



PRESS RELEASE

Attention all media representatives in Kazakhstan!

"MEDIALIFE" Public Fund and "TANAT" Capital club for journalists with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the OSCE Center in Astana and Friedrich Ebert Foundation's Representative office in Kazakhstan announce a competition for journalists during the Kazakhstan's 2010 OSCE Chairmanship on the theme "Kazakhstan: OSCE Chairman in 2010".

On January 1, 2010 the Republic of Kazakhstan became the first post-Soviet state to chair the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the twentieth Chair-in-Office since the establishment of this position in 1991.

Kazakhstan's Chairmanship of this authoritative international organization is of great importance and is a crucial event both for our state and for the Organization itself.

It is difficult to overestimate the role of the news media today, especially in countries building democracy, such as Kazakhstan. This importance also increases during Kazakhstan's Chairmanship in the OSCE. Qualitative professional approach by the news media is needed to promote wide coverage, objective supply of information to local and international communities concerning the processes in Kazakhstan and the OSCE area.

The competition aims at:

1. informing the public about the role and principles of the OSCE, its priorities in the sphere of ensuring stability and security in the world;
2. increasing the motivation of Kazakhstan's news media to highlight the processes at the national and international levels;
3. identifying professional journalists and promoting their intentions to cooperate actively with the civil society, highlighting the important aspects of society and state, as well as the activities within the framework of Kazakhstan's OSCE Chairmanship.

Trainings for journalists ("International and national experience in light of the democratic processes") with the participation of representatives of the international expert community and foreign media are planned to be held during the period of competition.

As a result of a competitive selection, the jury will determine the best publications and plots for the following categories:

- 1) KAZAKHSTAN'S OSCE CHAIRMANSHIP IN 2010 - THE BEGINNING OF THE WAY AND THE RESULTS**
- 2) OSCE AREA DURING THE KAZAKHSTAN'S CHAIRMANSHIP IN 2010 - REALITY AND PROSPECTS**
- 3) STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE STATES - KEY TO STABILITY AND SECURITY IN THE WORLD**
- 4) DEMOCRATIZATION - THE WAY TO DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY**

The work project for participation will be accepted by the competitive commission till
December 5, 2010.

The participants to the competition should send an original/copy of its work (publication or video in Kazakh/Russian languages, date of creation of which should be the period from January 1 to December 5, 2010) to "**MEDIALIFE**" Public Fund's address – **303 room, 49 Bukhar Zhyrau Ave., Karaganda, 100008 Kazakhstan.**

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