



## **Assylbek Kozhakhmetov**

Assylbek Kozhakhmetov is the President of Almaty Management University. He was one of the founders of the first business school in Kazakhstan – the Alma-Ata School of Management, created in 1988, which later transformed into International Academy of Business (IAB) and in 2014 has obtained the university status and the new name - Almaty Management University (ALMA University).

His teaching career has started at "Continuum Mechanics" academic department at Kazakh State University named after S.M. Kirov, followed by teaching at the School of managers under the Kazakh Republican Association "Soyuz". Dr Kozhakhmetov has passed specialized training on management in educational centres of Germany, France, United Kingdom, Belgium, Holland, Hungary and Estonia. He has obtained the degree of Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) in Graduate School from the Management of the National Research University "Higher School of Economics" (Moscow, Russia) in 2011. In 2013 he became the State Programme "Bolashak" scholarship holder to pass scientific internship at Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley (USA). He is the author of more than 60 works on management and education development.

Dr. Kozhakhmetov is currently a member of the working group on amendments to the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Education"; a member of the Expert Council of the Agency for Civil Service Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan and a member of the Council on combating corruption in higher education institutions of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

He was awarded the "Excellence in Education" award by the MES RK (1998), "Torch of Birmingham" award by the international organization "People to People International", the Jubilee Medal "20 years of Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan" (2011), the Medal of Bayan Olgii aimak (Mongolia) (2010) and the medal of Atameken of II degree (2013). In September 2014, he was the recipient of the CEEMAN Champions Award for "institutional management". In December 2013 Dr. Kozhakhmetov was awarded by the highest state award "Kurmet" Medal of Honour of the Republic of Kazakhstan.