Hello Forum participants. I would like to greet all the participants and say thank you very much to the organizers of the Forum because nuclear tests are still relevant. And there are a lot of people on this planet who are naturally not indifferent to the fight against nuclear weapons.

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Karipbek Kuyukov. I was born in 1968, in the village of Yegindybulak. My village is literally 100 kilometers from the former Semipalatinsk nuclear test site. As you know, in the history of Kazakhstan, for 40 years we had a huge number of nuclear tests at the Semipalatinsk Test Site. The official figure for the victims of nuclear tests is somewhere around 2 million people, although in fact there are many more.

I would like to say a huge hello to all my friends from Japan. I have often been there. I personally know some of the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I was in Hiroshima back in 1990. On August 6, we participated in a rally dedicated to the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I think this story of friendship between Kazakhstan and Japan is a good example for other countries to follow. Generally speaking, it is believed that the two countries that suffered from nuclear weapons were Japan and Kazakhstan.

I would like to wish all the participants in today's Forum first of all good health because we need good health to continue the fight against nuclear weapons. At this moment I am an honorary ambassador of the Atom Project. There is an online petition on the Project Atom website, where each of you can enter and cast your vote against nuclear weapons.

I would also like to thank all of the organizers of this Forum, the organization we cooperated with, ICAN. I remember we held conferences together in Vienna and Ankara in Turkey. I think a great job was done and of course it was appreciated. I took part in the Nobel Peace Prize Award ceremony. I believe this prize is well deserved. So now we have to fight for the number, the more of us, the stronger we are.
Once again, a huge bow to everybody, a huge thank you, and good health to everybody. And I think that we will come to our common victory.