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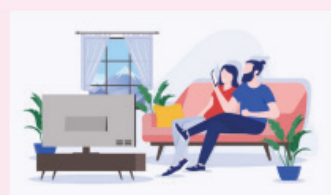
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Founding Members of British Chamber





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 autumn 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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Exclusive HR Session with Michael Germershausen — Labour Market in Kazakhstan & Central Asia

On 16 April, the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan in collaboration with Antal Kazakhstan hosted an exclusive HR-focused business session with Michael Germershausen, Managing Director of Antal International in the Eurasian region. The event was held at KIMEP University, who kindly provided the venue for this insightful discussion.

Michael Germershausen shared expert insights on the labour market trends in Kazakhstan and Central Asia, offering a comprehensive 360° view on key workforce dynamics and challenges in the region.

Key Topics Discussed:

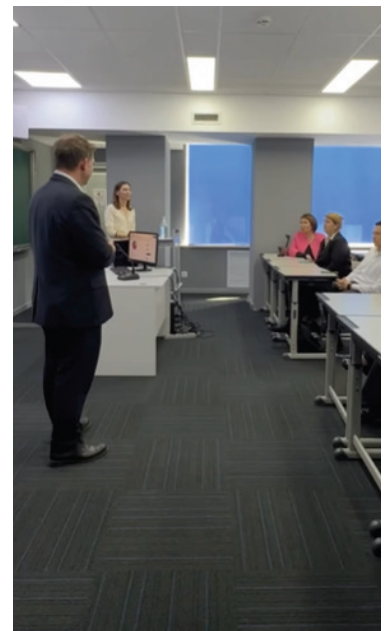
- Salary Indexation: Latest market trends and 2025 forecasts
- Hiring Outlook: Recruitment plans and talent movement
- In-Demand Specialists: Who companies are looking for most
- Counteroffer Management: How to handle and benefit from counteroffers
- Referral Programs: Best practices for building successful employee referral systems
- Staff Turnover: Understanding the key drivers behind retention and attrition

The session concluded with an engaging Q&A, where participants discussed real-world challenges and exchanged insights on workforce management strategies.

“Understanding the labour market today means being ready for tomorrow’s challenges,” noted Germershausen.

We thank Antal Kazakhstan for their valuable collaboration and KIMEP University for graciously hosting us at their premises. Special thanks to all our members and guests for joining us and making the event a dynamic platform for professional growth and networking.

Stay tuned for upcoming Chamber events — and don’t forget to follow us for updates.





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Tax Code Amendments – Informational Session with EY

On 23 April 2025 the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan in collaboration with EY Kazakhstan held an informational session dedicated to recent and proposed changes in Kazakhstan's tax legislation. The event, conducted in Russian, featured expert speakers Yuliya Azimbayeva and Yekaterina Zhgutova, who provided in-depth analysis on the current tax environment and shared updates on:

- Recent amendments to the Tax Code, VAT refund regulations, and other relevant laws
- The proposed draft of the new Tax Code

The session attracted professionals from a wide range of sectors, offering them timely insights to ensure compliance and strategic preparedness in light of ongoing regulatory changes.

The Chamber extends its sincere gratitude to EY for their expert contribution and valuable partnership in delivering this session.

We thank all attendees for their active participation and look forward to seeing you at future events.



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Business Meeting on How to Increase Tourism to Kazakhstan – Almaty Region & East Kazakhstan (Kazakh Altai)

On May 22, 2025, the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan together with Visit Almaty, Sunrise Travel, and Park-Hotel Zarechye, hosted a business meeting focused on strategies to increase tourism to Kazakhstan's Almaty Region and East Kazakhstan – Kazakh Altai.

The event brought together industry leaders, tourism experts, and business representatives to explore ways to raise the region's profile in international tourism markets.

Key Highlights:

-Portrait of the Tourist based on in-house research by the Bureau
Speaker: Kamila Askarovna Lukpanova – Advisor, Almaty Tourism Bureau

-Air Connectivity & Tourism Infrastructure
Speaker: Representatives from Air Astana and Fly Arystan
Discussed the current status of regional air travel and strategies for improving accessibility to East Kazakhstan through airline positioning.

