



## EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN IN JAPAN



### INFORMATION BULLETIN

#### **President of Uzbekistan meets with the Emperor of Japan**

*On December 20, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev met with the Emperor of Japan Naruhito, in Tokyo.*

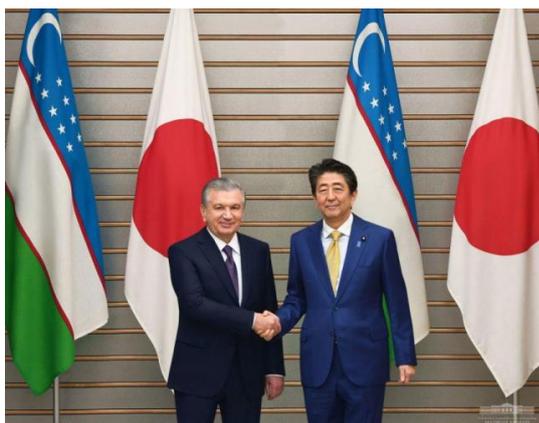


The Emperor, sincerely welcoming the distinguished guest, emphasized that this visit became an important event in strengthening Uzbekistan – Japan friendship and strategic partnership, and brought bilateral relations to a qualitatively new level.

The President of Uzbekistan expressed deep respect to Emperor Naruhito and emphasized that in the new era of the “Reiwa” harmonious development will continue, the international authority of the country and the welfare of its population will continue to grow.

A reception was held in honor of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev and his spouse Ziroat Mirziyoyeva on behalf of Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako. Joint photographing ceremony was also held.

#### **Uzbekistan – Japan: New era of strategic partnership**



*On December 19, Tokyo hosted the main events of the official visit of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev to Japan.*

The official meeting ceremony was held at Kantei Residence. Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe met the President of Uzbekistan. A handshake at the state flags took place.

State anthems sounded. Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Shinzo Abe passed the guard of honor, lined up in honor of the distinguished

guest. Delegations of the two countries were represented to the leaders of the two countries.

Bilateral negotiations were held with participation of delegations.

Warmly welcoming the leader of Uzbekistan, the Head of Japanese government emphasized that this visit is taking place in the first year of the “Reiwa” era.

Special importance attached by the Japanese side to strengthening friendship and strategic partnership with Uzbekistan was emphasized.

Shinzo Abe praised and expressed his full support for the ongoing large-scale reforms in Uzbekistan. The role of the country in enhancing regional cooperation in Central Asia was noted.

In turn, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev thanked the Japanese side for the warm welcome and congratulated the people of Japan on the beginning of the “Reiwa” era.

President of Uzbekistan emphasized his commitment to raising Uzbekistan – Japan multifaceted partnership to a qualitatively new level.

Appreciation was expressed to the Government of Japan for supporting reforms and economic modernization in Uzbekistan, as well as for assisting in training highly qualified personnel.

At the meeting, issues of continuing a constructive political dialogue were considered. The similarity of positions on the current international agenda was noted.

An agreement was reached on coordination and mutual support within the framework of multilateral structures.

Intensification of inter-parliamentary relations was noted with satisfaction, including within the framework of active work of the Parliamentary League of Friendship between Japan and Uzbekistan.

The key issue on the agenda became the support of economic reforms in Uzbekistan.

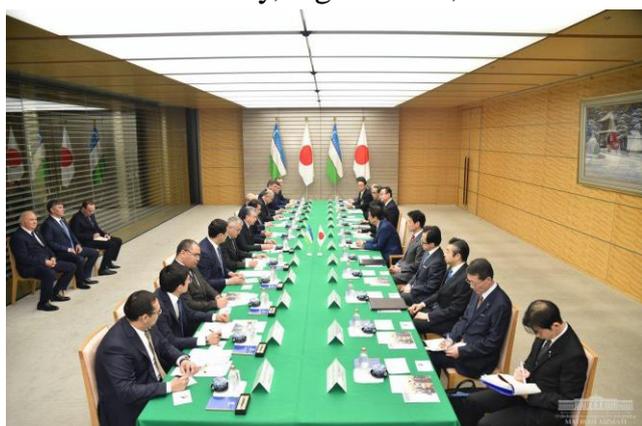
The leaders of the two countries called for further increase in mutual trade and expansion of investment, technological, financial and technical cooperation.

Fruitful results of business events held within the framework of the current visit of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Japan were noted with deep satisfaction.

Implementation of promising projects in energy, mining, mechanical engineering, chemical industry, agriculture, textile industry, tourism and other priority areas was supported, primarily with direct investments and advanced technologies from leading Japanese companies and banks.

Heads of delegations welcomed the expansion of partnership in the financial and technical field through the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

In addition, issues of expanding regional contacts, cooperation in organized



labor migration, education, healthcare, and cultural exchange were discussed.

Institutional mechanisms for coordinating and promoting joint projects in key areas have been agreed.

