

THE ONE WHO IS DESTINED TO BE THE LEADER

The Head of State said, “We have taken an aim at future, intending to turn independent country into “Mangilik El”. The secret of progress lies with unity. The secret of regress lies with discord. That is why I appeal to elder generation, “Your life experience should render assistance to future generation, so that it could follow the truth path. We expect a lot from elder generation”. “No enemy from without has ever conquered Kazakhs. Kazakhs had been weakened by discord, and have grown stronger thanks to unity”, these words set us thinking. They call for Unity, Friendship, and Collaboration. We took opinion of the elder generation about the Head of State and forthcoming early presidential elections. – We look forward to presidential elections. Because people are going to elect personality, who decides destiny of the whole nation, defines our future, and chooses development path. These elections remind of 90’s, when the Soviet Union broke up and hard days came. In those restless days the President held a meeting in Almaty, where he said, “If we preserve inner unity of Kazakhs, we shall overcome all obstacles and become a powerful country”. We started talking among ourselves, “Instead of talking about unity, he would better talk about inoperative factories and plants and collapsing collective farms and kolkhozes”... Today we received evidence that President’s words had been right as our country became prosperous thanks to unity. - Early presidential elections in the Republic of Kazakhstan reminded me of those dashing 90’s. At the time I was the head of collective farm. The country was in chaos. Daily 20-30 women would come to me with tears in their eyes, asking for money to buy food. All banks had been closed, cattle had been sold, and farms had been breaking up. Women in town could, at least, sell merchandise, while people in aul (village) did not have money at all. I was in despair, and then in 1997 a strategic program initiated by the President Nursultan Nazarbayev “Kazakhstan-2030” got published. I read it over several times and could not believe my own eyes. I thought that it was a fairy tale. How could I believe it, while the world around was being ruined and was falling to pieces and we aimed at getting onto the list of the world’s fifty most developed countries. Nevertheless words of the President came true. Everything sorted itself out, economy is being developed and wellbeing of the people has improved. Ex-President of the USA George Bush in his autobiographical book made evaluation of leaders of different countries, including our Elbasy, “The President of Kazakhstan Nazarbayev is a very far-seeing and extraordinary person”. Today our reality is such that we drive foreign brands of cars, our children study in foreign universities, and we have got stable jobs. The Head of State said, “By 2050 Kazakhstan has to be among world’s thirty most developed countries”. Today our course is “Nurly Zhol”. We have “Common goal, common interests and common future”. I believe that we shall become “Mangilik el”. Our country amazes the world. The once “Iron Lady” of the Great Britain Margaret Thatcher said, “Nazarbayev never fails to amaze me, he is a great personality of the present, he is out of limits”. Thus we should value the citizen of our land and follow him with Kazakhstan flag! The story right out of Zharylykassyn Aziretbergenuly’s heart made me recall an interview with a writer,

honorable journalist of Kazakhstan Baydulla Konysbekov, which took place five years ago. Sometimes I would ask him captious questions, but the experienced journalist managed to circumlocutionize and was engaged in a substantive discussion. He provided following answer to the question about governing body of country, “When the country is governed by such politician as Nursultan Nazarbayev, when the country is recognized by the world community, when leaders of the world gathered here for Summit, when Muslims from all over the world have been gathering in our country for several years, what kind of criticism against our leaders could there be? Only the one who does not work is unable to make mistakes. The one, who is busy working, does not have time for praising or humiliating others. If every worker knows his area, the country will rise sooner. Why do not we recognize merits of those who deserve it? I do not like your question.” I found my own question funny. Recently I have got in touch with Baydulla Konysbekov, as his opinion on new Kazakh patriotism seemed important to me.

He started with words said by the Head of State, “The state and people should apprehend national patriotism... Every person should foster new Kazakh patriotism in his children and himself. It is a main condition required for state development”. We know the words of Al-Farabi, “Knowledge given without nurture is dangerous for humanity”. If we adapt these words to modern realia, we will get following phrase, “Neither democracy, nor wealth, nor developed economy will save a state from vanishing, if rising generation does not venerate traditions, customs and is not being brought up in accordance with national spirit. It is an axiom. When discussing education, we start blaming school, director and teachers”. It is both erroneous and rightful. Recently I have looked through a voluminous work of one scholar. It says that in post-war years there were 7-8 negative factors which could influence children’s education. In 1970-1980 the number increased and totaled about 15- 20. Nowadays there can be found more than 100 such factors. In this case everyone, including teachers, parents, mass media, government, businessmen, aksakals and elders should be involved in the process of educating younger generation. Instead of criticizing schools and teachers, we should render assistance in bringing rising generation up. There is one way out of this situation, i.e. purely national education, traditions, left by our ancestors”, said Baydulla Konysbekov. Thanks to the policy pursued by the Head of State and roots of Kazakh Khanate, Kazakhstan became modern, independent country with powerful economy, recognized by the world. Twenty years ago the country adopted the Constitution as a basis of statehood and independence; the Assembly of the people of Kazakhstan was established as a stronghold of unity and peacefulness. Every word said by Nursultan Nazarbayev during different speeches, becomes a popular expression. In my memory I keep recalling following words of Elbasy, “Kazakhs have such notion as wealth of land, peoples’ heritage”... A session of the Assembly of the people of Kazakhstan in Astana gathered all people whose lives and thoughts are united. This is an amazing sight, resembling a rainbow. On April 26 early

Presidential elections will be held. The nation will choose its Leader. He is already known to us.

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