



## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM STATISTICS KAZAKHSTAN



It is a great pleasure for me to congratulate the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on the occasion of its 40th anniversary on behalf of the Agency of Statistics of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

SIAP was founded in 1970 as a regional training center for statisticians, and since that time over the past forty years has successfully fulfilled its mission. Statistical methodologies, classifications, instruments are changing, changing the time itself, but the Institute has been and remains a leader in the field of statistical training. It makes a significant contribution to the improvement of statistics in the region, strengthening the capacity of national statistical offices. At the same time, SIAP undertakes an important role in promoting global initiatives of the United Nations, including monitoring the Millennium Development Goals.

I would like to specially highlight the role of SIAP in development of statistics in Kazakhstan. Since the first years after gaining the independence, our experts have had the opportunity to upgrade their qualifications, to obtain international experience by participating in the events organized by the Institute, what has undoubtedly affected achieving by Kazakhstan today's level of its statistical system development.

Above all, SIAP - it is people who work there, people who have dedicated themselves to the mission of teaching statistics and honorably executes it. Therefore, on behalf of all statisticians of Kazakhstan I wish to our colleagues from SIAP, Director Ms. Davaasuren Chultemjamts particularly, continued success in their professional activities, and express sincere gratitude for their efforts to improve statistics in Asia and Pacific region.

**Chairperson**

*Alikhan SMAILOV*