



## DIGEST OF THE K.ZHUBANOV ARU «Achievements and events of the K.ZHUBANOV ARU in 2024»



**PRESIDENT VISITS HERIOT-WATT CAMPUS AT ZHUBANOV UNIVERSITY**

During his working visit to the Aktobe region, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev familiarized himself with the educational system of the Heriot-Watt University campus, located at Zhubanov University, and interacted with students. The President was presented with the university's scientific achievements and new educational programs.

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**ZHUBANOV UNIVERSITY AWARDED "ZHYL UZDIGI" (BEST OF THE YEAR)**

Aktobe Regional University named after K. Zhubanov was awarded the title of "Zhyl Uzdigi" for its significant role and foundational work in the national higher education system, the preparation of competitive specialists who meet the demands of the time, its fundamental contributions to expanding the horizons of science, and its scientific achievements.

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**ZHUBANOV UNIVERSITY SCIENTIST DEVELOPED AN EFFECTIVE METHOD FOR EYE DISEASE TREATMENT**

Guzel Abilova, Associate Professor of the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Technology at Aktobe Regional University named after K. Zhubanov, along with Professor Vitaliy Khutoryansky from the School of Chemistry, Food, and Pharmaceuticals at the University of Reading (UK), has developed an effective method for treating eye diseases. After several years of research, the scientists created thin polymeric medicinal films similar to contact lenses. While polymer-based eye medications are available in the imported pharmaceutical market, the eye medicine films developed by the scientists from Zhubanov University are designed to treat eye diseases of bacterial origin. These films are formulated with antimicrobial agents, including an antibiotic that targets ciprofloxacin.

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**ZHUBANOV UNIVERSITY ACCREDITED AS A SUBJECT OF SCIENTIFIC AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL ACTIVITY FOR FIVE YEARS**

Zhubanov University has received an accreditation certificate as a subject of scientific and scientific-technical activity for a period of five years, in accordance with Article 23 of the Science Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan. This certificate grants the university the right to participate in competitions for scientific and scientific-technical projects and programs funded by the state budget and other sources not prohibited by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The accreditation decision was based on the university's scientific and technical potential, the level of research and development, the scale of practical implementation, and the preparation of highly qualified scientific personnel and scientific organizations.

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**ZHUBANOV UNIVERSITY EQUIPS NEW LABORATORIES FOR FUTURE PHYSICISTS**

The Department of Physics at the Faculty of Physics and Mathematics at Aktobe Regional University named after K. Zhubanov has been equipped with modern laboratories. This academic year, the "Mechanics," "Atomic Physics," and "Electricity and Magnetism" laboratories have been outfitted with new devices. These laboratories will host lectures not only for physics students but also for those enrolled in the general physics course, as well as for students of the Heriot-Watt University campus.

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**ZHUBANOV UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS STUDIED STEM METHODOLOGY IN THE USA**

With the support of the U.S. Embassy, the faculty members of Purdue University, an American research university, and Aktobe Regional University named after K. Zhubanov submitted a joint project to the American Councils for International Education and were included in the list of grant recipients in 2023. As a result, more than 40 faculty members from Kazakhstani universities enhanced their qualifications and received an international certification.

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### ZHUBANOV UNIVERSITY STUDENT DORMITORY EXPANDS WITH NEW SPACES

At the official opening of the dormitory, the event was attended by Erbol Danagulov, Executive Secretary of the regional branch of the "AMANAT" party, University Rector Laura Karabassova, as well as professors, faculty members, and students. After renovations, Dormitory No. 1 of the educational institution has added 92 new spaces. The three-story building, with a total area of 507 square meters, was repurposed for student accommodation.

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### "SILVER UNIVERSITY" – OLDEST PARTICIPANT IS 83 YEARS OLD

Aktobe Regional University named after K. Zhubanov has launched the "Silver University" project, offering free courses to around 70 senior participants. Among them is 83-year-old Zauza Moldabekova. Zauza Moldabekova is attending courses in English language and digital literacy. She learned about the program through social media announcements.

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### HERIOT-WATT EXAM: A PATHWAY TO A LEADING BRITISH UNIVERSITY

The Aktobe campus of Heriot-Watt University hosted an English language test for university admissions. The exam, supported by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, was organized by the British university in collaboration with Aktobe Regional University named after K. Zhubanov. Approximately 200 applicants from five regions, including Atyrau, Oral, Kyzylorda, Pavlodar, and Aktobe, participated in the examination.

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### STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF HERIOT-WATT CAMPUS DISCUSSED

Representatives of the faculty and staff from Heriot-Watt University visited Aktobe Regional University named after K. Zhubanov. The foreign guests held a meeting with the university's administration to discuss ongoing projects under their cooperation. They also shared their plans for the upcoming month, including the professors' work trip and the activities of the admissions office.

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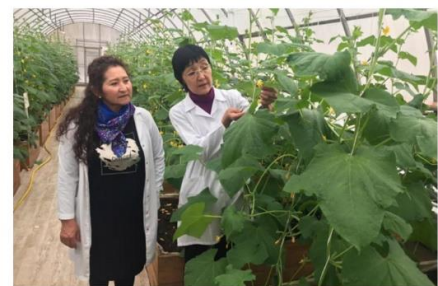


### MALAYSIAN PROFESSORS LECTURE STUDENTS AT HERIOT-WATT CAMPUS

Professors Yuenkiat Yap and Li Wen Nam from the Heriot-Watt University campus in Malaysia delivered lectures on physics and chemistry to students at the Aktobe campus of the British university, hosted by Zhubanov University. The scholars engaged in discussions with students and shared their scientific expertise and experiences.

