

Chairman writes from Almaty



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My dear fellow exporters,

Council's Indiatech in Almaty inaugurated today. Mr. Kairat A. Bukenov, First Dy. Akim of Almaty City (Akim is equivalent to Governor of the State) inaugurated the Exhibition. Mr. Erken T. Sadykov, Chairman - Committee of Foreign Economic Relations, Almaty Akimat, H.E. Mr. Vidya Sagar Verma, Ambassador of India to Kazakhstan, Mr. S. Ramasundaram, Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India, Ms. Tatyana Zhadanova, Vice President, Union of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan were present at the Inauguration, apart from Indian participants and the Kazakh business fraternity.

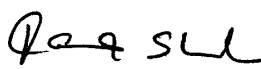
The Exhibition has been organized under the Focus CIS Programme of Govt. of India in cooperation with the Union Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Embassy of India in Almaty, Department of Trade & Industry, Kazakhstan and Arcadia LLC.

The main objective of holding this exhibition is to re-establish trade relations between India and Kazakhstan. As you know, trade with Kazakhstan dated back eighteenth century through the silk route. There has been tremendous enthusiasm amongst the Kazakh business community, as this is the maiden venture from India to popularize Indian engineering products and services. 65 leading enterprises from India are showcasing a variety of Indian engineering products.

India can provide technology to Kazakhstan for unlocking their vast reserve of natural resources. There will be tremendous opportunity for technology transfer and project exports in the times to come.

Mr. Bukenov, First Dy. Akim of Almaty City underlined great potential for bilateral trade between the countries and hoped that Indiatech will usher business cooperation in the near future. Mr. Ramasundaram on behalf of the Govt. of India proposed for a counter visit from Kazakhstan under Focus CIS Programme for which travel expenses of Kazakh trade representatives would be borne by the Govt. of India.

Yours sincerely,


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