-Kazakh Altai – A Hidden Gem of Tourism
Speaker: Anastassiya Froimchuk – Owner, Park-Hotel Zarechye
Focused on unique tourism opportunities and key sectors such as nature, ethno-cultural, active, wellness, and hunting tourism.

-Inbound Industry in Kazakhstan
Speaker: Gustavo Pancaldi – General Director, Tomiris Tour DMC

-Journey of Modern Nomad in Search of Silence and Contemplative Tourism
Speaker: Aigerim Saidukassova – Commercial Director, Sunrise Travel

The meeting concluded with an engaging Q&A session and an exclusive evening networking reception, where participants exchanged ideas and discussed potential collaborations to further develop Kazakhstan's tourism industry.





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Dialogue Between Business, NGOs and the State on Employment of People with Disabilities

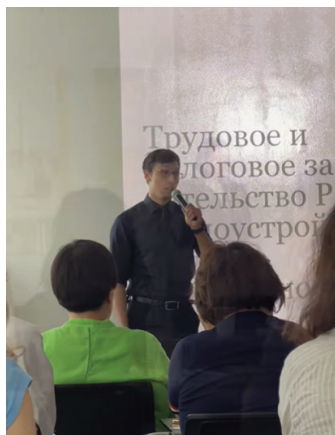
On 11 June 2025, the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan in partnership with PwC Kazakhstan hosted a forum titled “Dialogue Between Business, NGOs and the State on Employment of People with Disabilities.” The forum brought together experts, corporate representatives, and government authorities to discuss best practices and existing challenges in promoting inclusive employment.

Key topics included:

- The “S” in ESG: Equality of opportunity, diversity & inclusion in the corporate environment
- Labour and tax legislation in Kazakhstan regarding employment of people with disabilities: hiring, special requirements, workplace arrangements
- Inclusive recruiting and the creation of accessible workplaces
- Digital accessibility and DEI (Digital Equity Inclusion & Digital Accessibility)
- Labour code compliance in terms of schedule, work hours, hiring and termination procedures-
- Corporate ethics and fostering a comfortable work environment
- Real-life examples of successful inclusive employment

The event included welcome coffee, focused discussion sessions, open dialogue with government representatives, Q&A, and networking.

We thank all participants for their engagement, and express our appreciation to PwC Kazakhstan for their support in organizing this important initiative focused on inclusion and accessibility in the workplace.





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Executive Masterclass on Process Management in Oil & Gas by KIMEP University

On 13 June 2025, the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan in collaboration with KIMEP University, Petrocouncil.kz, and APEC Training Center, hosted an exclusive executive masterclass dedicated to business process management in the oil and gas industry. The session was based on the internationally recognized BPM CBOK® Standard (Version 4.0).

The event was tailored for executives and professionals working in energy and heavy industries, focusing on practical tools to improve process efficiency, enhance transparency, and reduce operational risks.

Speaker:

Nurgissa Seilov, Adjunct Professor at KIMEP and President of ABPMP Central Asia, shared insights from over 20 years of experience in strategy, finance, and business transformation. He guided participants on how to implement process-based approaches to increase control and accountability in business activities.

Key focus areas:

- Application of the BPM CBOK Standard in Oil & Gas
- Risk mitigation through standardized process management
- Enhancing transparency and operational efficiency

The British Chamber expresses its gratitude to KIMEP University and all supporting partners for their contribution to the event's success.

We thank all attendees for their participation and engagement.





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InnovateAI — Bridging Ideation and Implementation through Strategic Partnership

On 12 June 2025, the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan in collaboration with KPMG Caucasus and Central Asia held a high-level expert session “InnovateAI”, bringing together business leaders, innovation managers, startup founders, and academic professionals to explore practical strategies for AI implementation through cross-sector partnerships.

The event focused on the strategic alignment of corporate and academic ecosystems, data readiness, and value creation through artificial intelligence.

