

KIMEP AI Conference 2026, February 27-28
Event Concept: Smart Minds, Smart Machines in AI Life
27–28 February 2026 | KIMEP University, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Key Highlights

- Conference Participation Certificate for attending students.
- KIMEP AI Challenge winners will receive cash prizes, and certificates.
- Interactive AI Quiz winners will receive official KIMEP merchandise.
- All KIMEP AI Challenge teams will present their projects live (Almaty-based teams) or online (teams from other regions) before an expert judging panel and conference audience.
- Winners for the KIMEP AI Challenge will be announced on Day 2 [28 Feb].

Day 1: Inspiration & Exploration (27 February 2026)

Time	Session	Theme and Speaker	Location
09:00 - 09:30	Registration		Main Entrance & Valikhanov bld.
09:45 - 10:05	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Dr. Chan Young Bang, <i>KIMEP's AI Initiative and Strategic Vision</i> President of KIMEP University	Hall # 1&2/Round Building
10:05 - 10:45	Keynote Address I	Mr. Daniyar Zhumabekov <i>From Vision to Reality: Building the School of the Future with Microsoft Copilot</i> Microsoft Account Director Central Asia and Pakistan Session Moderator: Dr. Muhammad Arshad, Dean, School of Computer Science & Mathematics, KIMEP University.	Hall # 1&2/Round Building
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee-Break & Networking		Networking Area Hall #1&2 Round Building
11:00 - 12:00	Parallel Workshops (Introductory & Hands-on for High School Students)		
	Workshop	Resource Person	Location
	LLM Prompting and Scripting	Mr. Olzhas Suleimenov, CEO, Aǵartu Space	#312/Valikhanov bld. & #314/Valikhanov bld.
	Labor Market in the IT Industry	Mr. Mukhamed Bagdatuly, Marketing & PR Manager, HeadHunter Central Asia	Hall #1/Round Building
	Teachable Machine	Dr. Altynay Kadyrova, Assistant Professor, KIMEP University (SCSM)	#320/Valikhanov bld.& #322/Valikhanov bld.
	Simple Robotics/AI Demo	Mr. Nurlan Karimzhan, Senior Lecturer & IoT and Robotics Lab Coordinator, KIMEP University (SCSM)	#8/SCSM bld.& #205/SCSM bld

	AI Powered ERP System	Dr. Uldana Baizyldayeva , Assistant Professor, KIMEP University (SCSM)	#308/Valikhanov bld. & #310/Valikhanov bld.
12:00 - 13:00	Interactive Quiz	Interactive Quiz Chance to win official KIMEP merchandise	Hall # 1/Round Building
13:00 - 14:00	Networking Lunch		Networking Area Hall #1&2 Round building
14:00 - 16:30	KIMEP AI Challenge – Presentations (All Teams Present Live / Online)		
	Thematic Area	Judges	Location
	Mathematics & Physics	Dr. Haslinda Ibrahim, Professor & Chair (Mathematics), KIMEP University (SCSM) Dr. Anel Ibrayeva, Assistant Professor, KIMEP University (SCSM)	#116/Valikhabov bldg
	Cybersecurity & Networking/ IoT & Robotics	Dr. Lee Garner, Associate Professor and Chair (Computer Science), KIMEP University (SCSM) Mr. Nurlan Karimzhan, Senior Lecturer and IoT and Robotics Lab Coordinator, KIMEP University (SCSM)	#114/Valikhanov Building
	Machine Learning & Data Visualization	Dr. Uldana Baizyldayeva, Assistant Professor, KIMEP University (SCSM) Dr. Altynay Kadyrova, Assistant Professor, KIMEP University (SCSM) Dr. Nurgissa Yessirkegenov, Associate Professor, KIMEP University (SCSM)	Hall # 1/Round Building
	Machine Learning & Data Visualization	Dr. Aishabibi Dukenbayeva, Assistant Professor, KIMEP University (SCSM) Dr. Muhammad Arshad, Associate Professor, KIMEP University (SCSM)	Hall # 2/Round Building
16:30 - 16:45	Day 1 Closing		Hall #1/Round Building

Day 2 – Engagement, Showcase & Decision (28 February 2026)

Time	Session	Theme and Speaker	Location
09:00 - 09:45	Registration		Main Entrance & Valikhanov bld.
09:45 - 10:00	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Professor Jason Gainous , <i>Dean, College of Social Science, KIMEP University</i>	Hall # 1&2/Round Building
10:00 - 10:40	Keynote Address II	Mr. Ulan Kairbekov , <i>How AI is reshaping everyday Yandex Services</i> General Manager at Yandex Search Kazakhstan Session Moderator: Professor Jason Gainous,	Hall # 1&2/Round Building

		Dean, College of Social Science, KIMEP University	
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee-Break & Networking		Networking Area Hall #1&2 Round building
11:00 - 12:00	Students/Parents–Faculty Engagement Session - KIMEP AI Initiative	• Professor Jason Gainous, Dean, College of Social Science, KIMEP • Professor Juldys Smagulova, Dean, College of Human Science and Education, KIMEP • Professor Nejat Capar, Dean, Bang College of Business, KIMEP • Professor Joseph Luke, Associate Dean, School of Law, KIMEP • Professor Muhammad Arshad, Dean, School of Computer Science and Mathematics, KIMEP	Hall # 1&2/Round Building
12:00 - 13:00	Campus Tour		
13:00 - 14:00	Networking Lunch		Networking Area Hall #1&2 Round building
14:00 – 15:00	Parallel Workshops (Introductory & Hands-on for High School Students)		
	Workshop	Resource Person	Location
	Launch and Manage Your Business in the Google AI Studio	Dr. Muhammad Imran , Assistant Professor, Bang College of Business, KIMEP University	#312/Valikhanov bld. & #314/Valikhanov bld.
	Staying Ahead in Business with AI	Mr. Aldamzhar Kiikbayev , Director of AI Products Office at Astana Hub	#308/Valikhanov bld. & #310/Valikhanov bld.
	AI Safety & Ethics	Dr. Lee Garner , Associate Professor and Chair of Computer Science Department, KIMEP University (SCSM)	#8/SCSM bld.& #205/SCSM bld.
	From Zero to Hero: The Art of Prompt Engineering	Mr. Mukhtar Bimurat Senior Data Scientist, Halyk Bank	#320/Valikhanov bld. & #322/Valikhanov bld.
	AI in Education: Learning Smarter	Dr. Ulzhan Kazybekova Ph.D, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration, CSS and Mr. Medet Baizhakanov , MA Lecturer, Department of General Education, CHSE	Hall #1/Round Building
15:00 – 15:45	Interactive Quiz	Interactive Quiz Chance to win official KIMEP merchandise	Hall # 1&2/Round Building
15:45 – 16:15	Announcement of KIMEP AI Challenge Winners, Awards & Certificates Ceremony – Closing Ceremony		Hall # 1&2/Round Building