

# Kazakhstan National Day Special

## A celebration of sovereignty and progress

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This year, on Oct. 25, Kazakhstan celebrates its Republic Day. On this day 34 years ago, the State Sovereignty Declaration of Kazakhstan was adopted. The revival of the Republic Day holiday symbolizes recognition of our country's origins and continuity by the generation of New Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan's journey since gaining sovereignty is nothing short of remarkable. Our nation swiftly adopted a constitution, delineated the roles of president and parliament, and has since conducted several rounds of competitive elections. The emphasis has always been on unity in diversity, ensuring that its myriad ethnic groups find voice and representation in the nation's political fabric.

Republic Day serves as a reminder of our commitment to democracy, peace and stability, highlighting the values and principles that Kazakhstan stands for, with a strong emphasis on freedom, unity and equality.

On Sept. 2, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev in his State of the Nation address highlighted the commitment to improving Kazakhstan's investment climate. The key initiative of the address was a plan to establish a "single window" system for investors.

Another major focus of Tokayev's address was to develop a strong and diversified industrial base. Tokayev announced a series of initiatives for boosting industrial production. These include extra government support for key sectors, such as manufacturing, agriculture and mining, as well as the development of special economic zones that offer tax incentives and other benefits.

Since its independence, Kazakhstan has attracted \$431 billion in foreign direct investment, which is about 70% of the FDI inflow

to Central Asia. To significantly boost gross domestic product, the government has set an objective to attract even more FDI.

The development of multifaceted cooperation with Japan is one of the key priorities of Kazakhstan's foreign policy. Since the establishment of diplomatic relations, our countries have forged a strong partnership grounded in friendship and mutual understanding.

Both of our nations have faced the grave consequences of nuclear weapons — Japan from the bombings of Hiroshima and Naga-

saki, and Kazakhstan from nuclear tests at the Semipalatinsk site. Considering this shared history, we collaborate closely within international platforms, including the United Nations, to promote nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation, thereby contributing to global stability and security.

To further expand bilateral trade and investment activities, the Kazakhstan-Japan Intergovernmental and Private Sectors Commission and the Kazakhstan-Japan Business Forum are held annually.

On Oct. 6, Kazakhstan citizens voted in a

nationwide referendum on the construction of a nuclear power plant. More than 71% voted in favor of construction, marking a significant step in fostering a new sociopolitical culture, exemplifying the "listening state" concept, and bringing Kazakhstan closer to fostering green energy solutions.

In conclusion, I would like to note that the comprehensive development of relations with Japan is one of the most important priorities of our foreign policy, and as ambassador I will make every effort to further strengthen them.



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