Programme Highlights:

- AI Landscape in Kazakhstan: Konstantin Aushev, Partner, KPMG
- Corporate AI Adoption: Success Stories Jafar Penot, Manager, KPMG
- Journey Towards Agentic Data Management Bolat Taimagambetov, Deonix
- Code with AI: Assist, Accelerate, Automate Oleksii Sharavar, CEO, QazCode
- KPMG’s Cloud AI Partners
- Zhanat Zhakin, Senior Consultant, KPMG
- Academic-Industry Collaboration Models in AI
- Dr. Alina Gutoreva, Head of AI Lab, KBTU

Panel Discussion

Moderated by Dana Isabayeva, the panel addressed bridging innovation between startups and large corporations.

The British Chamber extends its appreciation to KPMG for their partnership, Dana Isabayeva as moderator of the session and to all speakers and participants for their contributions. The session served as a valuable forum to align innovation efforts and foster strategic AI development in Kazakhstan and beyond.





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Atyrau Sundowner – Connection, Conversation, and Community

On 13 June 2025, the British Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan in partnership with Edil-Oral, Petrocouncil.kz, and KIMEP University, hosted the Atyrau Sundowner — one of the region's most anticipated informal networking events.

The Sundowner brought together professionals from the oil & gas sector, business leaders, and decision-makers in a relaxed setting to facilitate meaningful dialogue and expand professional networks.

- Continued conversation following the day's training
- Exchanging insights, contacts, and future collaboration ideas
- Strengthening community among local and international professionals

Guests enjoyed an evening of informal networking, drinks, and engaging discussion in a welcoming environment designed to promote connection and knowledge-sharing.

We thank all participants for their presence and warmly acknowledge our partners Edil-Oral, Petrocouncil.kz, and KIMEP University for their support in making this event a success.





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University Offers – Doors to the World

Haileybury Almaty



This year, our graduating students received offers from some of the most prestigious universities around the world, including:

Cambridge, Oxford, UC Berkeley, Duke, UCL, LSE, Imperial, Warwick, University of Toronto, HKUST, and many more.

We are proud of every one of our graduates for their determination, resilience, and ambition.



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U11 FOBISIA Games – Trophies in Every Discipline

Haileybury Almaty

In Bangkok, our U11 athletes achieved a phenomenal performance — winning trophies in Athletics, Swimming, TeeBall, and Football, including 1st place in Swimming and 22 new school records!



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

OhMyEcon Olympiad 2025

On May 31, we hosted the OhMyEcon Economics Olympiad, welcoming 58 participants from 14 schools across Kazakhstan.

- Varnell (Haileybury Almaty)
- Smash (NIS Semei)
- Rakhat (Haileybury Almaty)

Organised by a passionate student-led team, this event was a fantastic showcase of emerging economic minds.





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Year 8 Cultural Expeditions – From Turkestan to the Steppe

Haileybury Almaty

This term, our Year 8 pupils embarked on two powerful learning journeys:

From April 30 to May 4, they explored Turkestan, the spiritual and historical heart of Kazakhstan, visiting sacred mausoleums, ancient settlements, national museums, and the spectacular Keruen-Saray water show.

On May 22, they travelled to the Huns Ethno Village, where they immersed themselves in Kazakh traditions — riding horses, swinging on the altybakan, practicing archery, and enjoying kumis and boursak in the yurt.

Together, these trips brought Kazakh heritage to life in unforgettable ways.



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Inspiring Voices – Anar Burasheva Visits Year 2

As part of their thematic unit on *Significant People*, our Year 2 pupils met Anar Burasheva, the first Kazakh woman to summit Mount Everest.

Anar shared her incredible journey and next challenge—*climbing Mount Denali in Alaska*—as part of her mission to complete the Seven Summits. She reminded our young learners that the summit belongs to those who dream big.



Haileybury Chosen for UN Robotics for Good Youth Challenge

We are honoured to be selected by the United Nations ITU as the National Organiser for Kazakhstan for the Robotics for Good Youth Challenge.

From October 2025 to April 2026, we'll host the national tournament, where students will design AI-powered solutions aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Finalists will represent Kazakhstan at the AI for Good Summit 2026 in Geneva.





