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Shavkat Mirziyoyev congratulates the new Emperor of Japan

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev has sent a letter to Emperor Naruhito of Japan with cordial congratulations and the best of wishes on the latter's ascent as the 126th Emperor of Japan.

The head of our state expressed conviction that the Reiwa era of Naruhito will be characterized with sustainable and harmonious development of Japan and the further consolidation of its leading positions in the world.

"I hope the purposeful joint efforts designed to enhance and build up the Uzbek-Japanese strategic partnership will continue to the future with Your support," Shavkat Mirziyoyev stated in his letter.



Year of intensive development of industry and entrepreneurship announced in Fergana region

During the visit of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev to Fergana region, a session with participation of regional officials and public figures, heads of ministries and other government agencies and entrepreneurs were held in the city of Fergana.



It was noted that in 2018, industrial production in Fergana region grew by 8 percent, the services sector increased by 9 percent, and the volume of investments cashed in multiplied 1.5 times.

A new regional investment program for 2019-2020 has been developed, comprising 643 projects worth 26 trillion 401 billion soums. Under this program, it is planned to absorb 2.5 billion dollars of foreign direct investments and create more than 31,000 new jobs.

For example, in Fargona Yasin Qurilish Mollari enterprise in Besharyk district, a project worth 200 million dollars is scheduled to be realized to arrange for the production of 800 thousand tons of cement in the current year and 1.2 million tons from the next year. In Kokand, through the direct investment of Indorama, the Kokand Superphosphate Plant will be modernized with production capacity increasing from 100,000 to 375,000 tons of

phosphate fertilizers per year. Shaffoff Omadli Sanoat enterprise in Uchkuprik district, by drawing in 30 million dollars of investments, intends to launch annual production of 350,000 gas cylinders for cars, as well as electric forklifts, mini-tractors and other equipment for agriculture.

Uzbekistan significantly improves fiscal policy transparency indicators

The Agency of Information and Mass Communications under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan hosted a briefing that was organized by the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan with participation of the expert from the International Monetary Fund Amanda Sayegh.

In June 2018, the IMF experts conducted an assessment of fiscal transparency based on the IMF's Code of Good Practices on Fiscal Transparency. This assessment was conducted for the first time in Central Asia.



Based on the results of the assessment, it was concluded that Uzbekistan meets the basic standard or higher standards according to 16 of the 36 principles, which revealed the need to carry out comprehensive targeted work in this direction. In a report prepared on the basis of the results of the assessment, IMF experts noted a number of important areas in which

improvements are possible, as well as made recommendations on enhancing fiscal transparency in Uzbekistan.

After the assessment, the government of Uzbekistan took concrete steps and actions to improve fiscal transparency. In March this year, the IMF mission updated the assessment of fiscal transparency. Thanks to the measures taken to increase the openness of budget data, the indicators of fiscal transparency improved by eight principles of the IMF's Code compared to the assessment conducted in June 2018.

At the briefing, Amanda Sayegh made a presentation on the main areas of cooperation between Uzbekistan and the IMF on increasing the openness of budget data and improving the compilation of government finance statistics. At the presentation, the results of the assessment of fiscal transparency, conducted by the IMF in June 2018, as well as the results of the update of this assessment, conducted in March 2019, were presented.

Maeda Atsuko appointed Uzbekistan tourism ambassador in Japan

Famous Japanese actress Maeda Atsuko was appointed Ambassador of the tourism brand of Uzbekistan in Japan. The ceremony of awarding the certificate of "Ambassador of Tourism of Uzbekistan" was held on April 23 in Tokyo.



Former AKB48 member Maeda Atsuko will star in the movie "Tabi no Owari, Sekai no Hajimari" by director Kurosawa Kiyoshi's work in 2019. The film is set for release on June 14th.

Movie is co-produced by Japan and Uzbekistan to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The film tells the story of a journey of a female reporter named Yoko [Maeda Atsuko] who visits Uzbekistan with a Japanese TV variety show crew. Through this visit, Yoko opened up a new world and experienced growth by interacting with local coordinators and people from different cultures. The filming process in Uzbekistan has been started since 30 April and finished on May 29, 2018.

Advertising of the tourism potential of Uzbekistan in the Tokyo subway

Following the joint efforts of the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Tokyo and the State Committee for the Development of Tourism, on April 25, in three stations of the Tokyo subway were placed posters urging Japanese citizens to visit Uzbekistan.

Advertising banners prepared in three forms with colorful photographs of the historical sights of Samarkand and Bukhara are displayed at the Shinjuku, Otemachi and Ikebukuro metro stations in Tokyo.

In recent years, there has been a significant increase in the interest of the Japanese public in Uzbekistan, the history and culture of our country. As a result, the number of Japanese citizens visiting Uzbekistan is steadily growing. If in 2017 Uzbekistan was visited by about 11 thousand Japanese tourists, then in 2018 this figure increased to more than 17 thousand people.

This was facilitated by the introduction by the Government of Uzbekistan of a visa-free regime for Japanese citizens, the presence of direct air communication between Tashkent and Narita, operated by Uzbekistan Airways, as well as a program of charter flights that allows Japanese citizens to fly from various cities of Japan directly to Samarkand.

And another advertising campaign in Tokyo Subway, without exaggeration, will increase the tourist attractiveness of Uzbekistan in the eyes of the Japanese public and will further increase the number of tourists to our country from Japan.

