

## Construction of the terminal in the International Airport of Taraz was completed with participation of KazKom

*16 October 2015, Almaty, Taraz. – Construction of the new passenger terminal of Auliye-Ata International Airport in Taraz was completed with financial support of Kazkommertsbank. The terminal construction was a part of the ambitious airport reconstruction program.*

The project cost totaled KZT 1,425 bn, KZT 800 mln of them were provided by Kazkommertsbank. Funds were provided for seven years at the nominal interest rate of 6% per annum within the state program of “Damu” Entrepreneurship Development Fund (Tranche 6).

The new passenger terminal of 6800 m<sup>2</sup>, which can service 3 flights both for departures and arrivals at a time (up to 600 passengers an hour), was built on the account of funds allocated by Kazkommertsbank. Estimated capacity – 650 thousand passengers a year. The terminal is designed with maximum comfort for passengers using the «fast-tracking» technology and it is equipped with newer facilities, which significantly decreases the servicing time. There are restaurants, bars, shops, Duty Free stores, baby care zones, drug-stores and health unit, VIP/CIP lounges. A special big lounge was built for transit passengers.

Acquisition of special equipment totaling KZT 600 mln on the account of the Development Bank of Kazakhstan (DBK) was also financed under the project.

«We participated in financing of this project taking into account its high importance for the country’s transportation infrastructure. The President of the country mentioned about necessity of building the transportation and logistics hub in Kazakhstan several times, and we think that reconstruction of the passenger terminal of Auliye-Ata International Airport meets the chosen development strategy of the republic. Implementation of this project is also important from the social and economic view: extension of the airport’s capacities, increase of service quality and opening of new flights will have a serious positive impact on the economy of region, ensure growth of tax payments to the budget and creation of new work positions. And it pleases us to think that it was exactly our bank that directly participated in implementation of such socially important project», – **Aigul Dzhailaubekova, Managing Director of Kazkommertsbank** commented.

«We already started attracting transit cargo and passenger flights. We are planning to create a combined hub on the basis of the airport, which will support existing hubs in Almaty, Astana and Karaganda. For this purposes we are cooperating with logistic companies, which transport cargos by vehicles and trains», – **Daulet Khamzin, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Auliye-Ata International Airport** said.

The reconstructed Auliye-Ata airport served its first passengers in the first decade of October in the course of ceremonies devoted to 550<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kazakh Khanate formation. Nursultan Nazarbayev, the President of Kazakhstan was introduced to the work performed on reconstruction of the International Airport of Taraz during his visit to Zhambyl region, and he became one of the first passengers of the new terminal.

Auliye-Ata International Airport founded in 2008 is 15 km from the center of Taraz. The airport was transferred to the balance sheet of the Ministry of Transport and Communications in 2013. The takeoff strip (its length grew up to 3500 meters and it widened up to 60 meters), turnoff strips and parking area of the airport were reconstructed, and the lighting facilities were upgraded according to ICAO category 2 in the same year. The reconstructed takeoff strip allows receiving all modern aircrafts without any limitation.

Auliye-Ata International Airport served the Boeing 747-200F cargo aircraft on March 1, 2015 for the first time. The airplane of Iraq Airways Company performs return flights to Bratislava, and it arrived to Taraz for transporting cargo to Europe.

After completion of reconstruction works it is planned to open direct passenger flights from Taraz to Moscow, Aktau, Atyrau, as well as summer tourist charter flights to Antalya and Dubai.

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