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Year 6 Drama Production – Star Warts: The Umpire Strikes

Haileybury Almaty

Our brilliant Year 6 performers delivered an intergalactic comedy filled with lightsabers, laughter, and lovable characters!

The audience was swept into a galaxy of fun, and the cast and crew were truly out of this world. Bravo to all for an unforgettable show!



Sports Day 2025 – House Pride in Action

From Reception to Year 13, pupils came together for a thrilling day of athletic competition, teamwork, and cheering!

Senior School Champion: Kipling

Junior School Champions: Attlee & Bartle Frere

Thank you to our pupils, PE team, and families for making Sports Day a celebration of effort and spirit!





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Reception Graduation – First Steps, Bright Futures

Our littlest learners celebrated their first graduation, marking a year of discovery, growth, and new friendships. From confidence to curiosity, we are so proud of our Reception graduates!



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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Speech Days – A Grand Finale



Last week, we held our Junior and Senior School Speech Days, honouring pupil achievements and reflecting on the year. *Prizes, performances, and applause filled the halls*

Inspiring speeches were given by Headmaster Simon Mills, Chair of Governors Ian Hunt, Senior School Captains, and the Head of Junior School

In Senior School, Attlee House was named winner of the coveted House Cup 2025

These ceremonies marked the perfect closing note to an extraordinary year.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?utm_source=Hailey-

A Year in One Video



We wrapped up the year with a special video — a joyful reflection on everything that made 2024–2025 unforgettable. From classroom moments to campus events, it captures the energy, achievements, and heart of our school community.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?fea->

Looking Ahead to the New Academic Year

Haileybury Almaty is proud to offer a world-class British education rooted in academic excellence, global opportunities, and strong community values.

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Contact our Admissions Team at +7 702 355 0105 to enrol now.

Let's shape a bright future — together.





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Careers Fair 2025: Over 1,300 Participants, Leading Companies, and a Packed Programme

On April 26, 2025, De Montfort University Kazakhstan successfully hosted its annual Careers Fair, bringing together more than 1,000 students, graduates, and young professionals. Throughout the day, attendees had the unique opportunity to connect directly with representatives of leading international and Kazakhstani companies, explore career opportunities, attend workshops, and receive valuable advice from experienced professionals.



One of the highlights of the event was the open-air panel session “The End of Generational Thinking? Rethinking Identity in the Modern Workplace,” which sparked meaningful dialogue around evolving workplace identities. The discussion featured insightful contributions from representatives of De Montfort University Kazakhstan, as well as leading companies including Danone, Nestlé, and Halyk Bank.

The programme also featured a series of hands-on, practical workshops delivered by experts from Efes Kazakhstan, KPMG, EY, PMI, Mondelez, Coca Cola Icecek, JTI, and others. Topics ranged from interview preparation and building a standout LinkedIn profile to career direction and personal branding at work.



In addition to the professional programme, participants enjoyed a vibrant atmosphere with wellness sessions from Invictus, student-led music and dance performances, and an evening DJ set that wrapped up the day on a high note.

One of the most exciting moments was the prize raffle sponsored by KPMG, PMI, EFES, Coca Cola Icecek, JTI, and Red Bull. Lucky attendees walked away with branded starter packs, tech gift certificates, and even VIP tickets to a Sadraddin concert.



<https://dmuk.edu.kz/aboutUs/news/12>



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Book tickets from Kazakhstan to Frankfurt, Germany



Frankfurt's New Old Town is a modern twist on a classic place. The new energy, stunning architecture, and good food and shopping means now is the perfect time to visit.

It's hard to tell what time it is. Not the time of day, as the bright sun suggests it's around lunchtime, but what year it is. This is because glimmering glass and steel skyscrapers tower above timber and stone buildings, which look like they belong in a medieval village. It's as if these buildings of very different architectural styles, and the eras they come from, have been transported through time into a single place.

But there's no mistaking where this is: Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

We are pleased to announce the launch of ticket sales for a new direct flight from Almaty to Frankfurt, complementing our existing routes from Astana and Uralsk.

