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**US-CAEF Student Fellow Recognized for Outstanding Performance
And meets with Kazakhstan's President.**

The President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, recently visited the Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics, and Strategic Research ("KIMEP", Almaty, KZ) and met with a select group of students.

Among the twenty students chosen to meet with the President was Talgat Kadyrov, a US-CAEF Fellow from Nukus, Uzbekistan. Talgat was chosen to meet with President Nazarbayev based on his perfect GPA of 4.33, and his active involvement in student parliament this past year.

In the photo, Talgat is pictured directly between President Nazarbayev (front center) and Dr. Bang, President of KIMEP (stranding directly to the left of President Nazarbayev).



**US – CAEF Student Fellows Talk Business in Almaty
May 2008**

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 Applied 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.



US-CAEF Faculty Training Seminar / Almaty, KZ
“Business Education for Global Business Communities,”
January 2008

On January 9-12, 2008 alumni of the US-CAEF 2007 *Faculty Development Summer Training Institute* (“STI”) were joined by 16 additional faculty members from the American University of Central Asia (“AUCA”, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan), the International Business School (“IBS”, Tashkent, Uzbekistan), and the Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics, and Strategic Research (“KIMEP”, Almaty, Kazakhstan), and participated in an intensive 4-day workshop lead by three faculty members of the University of Minnesota.

The goal of the workshop, entitled “Business Education for Global Business Communities,” was to revisit topics and content area investigated at the STI (held at the University of Minnesota in the summer of 2007), to expand on those topics and to share the with faculty that did not have the opportunity to take part in the Institute – which brought five business and economics faculty members from AUCA and IBS to the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota for 6-weeks of intensive training in their respective disciplines, current methodology, research techniques, the use of information technologies and a host of other areas; and where participants enjoyed both theoretical and practical training and made working visits to a number of large and small businesses in the Minneapolis area.

The workshop was a highly participatory one, with all faculty participants also being active discussants and presenters. Workshop themes over the four days included:

Excellence in the Classroom –Effective Learning Environments

Business Education – Teaching for the Global Community – Trends in Business education and the business classroom

Designing Effective technology enhanced learning Environments – Learning outcomes

Designing Effective technology enhanced learning Environments – Assessment

Business Education – Teaching for the Global Community - Course Design: Syllabus Analysis

Designing Effective technology enhanced learning Environments – Teaching Strategies and Learning Activities

Business Education – Teaching for the Global Community- Classroom Implementation: Teaching Strategies and Learning Activities

Excellence in the Classroom - Establishing Learning objectives and Goals