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UNWTO and EXPO-2017 Signed a Memorandum of Cooperation

Madrid

Narrator:

The World Tourism Organisation and the National Company “Astana EXPO-2017” ‘signed a memorandum of cooperation’. One year left before the opening of the International Exhibition ‘Astana EXPO-2017’. This specialised exhibition will open on June 10, 2017 in Astana. Its theme is 'Future energy'. 90 countries and 15 international organisations have already confirmed their participation.

Akhmetzhan Yessimov (Chairman of the Board of the national company Astana EXPO-2017): We have no doubt that we will greet more than 100 countries. Kazakhstan is rich in energy sources, and this theme was chosen because the future is in renewable energy. Oil and gas will one day be drained. And besides, renewable energy is also ecological. EXPO-2017 will play an important role in attracting tourists to the country.

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The Memorandum with the World Tourism Organisation in Madrid will give the Astana EXPO-2017 the opportunity to attract even more participants and tourists. The event expects approximately 5 million visits.

Taleb Rifai (director of UNWTO): We discussed a lot of questions regarding the EXPO. I truly believe that the signature of the memorandum will mark the start of the things we discussed.

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More than 3 thousand special events are prepared for the guests who will arrive to attend EXPO-2017 in Astana. Tourists also will get a chance to do sightseeing in Kazakhstan. They can visit 12 national parks, UNESCO World Heritage sites and of course, the famous launch site Kosmodrom Baikonur. EXPO-2017 with the theme "Future Energy" is an expositional and recreational event that will take place between June 10 and September 10, 2017 in Astana.