Starting June 1, 2025, flights from Almaty to Frankfurt will operate three times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays on modern and comfortable A321LR aircraft.

<https://airastana.com/kaz-en/booking-manage/flights-to-frankfurt>





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Travel to Guangzhou



A highly anticipated new addition to Air Astana's route map, Guangzhou, takes off on 30 March with flights departing from Almaty aboard the Airbus A321Neo LR.

What is Guangzhou known for?

The Canton Fair — just imagine hundreds of thousands of square metres of exhibitions showcasing a vast array of products, from household essentials to cutting-edge technological innovations. If you are considering building business connections with China, the Canton Fair is an excellent starting point.

Masterpieces of architecture and art. The city seamlessly blends historic landmarks with futuristic skyscrapers, resulting a truly unique cityscape.

Famous film locations. Not far from Guangzhou, scenes were shot for global hits such as The Painted Veil and Revenge of the Sith from the Star Wars universe.

Citizens of Kazakhstan can enjoy visa-free travel to China.



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Fly from Astana and Almaty to Da Nang, Vietnam

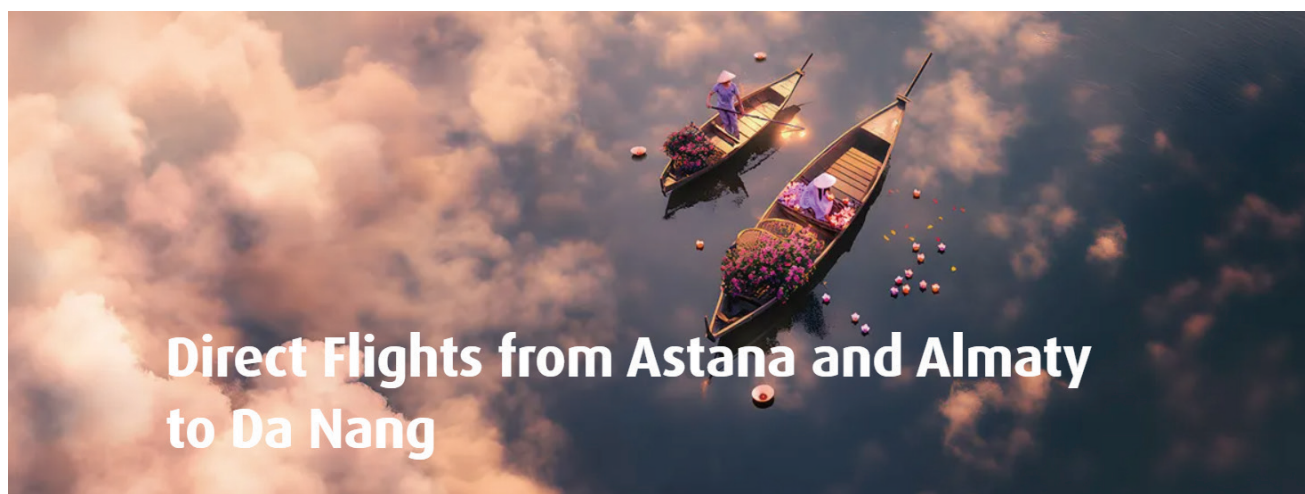


Welcome to Da Nang – Vietnam's coastal gem.

With endless beaches, breathtaking landscapes, and a vibrant culture, this city captivates every traveler. Here, tradition and modernity blend seamlessly, creating an atmosphere like no other. Get ready for an unforgettable experience in Da Nang with Air Astana.

Direct flights will be operated from Astana on Wednesdays and Sundays, and from Almaty on Wednesdays and Saturdays, arriving at Da Nang International Airport (DAD).

