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Review

of Assel Kozhakhmetova's PhD Dissertation

I am very pleased to be a foreign supervisor for PhD candidate Assel Kozhakhmetova of the High School of Economics and Business at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University. Her thesis entitled "Evaluation of high-tech project success in the Republic of Kazakhstan based on international standards of project management".

Assel's work is constructed through, initial survey of project managers involved in high-tech project execution, followed by quantitative analysis. Novelty lies in creative research question dedicated to investigation connection between project management processes and critical success factors for high-tech projects. It is a unique and first time view of project success evaluation in Kazakhstan. The research work provides, both, objective view and analysis, as well as 'Asian' nuance to theory project management frameworks.

Assel Kozhakhmetova's endeavor to include the particular context of cultural features makes the analysis in this thesis very practical and actual in terms of project management policy formulation.

Assel is a very careful and diligent scholar and this is reflected in the professional level quality of the thesis. I have seen several version of the thesis and on each occasion Assel has incorporated advice and new information with high aptitude. No further improvements are necessary at this stage.

This dissertation is fully compliant of standards of doctoral dissertation, both general and of academic rigor.

I propose PhD doctoral dissertation of Assel Kozhakhmetova for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and recommend to the defense.

Scientific supervisor,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ofer Zwikael".

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