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US – CAEF Student Fellows Talk Business in Almaty

On May 12, 2008, first-year participants in the U.S.-Central Asia Education Foundation (U.S. – CAEF) Enterprise Fellowship Program met with two distinguished guest speakers from the business sector of Kazakhstan.

Talant Sultanov, head of the project analysis unit at Kazkommertsbank, and Alibek Nurbekov, from the Corporation for Export Development and Promotion, shared their wide-ranging business expertise with the inaugural group of Enterprise Fellows during this professional development event organized by the Almaty office of American Councils. Fellows in attendance are currently enrolled at the Kazakhstan Institute of Management Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP).

Discussion ranged from the speakers' international experience, as students and professionals, to the current situation in the business sector in Central Asia. Specific topics of interest included the banking sector in Kazakhstan and economic development strategies for the Central Asia region. Both speakers expressed their enthusiasm for the Enterprise Fellowship program and encouraged the students to study hard, to seek out practical experience to complement their studies, and to make the most of the unique opportunity afforded to them by U.S. – CAEF.

