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The UN program “Academic Impact” on Sustainability in al-Farabi KazNU is the main world education platform on sustainable development that is able to generate specialists with the new way of thinking. For this purpose, there is created a new transfer in the university which allows solving global issues and model plan proposed sustainable development criteria. The UNAI is a global initiative that aligns all the world’s universities with the UN in the realization of the targets and mandate throughout the activity and researches, creates and intellectual culture of the social responsibility in the academic sphere. Ten UN programs of “Academic Impact” supervise appropriate number of universities throughout the world.

KazNU is one of the leading universities in the world that creates and realizes the ideas on sustainable development. The academic community of al-Farabi KazNU has been a member of the United Nations Academic Impact Initiative for the last 5 years:

1. Al-Farabi KazNU became a member of the UNAI in 2015.
2. Al-Farabi KazNU became a member of the UNAI for 2016-2017 academic years.
3. Al-Farabi KazNU became a member of the UNAI for the 2018-2020 academic years.
4. Al-Farabi KazNU has extended its membership for the UNAI by October, 2021.

Therefore, the program of the UN Hub offered by al-Farabi KazNU is equal to the main UN principles, such as “Commitment to the maintenance of peace and conflict solving, poverty issues and the implementation of sustainable development through education and partnership”.

SDGs covered





January 22, 2020

COMPETENCY IN HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Al-Farabi KazNU held a joint meeting of educational associations of the University of Narkhoz and KazNU, which was attended by representatives of the RUMS and the heads of universities of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The subject of discussion was the movement of UMO RUMS from a collegial body to a design office and the competitiveness of universities.

The session “Competitiveness of the higher education system and individual universities” was devoted to strategically important issues of the development of higher education.

The session discussed issues of increasing the competitiveness of universities, ways to enter the WUR and QS WUR international ratings, measures aimed at improving the quality of higher education.

Currently, in order to increase the competitiveness of universities, various state programs are being developed and implemented. Most of the programs to increase the competitiveness of leading universities and their consortia are aimed at improving the level of integration of universities with the real sector of the economy. This will accelerate the transfer of knowledge and technology to the economy in order to ensure long-term economic growth and ensure sustainable socio-economic development of the country.



January 23, 2020

DIGITAL WISDOM

As the UN Academic Impact Hub on Sustainability, Al-Farabi KazNU has been actively implementing the program «Invitation of Foreign Scientists and Specialists». In this respect, Professor of the Jyväskylä Business School (Finland), Ayzhaz Sheikh visited the University in order to give lectures and conduct joint scientific research.

Professor Aijaz Shaikh is a world-renowned scientist, famous for his research in digital technology in the field of marketing. His research interests include digital technology, mobile applications, and digital marketing. He is the author of more than 30 scientific papers, 24 publications in the Scopus database, including papers with a high impact factor, (h-index: 9). In addition, he is the foreign supervisor of the PhD students at the Faculty of the Higher School of Economics and Business.

In Al-Farabi KazNU, Professor has been working with colleagues on a plan for joint publications, research projects and teaching materials. The main purpose of his visit is to give lectures and conduct seminars on the topic «Writing and publishing articles in journals with a high impact factor» («Scientific Writing», «Academic Writing», and «Scientific Methodology») and consultative lectures on the preparation and sending of scientific papers in high impact factor journals for PhD students.





January 24, 2020

AMBASSADORIAL HOUR

Within the framework of the UN principles on Academic Impact Al-Farabi KazNU organized a round-table which is devoted to strengthening of friendly relations between the peoples of Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan, and to promote the dissemination of culture of Turkic-speaking countries.

The event was held at the «Center for History and Culture of Azerbaijan». Its main goal was to develop educational and cultural ties between Al-Farabi Kazakh National University and Azerbaijani Universities.

After a welcoming speech by Dr. Ykhtiyar Paltore, Dean of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Republic of Kazakhstan Rashad Mammadov Einaddinoglu gave a lecture on «Tragic January» about the events that took place in 1990.

The speaker's thoughts on friendship, cultural dialogue between Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan aroused great interest of the audience. The Ambassador touched upon the issues of providing textbooks and fiction in the Azerbaijani language as well as conducting joint scientific conferences and student research.





January 27, 2020

KAZNU LAUNCHES «QAYIRIMDY QOGAM» CHALLENGE

According to the UNAI principle on Sustainability and Global Citizenship students of Al-Farabi KazNU have held a grand flash mob, marking the launch of the «QAYIRIMDY QOGAM» challenge, the goal of which is to form a virtuous society within the mission of the Initiative “Formation of Virtuous Society. University 4.0”.

More than 5 thousand students from different Faculties have gathered at the University campus in front of the monument to the Great thinker, whose 1150th anniversary is being celebrated by the whole world under the auspices of the UNESCO. An unprecedented project has started the national good-deed relay in the country to remind us of the values that Al-Farabi considered the main for humanity: kindness, decency, honesty and justice.

The project is aimed at developing a volunteer movement among youth, strengthening social solidarity and organizing initiative groups to solve not only global problems, but also local communities as well as to help specific people. The initiators of the challenge believe that participation in it will allow filling the media space with positive content and recalling the importance of being compassionate and helping people, who are in a difficult life situation, by real actions and deeds, showing mercy and sympathy for each other.



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January 28, 2020

«TURKSOY» SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDING

As a Global Hub of the United Nations Academic Impact Program Al-Farabi KazNU held a ceremony for awarding scholarships of international organization «TURKSOY» to students of the university.

At the beginning of the event, Askar Turganbai, the representative of the organization in Kazakhstan welcomed the participants on behalf of the Secretary General of the TURKSOY International Organization Duysen Kaseinov. In his speech, Duysen Kaseinov highlighted that TURKSOY has been a reliable partner of Al-Farabi KazNU since 2015. This year, the organization allocated a scholarship to the best students of the Faculty of oriental studies, the total amount of which is 1 million tenge.

It stands for the contribution to the development of historical and cultural continuity between the Turkic peoples in the era of globalization causing constant cooperation with the University. This award is a special scholarship to stimulate students.





