

## **25TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS**



## Message from His Excellency Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan

e have never forgotten that Britain was among the first countries to recognise our independence. We value as well the major role that British companies, big and small, have played in helping modernise our economy and drive our prosperity.

We are determined, at this time of global turbulence, to protect and continue this progress for our people. It is why we have invested heavily in diversifying our economy and why earlier this year we accelerated these changes with new investment in industrial capacity, transport and communication infrastructure.

It is not just over trade and investment that Kazakhstan and the UK have such strong links. Our country is proud to be seen as a force for moderation, tolerance and stability in the region. We remain a key ally for the UK and other coalition forces in Afghanistan. We stand resolutely together in facing down extremism.

H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev President of the Republic of Kazakhstan