



PRESIDENT GETS ACQUAINTED WITH CONSTRUCTION WORKS IN ATYRAU AIRPORT

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Nursultan Nazarbayev, president of Kazakhstan, has got acquainted with the course of construction of a new runway, terminal and auxiliary facilities in the Atyrau Airport, today, June 21, KZ-today correspondent reports.

A distributed press release says that the modernisation of the Atyrau international airport infrastructure began in 2003. A new runway is going to be built, the taxiways and the platform are going to be renewed and broadened, a new lighting system will be established.

The new runway construction started 15 October, 2003. The contractor for the construction works is **Turkish "EKO Construction and Trade Co. Ltd."**.

The total cost of the project is \$29 million. Around \$3.3 million will be spent by the end of 2004. Presently, the construction technique has been brought in, an asphalt plant set up, a concrete plant is being completed. Excavations are carried out, the clearance and planning of the site have been completed, the plant layer of the ground has been drawn out, and the excavation has been completed up to a certain limit. The runway drainage course and a frost protection layer are being laid down. The term of the new runway commissioning is 8 September, 2005.