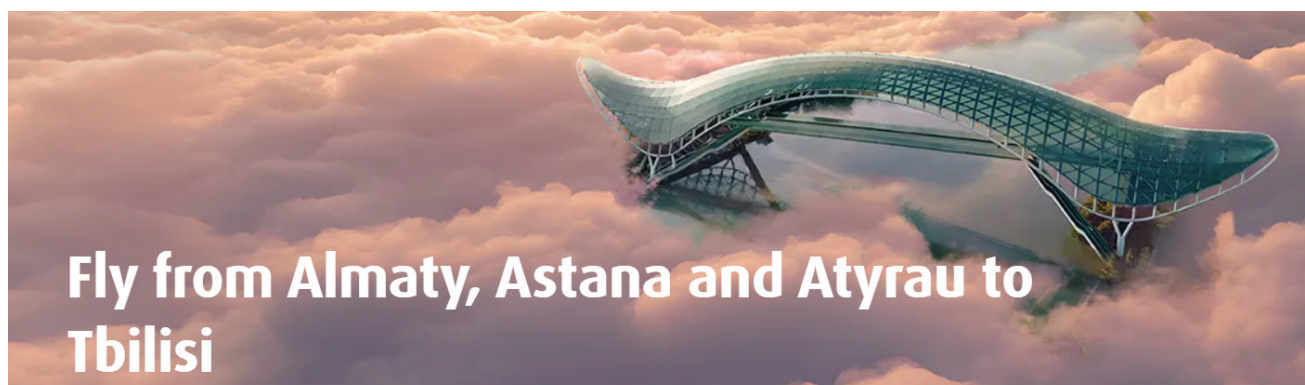
Citizens of Kazakhstan can stay in Vietnam for up to 30 days without a visa.



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Tickets from Kazakhstan to Tbilisi, Georgia

Atyrau – Tbilisi route will commence on 27 May 2025. The flights will operate three times a week on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

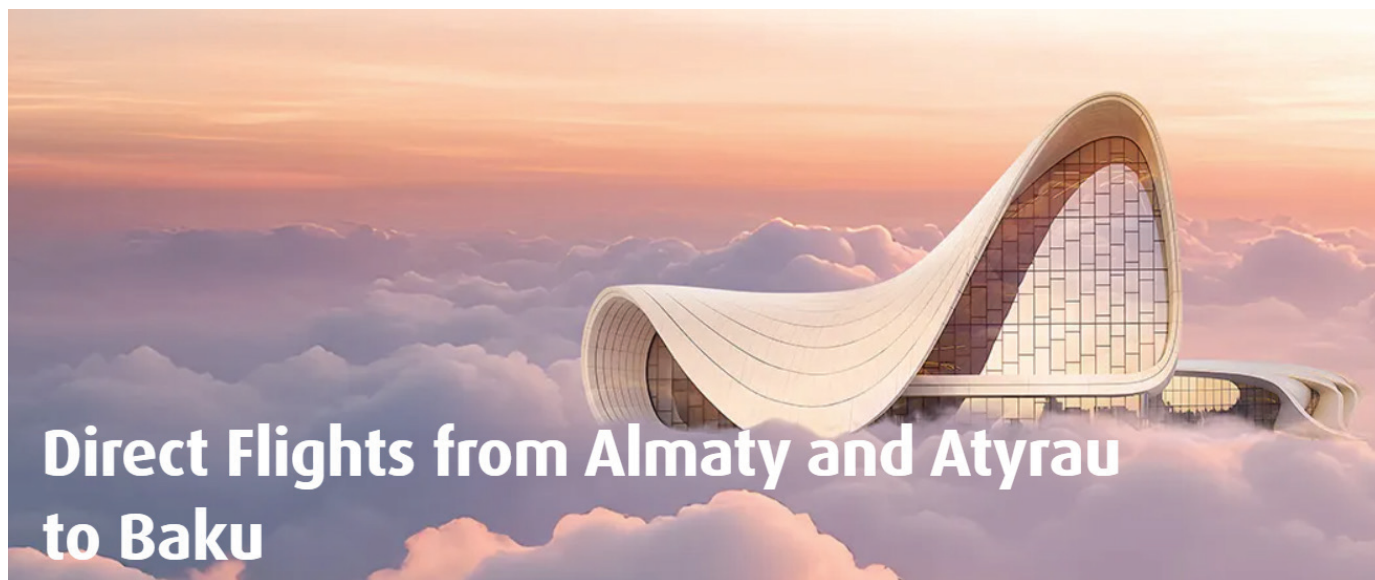


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Fly from Astana and Almaty to Da Nang, Vietnam



In Azerbaijan history lives alongside striking statements of the country's new contemporary style, in a glorious combination of futuristic skyscrapers, insomniac mud volcanoes, medieval caravanserais, and ancient places of worship.

