

CONSOLATO ONORARIO DELLA REPUBBLICA DEL KAZAKHSTAN A VENEZIA

ПОЧЁТНОЕ КОНСУЛЬСТВО РЕСПУБЛИКИ КАЗАХСТАН В ВЕНЕЦИИ

**KAZAKH PARADE OF PEACE
FOR VENICE CARNIVAL**

*For the celebration of 25th Anniversary
Of the Independence of Kazakhstan*

*On the occasion of "Corteo delle Nazioni" – "Nations Parade"
and in the honor of the Consular Corp of Venice*

Saturday 25th February, h 14:30

**PARADE OF AN INSTITUTIONAL DELEGATION OF AMBASSADORS AND CONSULS
REPRESENTING KAZAKHSTAN IN TRADITIONAL CLOTHES ON THE OFFICIAL STAGE
OF THE VENICE CARNIVAL**

at 15.30

**PARADE OF KAZAKH AUTHORITIES
FOR THE GONDOLAS PROCESSION
FROM CA' GIUSTINIAN ALONG THE GRAND CANAL**

**An event organized by Honorary Consulate of Kazakhstan in Venice and by the International
Association for the Venice Carnival
For the harmony between the ethnicities and religions along the ancient Silk Way**

(Venice, 23/02/2017) On 16th December 2016 the Republic of Kazakhstan celebrated the **25th anniversary of its Independence** from Soviet Union. To honor this important event in Venice and wish a prosperous future for the Country **on Saturday 25th February, at 14.30**, the **Honorary Consulate of Kazakhstan in Venice** will participate to the "**Corteo delle Nazioni**"-"**Nations Parade**", organized by the **International Association for the Venice Carnival**, with an **institutional delegation of Ambassadors and Consuls representing Kazakhstan in Europe and in Italy**. The procession of Authorities will march with **the traditional clothes of the Kazakh nomads on St. Mark's Square**, on the official stage of the Venice Carnival and then **on gondolas from Ca' Giustinian** (scheduled departure at 15:30) **along the Grand Canal** to reach then **Ca' Sagredo** for the gala concert and dinner.

The event wants to celebrate 25 years of the **Independence of Kazakhstan from the Soviet Union**. Among the Republics born of the disintegration of the former Soviet Union, the "land of the great steppe" is the only one to be able to bring together 20 different religions and 130 different ethnic groups in peace and prosperity, with an average growth of 6% per year of the GDP. Hence the desire to transfer **the message of peace and prosperity** through the procession and the parade in Venice during Carnival, **the city and the bridge between these two cultures and markets, connected by the Silk Road** traveled by **Marco Polo**.

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The territory is as large as all Europe, measuring almost 10 times Italy, is rich in natural resources, oil and gas, and has the full table of elements. Thanks to foreign investments, it has been able to develop huge deposits enriching the population. Kazakhstan is the only Country that **since 1991 has eliminated nuclear tests**, not opening centrals anymore. In addition, from June 10th to September 10th, 2017 **the Capital Astana will host the EXPO dedicated to energy of the future**.

“The links between Kazakhstan and Venice go back to Marco Polo, which along the Silk Road has joined together these two cultures and markets. An ancient history built on cultural and commercial exclusive exchanges. Kazakhstan is a young and proud Nation that managed to live together in harmony many religions and ethnic groups and to exploit sustainably the rich territory. We will celebrate with the traditional clothes of Kazakh nomads to highlight and renew friendships, cultural and economic links between Venice and Kazakhstan” declares **Pierluigi Aluisio**, Honorary Consul of Kazakhstan in Venice.

Link to the Declaration for the 25th Anniversary with video interview of Honorary Consul and President of Venicecom Group, **Pierluigi Aluisio**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bD1vizQS0wA>

Between **the Authorities** who will participate to the Nations Parade, the following one will be present:

- **Kairat Sarybay**, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Kazakhstan in Vienna and permanent representative at United Nations with the wife **Leyla Mahat**, Kazakh painter;
- **Seit Nurpeissov**, Counsellor of the Embassy of Kazakhstan in Italy and his wife **Madina Nurpeissova**, collaborator at the Embassy of Kazakhstan in Italy;
- **Aiman Mussakhajayeva**, Kazakh violinist of international renown; nota violinista Kazakha a livello internazionale;

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