January 29, 2020

KAZNU LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF AL-FARABI

Al-Farabi KazNU celebrates the “The Year of al-Farabi” as a Global Hub of the United Nations Academic Impact on Sustainability. It is symbolic that one of the leading universities in Kazakhstan bears the name of al-Farabi and KazNU in its activities pays attention to the problems of cognition, promotes the development of the desire to reveal the possibilities and abilities of man. The celebration of the 1150th anniversary of Al-Farabi will give a powerful impetus to the study of the great scientist’s heritage, his understanding of the development of world civilization both in our country and abroad.

Within the framework of the anniversary of al-Farabi, scientific symposia are planned at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, Nur Sultan and the Turkestan region, in which leading Farabi scholars from more than 40 countries will take part, and there will be organised international expeditions, historical cultural objects will be reconstructed, scientific works of the scientist will be published and translated, a cycle of documentaries will be created, and Al-Farabi centers will be opened abroad, etc.





January 30, 2020

JOINT PROJECT

Al-Farabi KazNU and King Saud University (KSU) (Saudi Arabia) signs a cooperation agreement. This decision was made during a meeting of the KazNU leadership with a delegation from Saudi Arabia headed by Nasse Muhammed Al-Aqeeli, Deputy Minister of Science and Innovation.

It should be highlighted the friendly relations of the two countries, which contribute to the implementation of joint projects in the economy, science and education. In the age of globalization, introduction of new technologies contributes to the rapid growth and acceleration of the process of successful development of the state and society. Cooperation in the field of science and education is important for everyone. Universities, jointly exploring and discovering new directions in science and technology, will be able to achieve great results.

The guests showed interest in the Supercomputer and the International IT Technology Park of the University Alliance of the Silk Road, which is being implemented under the University 4.0 model jointly with the UN Alliance of Civilizations.

It should be noted that the IT-Technology Park and the Center for Supercomputer and Cloud Computing, that are created according to the Silicon Valley model, will be located in the High-Tech Zone of KazNU. The parties also expressed mutual interest in implementing joint scientific and innovative projects in the field of IT, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Nanotechnology.





January 31, 2020

FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Within the program of the International Forum «Digital Almaty 2020», Rector of Al-Farabi KazNU Academician Galym Muthanov has met with the UN Under-Secretary-General Fabrizio Hochschild, and the Representative of the United Nations Department of Global Communications Vlastimil Samek.

The parties discussed issues of participation of KazNU, as the Global Hub of the UN «Academic Impact» Programme on Sustainable Development, in events dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the United Nations.

Fabrizio Hochschild expressed appreciation for the activities of KazNU as the head of the Global Hub, emphasizing the importance of international initiatives and projects of the Kazakhstani University in the implementation of the UN sustainable development goals. He also highlighted the importance of events dedicated to the anniversary of Al-Farabi, and the need to popularize his virtuous ideas, which are relevant for the sustainable development of human civilization.





February 3, 2020

COOPERATION ISSUE

On the Initiative of the UNAI on Sustainability al-Farabi Kazakh National University held a meeting with the Secretary of State of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Dr. Nadim Shafiq Malik at the faculty of Oriental Studies.

During the meeting, the universities of Kazakhstan and Pakistan, cooperation in the field of academic mobility, the prospects of an agreement between Pakistan and Kazakhstan and the future process of cooperation between the two countries were discussed. The dean of the faculty, Mr. Yktyiar Paltore, thanked Dr. Nadeem Shafiq Malik for his visit and expressed confidence that many years of friendly relations between Kazakhstan and Pakistan would be impeccable. It must be also emphasized that such meetings provide great motivation for learning a new language and strengthen international collaboration in two countries in the future.





February 4, 2020

KAZNU OPENS ITS BRANCH IN SYRIA

Within the framework of the United Nations Academic Impact Initiative the leading Kazakhstani University, Al-Farabi KazNU, will open its branch in the Syrian capital, Damascus. This initiative was declared at the start of the celebration of the 1150th anniversary of Abu Nasr Al-Farabi, which was held in Almaty.

This initiative was discussed at a meeting of the Rector of KazNU, academician Galym Mutanov, with the President of the University of Damascus, Professor Mohammed Maher Kabakibi, who arrived at the celebration of the opening of the Year of Al-Farabi.

«We fully support this idea and will assist in the establishment and development of the branch. This will be a good example of international collaboration, and it will help to strengthen Kazakhstan's bilateral relations with Syria in the field of science and education, and will also contribute to the conduct of in-depth studies of Al-Farabi's heritage», - emphasized the Rector of the University of Damascus.





February 6, 2020

AN HOUR WITH AN AMBASSADOR

«Ambassador Hour» with participation of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of India to Kazakhstan, Mr. Prabhat Kumar was held at the Faculty of Oriental studies of Al-Farabi Kazakh National University. The event was dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the Republic of India and the spiritual leader of the Indian people, Mahatma Gandhi.

It was organized by the Mahatma Gandhi Center at the Department of Middle East and South Asia. The purpose of such events is to develop educational, scientific and cultural relations between Al-Farabi KazNU and the higher education institutions of the Republic of India. The event was attended by the Director of the Center for Indian Classical Dance Kainazarova Akmaral, faculty and students of the Department of Indology.

In his speech, the Ambassador of the Republic of India, Mr. Prabhat Kumar, congratulated the staff and students of the Faculty of Oriental Studies on the occasion of the 1150th anniversary of Al-Farabi. In his speech, the Ambassador spoke about the development of friendly, cultural and scientific ties between India and Kazakhstan. He also shared his opinion on providing Indian language students with textbooks and literature, organizing joint scientific conferences, and supporting students' research.

During the meeting, students of Indology read aphorisms of M. Gandhi, performed scenes from his life, and sang songs, told about the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi. The event, organized jointly with the Department of the Middle East and South Asia together with the Embassy of India in the Republic of Kazakhstan, was held at a very high level. The Ambassador of India expressed gratitude for the work done by the Department of Indology and for the activity of students in learning the Hindi language and studying about India, noting that in the future it will help to strengthen relations between KazNU and Universities of the Republic of India.



February 11, 2020

COOPERATION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

As the Global Hub on sustainability al-Farabi KazNU held a meeting with a delegation from France led by Mr. Gilles Thibault where both sides discussed the possibility of opening the Kazakh-French Institute of Science and Technology.