Azerbaijan, with its delightful cuisine, comfortable hotels and guest houses, architectural monuments, history, and cultural traditions, is an attractive place for tourists. Baku is as sunny and hospitable as coastal cities always are. Whether you take a flight to Baku and come on holiday or for business you'll find a welcome at the Badamdar Hotel & Residences, which offers excellent service, conference halls, and one of the largest spa centres in the country. Another good option is organizing a journey at the Excelsior Hotel & Spa Baku, which is a building designed along classic lines but with modern features. Again, you will have at your disposal a choice of suites, conference halls, a large swimming pool, and a gorgeous spa for a reasonable cost.

Health tourism is a growing industry in Azerbaijan, with many buying airplane tickets Baku and coming here to get well or recharge their energy. Some of the most popular destinations are in beautiful rural surroundings.

Kazakhstani citizens can travel to Azerbaijan visa-free for up to 30 days. Ensure your passport is valid for the duration of your stay for a smooth entry.

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Kang Scholarship for current students Application deadline – 13 August 2025

KIMEP University is proud to announce the establishment of the Kang Scholarship, generously founded by Dr. Sungju Park-Kang, faculty member and dedicated supporter of higher education. This scholarship honors his mother's enduring love and reflects his lifelong commitment to student-centered academic excellence.

Purpose and Vision

The Kang Scholarship aims to support KIMEP students in their academic and professional development, while promoting the university's core values to the international community. It offers a unique model where students play an active role in the selection process, making it one of the most student-centered scholarships in the world.

Fund

– 12,000,000 tenge = 8,000,000 per year (to be gradually increased) + 4,000,000 (2025-2026)

– Donor: Dr. Sungju Park-Kang

Program

– Applicants should choose one program only

- 1) Kang Scholarship DPRK (the DPRK Strategic Research Center)
- 2) Kang Scholarship AIR (exclusively for students with financial difficulties)
- 3) Kang Scholarship PSIR (the Department of Political Science and International Relations)
- 4) Kang Scholarship KOREA (exchange students going to and coming from Korea)

Application

– Deadline: 13 August 2025 → First working day: 4 September (subject to change)

– Email: s.park-kang@kimep.kz (subject line: Kang Scholarship Surname)

– Submission: a) motivation letter of about 500 words, b) CV

Selection process

– Stage 1: Document (motivation letter of about 500 words + CV) → result: 19 August

– Stage 2: Interview (in person) (21 – 25 August) → result: 29 August



<https://www.kimep.kz/en/blog/2025/06/24/english-kang-scholarship/>



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Master of business administration (MBA)

The Master of Business Administration (MBA) program at KIMEP is dedicated to train leaders who can effectively manage and successfully transform organizations both in Kazakhstan and internationally and solve contemporary business problems in a dynamic and competitive global marketplace, in a socially responsible manner.

The mission of the Master of Business Administration program is to train and prepare full-time and part-time graduate students for leadership positions and service in business, public and non-profit organizations and for further postgraduate study, and to develop entrepreneurs. This is accomplished through an intellectual and practical multi-disciplinary approach to learning.

The MBA program's learning objectives are to ensure that graduates have:

Focused knowledge of functional and interdisciplinary areas of business administration, micro- and macro-economic business environment, and quantitative and qualitative research techniques.

Critical thinking and problem solving.

Leadership and managerial competences.

Cultural and ERS awareness as they apply in local, regional and international context.

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About Fortune Partners

Fortune Partners is a Kazakhstan-based legal and tax advisory firm specializing in complex disputes, regulatory changes, and cross-border transactions.

