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## Academician Sagadiev is Sixty



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Kenzhegali Abenovich Sagadiev, a prominent scientist and a gifted organizer of higher education in the Republic of Kazakhstan, academician, professor, doctor of economic sciences, is celebrating his 60th jubilee on February 18. After he finished school in Kustanai province, Kenzhegali Sagadiev studied in Almaty. Later he defended his doctorate thesis in Moscow and after that headed the National Academy of Sciences in the capacity of President and then two higher educational establishments of the country - the Tselinograd agricultural institute and the Kazakh Academy of Management. At present Professor Sagadiev is Rector of the Kazakh State University of Agriculture. Within a short period under his leadership at the University, new training and scientific complexes have been established on the basis of the former faculties. The University headed by Kenzhegali Sagadiev was the first to introduce computer and language training centres aimed to strengthen and improve fundamental training of specialists and provide their entry to the world information space.

The University of Agriculture has started close cooperation with a number of leading world universities, foreign funds and intellectual organizations. Thus radical reconstruction of the educational, research and other aspects of the activity is going on at the University. Professor Sagadiev supervised five doctorates and 29 candidate theses. He published more than 130 monographs, articles and other materials. It is not a regular case when one and the same person successfully headed three important higher educational institutions in the Republic and National Academy of Sciences of R.K. and the fact that Professor Sagadiev did this, proves his high professionalism. Wherever he worked Kenzhegali Sagadiev proved to be both a brilliant administrator and a scholar, a thoughtful teacher and a generous person. He quickly realizes the situation, succeeds withdrawing from difficulties, successfully promotes young people, stands for close integration of research institutions with enterprises.

K.A. Sagadiev is recognized in this country as one of the strongest experts on higher education because he skillfully puts into practice the experience and achievements of the developed countries and universities of the world. He visited dozens of countries of the planet, participated at numerous world forums on education, market economy, on international economic relations. Kenzhegali Sagadiev has achieved his perfection owing to his persistent and systematic work, his original talent and mentality. He possesses a unique gift to unite people and combine efforts. Professor Sagadiev is a man of strong character, an outstanding

## Mir's Two Crews Unload Spaceship after Docking

BY ANDREI KHALIP

Six cosmonauts on board Russia's Mir space station, including new crew members who joined the present trio in orbit on Saturday, were unloading the Soyuz transport spaceship on Sunday, Mission Control said.

"They are unloading the Soyuz now, and the old crew is instructing the newly arrived ones under a standard shift-changing procedure," a duty flight director told Reuters by telephone from Mission Control outside Moscow.

The cargo mainly consisted of French scientific equipment, he said. "After unloading they will all switch to regular work and scientific experiments," he said, adding that Frenchman Leopold Eyharts had already started his scientific work.

The six men will share Mir's cramped quarters for three weeks until Eyharts and two Russian cosmonauts, commander Anatoly Solovyov and flight engineer Pavel Vinogradov, return to earth in their own Soyuz capsule, also docked to Mir.

"I do not know how they agreed to share 'rooms' on Mir," said the official.

"Probably the newly arrived guys will have to fasten their beds to the ceiling - it will depend on what the 'old' guys say.

Indeed, they have little space there for six."

All of the cosmonauts were feeling fine, Mission Control said.

The official did not know the fate of six female salamanders who traveled from France with Eyharts to the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan's steppe lands and

lizard-like creatures whose egg-laying the crew is to monitor for research into reproduction in space, were fine during the flight.

The 50-metre (163-foot) Soyuz TM-27 docked with Mir in automatic mode on Saturday night about 400 km (250 miles) above Western Europe.

"We congratulate you with a perfect docking," a Mission Control officer told the six smiling cosmonauts who gathered in the core module under French, Russian and U.S. flags minutes after the new crew entered the station through a narrow hatch.

Soyuz brought the station its new commander, Talgat Musabayev, 47, as well as Russian engineer Nikolai Budarin, 44, and Eyharts, 40. Musabayev, a Kazakh, participates in the Mir mission under a Russian flag.

