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The World Bank Vice President for Europe and Central Asia, Ms. Laura Tuck, visited Kazakhstan on February 12 as part of her trip to Central Asia. This was Ms. Tucks first visit to Kazakhstan since becoming regional Vice President in September last year. During the visit, Ms. Tuck met with high-level government officials in the Prime Ministers office and Presidential Administration and discussed the World Bank program in Kazakhstan as well as opportunities for regional cooperation. During the meeting with Mr. Bakhyt Sultanov - Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Kazakhstans Governor for the World Bank Group, Laura Tuck highlighted that the ongoing fruitful partnership in knowledge sharing, in particular the Joint Economic Research Program, now serves as a model for other middle-income countries. She noted the governments bold, forward-looking approach to regional development, green growth, and investment in human capital and connectivity. Laura Tuck reiterated the Banks readiness to support these efforts through knowledge programs and investments. Kazakhstan joined the World Bank Group in 1992. Since then, the World Bank has become a major development partner with total commitments of US\$6.8 billion for 40 projects.
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