

In 2023 the European Union (EU) and Kazakhstan are celebrating the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations.

In his opening speech on the occasion, the European Union Ambassador, Kestutis Jankauskas, emphasised the importance of interpersonal relationships in strengthening ties between countries, in which cultural events play a big role.

The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, Roman Vassilenko, in his turn.

underlined the efficient and fruitful work done throughout 30 years and expressed his trust in the further development the relations between EU and Kazakhstan.

To mark this occasion a Gala Concert in the hall of Astana Opera was organised. The stars of the Kazakh and world opera scene Susana Gaspar, Maria Mudryak and Medet Chotabayev performed at the stage and Abzal Mukhitdinov took the conductor's podium.

For Susana Gaspar, a Portuguese opera star, this was the first trip to Kazakhstan. This was the first time she performed on world stage with Maria Mudryak, who became the ambassador of cultural relations between Kazakhstan and Italy last year and Medet Chotabaev, Honored Worker of Kazakhstan, Commander of the Order of the Star of Italy.

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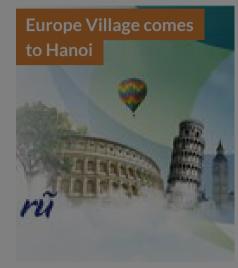
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