

**MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND BUDGET PLANNING
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Press Release

Within the framework of Eurasian Economic Club of Scientists, Ministry of economy and budget planning along with Asian Development Bank and JSC Economic Research Institute are holding seminar dedicated to ***“Economic Diversification and Structural Changes in Kazakhstan: Opportunities and Challenges” on 12 September 2008 at 3 pm.***

The goal of the seminar is discuss the ADB approach to evaluation quality of Kazakhstan economic structure, using a new methodology – “product space”.

In the workshop, the ADB team will present results of the latest research and provide an assessment of the economic structure of Kazakhstan, and its capacity to move into activities that create productivity gains. They will also examine the quality and problems of Kazakhstan export with regard to the structural changes of the economy.

During the seminar Kazakhstan’s representatives (from various ministries and national companies) will comment on “30 Corporate Leaders Program” realization, its details and Kazakhstan’s approach to economic diversification.

Vice-Minister of Economy and Budget Planning of Kazakhstan M. Kusainov will be the chairman of the seminar.

It is expected that representatives of ministries of economy and budget planning, energy and mineral resources, labor and social protection, agriculture, industry and trade, “Kazyna” Sustainable Development Fund and National holding “Samruk”, as well as leading research organizations among which is the JSC Economic Research Institute.

The seminar will be held at Ministry House, Left Bank, Orynbor street 8, 7 building, 4th floor, office 448. Registration begins at 2 p.m.

For more information please contact Economic Research Institute: **+ 7(7172) 743-384, 742871**. Astana, House of Ministries, Left Bank, Orynbor street 8, 7 building, 7th floor, office 639.

Please register by September 5 2008

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