NASA astronaut Andrew Thomas started his shift on Mir earlier this week. Just hours after Soyuz's smooth docking with Mir, the U.S. space shuttle Endeavour landed in Florida, bringing home U.S. astronaut David Wolf, who had lived on the Russian outpost since September. Endeavour left behind Thomas for the seventh and last scheduled four-month stint by a NASA astronaut on Mir.

Eyharts, a French air force pilot whose wife Dominique has just told him she is expecting their first child, will spend three weeks conducting scientific experiments.

Musabayev and Budarin will spend six months on Mir. They will continue 12 years of manned space flight by Soviet and Russian cosmonauts and make further repairs to

## Almaty Denies Selling Missiles to Iran

BY SUSAN MORGIE

General Zhenis Ryspayev strongly denied Almaty had sold ballistic missiles to Iran, dismissing press reports as ridiculous, Interfax news agency said.

"Kazakhstan has not produced and is not producing SS-20 or SS-21 missiles, and it is simply ridiculous to imagine their sale, especially to Iran," he told the press.

"How can one comment on something that doesn't exist," he said, referring to newspaper reports.

"Weapons sales are so closely monitored by the secret services throughout the world that it's practically impossible to do it secretly, all the more so when it involves Iran," Ryspayev added.

The Central Asian republic became a nuclear weapon-free state in 1995, its nuclear warheads being dismantled in Kazakhstan or sent to Russia.

Six hundred kilograms (around 1,320 pounds) of enriched uranium

was sold to the United States, which has given financial support to Kazakhstan's disarmament program.

Special intelligence service "Barlau" was set up to combat terrorism, religious extremism and organized crime in the last fall on the basis of Kazakhstan's KGB and replaced former State Investigation Committee, which was dismissed at that time.

The head of the Barlau service, Zhenis Ryspayev, told a news conference in Almaty that his organization set up two months ago would focus on external threats to the country's security and monitor the internal situation.

He said Kazakhstan was carefully monitoring events in neighboring Afghanistan.

Correspondents say that Kazakhstan, like the other Central Asian states, has expressed concern that the Taleban's radical Islamic ideas may spread across the border into the region.

## Kazakhstan Seeks New Opportunities for Chromium Industry

Kazakhstan's President Nursultan Nazarbayev has actively participated in the World Economic Forum in the Swiss city of Davos. Besides the President made his major report on the transport routes for Kazakh crude from the Caspian Sea, Nursultan Nazarbayev also talked to top officials of world leading companies and state officials drawing their attention to Kazakhstan's investment opportunities.

In his report at the forum Nursultan Nazarbayev said that regional cooperation is essential if the energy resources of the Caspian

oil and gas, and what happened there would be among of the key issues in the next century. The race of developing Caspian oil reserves, a huge energy potential, is hotting up. He also said that Kazakhstan is currently on the stage of working out its strategic plan for crude oil transportation to the international market. The Kazakh President named seven routes, which are currently considered by Kazakh oil officials. The first route passes through the Russian territory. It is actually reconstruction of the existing pipeline of the Russian oil company Kazakoiil, Baltabek Kuandykov, the problems have been settled and the construction is expected to start in March this year. The length of the pipeline will amount to 1500 km. and the cost of the construction will reach \$5 billion. Kazakhstan has previously considered these two projects as having major potential for Kazakh crude transportation.

The third route lies from Azerbaijan trough Caucasus to the terminals either at the Georgian Supsa port or Turkish port Jehan on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. These pipelines could also be expected to transport Turkmen oil as well. The USA, Turkey, Georgia and Turkmenistan are ready to back this project. The fourth crude direction, said the president, Kazakhstan considers as East Kazakhstan - East China. The 2700 km pipeline is estimated at \$2,700 billion. This projects very important

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German President Roman Herzog (L) presents a painting to his Kyrgyz counterpart Askar Akayev during their meeting at the Kyrgyz President's residence February 2. Germany and Kyrgyzstan signed an agreement to launch a joint fight against organised crime, terrorism and the drug trade.

