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## Analyzing New Transition in Kazakhstan under President Kassym Tokayev



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The hallmark of Kazakhstan's success in this new era can be witnessed by the grand reforms and systematic shift of political modernization proposed by President Kassym-Jomrat Tokayev. His national address of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 has introduced a major transformation of



laws, policies and future dynamics for the people of the state. The constitutional reforms and nationwide referendum have paved the way for the fundamental development of a new fair Kazakhstan. The majority of citizens supported the course of political modernization and a new socioeconomic developmental process. The visionary leader has introduced new laws with a profound restructuring of the triad, i.e., ‘*Citizen- Business-State*’. In this aspect, the administration has focused more on the equality of opportunities and justice for all. Emancipation, economic progress, and protection of citizen's rights are the major paradigms introduced by the dynamic statesman, President Tokayev. His exceptional policies and projects have made him the most popular leader in the region. His successful conduct of statecraft has enabled Kazakhstan to emerge as a strong regional player in the comity of nations. Following are the significant amendments introduced in Kazakhstan.

**a. A Robust Economic Policy:**

It is evident that when countries modernize their economies, they are typically obligatory to change their socioeconomic structures and tend to become more open and accountable.



political modernization comes with economic liberalism. In this aspect, Kazakhstan has announced major reforms to enhance its economic outreach. To resolve the systematic problems, the leadership presented new approaches, including ensuring macroeconomic stability, economic diversification, digitalization, and development of small and medium-sized businesses, human capital, and the rule of law. The priorities of this new economic course will provide an impetus to the private entrepreneurial initiative, which means moving away from state capitalism and excessive government intervention in the economy, development of competition, which means ensuring equal opportunities for all and a fair distribution of the national income.

**b. Developing the Real Sector:**

In Kazakhstan, legislation and procedures will be greatly simplified to attract investment in real estate development. The leadership is optimistic to do the necessary work in order to complete the creation of a unified data bank of geological information. In 2021, the effectiveness of all special economic zones was assessed with the instruction of President Tokayev. Based on its results, problematic areas were identified and new approaches were outlined. Thereby, now a new fundamentally different policy has been introduced for the proactive development of SEZs. This issue is of particular importance in connection with the relocation of foreign enterprises to Kazakhstan.



### **c. Strategic Investment for Kazakhstan's Future:**

A people-centric approach is the core value of Kazakhstan. In this regard, a fair distribution of national wealth and equal opportunity for every citizen is a key goal of the new reforms. The leadership believes that the whole set of problems that have accumulated cannot be solved all at once. Therefore, efforts should be concentrated on critical aspects, one of which is the financing system. President Jomrat also proposed to implement a national project aimed at the needs of the rural population of our country as early as next year. Within two years, medical and obstetric stations will be built and fully equipped in 650 villages where there are currently no medical facilities. Thus, the state will provide access to primary health care for more than a million citizens. Moreover, 32 district hospitals will also be modernized and transformed into inter-district multidisciplinary institutions.

### **d. Public Administration:**

The planned structural economic reforms require a reboot of the system of public administration. In this aspect, the government has emphasized decentralizing the system of state administration while increasing the personal responsibility of political officials. The system of selecting and dismissing civil servants will be restructured to meet the demands of the times under the new laws. It is important that the civil service become as open as possible to professionals from the private sector. Furthermore, the Civil Service Agency should become a full-fledged institution of strategic HR. The government, together with the Agency, will launch a special platform to consolidate the potential of fellow citizens around the world.

### **e. The Rule of Law:**

The law and order situation is the foremost important dimension for the Kazakh government. The leadership has provided urgent requirements to renew and rehabilitate the judiciary. The leadership believes that it is necessary to begin introducing elements of electability of judges of the Supreme Court. For this purpose, the President will submit candidates for judges to the Senate on an alternative basis. For increasing the independence of judges, the status of the Supreme Judicial Council will be strengthened.

### **Kazakhstan on the Path of Glorious Future:**

Under all the above-mentioned assertions, it is clear that Kazakhstan under the dynamic leadership of President Kassym-Jomrat Tokayev will prosper in each dimension. The country has rightly encouraged political modernization in



accordance with the fundamental formula “*a strong President - an influential Parliament - an accountable Government*”. It can easily be anticipated that reforms in the mentioned directions will continue to bring positive outcomes for Kazakhstan and also will reinvigorate alliance building, especially with Pakistan. In November, direct flights are expected to commence between the two states, embarking on the way to achieving new political milestones.