



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN IN JAPAN



INFORMATION BULLETIN

New tasks for government and local authorities to combat the pandemic

On April 14, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, at the beginning of a videoconference on discussion of urgent tasks in agriculture of Uzbekistan, emphasized the ongoing work within the framework of the fight against coronavirus infection. The Head of the state noted:

– As is known from press reports, the number of people infected in the world, including in our country, is growing, which requires all of us, all of our people to increase vigilance and caution, unconditional and strict compliance with all established quarantine requirements.



Based on the current situation, the Government Commission, the leadership of the Jokargy Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the khokimiyats of the regions and the city of Tashkent, relevant ministries and agencies should take the following immediate measures.

First, we should not follow the process associated with the pandemic, but mobilize all the forces and opportunities, available resources for their early warning.

Second, it is necessary to comprehensively deeply analyze the current situation and forecast its course, be prepared for it, having specific plans and thoughtful measures.

Third, we should further strengthen cooperation with all states and international organizations to defeat the disease.

The ongoing telemedicine sessions for treatment of patients with participation of leading experts from China, South Korea, Russia, Israel, the UK, Germany and Japan should be continued with representatives of other advanced states, and recommendations received should be actively implemented.

The videoconference held today with experts from the WHO Regional Office for Europe, I am sure, will also give a positive result in treating patients.

Fourth, the Republican Commission needs to take measures to further increase the responsibility of not only the involved ministries and agencies, but

also local khokims and sector leaders for preventing the spread of coronavirus and limiting its negative impact on the economy and people's lives.

Especially khokims and sector leaders will be personally responsible for the effectiveness of work to fully ensure the vital needs of the population, to prevent price increases and support low-income families.

Caring for low-income, needy and vulnerable families, helping them, expanding the scope of noble initiatives should be one of the main tasks of responsible local leaders.

The President endorses the construction of innovative pharmaceutical cluster

On April 17, through video conferencing, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev blessed the construction of the Tashkent Pharma Park, an innovative scientific and production pharmaceutical cluster in the Zangiata district of the capital region.

During the teleconference, the head of our state got acquainted with the plans and work begun on the implementation of this project designed to launch the production of innovative drugs, high quality medical goods and equipment, to train modern specialists of the sphere, as well as develop the national pharmaceutical industry as a whole and create effective infrastructure.

The presidential resolution adopted in January this year approved the concept and action plan for setting up the cluster.

To this end, 79 hectares of land have been allocated in the Zangiata district. Thus, the implementation of 14 investment projects will lead to the establishment of Central Asia's only modern pharmaceutical cluster employing more than 1,700 people.

The cluster will consist of a technological park and an industrial zone.

The technological park will house sectors of academic, scientific activity and medicines development. Plans include in particular the creation of Pharmaceutical Technical University to train highly qualified specialists in the field of pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, cosmetology and other areas, on the basis of international educational standards.

The industrial zone will be home to production facilities of leading pharmaceutical companies.

In the future, foreign clinics and medical centers are expected to open here, and the infrastructure of the cluster is anticipated to expand.

An agreement has been reached with the Economic Development Cooperation Fund



of the South Korean Eximbank on funding the scientific and educational institutions of the cluster with a long-term loan.

The Board of Trustees and Directorate of the Tashkent Pharma Park innovative scientific and production pharmaceutical cluster have been formed. The Directorate will be run by the Pharmaceutical Industry Development Agency under the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The new cluster will be the first science campus of its kind and deliver a solid foundation for the advancement of the entire industry. Widely applying international experience, attracting foreign investment and cutting-edge scientific developments, introducing innovative solutions and high technologies, it will raise the national pharmaceutical science and industry to a new level.

Strengthening international cooperation in the fight against pandemic considered

On April 17, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a meeting on the issues of strengthening cooperation with international financial institutions in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic.



This year, it is planned to use 2.7 billion USD allocated by international and foreign financial structures. Most of these funds are accounted for Asian Development Bank, World Bank and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Existing projects are optimized based on the current situation and funds are directed primarily to medical sphere. International organizations are ready to help Uzbekistan.

The need for accelerating the process of attracting and using 277 million USD that international financial institutions intend to allocate to Uzbekistan's health sector to fight the pandemic was noted at the meeting.

Instructions were given to equip hospitals under construction in Tashkent region's Zangiota district and quarantine zone in Yuqorichirchiq district with modern medical equipment with the assistance of the Asian Development Bank.

The Ministry of Health has been tasked to purchase 2,3 thousand artificial lung ventilation devices and other equipment at the expense of 30 million USD from Asian Development Bank and the World Bank.

Instructions were given to attract additional investments from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the World Bank, direct them to healthcare system and social sphere.

In the context of the pandemic, it is planned to attract 700 million USD to support entrepreneurship, small and medium-sized business.

The Head of the state noted the need for allocating these funds primarily for development of fruit and vegetable production, food industry and export support.

As is known, Anti-Crisis Fund has been established by the Decree of the President of Uzbekistan of March 19, 2020. It is planned to allocate an additional 3.6 trillion UZS to support projects in infrastructure and utilities development.

Special attention was paid to this issue and responsible persons were given appropriate instructions.

The importance of reaching additional grant agreements with donor organizations for measures to counter coronavirus pandemic was noted.

Tasks were identified to accelerate the attraction and timely targeted use of funds from international financial institutions.

To the attention of exporting companies operating in the Republic of Uzbekistan !!!

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Source: Ministry of Transport Republic of Uzbekistan

Public Chamber to be established in Uzbekistan

On April 16, 2020, the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on establishment of the Public Chamber under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan was adopted

Public Chamber under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as public chambers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regions and the city of Tashkent will be established in order to implement the new idea “The initiator of reforms – the society itself”, outlined in the Address of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan of January 24, 2020, expand the scale of participation of the population in managing the affairs of the state and society, achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, establish close mutual cooperation of citizens, society and the state, as well as strengthen public control over the activities of state bodies and institutions.

The Public Chamber consists of 50 members, working on a voluntary basis.

Recreation area to be created in Navoi

It is planned to create a new beach recreation area in a comfortable summer resort located in Tudakul water basin owned by Silk Road Resort & Spa LLC. Intensive work is underway on the territory to create a summer tourist recreation center with an area of 15 hectares.



According to Navoi Regional Tourism Development Department, the project is aimed at providing foreign and local tourists with high-quality services in the upcoming season.

The total cost of the project that meets high international standards is 3 billion UZS. This will create another 150 new jobs in the region.

This tourist facility will also include a number of additional services such as beach, pool, water park, mini Disneyland, hotel with 50 seats, recreation areas, restaurant, summer terrace, spa, outdoor playground, wellness and sports center, parking and special water transport.