

## **The museum's history in the past and in the future**

Karaganda regional local history museum is one of the oldest museums of Kazakhstan. The history of formation of the museum is closely connected with formation of Karaganda region, which was founded in March in 1932. The museum was opened under the order of People's Committee of coal of RSFSR №27 dated February 11, 1932 November 7 as Polytechnic one. Moscow polytechnic museum made a great assistance in formation of the museum: models of mining machinery which formed an exposition with the local material were brought. R.Bekmetov was the first director. The model of mine with simple control was exhibited. Considering the paucity of the exhibited materials, their transfer from one to another, the lack of full support from the government and experience of museum work, the museum was closed for the visitors, the close quarters and frequent relocations were destructively reflected on the preservation of the museum objects. In 1936 the museum funds were supplemented by the collection of the minerals sent by expedition of AS USSR.

In 1938 the museum was renamed into regional local, departments of nature, history and socialist departments were opened. Leonid Fedorovich Semenov who had an experience of museum work became a director. The museum located in a one-story building of the town Bolshaya Mikhailovka. Compared with previous years a radical transformation began in the museum: the museum was included in the system of state institutions, has become the main repository of history monuments and culture of the region. The problem of attracting people to the museum work has been solved. The fund and collection work was improved. The objects of Kazakh lifestyle, chain armor, prayer's mat and some bones of the animals found on the territory of the region was given by Akmola museum. The museum funds were supplemented by a collection of rock more than 200 samples, as a result of the geological unit's work. The layout of the new city Karaganda was given by the executive committee of Municipal council of deputies to the museum. A new stage in the research activity of the museum was organization of archaeological expeditions under auspices of professor S.V.Kiselev from Moscow with the aim to study the ancient monuments on the territory of the region. They investigated 15 unique burials of Andronian culture. The expedition took place in Besoba of Karkaraly district; found unique artefacts were included in the archaeological collection of the museum. Over the years the museum has focused

on the organization of traveling displays, a campaign train which traveled to the farms, mines and Karkaralinsk was organized.

During the early years there were 712 exhibits in the museum funds. The staff consisted of 7 people. There were a photolaboratory, narrow-tape camera, slide projector and a phonograph.

In 1962 Central Kazakhstan archaeological expedition of AS KazSSR under the auspices of the academician A.Margulan carried out the excavations on the territory of the region.

In 1964, September 17 in accordance with the order of Ministry of Culture of KazSSR the local museum was renamed into historical-local.

An ethnographic expedition held in the summer in 1965 carried out scientific-research and collection works on way of life and ethnography of the settlers on the territory of the region.

In 1999 the museum was reorganized into KSKE “Karaganda regional local history museum”.

In 2002, 2011 re-exposition of the museum was held with principal renewal of the exposition with materials on the history of the sovereign Kazakhstan. There are 148952 exhibits in the

museum funds, the main fund includes 123248 repository units (2014).

The total area is 2527 sq.km., including the exhibition area 1800 sq.km. There are 5 departments: Common history, Archaeology and Ethnography, the Department of Modern History, Department of funds, Department of tour-media work and scientific-methodological department.

The museum exposition is located in 16 halls and presents the history of the region from the ancient times to formation and development of the regions in terms of independent Kazakhstan at the present stage.

The museum funds contain collections of archaeological objects of the Paleolithic and Neolithic eras on the territory of Central Kazakhstan, more than 1000 kinds of paleontological exhibits as well as the items dated XYIII-XY centuries B.C., collections of Ethnography and decorative art; monumental materials about the first researchers of the region M.P.Rusakov, A.A.Gapeyev, K.I.Satpayev; founders of the Kazakh statehood, “Alash” autonomy and “Alash-Orda” party: A.Bukeikhanov, A.Baitursynov, A.Ermekov, M. Dulatov and others.

New innovative museum projects are developed on the following themes: programs for people with disabilities “Art-therapy. A museum and people with disabilities”, “Museum pedagogics and museum sociology”, “Museum pedagogics and museum marketing”.

Relative to EXPO-2017, Karaganda, the northern-eastern part of Karaganda region is included to the cluster “Astana” of historical-cultural tourism. The regional museum developed the route on museum tourism. Museum is involved into a sociological study of the audience in order to improve excursion service of the population.

Every year regional qualifying courses and retraining of scientific staff, workers of museum depository, and guides of the museum of Karaganda region is held on the base of the museum. The regional museum held the excavations on the Ashchisu burials of the Bronze Age in Bukhar-Zhyray region and Karatorgay of Osakarov district (2004-2006) together with the scientists of KSU and Inspection on protection of historical-cultural heritage at Department of culture under the state program “Cultural heritage”.

The museum is awarded with diplomas of Ministry of Culture of Kazakh SSR and CC of trade union of workers, workers of culture of Kazsofprof (1974),

Ministry of culture of the USSR and CC of workers of culture (1977), an Honorary diploma of region's akim (2007).

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