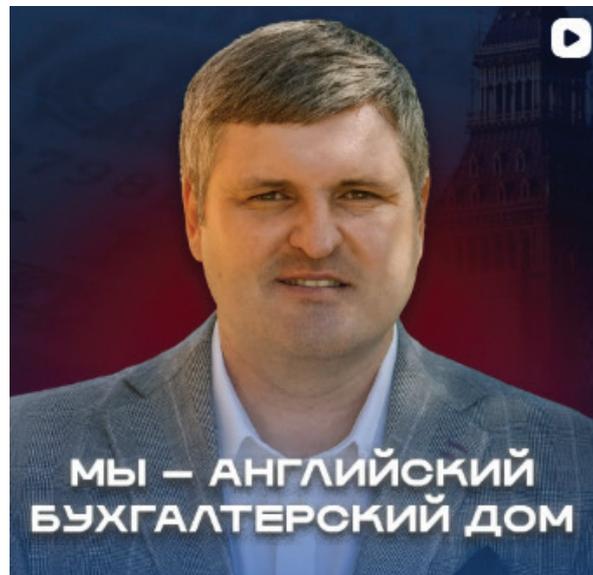
English Accounting House provides audit, consulting, and financial reporting services aligned with ACCA and UK accounting standards, helping companies ensure transparency, accuracy, and strategic financial planning.

With a strong commitment to clarity, compliance, and business growth, the firm supports organisations in navigating complex financial requirements, enhancing internal controls, and building solid foundations for long-term development.

English Accounting House works with businesses across various sectors, offering tailored financial solutions, process optimisation, and expert guidance that empowers leaders to make confident, data-driven decisions. Their team combines international expertise with a deep understanding of the local regulatory environment, ensuring clients receive high-quality and reliable support.

We look forward to our collaboration and to strengthening the Chamber community together.

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Welcome to our new member, AQQU CENTRAL CAFE!

We are delighted to welcome AQQU CENTRAL CAFE (@aqqu.cafe) to the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan!

Located in the heart of the city, AQQU CENTRAL CAFE is known for its warm atmosphere, high-quality cuisine, and thoughtful service, making it a popular meeting place for professionals, creatives, and international guests alike.

As a new member of the Chamber, AQQU CENTRAL CAFE is joining a dynamic business community and will contribute to fostering connections, hosting networking moments, and supporting cultural and corporate events.

We look forward to future collaborations and to welcoming our members to AQQU CENTRAL CAFE for inspiring conversations over excellent food and coffee.



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World's Top Universities

Top World Universities Our Graduates Have Entered Over the Past 13 Years

USA





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Haileybury Almaty

School & University Scholarships

Year	Total scholarships awarded to Haileybury graduates
2020	\$482,000
2021	\$1,129,950
2022	\$1,115,000
2023	\$1,639,500
2024	\$4,748,000
2025	\$3,634,500
Total	\$12,748,950

Since 2011, our school has successfully implemented its Scholarship Programme, providing gifted children from across Kazakhstan with the opportunity to receive high-quality international education. This programme nurtures young talent and opens the doors to the world’s leading universities.

Scholarships are awarded to gifted pupils with high academic achievements and strong potential. Over 115 students have studied under this programme.

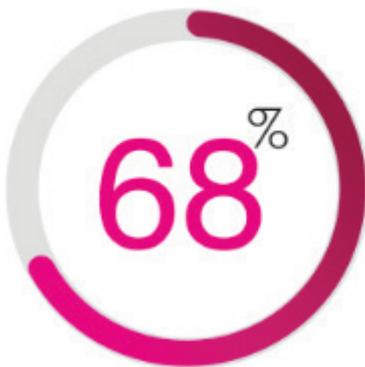
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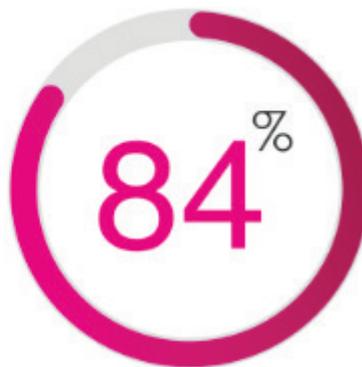
International Examination Results

Students in Years 11 and 13 are assessed annually through external examinations, such as IGCSE and A-Level. These exams are conducted by world-renowned examination boards such as Cambridge Assessment International Education and Edexcel.

