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To the Heads of Higher Education Institutions

Dear Colleagues,

Maqsut Narikbayev University (MNU) invites students of your university to take part in the International Legathon "MaxUP".

Legathon is an international student event first organized by Maqsut Narikbayev University in April 2025. Student teams from Kazakhstan, Russia, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan participated in Legathon.

The main theme of Legathon is Future Law. During the event, students prepared projects in areas such as "Use of AI in Healthcare", "Liability of Autonomous AI Systems", "Regulation of Dual-Use Technologies", "Combating Digital Discrimination", "Modeling Digital Copies of Identity including Digital Clones" and others. The prize fund amounted to 1.7 million KZT.

Legathon is a unique platform for students and young professionals to showcase their knowledge, exchange experience and offer relevant solutions to legal challenges. The program includes:

- Preparation of scientific projects by teams to solve specific legal problems;
- Teamwork on real legal tasks (legal cases);
- Mentorship support from leading industry experts;
- Opportunity to present ideas to representatives of academia, business and government bodies;
- Valuable prizes and opportunities for further professional growth.

You can learn more about the results of Legathon 2025 by following this link:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIyhG-hTONQ/?igsh=MWl1ZDRlbnF0MThqcw==>



Due to high interest in Legathon 2025 (over 30 applications), MNU has decided to launch two Legathon Leagues in 2026: a Russian-language League and an English-language League.

In 2026, the International Legathon "MaxUP" will take place on **April 3–4, 2026**.

MNU will cover travel, accommodation and meals for 7 selected teams of the Russian-language League and 5 selected teams of the English-language League, as well as their accompanying persons. Other teams may participate at the expense of the sending organization.

Teams consisting of 4 (four) participants representing law faculties of higher education institutions are invited to participate in Legathon. Each team may be accompanied by 1 (one) accompanying person. One team per university is allowed.

To apply for participation, the team fills out the form at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLdajcmi1XvNWmw84Z8zpfWcOOD09OM6LpRThbY3S4UaKs_g/viewform

or via the QR code.



The application must include a motivation letter based on an essay-reflection by the team on the topic "Prospects for the Development and Reform of the Legal System in the Context of the Development of Digital Technologies". The essay volume is up to 2000 words.

The team may include 1st–4th year law faculty students. ***Applications are accepted until December 1, 2025.***

Selection of participating teams will be carried out by evaluating the motivation letters by the organizer's competent jury. The final score is calculated as the arithmetic mean of all jury members' scores.

When evaluating motivation letters, the jury will be guided by the following criteria:

- Compliance of the essay with the stated topic;
- Vision and understanding of the current legal situation in the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- Selection of a relevant problem corresponding to the requirements of modern legal thought;
- Legal reasoning, analysis of practice and best foreign experience for the proposed ideas;
- Literacy and structure of presentation.

The results of the selection will be published no later than November 17, 2025. Detailed regulations on holding Legathon will be sent additionally to the selected teams.

We will be glad to see your university's team among the participants and look forward to fruitful cooperation!

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