
FIRST INTER-PARLIAMENTARY FORUM IN CENTRAL ASIA PLEDGES GREATER COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL AREAS

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The role of parliamentary diplomacy has grown amidst a tense geopolitical situation and global economic instability, said Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev in his address to the participants of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of Central Asian States, delivered by Kazakhstans Senate Chairman Maulen Ashimbayev on Feb. 10, as reported by the Kazakh Senates press service.

According to Tokayev, the work of parliamentarians plays a significant role in the legislative support of bilateral agreements, maintaining friendly and neighborly relations, and promoting regional cooperation. He noted the centuries-old close and cordial relations between the Central Asian peoples had reached a new level in recent years.

The constant deepening of economic cooperation is critical for our countries today. Priority should be given to growing regional and cross-border trade, building collaborations in the transit and transportation sectors, and launching new collaborative projects. It is essential to enrich humanitarian cooperation with new essence to preserve Central Asias common spiritual heritage and form a single cultural and historical space, said Tokayev.

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