INTRODUCTION

Kazakhstan's 25th Anniversary of Independence is an important milestone in the country's development. Kazakhstan's transformation over the past quarter of a century has been extraordinary – steering a careful course to an open market-led economic structure. With its strategic geographic location and dominant position in Central Asia, Kazakhstan plays an important international role, helping to maintain stability in the region and implementing a wide range of strategic initiatives.

Today Kazakhstan is distinguished by its strong sense of national identity, multi-ethnic harmony and political stability. Kazakhstan is home to over one hundred ethnic groups and has successfully promoted inter-religious dialogue and cooperation.

This book with an accompanying map highlights Kazakhstan's important role on the world stage and wide range of achievements. It provides insights and background to Kazakhstan's cultural, historical and geographical identity by highlighting 25 key milestones in this historic 25th Anniversary year of Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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Left: Norman Foster designed Khan Shatyr Entertainment Centre, Astana City

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