



Development of Distance Education in Kazakhstan

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Development of distance education in Kazakhstan began about 15 years ago and going according to plan in accordance with approved plans and government programs. In 2011, the Government decided to spend about \$ 1 billion for development distance education in the next decade. Now using of distance technologies in education become the main direction in the development of the education system in Kazakhstan. Meanwhile, in recent years there were discovered some problems in the implementation and of distance education. The distance technologies were distributed mainly in the cities and did not cover rural areas. We attempted to determine the trends in distance education within Kazakhstan that confirmed trends in regard to world distance education. We discuss about the milestones of past distance education implementations and discuss how these past policies and initiatives impact the success of it. Also we try describing the future directions and research relating to distance education.