Our results consistently demonstrate exceptional academic achievement, with students earning top grades year after year.



68% A-Level grades were at A* or A



84% out of 10 grades were A* to B



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Victories at International Olympiads

Haileybury Almaty

Every year, our students participate and win prizes in the most prestigious and well-known competitions worldwide.

Miron (Year 13) and Amirlan (Year 12) have won silver medals at the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) 2025, held this year in Australia.



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Reception Graduation – First Steps, Bright Futures

Haileybury Almaty

Over one hundred graduates have already completed their undergraduate studies. Some have gone on to pursue master’s degrees, while others have entered the workforce.

Graduates work not only in Kazakhstan but also around the world, in leading global companies such as Google, Amazon, Chevron, Bloomberg, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Schneider Electric, Deloitte, PwC, EY, LG, JP Morgan, and others.

We are pleased to see the continuity of generations – our alumni are already bringing their children to study at the school. At the same time, parents entrust their children, school graduates, to run the family business.

Bloomberg **Deloitte.**

J.P.Morgan **EY** **pwc**

Schneider Electric **LG**

amazon **HUAWEI** **SONY PICTURES** **Chevron**

Year 13 Graduation – A Haileybury Tradition

In an emotional and inspiring ceremony, the Class of 2025 celebrated their journey at Haileybury:

Graduation certificates, moving PLT speeches, and a beautiful video of memories
Joyful dance performances and a final, cherished Graduation Walk through the corridors. The moment they threw their caps was the moment they launched into a future of endless possibilities

To our graduates — thank you for everything you’ve brought to our community. You’ll always be a part of the Haileybury family.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K33i7VJykk8>



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The successes that the school achieves year after year are the result of adhering to the core principles that guide our work:

Investing in the Sustainable Development of the School: 17 Years of Reinvestment for the Benefit of Our Pupils
Since its foundation, Haileybury Almaty has consistently reinvested all of its resources into the further development of its educational ecosystem, remaining true to its core principle — a not-for-profit institution.

Selective Admissions and High Academic Standards

Admission to the school is based on rigorous academic criteria to ensure the highest standards of education. Each year, more than half of applicants do not pass the entrance assessments. At the same time, the number of students continues to grow steadily, with waiting lists forming in several year groups.

17 Years of Steady Growth and Strengthening

For over 17 years, we have been strengthening the foundations and core structures of our institution, directing all incoming funds exclusively toward the development of the school. This ensures that our pupils receive the highest quality education, with resources devoted solely to enhancing teaching and learning and creating the best possible conditions for their growth.

Investing in People – Our Top Priority

The majority of the school’s financial resources are allocated to attracting outstanding international teachers, competing for talent with leading educational centres in China, Singapore, Qatar, South Korea, and the UAE. Currently, the school employs 70 highly qualified teachers from the UK, USA, and Europe, along with over 100 local specialists.

Around 70% of all funds are directed towards international recruitment and comprehensive compensation packages for teachers, which include salary, housing, full medical insurance, relocation expenses, meals, and education for their children. By bringing in the very best educators and recognised experts from around the world, we ensure that our pupils learn from global leaders in education and are fully prepared to enter the world’s most prestigious universities.