During the visit to KazNU, foreign guests got acquainted with the activities of the Kazakh-French Center of «GeoEnergetics», established on the initiative of Presidents N. Nazarbayev and N. Sarkazi in 2010. During this time, many undergraduates and doctoral students of the leading Kazakhstani University were trained at HEIs in France, including under the double-degree program.

The Center is constantly expanding its activities, involving new Universities and French companies in the process of training specialists for Kazakhstan.

Representatives of the inspectorate of the French Foreign Ministry praised the activities of the Center of «GeoEnergetics» and put forward a proposal on its transformation into the Kazakh-French Institute of Science and Technology.

The creation of such a joint Institute will attract investment from French companies operating in Kazakhstan to the implementation of mutually beneficial projects, and it will increase the level of scientific and practical training of students, and will also facilitate the employment of graduates.





February 12, 2020

INTERNATIONAL METHODOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

Within the framework of the United Nations Academic Impact Initiative Al-Farabi KazNU held the 50th International Scientific and Methodological Conference «Modern Interpretation of the Pedagogical Concept of al-Farabi in the Context of Digitalization of Education» in which actual problems of the modern educational process was discussed.

This major international forum included issues relevant to modern higher education such as the creation of popular educational programs based on the development of the competency model of the graduate of Al-Farabi KazNU; the problems of interaction between education, production and business; and the formation of unique attributes and skills of modern graduates that can make them relevant in the labor market and many others.

On the agenda of the International Methodological Conference, a master class entitled «Developing a graduate model in the framework of harmonizing educational programs by training levels» was held at the Higher School of Economics and Business of Al-Farabi KazNU, which was initiated and prepared by the Department of Business Technologies.





February 18, 2020

MODERNIZATION OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION IN CENTRAL ASIA

As the Global Hub of the UNAI on Sustainability, al-Farabi KazNU organized an International Conference «Modernization of Engineering Education in the Central Asian region in the context of digitalization» jointly with the Kazakhstani Association of Engineering Education (KazSEE) and the European Network for Accreditation in the Field of Engineering Education (ENAE).

On the agenda there were workshops on «Review of international accreditation systems. Methods for ensuring the quality of engineering education» which was made by Vice President of ENAE Jose Carlos Quadrado. Of great interest was also the presentation «Problems and Prospects for the Implementation of the Khujand Agreement in Central Asia» by the President of the Central Asian Federation of Engineering Education Communities Dr. D.K. Suleev.

Following the meeting, a decision was made, preserving the ideology of the Khujand agreement, to expand the framework of cooperation in Central Asia and to attract for this purpose various institutions and business structures dealing with accreditation.





February 18, 2020

THE 1150TH ANNIVERSARY OF AL-FARABI LAUNCHES IN INDIA

The events dedicated to the 1150th anniversary of Al-Farabi has been launched in India. Al-Farabi KazNU, with the support of the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan in India and the Jawaharlal Nehru University held a Round table in New Delhi dedicated to the 1150th anniversary of Abu Nasr Al-Farabi.

It should be highlighted that the anniversary of Al-Farabi is included in the calendar of memorable dates and events of the UNESCO, and its celebration will give a powerful impetus to the study and understanding of the world heritage of the «Second Teacher» of humanity. Today, the name of the thinker of the Great Steppe is of vital interest to scientists of various countries, including India. The holding of such events at the international level contributes to the popularization of the creative heritage of Al-Farabi and Kazakh history.

During the Round table, the delegation of KazNU made scientific reports and presentations about the life and work of Al-Farabi, the significance of its heritage in modern times. A model of the University of the new generation «University 4.0» was also presented, which was developed on the basis of the ideas of the thinker, including spiritual, moral, and scientific and technological platforms.

Speakers from academia, heads of scientific centers and institutes in India also highlighted the significance of Abu Nasr al-Farabi's legacy and stressed the importance of such events for bringing together the cultures of two friendly countries.





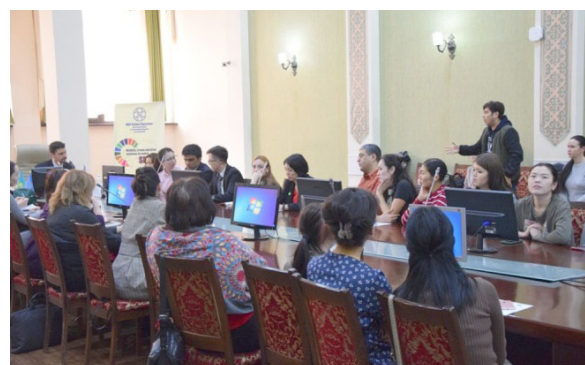
February 21, 2020

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS IN GLOBAL HEALTH

Al-Farabi KazNU hosted the Director of the Center for Sustainable Development of the Earth Institute at Columbia University Dr. Yanis Ben Amor who visited the university within the framework of the MDP Global Classroom Program and there was a meeting with the leadership of the university, a campus tour and a round table on the topic “Pressing issues on Global Health”.

The event was organized by the United Nations Academic Impact Hub on Sustainability at al-Farabi KazNU, Ban Ki-moon Institute for Sustainable Development jointly with the Earth Institute at Columbia University.

The round table dedicated to “Pressing issues on Global Health” included Master’s and PhD students of the Faculty of Medicine and Public health, scholars, experts of the public committees and the media. In turn, the director of the Center for Sustainable Development at the Earth Institute Dr. Yanis Ben Amor gave an informative lecture and shared his experience on pressing issues in the field of medicine and healthcare and answered all the interesting questions of young scholars. Apart from, the parties exchanged views and agreed to strengthen cooperation on implementing 17 SDGs, in particular, with the Center for Sustainable Urban Development at the Earth Institute within the framework of the scientifically innovative project: “Smart City on the Silk Road”.





February 21, 2020

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Kazakhstani scientist and the head of the country's leading University, the Rector of Al-Farabi KazNU academician Galym Mutanov has been honored with international award in India «Amity Global Academic Excellence Awards». This award is actually presented to leaders, innovators and prominent scientists in the field of science, management and entrepreneurship at a global level.

