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State "Digital Kazakhstan" Programme

On 12 December 2017, the Government approved its State "Digital Kazakhstan" Programme, the aim of which is to improve quality of life and economic competitiveness in the country by promoting the use of digital technology in areas such as:

- the Digital Silk Road – advances in data-communication infrastructure to improve quality of life through accessibility to digital services
- a Creative Society – the development of the skills the public needs to expand opportunities to make use of the advantages of digitisation
- digital economic reforms – the launch of digital technology implementation in sectors of the economy to improve competitiveness
- a proactive government – an open and effective state providing the public and business community with quality state services as required

Part of the aim of the Digital Kazakhstan Programme is to create an innovative "Smart Almaty" city, which plans to eliminate queues; simplify state service procedures, making them more transparent; and weed out corruption by implementing modern technology in areas such as health, education, business and transport.

The Ministry of Information and Communication will be in charge of monitoring and implementing the Programme.

Online vehicle registration will be available from January 2018

From 1 January 2018, the egov.kz website will be launching a new service allowing users to register vehicles, pay charges and taxes and check administrative fines.

The new electronic registration procedure will also enable buyers to select vehicle registration numbers, and make payments for the more popular license plates.

Users of the new electronic process will only have to visit the Specialised Population Services Centre (Special 'TSON') to verify a vehicle (chassis, body and frame numbers used to issue a state vehicle license plate) and receive vehicle documentation and log books.

Kazakhstan Cybershield

In October 2017, Government Resolution No. 676 dated 28 October 2017 approved an Action Plan to realise the National Cyber Security Concept ("Cybershield Kazakhstan") for 2022 (the "Plan"), which was developed in accordance with the President's "Third Kazakhstan Modernisation" Address.

The Plan sets out the procedural and institutional, and managerial and engineering actions required to implement Cybershield Kazakhstan concept, and the actions taken to work through issues to create an integrated register of trusted Kazakhstan software and electronic industry products; and manage the human resources potential.

Development of online insurance

According to the Deputy Chairman of the National Bank, currently there is practically no demand for remote insurance services.

With this in mind, the amendments in a draft amending law forwarded to the Mazhilis in September 2017 focus on automating insurance company Internet websites to protect personal details and ensure cyber-security. The planned amendments should guarantee remote access and reduce the cost and average insurance service processing times for individuals and businesses.

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