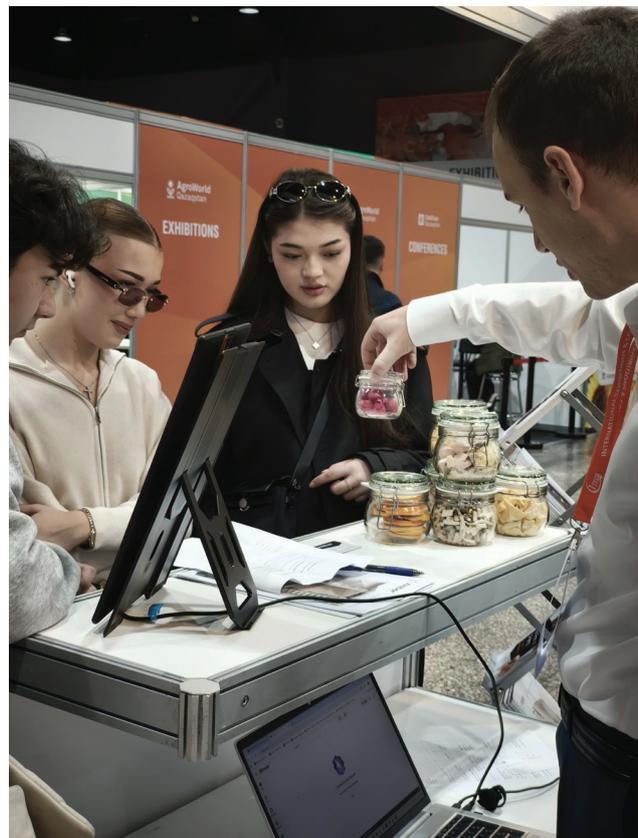
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DMUK Students Connect Theory and Practice at AgroWorld Qazaqstan 2025

As part of DMUK's experiential learning approach, Dr. Anass Karzazi and Dr. Tiphaine Saltini led 20 first-year students from the BA (Hons) Business Management program to the 19th Central Asian International Exhibition "Agriculture" – AgroWorld Qazaqstan 2025, and the 9th Central Asian International Exhibition "Cold Storage, Transportation and Service for Cold Logistics" – ColdChain Qazaqstan 2025, held at the Atakent Exhibition Center in Almaty. The event gathered more than 170 companies from 25 countries, showcasing cutting-edge innovations, technologies, and sustainable practices in the agricultural and cold chain industries.

The visit aimed to help students connect theoretical business concepts with real-world applications, deepening their understanding of marketing, operations, entrepreneurship, and sustainability within one of Kazakhstan's most vital sectors. Throughout the visit, students explored how global and local businesses communicate their value propositions, apply innovative technologies, and adapt to evolving market demands. Divided into four teams, they worked on specific observation and analysis tasks, which will culminate in team presentations next week. This hands-on component encouraged teamwork, critical thinking, and practical business insight. Beyond the academic experience, Dr. Karzazi and Dr. Saltini also used the opportunity to promote DMUK and strengthen industry connections by engaging with company representatives and exhibitors. The visit led to securing a technology expert guest speaker for an upcoming November session, adding another bridge between industry and classroom learning. This initiative exemplifies DMUK's commitment to linking education with professional practice, equipping students with the knowledge, confidence, and curiosity needed to thrive in a rapidly changing business environment.



<https://dmuk.edu.kz/aboutUs/news/86>



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Air Astana expands international route network



Air Astana is expanding services to the Middle East and Asia during autumn 2025, with a combination of flight resumptions and increased frequencies to popular destinations.

Starting in September, the airline resumed twice weekly flights from Almaty to Jeddah and Shymkent to Jeddah once a week. In late October, flights from Almaty to Medina will resume twice a week, whilst services from Shymkent to Medina will operate once weekly. Flights from Astana to Jeddah and Medina will operate alternatively every two weeks, together with new services linking Aktau to both Jeddah and Medina, also operating alternatively every two weeks.

Air Astana is also resuming services to popular tourist destinations in Asia in late October, including Almaty to Male in the Maldives three times a week initially and increasing to five times a week during peak holiday periods. Almaty to Phu Quoc in Vietnam will initially operate five times per week, rising to daily flights in December, whilst services between Astana and Phu Quoc will operate three times a week.

https://airastana.com/kaz-en/information/news-detail?id=air_astana_expands_international_route_network





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Direct flights from Almaty to Bangkok, Thailand



Experience tropical air, jasmine scents, and the vibrant city lights of Bangkok. Ancient temples stand beside modern skyscrapers, and nonstop flights take just 6h 40m with daily departures.

Why Fly with Air Astana

Spacious seats, hot meals (including vegetarian), and attentive service.
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Statement regarding the CEO of Air Astana JSC



The Board of Directors of Air Astana JSC wishes to announce that Peter Foster will retire from the position of Chief Executive Officer and from the Board of Directors of Air Astana JSC at the end of March 2026. Mr Foster will remain connected to the Group in the role of Senior Advisor to the Board of Directors.