This was announced at the INBUSH ERA-2020 World Summit «The Challenge of Change: Strategies for Managing Business in Technology Driven Societies», which was held at Amity University in Noida.

At the Summit, which brought together representatives of more than 100 countries, the results were summed up and the winners of the international award in various categories were determined.





March 4, 2020

ONLY GIRLS IN UNISAT

Within the framework of the United Nations Academic Impact Initiative Al-Farabi KazNU, together with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has launched an educational project for girls on the development of UniSat nanosatellites.

In fact, 20 girls were selected to participate in the project. These are students of Kazakhstani Universities and high school students. They will have a unique opportunity to study courses on creating a nanosatellite based on the Scientific and Technological Park of Al-Farabi KazNU. The training will last five months and include such important stages of creating any spacecraft as projecting, design, programming, assembly, testing and launch. By the time the training is complete, girls should create models of nanosatellites and launch them into the upper atmosphere.

The project is interesting for its gender focus. Destroying the usual stereotype, it proves that the sphere of nanotechnology, programming and design of spacecraft is subject to the fair half of humanity.





March 5, 2020

JOB FAIR

To promote sustained and sustainable economic growth and productive employment al-Farabi KazNU, the United Nations Academic Impact Hub, has held a job fair, which is annually organized for its students. This year, more than 30 enterprises and organizations, large companies from different regions of the Republic took part in it. The purpose of this event is to promote the employment of University graduates. The Fair is designed to reduce unemployment in the country, promoting youth employment in the chosen specialty. Graduates get an opportunity to communicate with numerous employers, and get acquainted with new large companies, study the labor market and job offers.



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The Fair showed that currently the following specialties are especially in demand on the labor market: Process Engineer, IT specialist, Teacher, Doctor, Biotechnologist, and Marketer, etc.

The fair was attended by various international and tourist companies, medical centers and financial banks, as well as the Employment Center of Almaty. Graduates studied the list of vacancies of such employing organizations as: «Grata international», «Takeda», «Atasu group», «Halyk Bank», «ATB Bank», LLP Medical Assistanc Group, BCD Travel, International travel plus and etc.





March 10, 2020

GLOBAL HEALTH: SCIENCE RING ON EUTHANASIA



Students of the Faculty of Medicine and Healthcare at al-Farabi KazNU demonstrated brilliant erudition and great scientific potential on the intellectual game «Science Ring», organized by the teaching staff of the Department.

In the modern world, the problem of euthanasia is one of the most discussed in society. It is located at the intersection of a huge range of disciplines - medicine, law, psychology of philosophy, and religion. For a full discussion of it, the participation of specialists from all these areas is necessary. Therefore, our undergraduates did not remain aloof from the fully discussed issue, to which it is difficult to find a single point of view and a humane comprehensive answer. Modern youth in medicine has erudition and great scientific potential. This was vividly demonstrated by undergraduates in the intellectual game «Science Ring». The competition was attended by two teams such as called «Researchers» and «Life Formula».

At the beginning of the event, the organizers announced the rules according to which the game took place in 2 rounds, the teams were given 1 minute to think about the answer, the countdown began after the host's command: «Time», and in the event of a false start for one of the teams, the right of reply passed to the opposing team. In case of an incorrect answer, the right to answer was transferred to the opposing team with the addition of 20 seconds.

According to the results of a rather intense game, the team «Life Formula» was recognized as the winner. In the process of intellectual battle, the participants were able to demonstrate worthy knowledge not only in the field of medicine, but rather emotionally presented the arguments for and against the legal, economic,

religious, and social euthanasia. In general, Science Ring was dynamic, exciting, and bright, which aroused the interest of young scientists.





March 27, 2020

«MEN ZHASTARGA SENEMIN» REPUBLICAN STUDENT COMPETITION LAUNCHES

A republican competition organized at al-Farabi KazNU has been a significant platform throughout the country for eight years. The competition is aimed at the development of patriotism, civic responsibility, intellectual and creative potential of youth.



Traditionally, the competition program includes nominations for the best student innovative project and start-up on the topic «My real contribution to the innovative development of the country», and the social project «Qayirymdy Qogam», as well as the best essay contest «What can I do for the prosperity of the Homeland», and poetic work and song contest on a patriotic theme.

The first qualifying round will be held remotely from 10 to 30 April this year. After online registration, participants should send video and their work in electronic form to the organizing committee. Participation in the competition is a great opportunity for students to prove themselves, share their socially significant initiatives and creative projects. Based on the results of the remote qualifying round, the participants who qualified for the final will be determined. The videos and creative works of the finalists are planned to be posted on social networks, where anyone can vote for their favorite work.

The final of the competition will be held as part of the VIII forum «Men Zhastarga Senemin!» in November 2020 at Al-Farabi KazNU. Participants will have the opportunity to present and defend their projects at meetings of thematic sections. An independent jury will provide an objective assessment of the work of the contest participants. It will include authoritative experts – public figures, representatives of science, culture and art, business, government agencies and the media. The competent jury will determine the best works at each stage - from the remote qualifying round to the final competition in Almaty.

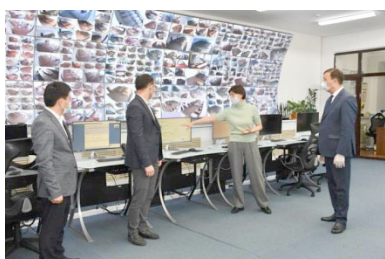
The main prize refers to Al-Farabi KazNU's grant for a year of tuition free education. According to the results of online voting, a prize of audience sympathy will also be awarded.

Good luck to all participants!



March 27, 2020

DISTANT LEARNING ALL THE WAY



The UNAI Global Hub of al-Farabi KazNU is one of the first among universities of Kazakhstan completely switched to remote form of studying due to the COVID-19 Pandemic lockdown. Lectures, seminars and practice sessions at hundreds of thousands of university students are held online. For the purpose of acquaintance and check of the organization of distance learning in the conditions of a quarantine the university was visited the project manager «Sanaly urpaq» by Kayyrzhan Tokushev and the head of prevention and respectability of Department of the agency on anti-corruption on Almaty Elnar Igilikov.