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### SCIENTISTS FROM ZHUBANOV UNIVERSITY RECEIVE PATENT FOR DOMESTIC CUCUMBER BREEDING

Aliya Bazargaliev, a biological sciences candidate and associate professor at Zhubanov University, has been conducting research in collaboration with the Kazakh Research Institute of Fruit and Vegetable Farming in Almaty for the past three years. The university has implemented a scientific and innovative project under grant funding for 2020-2022 on the topic "Technology for Growing Domestic Hybrid Cucumber Varieties in Open and Protected Soil." The main researcher of the project is Dr. PhD Nurgul Utarbaeva. The patent was granted by the National Institute of Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the 100% purebred cucumber variety "Aliya Moldagulova."

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### ZHUBANOV UNIVERSITY RANKS AMONG THE TOP TEN UNIVERSITIES

The National Chamber of Entrepreneurs "Atameken" and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan have traditionally conducted an independent evaluation of university educational programs and published the rankings. According to the results, 25 educational programs of Aktobe Regional University named after K. Zhubanov ranked among the top ten. The university emphasizes training specialists in high-demand fields on the labor market. For four consecutive years, the university has maintained its position among the top five universities in Kazakhstan according to the ranking.

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### ZHUBANOV UNIVERSITY ENTERS THE TOP 10 UNIVERSITIES TRAINING SPECIALISTS FOR IN-DEMAND SECTORS

Zhubanov University has ranked among the top ten universities in the country with the highest graduate employment rates. 86% of the university's graduates are employed across all educational programs.

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### ZHUBANOV UNIVERSITY SIGNS MEMORANDUM WITH AKTOBE REGIONAL COURT

Aktobe Regional Court and Aktobe Regional University named after K. Zhubanov have signed a memorandum of mutual cooperation. This partnership will provide students with opportunities to prepare for careers in the judicial system, foster competitive professionals, enhance the qualifications of legal practitioners, and gain practical experience through internships at the regional court. Additionally, as part of the memorandum, initiatives will be undertaken to improve the legal literacy of the university's faculty and staff.

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### CHAIRPERSON OF KAZPOST MEETS WITH STUDENTS

The Chairperson of the Board of KazPost, Assel Zhanassova, visited Zhubanov University and held a meeting with students. During the event, Assel Zhanassova shared her experiences of studying abroad and her professional journey, while also answering questions from the students.

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### MEMORANDUM SIGNED

The administration of Aktobe Regional University named after K. Zhubanov held a meeting with the representative of the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Kazakhstan for the Aktobe region, during which a memorandum of cooperation was signed. During the meeting, the parties discussed joint initiatives to be implemented under the collaboration, including student internships, guest lectures, and activities aimed at enhancing legal literacy.

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### ZHUBANOV UNIVERSITY JOINS THE KAZAKHSTAN-U.S. UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM (KUUC)

The program represents an innovative consortium and a community of practice connecting higher education institutions in the United States and Kazakhstan through the development and strengthening of relationships and new strategic partnerships. Over the course of the year, Zhubanov University will have the opportunity to establish collaborations in areas such as alternative energy sources, environmental sciences, agriculture, food security, and STEM disciplines. Additionally, the university will participate in several workshops and grant initiatives. This program, funded and implemented by the Institute of International Education (IIE), is supported by the U.S. Embassy in Kazakhstan under the auspices of the U.S. government.

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### ZHUBANOV UNIVERSITY TAKES THE LEAD IN THE ACADEMIC INTEGRITY LEAGUE

A forum marking the fifth anniversary of the Academic Integrity League was held at Almaty Management University, bringing together higher education experts, researchers, and League members. Zhubanov University has achieved a compliance level of over 60% with the standards of academic integrity. Following a comprehensive evaluation, Zhubanov University, recognized as the largest higher education institution in the Western region, has been selected to lead the Academic Integrity League. During the forum, the Rector of Zhubanov University, Laura Karabassova, was awarded a diploma for her significant contribution to fostering a culture of integrity and ethical values in Kazakhstani education, as well as for her active involvement in the initiatives of the Academic Integrity League.

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### A JUST KAZAKHSTAN: QUALITY EDUCATION, HONEST CITIZEN, A SUCCESSFUL SOCIETY

A dialogue platform titled "A Just Kazakhstan: Quality Education, Honest Citizen, a Successful Society" was held at Aktobe Regional University named after K. Zhubanov. University staff gathered at the event to discuss ideas presented by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, during the third session of the National Kurultai, under the theme "An Honest Person – Honest Work – Honest Income."

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### ZHUBANOV UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZED AS A MODEL FOR COMPLIANCE SERVICE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION INITIATIVES

Aktobe Regional University named after K. Zhubanov has become one of the first higher education institutions in the Western region of Kazakhstan to implement an anti-corruption management system, earning certification under the national standard RK CT ISO 37001-2017. The methods outlined by the standard enable the effective prevention and combatting of all forms of corruption.

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