

KAZAKHSTAN

CELEBRATING *Our 20th Anniversary of Independence*

How far can a country travel in the first 20 years of its independence? It depends on where it is heading and how fast it is moving. Kazakhstan, which has seen much hardship in the 20th century, regained its independence in December 1991, and has moved in the right direction—going further than most people thought possible.

Under its President, Nursultan Nazarbayev, Kazakhstan has made a remarkable journey going from one of the least known and least developed republics of the former Soviet Union to a dynamic, developing democratic state with a robust market economy. Thanks to wide ranging social, political and economic reforms, today's Kazakhstan is politically stable and is, in fact, the pillar of stability in Central Asia. A worthy partner of the international community, Kazakhstan has effectively addressed issues from nuclear disarmament and safety to food security, to promoting dialogue and better understanding between cultures, religions and civilisations.

Kazakhstan has achieved substantial success in every arena during the past 20 years, and we celebrate those achievements this year—with the understanding that for all of the promises fulfilled, much more work awaits.

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR FIRST 20 YEARS AND LOOK FORWARD TO AN EVEN BRIGHTER FUTURE.

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