Ibrahim Canliel, Chief Financial Officer, is to be appointed Chief Executive Officer at that time.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors Nurlan Zhakupov stated as follows:

“The Board of Directors would like to thank Peter Foster for his outstanding achievement in guiding the company for 20 years, from its post start-up phase to its position today as Kazakhstan and Central Asia’s leading airline, and a respected airline brand throughout the global aviation industry.

The Board would like to welcome Ibrahim Canliel to the position of Chief Executive Officer. Mr Canliel has worked for the Air Astana Group since 2003, initially in senior commercial roles and subsequently as Chief Financial Officer, a post he has held since 2017. His contribution has been immense and he brings with him great experience of both the Group and of the airline industry. The Board has the fullest confidence that he will guide the company to continued growth and success.”



https://ir.airastana.com/media/8de0630e08479a4/statement-regarding-the-ceo_eng.pdf



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Bangkok Has Something For Everyone



Bangkok's streets and waterways are full of energy at all hours, but you will always find peace inside any of its many Buddhist temples.

Where to Stay

It's best to choose hotels near the BTS SkyTrain lines — the fastest and most convenient way to get around the city. Popular districts include:

Riverside — scenic river views and a relaxed atmosphere;

Silom — the business hub with a vibrant nightlife scene;

Sukhumvit — the dynamic face of the metropolis with endless shopping opportunities.

When to Go

Air tickets to Bangkok are in demand year-round:

November–January — cooler weather, perfect for sightseeing;

March–April — the hot season, ideal to book a hotel with a pool;

May–October — rainy season, with fewer tourists and more affordable prices.

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Kazakhstan: A Seamless Destination for Global Professionals



Kazakhstan is steadily strengthening its position as a hub for international business, innovation, and talent. The government has made attracting foreign specialists, investors, and tourists a national priority focusing on enhancing investment appeal and accelerating digital transformation across all sectors. At the heart of the capital, Astana, operates the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) — a unique jurisdiction within Central Asia built on the principles of English common law.

The AIFC provides more than a framework for business structuring — it delivers a comprehensive integrated ecosystem. Here, both domestic and international investors and entrepreneurs gain access to infrastructure aligned with global best practices, as well as to a clear and transparent regulatory framework. In addition, the Centre is actively developing areas that reflect current global trends — including green and Islamic finance, digital assets, sustainable development, innovative investment instruments and projects within the aviation hub. Together, these elements make the AIFC a truly unique platform where investors benefit not only from access to financial markets, but also from comprehensive, end-to-end solutions in one location — from company registration and authorization to entering international capital markets.

As part of the AIFC ecosystem, the AIFC Expat Centre serves as a unique one-stop shop for foreign professionals and investors. Here, clients can access visa, migration, and essential public services all in English, in a single location. This ensures a seamless relocation experience, from obtaining a visa to integrating into Kazakhstan's dynamic professional community. This people-oriented model reflects Kazakhstan's commitment to creating a comfortable and predictable environment for global citizens looking to live, work, or invest in the country.

For investors interested in financial instruments, the AIFC offers the Investment Tax Residency Programme (ITRP). This programme provides a long-term investment visa and a tax residence certificate under simplified conditions, in return for investments made in AIFC financial instruments. The ITRP connects investment and mobility — offering a path for those who wish to combine their business ambitions with residency in one of the region's fastest-developing economies.

As Kazakhstan's appeal continues to grow as a destination for work, investment, and long-term stay, these initiatives demonstrate the country's efforts to provide both a secure business environment and a smooth, people-focused experience for international professionals and investors alike.

Before arriving in Kazakhstan, consider the following key points to ensure a smooth relocation and integration into local life.

1. Visa Regime

Kazakhstan maintains a visa-free regime for citizens of many countries, allowing stays from 14 to 90 days depending on nationality.

As such, Kazakhstan stated a visa-free regime for citizens of over 80 countries. If a country is not on the visa-free list, foreigners will need to apply for the appropriate visa at the Kazakh Embassy prior to their arrival to Kazakhstan. Foreign visitors can check whether their country is eligible for visa-free entry on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.



