Mutual business opportunities continue strong growth

YERLAN BAUDARBEK-KOZHATAYEV
AMBASSADOR OF KAZAKHSTAN



Oct. 25 marks Republic Day in Kazakhstan, one of the country's most significant national holidays and a cornerstone of its modern history. Under the leadership of President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Kazakhstan is pursuing comprehensive political and economic reforms aimed at transforming its institutions, strengthening governance and improving citizens' well-being.

A key element of this transformation is the reform of the country's constitutional and legal frameworks. Kazakhstan has taken steps to decentralize authority, limit presidential powers and introduce a single seven-year presidential term. The country has also strengthened the role of the Kurultai (parliament) as a platform for national dialogue and introduced direct elections for regional and local leaders, known as *akims*. The Khalyk Kenesi (people's council) provides an additional consultative platform for cooperation between government institutions, civil society and regional representatives.

Kazakhstan remains Central Asia's largest economy. In 2025, its nominal gross domestic product reached approximately $306 billion (¥48 trillion), supported by real economic growth of 6.5%. The government aims to expand the economy to $450 billion by 2029, requiring sustained annual growth of 6% to 7%. Beyond economic indicators, national policy increasingly emphasizes improving living standards, promoting a fairer distribution of national income and reducing social inequality.

Japan is a valued partner in Kazakhstan's efforts to achieve sustainable development and strengthen international cooperation. The president's official visit to Japan in December 2025 marked an important milestone in bilateral relations and opened a new chapter in our strategic partnership.

During talks with Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to expanding cooperation across key sectors. More than 60 bilateral documents were signed, including commercial agreements worth over $3.7 billion, creating new opportunities for investment, trade and technological collaboration.

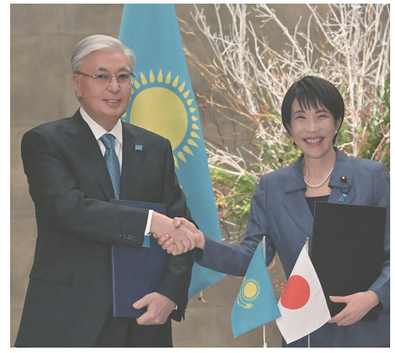
The inaugural Central Asia plus Japan Summit and its accompanying business forum in Tokyo further broadened the framework for regional cooperation. Key priorities include green transformation, digital connectivity and human resource development, reflecting the shared commitment to sustainable growth and innovation.

Business ties are also gaining momentum. In July, a Keidanren delegation led by Takeshi Hashimoto, chairman of Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, met with Prime Minister Olzhas Bektenov to discuss investment, technology transfers, logistics and green technologies. These discussions highlighted opportunities for deeper engagement between the business communities of both countries.

Looking ahead, Astana is scheduled to host the ninth meeting of the Kazakhstan-Japan Joint Commission of the Government and Private Sectors on Economic Cooperation in December. Approximately 150 Japanese business representatives are expected to participate, with digital technologies, green transformation, finance and resilient supply chains among the key agenda items.

Improved transport connectivity is another important priority. The launch of a direct flight between Almaty and Tokyo in November is expected facilitate business travel, boost tourism and strengthen people-to-people exchanges, further supporting bilateral trade and investment.

Building on mutual trust and shared interests, Kazakhstan and Japan have considerable potential to deepen their strategic partnership, advance innovation and contribute to a more prosperous, secure and sustainable future.



President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi pose during his official visit to Tokyo in December 2025.
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF KAZAKHSTAN

This content was compiled in collaboration with the embassy. The views expressed here do not necessarily reflect those of the newspaper.

Congratulations

to the People of

the Republic of Kazakhstan

on the Occasion of

Their Republic Day

INPEX

INPEX CORPORATION

https://www.inpex.com/english/

Congratulations

to the People of

the Republic of Kazakhstan

on the Occasion of

Their Republic Day

JT

JAPAN TOBACCO INC.

Kamiyacho Trust Tower, 1-1, Toranomon 4-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-6927 JAPAN
Phone:(03)6636-2914 FAX:(03)6772-0495 URL:http://www.jt.com

Congratulations

to the People of

the Republic of Kazakhstan

on the Occasion of

Their Republic Day

Marubeni

https://www.marubeni.com