Since March 16, 2020, KazNU has implemented remote educational technologies (DOT) in two information and educational systems - «Univer» (univer.kaznu.kz) and remote education «MOODLE» (dl.kaznu.kz). In the course of training, auxiliary digital services «ZOOM,» Microsoft Teams, «DL,» etc., are also used.

As the Vice-Rector of KazNU for Educational Work Askar Hikmetov claimed that the developed IT-infrastructure of the university allows today to cover remote education of all students of 16 faculties. The distance learning process is overseen by three university structures. Thus, in the «Univer» system it is possible to track the activity of the educational process. The staff of the CSO monitor the schedule of each teacher and can check the classes in real time.

Today, mass events and meetings have been suspended on campus and in the KazNU students houses due to the state of emergency in the country. In all buildings and student dormitories there are information sheets and stands for the prevention of COVID-19 and dispensers with disinfectant are installed.





April 9, 2020

THE «FARABI WORLD» CONFERENCE



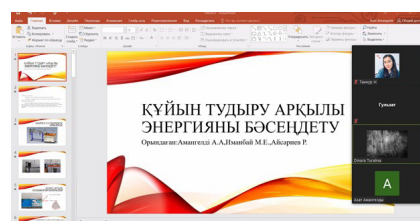
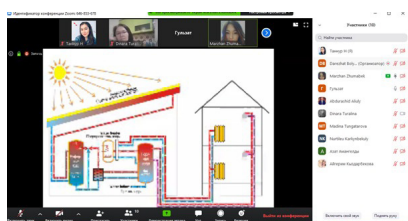
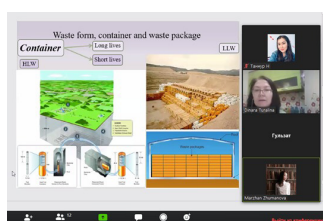
The annual International Conference of students and young scientists «The Farabi's World» and the contest «Best Young Scientist» were held online this year. In connection with activities aimed at the non-proliferation of coronavirus infection COVID-19, Al-Farabi KazNU carries out activities in a remote format with the use of modern information

and communication technologies. From April 6 to 9, 2020, the traditional annual International Scientific Conference of students and young scientists «The Farabi's World» in online format was held at the University. The Conference was organized at a high level. Undergraduate and graduate students, and PhD candidates and young scientists of Universities and Institutes, Scientific Centers of the Republic and near and far abroad countries took an active part in the work of various sessions of the Conference.

As a whole, 3094 reports of participants were heard, 383 from other higher education institutions of RK, 117 from the countries of near and far abroad. 122 sections, 70 round tables and scientific seminars were held within the framework of the Conference at the Faculties of KazNU. Following the results of Conference, Rector of University, Galym Mutanov, awarded 48 students with Diplomas and money prizes.

In addition, the traditional contest entitled «Best Young Scientist of Al-Farabi KazNU» was held as part of the Conference that is aimed at organizational and methodical support of young scientists of the University, who are actively engaged in scientific and innovative activities, popularization of their scientific achievements, introduction of the results of research into educational and production processes.

The main criteria for determining the winners of the competition were indicators of publication activity, including in international ranking publications, the availability of legal documents (patents, copyright certificates), participation or management of the scientific project, etc.





April 17, 2020

COMPETITION «BEST YOUNG SCIENTIST»

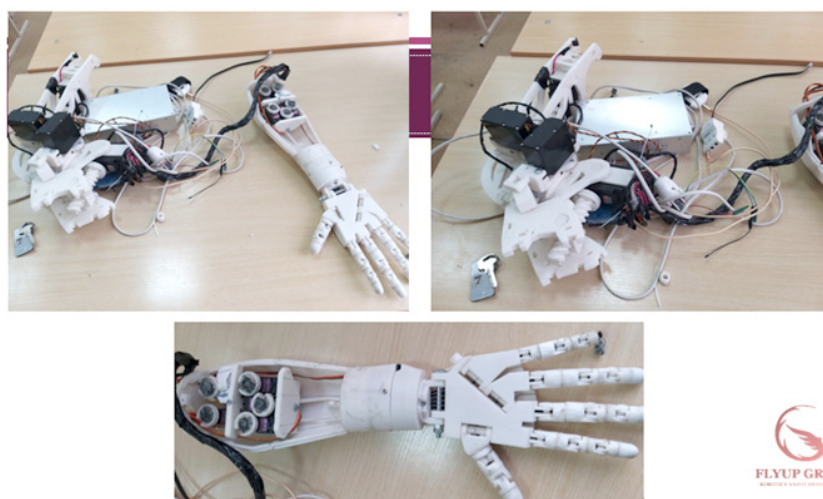


The annual contest of the best innovative projects and business incubators of the University was held at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, the United Nations Academic Impact Hub on sustainability, within the framework of the International

Scientific Conference of young scientists and students «The World of Farabi». According to results of online listening to presentations of scientific works made by developers, the authors of nine projects were recognized as winners. They will be awarded with diplomas and monetary certificates.

In particular, the First-degree Diploma and cash prize will be awarded to Alena Starodubtseva and Radmira Shiyanova, students of the Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology of Al-Farabi KazNU. They have presented the project «Production of Antiseptics Based on Sodium Hypochlorite (Under Conditions of Limited Raw Material Resources)».

Second and Third Degree Diplomas were awarded to students of the following faculties: Physics and Technology, Mechanics and Mathematics, History, Archaeology and Ethnology, Philology and World Languages, Geography and Nature Management, Biology and Biotechnology and the Higher School of Economics and Business. They will also receive cash prizes and memorable souvenirs.





April 21, 2020

ONLINE WEBINAR SERIES ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Ban Ki-moon Institute for Sustainable Development under al-Farabi KazNU organized a Series of Webinars on SDG 3, SDG 4, SDG 16 and SDG 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which took place online on cisco.webex platform as a part of the UN Agenda 2030. A series of webinars is organized to highlight and solve current global issues on and the impact of the COVID-19 and its consequences.

The speaker of the first session was Professor Laura Kuanova, Director of the Scientific and Educational Center of Islamic Finance in KazNU named after al-Farabi who talked about «Challenges and Advantages of Sustainable Economic Development during the COVID-19 Period.» It was followed by Ms. Krista Pickat, Director of the UNESCO Cluster Office in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan who presented the role of the education system and the impact of COVID-19 on international education.






