

Closing Speech

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!

The Asian Disaster Reduction Conference – 2007 has finished its work. Let me frankly thank all the participants of the Conference for the active part in the forum work and for the provided support in its implementation, especially its organizers – heads and representatives of the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, Asian Disaster Reduction Centre, The Government of Japan, UNDP in Kazakhstan and the World Meteorological Organization.

Your constructive and crucial proposals will let not only define new activity directions for the protection of the national interests of our countries from the negative disaster consequences, but also work out specific tools for their implementation.

Further integration of the Asian countries in the area of the disaster prevention and liquidation is one of the ways towards the security and stability in the region. The main objective is to join the efforts, material and intellectual resources for the on-time response to natural disasters, in order to take the whole set of preventive measures for the reduction of the negative effect on the social and economic spheres, as well as the ecological balance. I think that the foundation for achievement of this important objective is significantly strengthened at this Asian forum and this is thanks to the heads and experts from 36 international organizations, whose highest intellectual potential level does not need additional recommendations.

Closing my speech, I would like to note that today Kazakhstan has achieved the significant economic and social-political potential for the efficient practical interaction with the countries in Asia in order to provide the security for the activities of people, to solve the problems in the area of the disaster prevention and liquidation and we are ready for the practical cooperation in this area.

I would like to emphasize that the Ministry of Emergencies of the Republic of Kazakhstan is open to everyone and is ready for cooperation. Fruitful interaction and warm friendly relations will allow effectively implementing all the actions aimed at the prevention, response and liquidation of the disaster consequences.

I wish you success, peace and wealth to all the participants of the Conference. Thank you for attention!