

**April 3, 2002**

Bruce Basaraba  
Hurricane Kumkol Munai J.S.C.  
Kyzylorda, KZ

Dear Bruce,

The English language plays an ever-increasing role in the day-to-day lives of Kazakhstani citizens, many of whom are seeking to fill positions within the Western companies populating Kazakhstan at an ever-increasing rate. **NATEK**, the National Association of English Teachers of Kazakhstan, is focused on making sure tomorrow's English speaking workforce; today's students; are prepared for the increasing role of English in their economic, business and social lives. Kyzylorda State University is hosting this year's annual NATEK conference, "**English and Globalism**", June 3-5<sup>th</sup> and would like your support.

As a Western company doing business in Kazakhstan, I am sure you are aware the difference a well-trained translator or employee can make in your business. NATEK's goal is to ensure English teaching and its subsequent keep pace with demand for qualified workers. NATEK has the following goals for this year's conference-

1. **Exploring the role and place of English in an epoch of globalism.** This section will discuss methods of teaching English for translating and interpreting to facilitate international communications.
2. **New methods of teaching and learning English.** The concept of student-centric lessons will be evaluated in their current format and compared to those of experts from other countries.
3. **New technologies in English language teaching.** Lessons in using the language laboratories recently shipped to 800 schools throughout Kazakhstan. Lessons in using computers and E-mail as a means to communicate and exchange new information, and how to navigate the NATEK website to find and share information.
4. **To accelerate and standardize education reform** in accordance with today's increasing demand for English language instruction and accompanying limitations in funding.

In order to help NATEK and Korkyt-Ata University facilitate this year's conference, NATEK would like to ask Hurricane Kumkol Munai J.S.C. to donate in-kind **Folders, Notebooks, and Pens for each of this years 230 scheduled participants.** All questions or arrangements for delivery can be made through Matt Brady, Kyzylorda Peace Corps Volunteer. Your input on the program is encouraged and appreciated.

The NATEK Conference is vital for Kazakhstani teachers and students of English as well as their future employers. By facilitating idea sharing and fostering development of linguistic, methodological, cultural and communicative competence of English specialists and students, NATEK will make great strides towards creating a more internationally competent and competitive citizenry.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Timur Kenshinbay  
NATEK President