

## Assylbek Kozhakhmetov

Assylbek Kozhakhmetov is one of the founders of the first business school in Kazakhstan – Almaty School of Management, established in 1988, later transformed into International Academy of Business (IAB). In 2014 IAB was awarded University status and a new name, Almaty Management University (ALMA University).

In 2011, he received the degree of "Doctor in Business Administration" at Higher School of Management of National Research University "Higher School of Economics" (Moscow). He started his teaching career at the Department of "Mechanics of the continuous environment" at KazSU named after S. M. Kirov, then worked as a teacher at the managers school at Kazakh national organization "Union". He attended specialized management training at training centers in Germany, France, UK, Belgium, Holland, Hungarian and Estonia. In 2013 Dr Kozhakhmetov got a scholarship of the state program "Bolashak" and held scientific training at Business School Haas of University of California Berkeley (USA). He is speaker and moderator at national and international forums.

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His awards and titles include the award of "People to People International" international organization, USA – "Torch of Birmingham" (1997), sign "Excellent specialist of education of the Republic of Kazakhstan" (1998), the Medal of Bayan "Olgiy aimak", Mongolia (2010), jubilee medal for the 20th anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan (2011), order "Kurmet" (2013), order of NPP "Atameken" I and II degree "For loyalty to business" (2013-2014), award of International Association for management development in dynamic societies CEEMAN Champion Award in the category of "Institutional management" (2014), title of certified consultant for management of mass media (2015) and the title of Honorary Professor of Academy of public administration under the President of Kyrgyz Republic (2017).