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2. Migration procedures upon arrival

Upon arrival, the host party in Kazakhstan (i.e. legal entities, individuals, hotels, landlords, etc.) is obliged to notify the Migration Authority on arrival of a foreign national (both visa holder and visa-free visitor) within 3 business days at each entry to the country. This can be done via the eQonaq information system or the Visa-Migration Portal online.

3. Government services

To access most public and financial services in Kazakhstan such as opening a bank account, signing rental agreements, or using e-government platforms, foreigners will need firsthand to access government services including but not limited to the Individual Identification Number (IIN) and Electronic Digital Signature (EDS). Foreigners can easily obtain government services either at any branch of the State corporation "Government for citizens" in any region of Kazakhstan or at the AIFC Expat Centre located in Astana for convenience purposes. It should be mentioned that obtaining government services requires the foreign national to be physically present.

4. Soft-landing assistance

Upon arrival in Kazakhstan, settling in and adapting to a new environment can be challenging. The AIFC Expat Centre supports newcomers by offering the chance to join a vibrant Expat Community of investors, professionals, and other foreigners, providing business networking opportunities and a platform to exchange ideas. We especially welcome family members, helping them integrate smoothly into local life and feel at home in Kazakhstan.

With that, Kazakhstan's transformation reflects a clear vision: to become a leading destination for global professionals and investors by combining digital efficiency, business transparency, and genuine hospitality. Whether foreigners come to build a company, pursue new opportunities, or explore the country's emerging economy, Kazakhstan is ready to welcome all.

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Pavlodar Seminar: The New Tax Code 2026 — Overview of Key Amendments

Pavlodar — a full hall and powerful energy!

Over 100 business representatives gathered to discuss how to effectively prepare for the implementation of the new Tax Code 2026.

The session was marked by lively dialogue, dozens of practical questions, valuable case studies, and honest, in-depth answers from Fortune Partners experts — turning the event into a truly hands-on professional discussion.

Key topics covered included:

Main updates on CIT, VAT, and PIT;

Procedures for VAT refund and penalty calculation;

Desk audits and pre-trial procedures;

Rules for inspections and measures to ensure tax compliance.

Many participants noted that events like this provide not only knowledge, but also a clear understanding of how to apply new regulations in practice.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our co-organizer — the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs “Atameken”, and to everyone who joined us in Pavlodar.



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Top Five Summer Destinations in Kazakhstan: Nature, Culture and Adventure

ASTANA – As summer approaches, more tourists are seeking destinations that offer a blend of nature, culture, and modern infrastructure. The Kazakh Ministry of Tourism and Sports presented the top five Kazakhstan's breathtaking destinations for summer recreation.

Katon-Karagay, East Kazakhstan Region

Katon-Karagay National Park is the first territory of Kazakhstan included in the Green Destinations list. The region is known for its mountain landscapes, lakes, healing springs and alpine meadows. Tourists can access routes to Lake Yazevoye, Belukha, the Rakhmanovskie Klyuchi Nature Reserve and the Shuker Shaizhunisov Museum. The place is ideal for ecotourism, mountaineering and health recreation.

Korgalzhyn Nature Reserve, Akmola Region

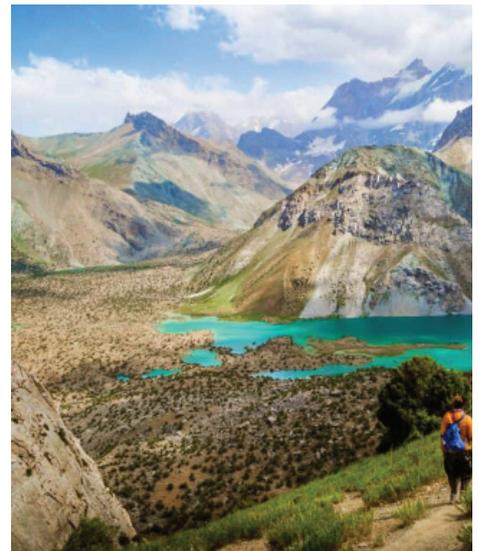
Korgalzhyn is one of the few places where flamingos can be seen in their natural habitat. In the summer months, the reserve's lakes become home to thousands of migratory birds. This destination is especially popular among photographers, bird watchers, and lovers of secluded nature.