SDGs WEBINAR SERIES: the Impact of COVID-19 and possible outcomes

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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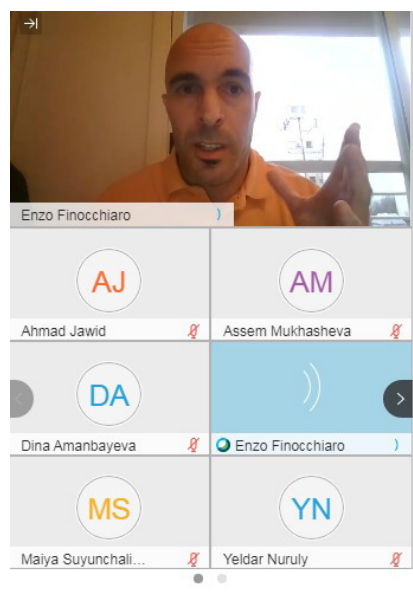
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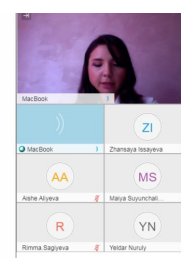
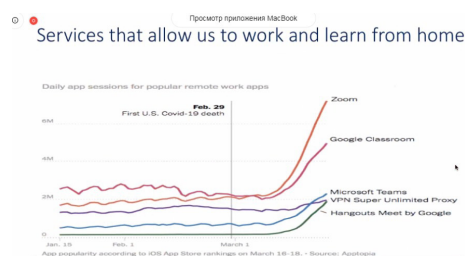
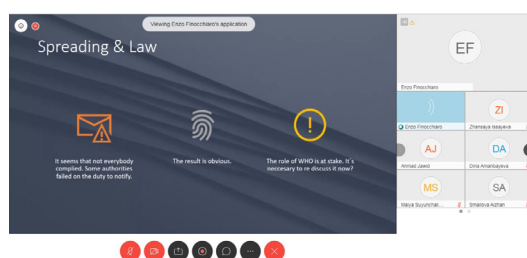
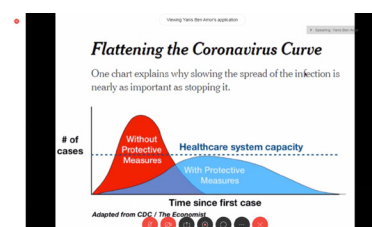
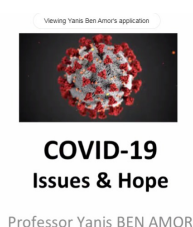
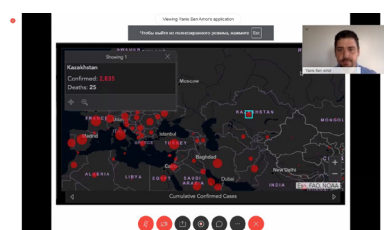
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According to the COVID-19 Pandemic issues the global health is crucial topic to discuss and drive solutions. Dr. Janis Ben Amor, Executive Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at the Earth Institute at Columbia University, spoke about the world situation with the COVID-19 pandemic and the prospects for health care after such a large-scale crisis. Also, in this session participants listened to the presentation on «Problems and hopes with COVID-19» and asked interesting and relevant questions. Special session dedicated to SDG3 was briefly summarized by Dr. Carolyn Clarinwal, Head of the World Health Organization Office in Kazakhstan. Covering the presentation about “COVID-19 Stress Test for Healthcare Systems. Government and Society” she spoke about the current situation and possible scenarios of coronavirus development in Kazakhstan and around the world. This webinar series also conclude workshop about «The world crisis and international law» by Enzo Finiciaro, a professor on international criminal rights, director of the international journal ICL Journal from Buenos Ayeres, Argentina, who spoke about the global crisis, international rights, their influence and prospects from coronavirus and its consequences in law.



April 25, 2020

HIGH RECOGNITION BY THE UN



By decision of the United Nations, Al-Farabi KazNU will continue to lead the Global Hub of the UN Academic Impact Program on Sustainable Development for the fourth consecutive term. This is evidence of the high international recognition of successful activities of the leading Kazakhstani University, which is making a significant contribution to

realization of the goals of sustainable development.

The Academic Impact Program on Sustainable Development was initiated by Eighth Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. After leading the Global Hub in 2014, KazNU became the first and only University in the CIS to be awarded such a high position at the international level. Having become one of the 10 world Hubs of the United Nations, KazNU coordinates and actively involves the world academic community in the realization of the 17 goals on sustainable development of mankind, aimed at preserving the resources of the planet, ensuring the availability of quality education and well-being, developing innovations, and preserving ecosystems, etc.

Heading the Global Hub, KazNU has developed and introduced a model of a new generation of higher education institution – «University 4.0». It is based on a symbiosis of technological and spiritual-moral platforms and is aimed at the formation of responsible citizens of the world. Together with the Alliance of Civilizations, the Model was presented at the UN headquarters in New York and recommended as promising and relevant for wide distribution among Universities around the world.

The UNESCO Chairs on Sustainable Development, as well as International Journalism and Media in Society, have been successfully operating at the University. In addition, the «MDP Global Classroom» training programme on sustainable development is being successfully implemented with Columbia University (USA). The University is also part of the world student project «UN Model – New Silk Road».

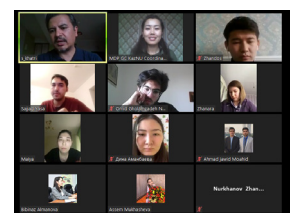
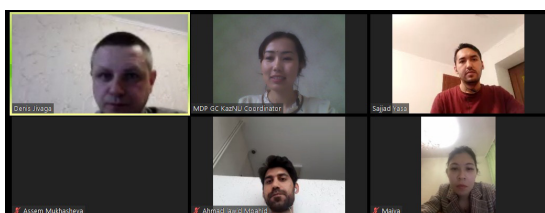


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MDP GLOBAL CLASSROOM KAZNU SPRING-2020 AGENDA

The UN Academic Impact Hub KazNU has successfully conducted MDP Global Classroom Program for the spring semester 2020 designed lectures and seminars coordinated by Ban Ki-moon Institute for sustainable development.

