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1. PROJECT

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Title: Local Content Impact: Economic Development, Technology and Entrepreneurship in Kazakhstan's Energy Value Chain. Developing a Centre for Competitiveness in Kazakhstan.

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2. DATASET

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Title: Opportunities for Bolashak Graduates in Kazakhstan

Description:

This dataset is based on a survey of Bolashak graduates in Kazakhstan. The data was collected mostly on the 16th November 2016 during the Kazakh-British Centre for Competitiveness event “Developing Knowledge Transfer To Bolashak Graduates” in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The sample includes responds of 36 Bolashak scholarship graduates working in Kazakhstan. The survey was distributed as printed copy and respondents wrote answers by hand. Their answers were then copied to an Excel form.

The survey was in two languages, English and Russian. Non-English language responses were translated to English mostly using Google Translate and were checked by the authors. All identifying information, including company name and address, was removed.

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Organisations: University of Reading

Rights-holders: University of Reading

Resource Language: English

Collection period: 16 November 2016

Geographic coverage: Kazakhstan

Data collection method: Paper

Data processing and preparation activities: Data were edited to remove all identifying information.

3. TERMS OF USE

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4. CONTENTS

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The following documents are available

data\_bolashak.csv

Data in CSV format

questions\_bolashak.pdf

Questionnaires in pdf format

The survey was in two languages English and Russian. The following information about the purpose of the survey and how the survey data will be used was given to participants before they undertook the survey:

“Kazakh-British Centre for Competitiveness together with “National agency for local content development “NADLoC are investigating a contribution of the Bolashak Programme to the implementation of Local Content Policy in the country. This survey aims to estimate opportunities for employment and/or entrepreneurship for Bolashak graduates in Kazakhstan. We hope that your answers will help us to draw tangible recommendations in order to improve Local Content development in Kazakhstan.”

Survey questions (see questionnaire\_bolashak.pdf) were answered by respondents using printed questionnaires. In the “data\_bolashak.csv” file each question in the survey is entered in a different column with anonymized survey respondent numbers (first column).

Below are explanations of Damu and Akimat.

"Damu" Entrepreneurship Development Fund was established by the Government of Kazakhstan in 1997 as a small business development fund (www.damu.kz).

Akimat is a local executive branch. It "is headed by oblast-level akims (including akims of Almaty and Astana cities) or raion-level akims (including akims in cities of oblast subordination), who implement local public administration on the respective territory within their competence. Akims represent the president and government of Kazakhstan and head the local executive body. They are responsible for realizing state policy within local territory, for coordinating territorial divisions of central administration agencies and for administering executive bodies funded from the local budgets. Furthermore, the akim is also responsible for economic and social development in the given territory." (Makhmutova, 2001: pp.413-14)

Makhmutova, M., 2001. Local government in Kazakhstan. Developing New Rules in the Old Environment. Local governments in Eastern Europe, in the Caucasus and in Central Asia. Budapest: Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative, Open Society Institute Europe, pp.403-468.

5. METHOD and PROCESSING

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Surveys were generated in word, printed and distributed during the event “DEVELOPING KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER TO BOLASHAK GRADUATES” on 16 November 2016, Almaty, Kazakhstan, organised by the Kazakh-British Centre for Competitiveness at the Kazakh-British Technical University (KBTU) Business School. Questions were provided in two languages: English and Russian. Respondents answered by writing in questionnaires. Responses were entered by Assel Jumasseitova in an Excel file. Questions are in columns and responses are in rows.

Non-English language responses were translated from Russian to English by the authors. All identifying information, including name, company name and address, were removed. Blank sections where answers were not provided have been replaced with "No answer".