



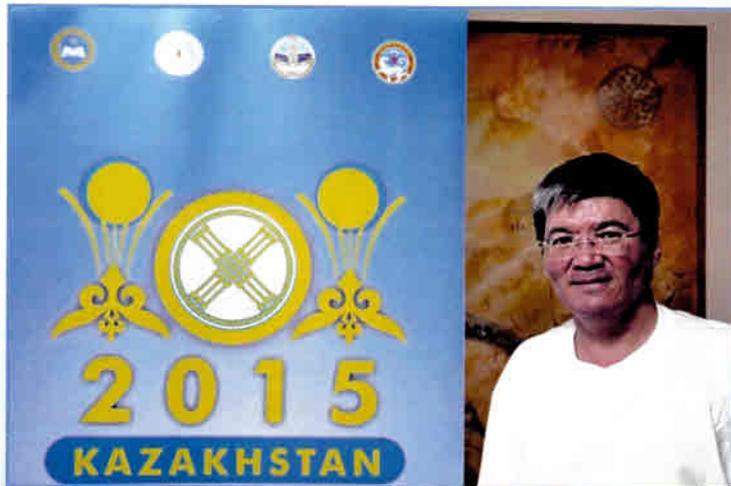
Newsletter

27th International Olympiad in Informatics

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WELCOME NOTE

from Dr. Bakhyt Matkarimov, Chair of the IOI 2015



**Dear Contestants, Team Leaders,
Members of IOI International Committees
and Guests!**

We are very pleased to greet welcome participants of the International Olympiad in Informatics in Kazakhstan!

We want to be sincerely thankful you for your participation in the Olympiad. We hope that the days, which spent on the hospitable Kazakh land, and the atmosphere spirit of the southern capital of our country – Almaty will make a deep impressions and great pleasure on you.

We are very grateful to the General Assembly of the Olympiad for supporting our initiative to host the 27th IOI in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Undoubtedly, holding of the high-level educational activities which contributing formation of intellectual potential is an important thing for country's development.

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From the very beginning of creation own history Kazakhstan making great investment in human capital, and to the newest educational technologies.

Today, the basic priority in education sphere has projects accumulating the most advanced scientific and educational technologies, as Al-Farabi Kazakh National University is the higher educational institution with rich traditions, with many years of experience in educational and scientific workareas.

The University has a huge educational, scientific, spiritual and educational, innovative and productive potential, which aimed for preparation specialists of higher qualification, further integration in the world educational area, development of fundamental and applied research, their implementation in production.

We are proud that we have a chance to collect young intellectuals - young programmers in Almaty.

Dear friends! With all hearts we wish that Olympiad will held at a high scientific level and think the people of Kazakhstan and Almaty are happy to do everything to become a strong bond of friendship and your residence in Kazakhstan will be unforgettable.

Exchange ideas and develop your talents! We believe that you will become discoverer of the new grandiose scientific theories and continue glorious intellectual and spiritual traditions of the great scientists of the world.

Once again, we want to thank sincerely and warmly welcome you to Kazakhstan, Almaty. We wish you victories and good luck!



About Kazakhstan



Kazakhstan is a contiguous transcontinental country in Central Asia, with its smaller part west of the Ural River in Europe. Kazakhstan is the world's largest landlocked country by land area and the ninth largest country in the world; its territory of 2,727,300 square kilometres (1,053,000 sq mi) is larger than Western Europe. The country has borders with (clockwise from the north) Russia, China, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan, and also adjoins a large part of the Caspian Sea. The terrain of Kazakhstan includes

flatlands, steppe, taiga, rock canyons, hills, deltas, snow-capped mountains, and deserts. Yet, Kazakhstan is well-known for its steppe, which is often associated with freedom and sky full of stars. With 17 million people, Kazakhstan has the 62nd largest population in the world. The capital is Astana, where it was moved from Almaty in 1997.

Kazakhstan declared independence in 1991. The current President, Nursultan Nazarbayev, has been leader of the country since 1991 and has pursued a balanced foreign policy, working to develop the country's economy and making it one of the fastest growing economies in the region. Most of the local people are bilingual, speaking both Kazakh and Russian. Nowadays, the country is making reforms in its educational policy to ensure that majority speaks English as well.



About Almaty

Almaty is the Kazakhstan's largest metropolis, scientific and educational, cultural and historical, economic and financial, banking and industrial center of the country.

Almaty is located in the south-east of Kazakhstan, at the foot of the northern of Tien Shan ridge - Zaili Alatau.

In 1997, by decree of Nursultan Nazarbayev, the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the country's capital was moved from Almaty to Astana. The Law on the special status of Almaty was passed the following year, on July 1, 1998. The city is a major transportation hub in Kazakhstan; it has food processing, light and heavy industry enterprises operating on its territory. The special status is also granted to Almaty because the headquarters of the largest Kazakh banks and subsidiaries of multinational financial institutions and companies are located in it.

Modern Almaty is a world-renowned sports center. Almaty won the international recognition thanks to such prestigious events as "Asian Games 2011", World Boxing Championships, stages of World Cup in judo and ski jumping, a stage of world "Grand Prix-2013" in volleyball and professional cycling race "Tour of Almaty".

Almaty will host the World Winter Universiada of 2017. By the opening of the Universiada, the city will have a sports village, new ice palace and many other modern facilities built in its territory.

The climate in the city is sharply continental, with considerable fluctuations in temperature not only in different seasons but also between day and night. From a height of 500 meters the city climate is closer to the steppe and semi-deserts, coming close to the hot Kaskelen Moyunkuins. In the southern areas, at an altitude of 1520-1750 meters above sea level, in the Medeu Tract and the Kamenski Plateau, you can feel the breath of "Arctic mountains".



Average annual wind speed is twice as little as in Moscow. Average temperature of July is the same as on the islands of Sri Lanka (Ceylon), Kalimantan (Borneo), or Java. Average temperature of January can be compared with that in the north of Norway.

The period of sunshine is long, up to 1596 hours a year; there are up to 151 frost-free days. The air temperature fluctuates at different heights: at the ascent of over 1400 meters above sea level, the average annual air temperature drops by 0.66° every 100 meters.



Today: *Cold* or *Warm*?



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Our guests are still arriving.

We would like to thank the following teams for arriving among the first:



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