This term's agenda includes 10 weeks' classes on five modules such as «Education» «Public Health», «Innovation and Entrepreneurship» «Government, statelessness and human rights», «Ecosystem», among which there are four large-scale round tables with keynote speakers from UNESCO Cluster Office in Almaty – Mr. Santosh Khatri, International Cooperation Department of KazNU – Mrs. Aknur Zhydybek, the Representatives of the UN Women in Kazakhstan – Mrs. Nazgul Shyngysova, and the Representatives of the International Bureau of Human Rights in Kazakhstan – Mr. Denis Givaga. The program also includes Discussion Questions on «The Age of Sustainable Development» course by SDGs Academy. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the classes run lately online on platform Zoom. The MDP Class has developed a scientific project «MDP Project-4» on “One Belt One Road” Initiative, which include recent researches on sustainable development of Kazakhstan in global communities within the context of SDG 4, SDG 8, SDGs 12 and SDG 17.





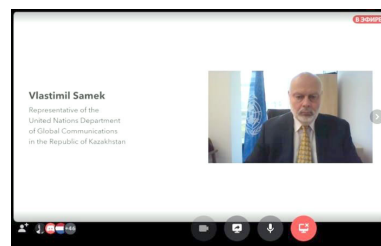
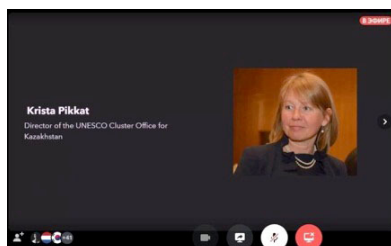
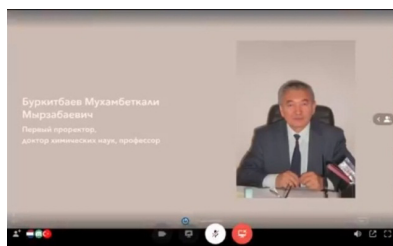
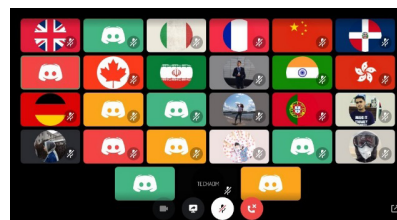
May 7-8, 2020

«MODEL UNITED NATIONS» IN ONLINE FORMAT



For the first time, the International Conference «Model UN – New Silk Way» was held in an online format. The event, dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the UN and the end of the World War II, was organized by Al-Farabi KazNU on the UN Academic Impact Initiative with the support of the United Nations Information Bureau and the Representative Office of the MFA of the RK in Almaty. The «Model UN – New Silk Way» is a large-scale international project for students and high school students, who act as diplomats of different countries and model the work of the UN. Al-Farabi KazNU, which heads the Global Hub of the UN «Academic Impact» Program for Sustainable Development for the fourth consecutive term, holds this event in an online format for the first time. The project is aimed at attracting the attention of youth to the global problems of the present, formation a vision of a holistic picture of the world, developing research skills, the ability to overcome conflicts through intercultural communication and establishing a dialogue.

The world-wide online conference brought together more than 200 students and schoolchildren in 5 committees from Asia, Africa, America and Europe, as well as international experts, representatives of the UN and diplomatic circles. During two days, the young speakers discussed topical issues of peacekeeping and the implementation of 17 sustainable development goals for humanity, as well as measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19, restore the global economy, ensure access to quality online education, social support during the pandemic, and others.



May 30, 2020

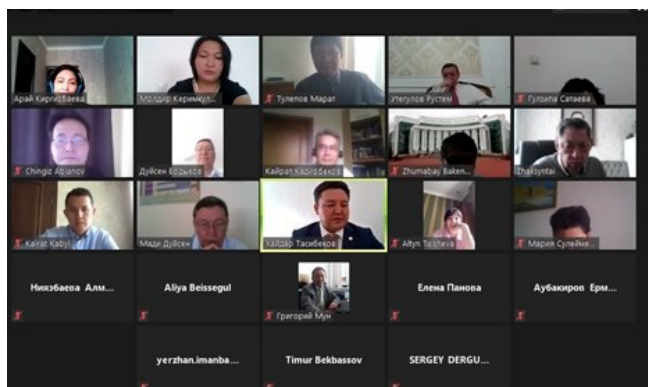
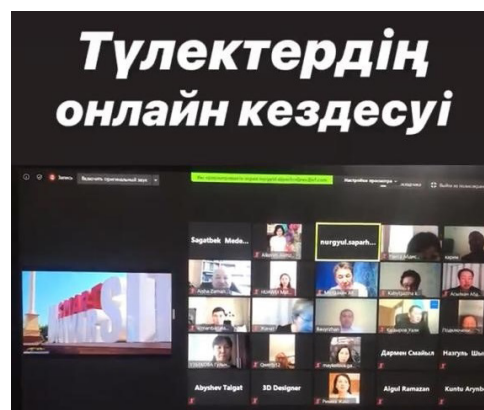
MAY 30 – KAZNU’S ALUMNI DAY!

This academic year became special for Al-Farabi Kazakh National University as the Global Hub of the UN Academic Impact Initiative. It is marked by events of international scale in connection with the 1150th anniversary of Al-Farabi, the name of which the university worthily bears.

One of the significant events of the jubilee year is a general university holiday - the Day of graduates of KazNU. It is held annually on the last Saturday of May and falls on the 30th this year. Preserving and developing traditions of the university, as well as taking into account the difficult epidemiological situation in the country, it is planned to hold Alumni Day in a new format - online.

The remote format of the Alumni Day is being tested for the first time, and we are confident that the team of many thousands of teachers, students and graduates at such a difficult time, as in previous years, will once again show their unity around the values of independent Kazakhstan and the importance of education, science, sports and culture.

Materials and videos of congratulations of graduates, online meetings of anniversary editions with their chairs and faculties will be placed for wide access in social networks.





