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Wilo CEO and Honorary Consul Oliver Hermes: “Kazakhstan’s international importance is increasing”

Meeting with H. E. Dr. Nurlan Onzhanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Federal Republic of Germany

Düsseldorf. H. E. Dr. Nurlan Onzhanov, Kazakhstan’s Ambassador to Germany, and Oliver Hermes, President & CEO of the Wilo Group and Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan in North Rhine-Westphalia, met in Düsseldorf to discuss two significant developments. Firstly, in its most recent session, the UN General Assembly unanimously decided to establish a regional centre for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in Kazakh city of Almaty. Secondly, the Astana International Forum 2025, a platform to discuss pressing global issues, will be taking place soon.

“Both developments bear witness to the fact that Kazakhstan’s international importance is increasing”, Hermes explains. Due to its geopolitical multivectoral alignment and its geographic location, Kazakhstan is already an important partner for many nations today. “From a European and German perspective, it is worthwhile to intensify relations. Agreements and conventions could relate to important raw material, which we will require to master the energy transition, mobility transition and digital transformation”, Hermes continues.

The new UN centre in Almaty is to act as an important platform to coordinate international and regional efforts, share best practices, provide technical support, and implement joint projects. The Astana International Forum 2025 will take place from 29 to 30 May 2025 in Kazakhstan’s capital. The forum aims to promote global dialogue through international diplomacy and cooperation. It is taking place under the auspices of Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.

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