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## KAZAKHSTAN, JAPAN BOOST ECONOMIC TIES AHEAD OF JAPAN PM'S VISIT

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Kazakh Deputy Foreign Minister Alibek Kuantyrov discussed trade and economic cooperation with Japanese Ambassador to Kazakhstan Jun Yamada on Aug. 2 ahead of Prime Minister of Japan Fumio Kishidas upcoming visit to Astana.

According to the Kazakh Foreign Ministrys press service, Kuantyrov highlighted Kazakhstans significant potential for expanding investment cooperation with Japan in transport and logistics, mining and metallurgy, renewable energy, waste recycling, digitization, and infrastructure. He expressed the governments readiness to fully support Japanese companies interested in undertaking projects in Kazakhstan.

Astana and Tokyo have established an active political dialogue, achieved a high level of economic cooperation, and continue to strengthen cultural and humanitarian ties. Over 18 years, Japanese companies have invested over \$7.8 billion in Kazakhstans economy, and we see great potential in expanding cooperation, Kuantyrov said.

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