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KAZAKHSTAN DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE A NUCLEAR-WEAPONS FREE WORLD

BERLIN | ASTANA (IDN) - Kazakh Foreign Minister Erlan Idrissov has urged the civil society, social movements and the public at large to support governments in achieving a nuclear-weapons-free world by 2045, when the United Nations will turn 100, and to help in the establishment of a Global Anti-Nuclear Movement.

These goals were part of key international initiatives President Nursultan Nazarbayev tabled during the General Assembly session in September 2015. He also called for creating a single global anti-terrorist network, allocating 1 percent of countries' defence budgets to sustainable development, organizing a high-level international conference on reaffirming the principles of international law and coordinating international efforts under the UN on promoting green technologies.

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KAZAKH MINISTER OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, AMBASSADORS FOR OECD MEMBER STATES DISCUSS UN 2030 AGENDA

Kazakh Minister of Economic Integration Zhanar Aitzhanova held a meeting in New York Feb. 22 with ambassadors of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) member states, as well as those representing least developed, developing, landlocked and small island developing states. The OECD unites 34 of the most developed countries of the world. The participants discussed the issues of regional economic integration in the context of the United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. UN Under-Secretary General Chandra Gyan Acharya also participated in the meeting.

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RELATIONS WITH EGYPT SET TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER, KAZAKH AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO SAYS

In advance of Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi's visit to Astana on Feb. 26-27, Kazakh Ambassador in Cairo Berik Aryn answered a number of questions for The Astana Times on the development of bilateral cooperation between the countries.

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EXPO 2017 IS A 'DIALOGUE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY,' SAYS BIE CHIEF

BY ZHAZIRA DYUSSEMBEKOVA in EXPO 2017 on 26 FEBRUARY 2016

ASTANA – EXPO 2017 preparations are well on track in terms of construction of facilities, lining up participation and removing hurdles for travel, while the event's success will also to a great extent depend on the media coverage it will receive, international and Kazakh officials said.

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MALAYSIA TO ATTEND EXPO 2017 - MFA

ASTANA. KAZINFORM First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, EXPO 2017 Commissioner Rapol Zhoshybayev met yesterday, 25 February, with a Malaysian delegation headed by Secretary General of the Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water, Commissioner of the Malaysian National Section in EXPO 2017 Datuk Loo Took Gee in Astana.

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WHY CHANGING ENERGY MARKETS ADD RELEVANCE TO EXPO 2017 ASTANA

When Kazakhstan bid to host the 2017 EXPO in its capital Astana, it must have surprised many observers. It was not just that no country from the former Soviet Union had yet to host EXPO, but the theme we chose was future energy.

After all, Kazakhstan is one of the world's largest oil and gas producers. Promoting new energy sources and solutions may have seemed a strange decision for a country with such large fossil fuel reserves.

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OUR GOAL IS TO JOIN TOP-10 ASIAN FINANCIAL CENTRES – IFCA CHIEF KAIRAT KELIMBETOV

BEIJING. KAZINFORM Chief of the Astana International Financial Centre Kairat Kelimbetov arrived at Beijing with a working trip.

In an exclusive interview to Kazinform correspondent, he told that the IFCA is actively developing cooperation with similar structures at the regional and global levels. The institutions of the IFCA are being currently established. The experience of Chinese, Dubai and English partners is applied. This and many other issues related to the IFCA activity are touched upon in the interview below.

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KAZAKHSTAN COMMITTED TO COMPETITIVE, TRANSPARENT AND FAIR ELECTIONS, FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS

BY MALIKA ORAZGALIYEVA in NATION on 19 FEBRUARY 2016

ASTANA – Kazakhstan is committed to holding competitive, transparent and fair elections, Foreign Minister Erlan Idrissov said at a Feb. 17 meeting with the head of the observation mission for early parliamentary elections from the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR).

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HUNGARIAN BOOKS REFLECTING HISTORIC TIES WITH TURKIC PEOPLES PRESENTED IN ASTANA

BY GALIASKAR SEITZHAN in NATION on 22 FEBRUARY 2016

ASTANA – The scientific legacy of Hungarian orientalists and the Magyar people's historical ties with Turkic-speaking peoples were discussed at a roundtable in the city's International Turkic Academy's (ITA) conference hall. The forum was arranged in cooperation with the Hungarian Embassy in Kazakhstan, according to a Feb. 4 report by Kazinform.

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BRITISH SUPERB FILMS TO SHOOT GENGHIS KHAN MOVIE IN KAZAKHSTAN

BY STAFF REPORT in CULTURE on 23 FEBRUARY 2016

ASTANA – Kazakhstan's Ministry of Culture and Sports and British company Superb Films have agreed to cooperate in the field of culture and film arts, according to a Feb. 8 report by Kazpravda.kz with reference to the ministry's press service.

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BULGARIANS 'SPRINKLED KAZAKH STEPPES WITH SWEAT AND BLOOD', COMMUNITY LEADER SAYS

BY DMITRY LEE in PEOPLE on 23 FEBRUARY 2016

ASTANA – Although Bulgaria and Kazakhstan might seem to have little but the Soviet Union to link them, Bulgarians actually first arrived on the territory of modern Kazakhstan more than 100 years ago and faced, with the Kazakhs and other peoples living on the steppe, the dangers posed by the harsh climate and clashes over territory.

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COMPETITION LEAVES NO TIME FOR BOREDOM, SAYS KAZAKH QUARTET'S CELLIST

BY KAMILA ZHUMABAYEVA in CULTURE on 26 FEBRUARY 2016

ASTANA – A quartet is often considered to perform elitist music for the intelligentsia and casual listeners might not be attracted. The audience that desires chamber music or a performance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Ludwig van Beethoven or Soviet composer Dmitri Shostakovich, however, will come to a concert by Gaziza Zhubanova State String Quartet, or simply the Kazakh Quartet.

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KAZAKH PAINTER CONQUERS EUROPEAN ART SCENE, BRINGS INSPIRING STORY TO WORLD

ASTANA – Almaty native Tolkyin Sakbayeva, 25, was diagnosed with cerebral palsy as a child. Yet the artist has overcome her physical challenges to allow her talent and inner drive to find the way to success and the hearts of the European art world.

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CRIMEAN ARTIST CREATES SAND ANIMATION ABOUT KAZAKHSTAN

BY STAFF REPORT in NATION on 22 FEBRUARY 2016

ASTANA – Famous Crimean artist and sand animation performer Kseniya Simonova has dedicated her new film to Kazakhstan, reported Kazpravda.kz on Feb. 9, citing Argumenty I Fakty Crimea. The five-minute film “Astana, My Love” is gaining popularity among Internet users.

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PHOTOSAFARI PHOTOGRAPHERS DOCUMENT WILD KAZAKHSTAN, HOPE TO HELP VISITORS DO THE SAME

BY ZHANNA SHAYAKHMETOVA in KAZAKHSTAN TOURISM on 9 FEBRUARY 2016

ASTANA – Undiscovered Kazakhstan, an exhibition created by Photosafari Group photographers, was presented in South Korea in December with the support of the Foundation of the First President of Kazakhstan. The display of 40 images taken all over Kazakhstan in 2014 and 2015 highlights the country’s most beautiful, diverse places. Exhibitions have also been held in Russia, Georgia, Italy, Hungary and China, and have received significant attention and drawn large audiences.

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