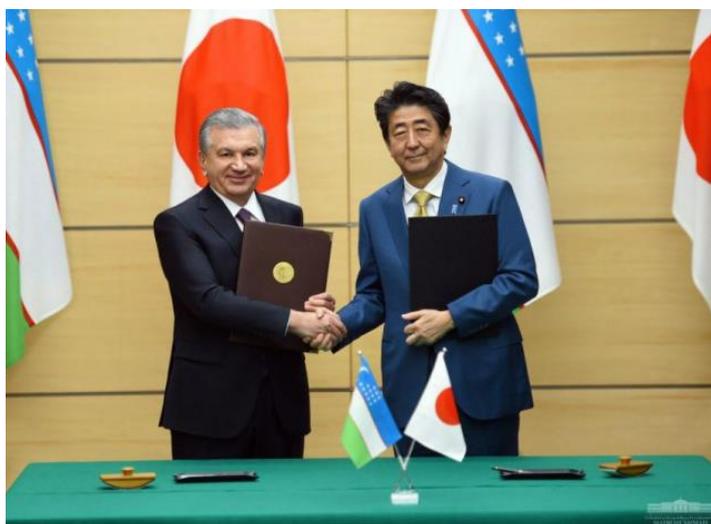
In conclusion, the parties expressed deep satisfaction with the results of the talks, as well as expressed strong commitment to launching a new era of friendship and strategic partnership.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe gratefully accepted the invitation of the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev to pay an official visit to Uzbekistan.

### **Uzbekistan, Japan sign Joint Statement on further deepening and expanding strategic partnership**

*Following the talks at the highest level, a ceremony of signing bilateral documents was held.*

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe signed a Joint Statement on further deepening and expanding strategic partnership between Uzbekistan and Japan.



Agreements signed between the governments of the two countries on cooperation in the tax and customs spheres, as well as on implementation of major energy and infrastructure projects were exchanged.

In addition, during the visit of Uzbekistan delegation, more than ten documents were signed in the economy, industry, tourism, science, innovation, information and communication technologies, labor migration, education and sports, as well as on interregional cooperation.

The leaders of the two countries addressed the meeting with media representatives.

The President of Uzbekistan noted that development and further expansion of



multifaceted and mutually beneficial cooperation with Japan is one of the priorities of Uzbekistan's foreign policy.

“Today we have thoroughly discussed the prospects of political, inter-parliamentary ties, cooperation in trade and investment, innovation, small and medium-sized business,

science and education, healthcare, culture and others, and reached important agreements. Within the framework of the visit, agreements on major projects were concluded with leading companies and organizations of Japan. These projects are noteworthy, primarily because they are aimed at attracting the advanced achievements of Japanese science and high technologies to the economy of Uzbekistan”, said Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

In turn, the Prime Minister of Japan praised the policy pursued by President Mirziyoyev on liberalizing the country’s economy. Confidence was expressed for the signed solid package of documents that would contribute to building up trade, economic and investment ties, cultural and humanitarian relations between the two countries.

“Together with Mr. President, we, guided by the Joint Statement, will work hand in hand to develop cooperation in all areas”, said Shinzo Abe.

The affinity of positions of the parties on the current issues of the international agenda was confirmed.

### **Shavkat Mirziyoyev invites Japanese entrepreneurs to Uzbekistan**

*President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a meeting with representatives of Japanese business circles, in Tokyo.*

It was attended by heads of leading corporations, companies, financial institutions such as JETRO, JICA, JBIC, NEDO, JOGMEC, Mitsubishi, Itochu, Sumitomo, Marubeni, Isuzu and others.



Information was provided on the results of Japan – Uzbekistan business forum held on December 16, in Tokyo.

President of Uzbekistan urged companies and financial institutions of Japan to actively participate in the implementation of investment projects in Uzbekistan.

“Japan is our strategic partner. Together we did a great job on modernizing the sectors of the economy and infrastructure in

Uzbekistan. Our visit aims at opening a new page in the history of bilateral relations. There are still many untapped opportunities, new projects in trade, energy, the chemical industry, transport, tourism, fruit and vegetable processing and services”, said Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

Great opportunities have been created in the country for foreign investors. Necessary normative-legal acts have been adopted to stimulate and protect their activities. Various obstacles to business development have been eliminated, export-import operation procedures have been simplified, and restrictions on repatriation of profits of foreign investors have been lifted. Measures are being taken to strengthen and ensure the independence of the judiciary.

As a result of transformations to improve the business environment in the Doing Business 2020 ranking of the World Bank, Uzbekistan took 69th place, having risen by 100 positions in recent years, and ranked among the top 20 reforming states. For the first time, the country rose to the eighth place in the world in the convenience of opening new enterprises.

The President noted that fundamental economic reforms are underway in

Uzbekistan, which have become irreversible.

Japanese entrepreneurs praised the reforms and transformations being carried out in Uzbekistan, and emphasized that liberalization of the currency and tax systems, simplification of visa procedures created additional opportunities for doing successful business in Uzbekistan. They expressed confidence that the official visit of the President of Uzbekistan will give new content to mutually beneficial ties between the business circles of the two countries and will become an impetus for more active participation of Japanese business, including small and medium, in the implementation of investment projects in the country.



Issues of further development of partnership between companies and financial organizations of the two countries, prospects for implementing various programs and projects, expanding the supply of products and services were discussed at the meeting.

### **Sincere meeting with members of the Parliamentary Friendship League of Japan with Uzbekistan**

*President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev met with representatives of the Japanese Parliamentary League of Friendship with Uzbekistan.*



The meeting was attended by a number of members of the League led by its Chairman, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Japan, Taro Aso.

It should be noted that inter-parliamentary relations form a solid basis for Uzbekistan – Japan multifaceted cooperation.

Relations between the parliamentarians of the two countries were established in 1993. The Parliamentary League of Friendship with Uzbekistan was formed in Japan.

It consists of prominent political figures, authoritative deputies and diplomats, and most importantly – real and reliable friends of Uzbekistan.

Two joint meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum were held.

Current issues of expanding practical cooperation between the two countries, strengthening friendship between the peoples of Uzbekistan and Japan were discussed at the meeting.

An agreement was reached on holding the third meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum in Tashkent.