June 8-14, 2020

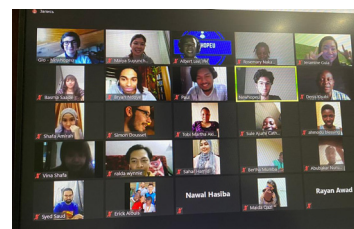
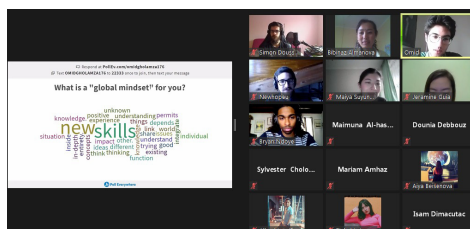
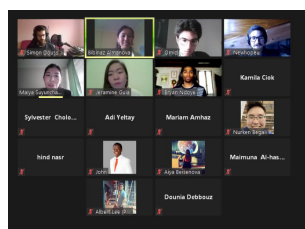
JOINT FESTIVAL



Ban Ki-moon Institute for Sustainable Development at al-Farabi KazNU co-organized a Virtual Social Innovation Festival jointly with NewHopeU youth platform from June 8 to 14, 2020.

This European Social Innovation Festival is designed to inspire, connect and create projects to tackle the impact of COVID-19 in partnership with Peace First, We Make Change, Sharing Perspectives Foundation, Erasmus + Virtual Exchange as well other partners.

The Virtual Social Innovation Festival is organized in a format of 8 online sessions with over 300 participants all over the world for 7 days. Participants address the COVID-19 Issues and Consequences on mental health, hunger, work perspectives, education access, domestic violence, disinformation, elderly situation due to isolation as well as social distance entertainment. This event hosts 15 keynote speakers in its network sessions from global thought leaders to inspirational business trainers.



June 10, 2020

KAZNU ENTERED THE WORLD'S TOP-200 BEST HEIS

Al-Farabi Kazakh National University has made a phenomenal breakthrough, advancing in the QS global ranking to 165 place. Thus, the leading Kazakhstani University has successfully completed the task set by Elbasy N.A. Nazarbayev, as well as laid down in the State Program on Development of Education and Science of the RK, on entering by 2020 at least of two Kazakhstani Universities in the top-200 best HEIs of the world. KazNU has confirmed its compliance with the high level in the world scientific and educational space.



The most well-known and authoritative internationally recognized rating agency Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) has published new research results on the world's higher education institutions. As emphasized in the analytical report of QS, this year Al-Farabi KazNU, rising up to 42 positions, took 165th place in the global ranking and «became the first Kazakhstani University, which made the breakthrough to the top 200 best HEIs in the world». In the post-Soviet space only two universities has been included in this group – Lomonosov Moscow State University and KazNU.

Demonstrating an unprecedented rapid dynamics in the history of higher education of the world, the University has advanced almost by 500 positions in 9 years. Such progress achieved in a short period of time in the world ranking has attracted the attention of foreign experts, who call this unique breakthrough as an «Al-Farabi KazNU's phenomenon». In the international academic environment it is actively discussed as the most striking example of the dynamic development by the University, many representatives of foreign HEIs have been adopting KazNU's positive experience.

Behind the high position in the world ranking is a huge work of the University staff headed by Rector, academician Galym Mutanov to improve the global competitiveness of KazNU. Based on the cluster approach, a comprehensive structural modernization was carried out, and a results-oriented management system was introduced, which facilitated its transition to a fundamentally new quality of education and science. In cooperation with leading foreign universities, double diploma programs and educational programs are being implemented in

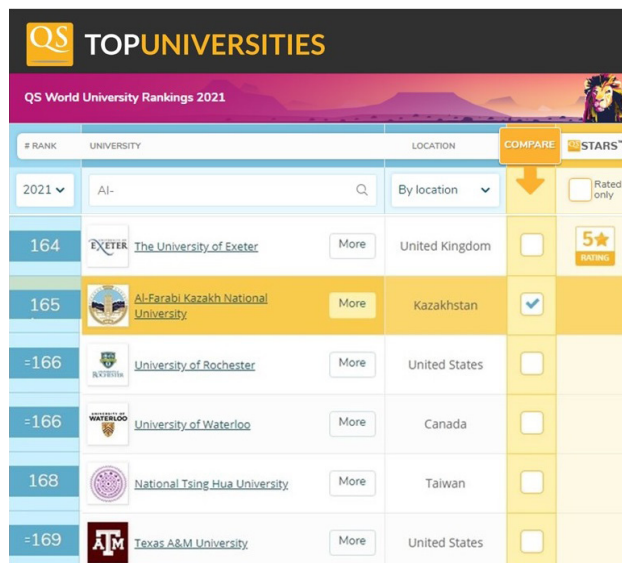
English, thanks to which the largest number of foreign students in Kazakhstan is studying at KazNU. Their number has increased by 15 times last year alone.

Microsoft Company has recognized KazNU's digital development model as one of its best practices. The University has opened scientific and educational centers of world-known high-tech corporations, and created a scientific and technological corridor «from idea generation towards commercialization». Its effective use allowed KazNU to increase the volume of scientific projects more than 2.5 times within five years. Every fifth publication of Kazakhstani authors in international ranking scientific journals belongs to KazNU's scientists. During the same period, the University infrastructure has grown almost by 50 percent.

As the Global Hub of the United Nations Academic Impact Program on Sustainable Development, KazNU has developed and implemented a model of new generation HEI – «University 4.0», which was presented at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and has been recommended for wide international dissemination. KazNU has established Al-Farabi Centers in 12 foreign countries.

The leading positions of Kazakh National University in the world educational and scientific space have been also confirmed by other international rating agencies. Thus, KazNU is among the top 200 most environmentally friendly and top 50 technologically advanced HEIs in the world. Having received high estimation «AA+» by the European Scientific and Industrial Chamber, the Kazakhstani University is in the same row with leading universities of Europe. All these achievements contributed to the recognition of KazNU as the best HEI of the Turkic and Islamic world.

The Massachusetts University of Technology is ranked first in the QS ranking, Stanford and Harvard Universities respectively (all are the US HEIs) took the second and third places. The top ten world universities are almost entirely composed of American and British institutions of higher education.



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