We help businesses navigate challenges in taxation, customs, transfer pricing, and corporate law. Our team combines deep local expertise with international qualifications (LLM, ADIT) and extensive experience representing major national companies, foreign investors, and mid-sized businesses across diverse industries.

What sets us apart?

- Proven track record in tax and customs litigation, including Supreme Court cases
- Expert guidance on Kazakhstan's evolving tax legislation
- Practical, business-focused solutions for compliance and risk management
- Support for investment projects and international structuring

We believe in clear advice, strong advocacy, and genuine partnership with our clients.

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Event Highlights:

- Key changes in the new Tax Code
- Tax administration and risk-based audits
- Judicial practice in tax disputes
- International taxation (MLI, BEPS 2.0, Pillar 2)
- Transfer pricing and dividend taxation

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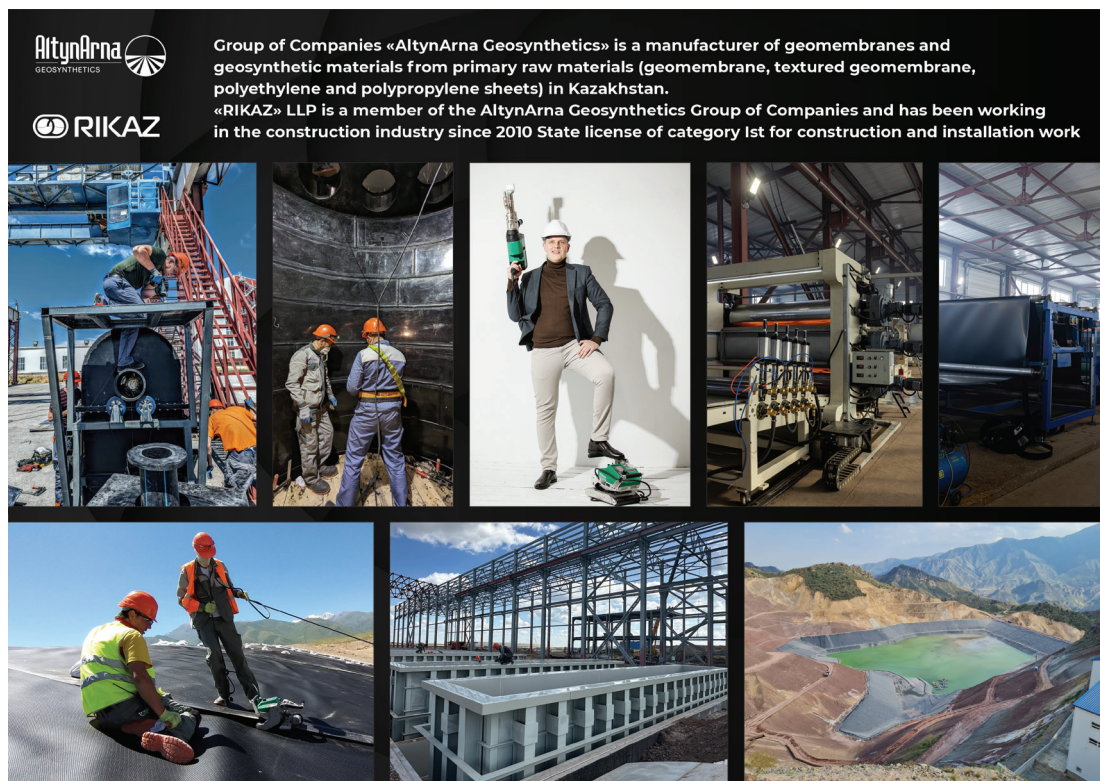
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Our services:

- Construction of industrial facilities and hydraulic structures
- Production and installation of geomembrane, geosynthetic materials
- Production of capacitive equipment made of polypropylene and polyethylene
- Supply of LEISTER equipment for thermoplastic
- Lining of capacitive equipment
- Anti-corrosion treatment and fire protection of metal structures



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 Shaizhuniso 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.

https://urbanblisslife.com/traditional-kazakhstan-food/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

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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

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