

**Panel:** China, Central Asia and the Middle East (Lilac & Tulip Room)

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Kazakhstan-Chinese relations are controversial, and this neighborhood pushes Kazakhstan to search for new ways to develop mutually beneficial collaboration with China. Resolving border issues became one of the successful achievements in two countries' relationships. Nowadays, growing Chinese economy, particularly in Western areas, demands new energy sources which can be imported from Kazakhstan on profitable conditions. Nuclear sphere is also considered as important feature in mutual cooperation. In the context of Chinese intention to build 23 nuclear reactors on its territory, the unprecedented contract for 25 tons of Kazakh uranium will make a big contribution to strengthening the bilateral relations. China also starts to play an increasingly larger role in Kazakh steel and metal sector. And despite some issues existing between the two countries, Kazakhstan and China are successfully developing mutually beneficial relations in all fields of bilateral cooperation.

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