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Kazakhstan Stock Exchange Congratulates Business Media Employees with 15th Anniversary of Tenge

Facing the fifteenth birthday of Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE), taking into account huge contribution of business journalism in presentation of the Kazakhstan financial market, on November 7, 2008 KASE called together in hotel Hyatt Regency Almaty the most active workers of business mass media for a holiday event. The Exchange congratulated journalists with the fifteenth anniversary of tenge, and praised their job and professional attitude.

35 journalists, authors and editors of special and republican printed editions, business and educational television programs visited in the event.

At the event media workers were demonstrated a presentation on interesting, however, little-known episodes from the history of KASE and the national financial market, a number of journalists and editors were distinguished with commemorative plates and certificates of honor of KASE, including:

- chief editor of magazines "Lichnie dengi" and "Kazakhstan Securities Market" **Alexander Egorchenko** – "For Promotion of Market"
- journalist of edition "Expert Kazakhstan" **Tatiana Batischeva** – "For Quality of Work"
- journalist of edition "Panorama" **Nickolay Drozd** – "For Profound Valuations"
- analyst of Institute for Economical Strategies – Central Asia **Bakhtiar Bakas Uulu** – "For Neutrality of Judgment"
- journalist of edition "Business and Power" **Aynura Kargalinova** – "For Promptness of Coverage"
- author and hostess of program "Tenge" at KTK television channel **Nina Kim** – "For Creative Approach"
- journalist of edition "Respublica" **Sergey Zelepukhin** – "For Loyalty to Topic"
- chief editor of program "Biznes meken" at "Khabar" television channel **Saule Charysheva** – "For Educational Activity"
- journalist of edition "Expert Kazakhstan" **Vasiliy Kalabin** – "For Profoundness of Analysis"
- chief editor of program "Territory of tenge" at channel 31 **Timur Dzhumanov** – "For Undying Interest"

As the official part of the event ended journalists had an opportunity to talk to KASE management and receive answers to their questions.

Reference Information:

Kazakhstan national currency (tenge) was introduced on November 15, 1993. Since 1997 this day has been observed as a professional holiday of employees of the financial system of the Republic of Kazakhstan – the Day of national currency (in accordance with decree No. 3753 of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated November 13, 1997 and decree No. 3827 of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated January 20, 1998). November 15 is a Kazakhstan holiday according to the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Holidays in Republic of Kazakhstan".

KASE history began two days after tenge had been introduced. On November 17, 1993 the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan and 23 leading commercial banks of Kazakhstan decided to establish a currency exchange. The newly established exchange was assigned to organize and

develop the national currency market due to introduction of tenge. On December 30, 1993 KASE was registered as Kazakh Inter-bank Currency Exchange closed joint-stock company, and has been operating under the current name since April 1996.