Yerkebulan Zhaskairatov, Deputy Head of CHPP-1 named after B.Orazbayev

Everyone has a role model in life. For Yerkebulan Zhaskairatov, Deputy Head of the Production and Technical Department at CHPP-1 named after B.Orazbayev, this role model since childhood has been his father. A man with a career in the energy sector, he showed by his example that hard work, responsibility, and a chosen path shape not only a career but also one's character.



Yerkebulan's interest in technology began in childhood. He felt a need to understand how things were built and how they worked. Like many boys, he dreamed of the sky and becoming a pilot, but life led him to the energy sector – and over time, he realized it was not just a choice, but a true calling.

After the 9th grade, he enrolled in the Almaty State College of Energy and Electronic Technologies, majoring in Electrical Power Engineering. His internship at TPP-1 was the moment when theory turned into real-world application, and his interest grew into a profession. It became clear even then that the energy sector is the foundation of city life, without which neither industrial development nor the daily lives of people would be possible.



His first day on the job was unforgettable – the station was being brought back online after a maintenance period. This is a moment when you feel the responsibility and significance of every action especially keenly. You see how cohesively the team works and how precisely and methodically tasks are carried out to ensure the equipment is started up safely and on time. It is then that you understand there are no minor roles here.

Erkebulan built his professional career step by step. He started in 2010 as an electrician for the maintenance of automation and measurement equipment at power plants, as part of the on-duty staff. Over time, he advanced in rank, took on more complex tasks, became a foreman, then a senior foreman, a deputy shop supervisor, and, since 2024, the Deputy Head of the Production and Technical Department.



At the same time, he continued his studies – he earned a higher education degree, reinforced his knowledge with practical experience, and completed a mandatory work period that gave him not only experience but also confidence in his profession. Today, he says with confidence that this journey is his main professional achievement.

Working in the energy sector demands complete dedication. It has everything – high temperatures, high voltage, vibrations, chemicals, and a round-the-clock work schedule. Therefore, his main focus is safety and strict adherence to health and safety regulations. Attentiveness, discipline, and responsibility are not just requirements but the foundation of his daily work.



Erkebulan's workday begins with an analysis of the power station's status: its operating modes, performance indicators, and the previous day's results. This is followed by resolving current issues, handling documentation, making calculations, preparing reports, coordinating with colleagues, and carrying out assignments. But the energy industry isn't always predictable – urgent tasks that require immediate solutions often arise. In these moments, it's crucial to be able to set priorities quickly and remain calm.



These are precisely the conditions that make the work interesting. New tasks, unconventional situations, and the need to learn «on the go» – all of this keeps you from standing still. Erkebulan admits that this is what he likes most: constant development and the opportunity to grow with the company.

The team is a value in itself. He speaks of it with respect and warmth: friendly, professional, and reliable. Here, people will always help you, give you advice, and explain things. It was thanks to this support that he quickly settled in at the station. His mentors were experienced colleagues and veterans who passed on their knowledge not only through words, but also through action.



Today, he himself is becoming part of this tradition of continuity – sharing his experience, helping young specialists, and participating in their professional growth. He sees a special value in this aspect of his work: being part of one team and the company's shared history.

In his opinion, the strength of AlES lies in its people – in their professionalism, in the training system, and in continuous development. Here, employees are sent to courses, their skills are upgraded, and they are given the opportunity to grow. This directly impacts the reliability of the entire city energy system.

He is confident that the profession of a power engineer remains prestigious, despite its difficulty. It is work that demands endurance and responsibility but provides the most important thing: a sense of significance. After all, it is power engineers who ensure the stable operation of the city and the comfort of its people.

Outside of work, Yerkebulan remains a man who values simple, genuine things. He spends his free time with his family, goes on walks with his children, and tries to find time to rest. Sometimes he plays video games to switch gears and recharge after a busy day at work.

The most important things in life for him are his family, the health of his loved ones, and honest work. He says it is the support of his family that helps him move forward, despite the lack of time and a heavy workload.



His personal qualities include persistence, responsibility, the ability to work in a team, and a knack for finding common ground with people. He strives to lead by example, primarily through his approach to his work – calmly, without grand statements, but with complete dedication.

As for his principles, he established the main one early in his career: work honestly, don't look for easy ways out, and achieve everything through your own hard work. This is what helps him make the right decisions and move forward with confidence.



He doesn’t call himself a role model, but he strives to be one – for his colleagues, for his children, and for those just starting out in the profession. And perhaps this is where true strength lies: in simplicity, reliability, and loyalty to one’s chosen field.

Today, looking back, Yerkebulan knows for certain that if he had to start all over again, he would choose the energy sector once more. Because it’s not just a job. It’s a part of his life, a part of his character, and a part of the vast system that brings people light and warmth every day.