



**PRIME MINISTER
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**

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**To the participants of the
2nd Central-Asian Investment Conference
“Financing Sustainable Economic Development of Kazakhstan”**

I welcome the participants of of the 2nd Central-Asian Investment Conference “Financing Sustainable Economic Development of Kazakhstan”!

Your forum is becoming traditional and contributes to the development of partnership dialog between financiers and the State. The President Nursultan Nazarbayev said that “financial sector is our pride and competitive advantage, created by joint efforts of the private sector and the State”. Because of this collaboration we were able to successfully reform the financial sector. Its further development and regulation will assist international integration of Kazakhstan into world economy.

We make efforts to develop the securities market, have started to implement Public Private Partnership projects. We have great plans for the diversification of economy, building new industrial enterprises and development of the basic infrastructure. We need to overcome negative tendencies of the current global economical instability. I am certain that by only joint mutually beneficial collaboration we can secure sustainable growth of our economy.

I hope that the conference will discuss important questions of further development of Kazakhstan in real and financial sectors within the framework of international integration and in current changing conditions of the global capital markets and that it will offer new interesting suggestions and solutions.

I wish you productive and successful conference!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Masimov", written on a light-colored background.

Karim Masimov