Mr. Diyas Moldabayev

Mr. Diyas Moldabayev is a CEO of Kazakhstan branch of a Malaysian Boutique Law firm specializing in Islamic Finance and Corporate Commercial. He is a seasoned professional in Islamic Finance. He holds an Associate Qualification in Islamic Finance from the Islamic Banking and Finance Institute Malaysia (IBFIM). Additionally, Mr. Diyas Moldabayev has been the recipient of grants from the Government of Malaysia (Wisma Putra) to participate in training courses on Islamic finance, such as Value Based Banking and the Shariah Audit Certificate program offered by the International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance (INCEIF), AQIF Program. He is also a distinguished member of the Association of Islamic Finance Professionals of Kazakhstan (AIFP). Recently, he has been chosen by the AIFP and the Consortium of Islamic Developers of Kazakhstan as an expert member of a Task Force working on the promotion, development, and integration of Islamic Mortgage contracts among the conventional banks of Kazakhstan. He has been invited as a guest speaker to present information on Islamic finance to round tables/conference several times. His articles related to Islamic finance and halal were published in bulletins like Islamic Finance News Malaysia and Republican Islamic web site Muslim.kz. He has been instrumental in conducting numerous projects in Central Asia, among others, the first project in the Kyrgyz Republic concerning halal matters where he served as an Assistant to the Team Leader. This project was initiated by the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD), a multilateral development financial institution that is part of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group. The goal was to perform a feasibility study to determine the viability of a Halal Meat

license from AFSA. It also included coordinating with stakeholders, ensuring that application forms are correctly filled out and that necessary documents are submitted, managing timelines, keeping track of the application process, and resolving any issues that may arise during the process. The third one is related to conducting survey - consulting services for developing the Islamic Finance Country Report and Market Analysis for Kazakhstan. The Astana International Financial Centre Authority has requested financial support from the Islamic Development Bank to cover the expenses of preparing the Islamic Finance Country Report and Market Analysis. The objective is to evaluate and comprehend the demand for Islamic financial products among retail and corporate customers in Kazakhstan. The project is still ongoing and he serves as a Team Leader of the Working Group.

Ultimately, the goal of NACIF is to facilitate sustainable finance practices that benefit society at all levels.