Altyn-Emel National Park, Zhetisu Region

Altyn-Emel is recognized as one of the best national parks in Kazakhstan. The park has a modern visitor center provides tourists with navigation, reference, and service support. The main attractions are the sandy Singing Mountain, the Aktau mountains, and the Tamgaly-Tas rock paintings. The park attracts both nature lovers and family travelers, and is becoming increasingly convenient for independent tourism.

Sairam-Ugam National Park, Turkistan Region

Sairam-Ugam remains an underrated gem of southern Kazakhstan. Here, one can take trekking routes to glacial lakes and get acquainted with the flora of mountain valleys. The development of ecotourism and new routes makes Sairam-Ugam a promising destination for domestic tourism.



<https://astanatimes.com/2025/05/top-five-summer-destinations-in-kazakhstan-nature-culture-and-adventure/>

Running a Business in Kazakhstan: Where to Start?

Starting a business from scratch is quite possible. But where exactly should you start, and where can you get money to start?

Defining a niche

The first step is to choose the direction: goods or services. Today, not only finished products are in demand, but also personal knowledge, skills, talents and experience. It is important to focus on the own strengths.

For example:

A teacher can open an educational center.

Accountant – offer accounting and auditing services.

It is also worth studying the market:

What are the needs of potential customers?

Who are your competitors and what services do they offer?

How can you stand out and offer something new?

If there is no coffee shop in your area, for example, you could invest in a coffee machine and offer barista services.

A business plan draft

Once the niche has been identified, a business plan should be drawn up. It is important to include:

- Start-up costs and possible funding sources.
- Step-by-step development strategy.
- Possible risks and ways to minimize them.
- At the first stage, you can work from home to reduce costs. For example, a hobby (baking, embroidery, etc.) can be turned into a business without renting an office.

The key is to start with what you do best and gradually grow own business.



More Information:

<https://www.gov.kz/article/64584?lang=en>



Traditional Kazakh Cuisine to Savor

Want to learn more about traditional Kazakhstan food? During a recent trip, I had the pleasure of trying some of the most popular dishes in Kazakhstan. Here are the Best Traditional Kazakhstan Foods to try.



Kazakh cuisine offers a delightful array of flavors, reflecting its nomadic heritage and diverse cultural influences. Here are some traditional dishes to try:

Beshbarmak: Known as the national dish of Kazakhstan, Beshbarmak consists of boiled meat (commonly horse, lamb, or beef) served over flat noodles and topped with onion sauce. The name translates to “five fingers,” as it’s traditionally eaten by hand.

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Boursak: These are soft, puffy fried bread pieces, often enjoyed as a snack or dessert. They have a slightly sweet taste and are a staple at festive gatherings.

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Kumis: A traditional fermented dairy drink made from mare’s milk, Kumis has a unique tart flavor and is known for its refreshing qualities.

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Kazy: A delicacy made from horsemeat sausage, Kazy is seasoned with garlic and spices, then boiled or smoked. It’s typically served during special occasions and is a testament to Kazakh culinary artistry.

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Shubat: This is fermented camel’s milk, known for its slightly sour taste and health benefits. It’s a traditional beverage in Kazakhstan, especially popular in the summer months.

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Embracing these cultural events and culinary delights offers a deeper understanding of Kazakhstan’s rich heritage. Whether you’re attending a festival or savoring traditional dishes, March presents a wonderful opportunity to connect with the Kazakh way of life.

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Kazakhstan’s Holidays: More Than Just Days Off

Kazakhstan, the ninth largest country in the world, embraces many nationalities who have contributed to the evolution of the nation’s public holidays. Below we have listed the major Kazakhstan holidays, each of which is likely to invoke in visitors the tourism slogan of Kazakhstan- “Very Nice!”

Public Holidays in Kazakhstan in 2025

Date	Holiday	Date	Holiday
January 1-2, Wed-Thu	New Year	May 9, Fri	Victory Day
January 7, Tue	Orthodox Christmas	July 6, Sun	Capital City Day
March 8, Sat	International Women’s Day	Date changes annually	Eid al-Adha
March 21-23, Fri-Sun	Nauryz	August 30, Sat	Constitution Day
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