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**KAZAKOIL: TOTALS AND TARGETS.** The head of the Kazak national oil company Kazakoiil, Baltabek Kuandykov, has organized a news-conference where he summarized the companies' progress for 1997 and outlined company plans for 1998. The most important result of the year, according to Kuandykov, was that Kazakhstan established record mining carbons worth an oil equivalent of 25758331 tons. The total oil processing volume in Kazakhstan in 1997 fell by 22.3% against the previous year and comprised 8640,6 thousand tons. However, Kazakstani oil markets did not perceive a deficit in oil products last year. Touching upon the company's goals for 1998, Kuandykov disclosed that there were plans to increase oil mining in Kazakhstan to 29-30m tons. The export of oil, in the words of Kuandykov, will increase this year due to an improvement in sea and railway transportation routes and, in particular, due to the reconstruction of the sea port in Aktau and the oil terminal in Baku. Gas mining, according to the company's president, is expected to reach 7b cubic meters. Also, Kuandykov revealed that between March 31 - April 1, an international conference apropos the possible means of transporting Kazakstani oil to the world oil markets will take place in Almaty. *Express K, 1/27/98*

**TAX POLICE DEEM SEMIPALATINSK REGION UNSATISFACTORY.** The Chief of the Tax Police Department, Rakhmat Aliyev, has visited Ust-Kamenogorsk, where he has organized a press-conference summarizing the progress of the oblast's tax police department. Aliyev disclosed that tax policemen from Almaty judge their colleagues' activities from Semipalatinsk to be inadequate. There, no more than T20m were recovered to the Republican budget, despite the fact that the smuggling route passed via Semipalatinsk. In general, last year, tax payments worth a total of T4.5b including T1.5b collected by the Almaty tax police department were contributed to the Republican budget. In conclusion, the Tax Chief of the Republic announced that reinforcements in the form of an additional 200 employees will soon join the Almaty tax police department. *Express K, 1/27/98*

**KAZAKSTANI HEALTH CARE TO OBTAIN MANY VITAL POINTS** in the health care system of Kazakhstan, which will be now resolved according to international standards and with the help of charitable organizations. *Kazakstanskaya Pravda, 1/27/98*

**NEW CONTRACTS ON OIL SIGNED.** At the session of the State Investment Committee chaired by the First Deputy Prime Minister, Akhmetjan Yesimov, recommendations were made for the finalization of the contracts with the company Akmai LTD to develop and mine carbons at the squares of Bozoba Zapadnaya and Sarkramabas oil fields in the Aktubinsk oblast, and with Tasbulat Oil Corporation to mine carbons at the oil field Tasbulat and to explore the oil fields of Aktas and Turkmenoi in the Mangistau oblast. Also, at the session, the contract with the company Prior-Invest LTD which intends to produce doors in Almaty was recommended to proceed. Direct investments in the project are expected to total US \$556,000, and 16 new jobs will be created. *Kazakstanskaya Pravda, 1/27/98*

**CULTURE OF THIRD MILLENNIUM.** The first international conference entitled "Kazakstan-2030: Culture in the Strategy for Stable Development" and organized by the mutual efforts of the Department of Culture, the Ministry for Education, Culture and Health Care, the State Museum of Arts, named after Kasteev, the Laboratory of intellectual property, and the ecological anthology Noosphere has been held in Almaty. The two-day discussions focused mainly on two documents: Conception for Stable Development adopted by the UN second international conference for ecology and development held in Rio-de-Janeiro, and the Strategy-2030, put forward by President Nazarbayev. Participants at the conference agreed that Kazakstani experts will have to conduct both theoretical and practical work in order to integrate culture with all processes of reforms. The first step in this direction was the proposal of the Kazakstani world-renown poet and social figure, Olgas Suleimenov, who suggested that an international club named "Culture of Third Millennium" should be established. His initiative was backed by all the participants. *Kazakstanskaya Pravda, 1/27/98; Panorama, 1/30/98*