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President Shavkat Mirziyoyev: Security is indivisible, its essential bedrock is trust

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev delivered a speech at the fifth summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia and put forward a number of vital initiatives aimed at coordinating the efforts of the participating countries to consolidate peace and stimulate socio-economic development.



The head of our state noted that the modern system of international relations is characterized by growing instability and unpredictability. The countries in the Asian continent, themselves wielding colossal economic and intellectual potential, face serious challenges. These are, first of all, issues associated with ecology, demography, migration, low standards of living and education. They are the principal sources of social conflicts and a breeding ground for the spread of the ideologies of extremism and terrorism.

Of particular concern is the process of radicalization among young people.

“Today’s world is experiencing a crisis of confidence. But trust among nations and peoples is the most critical prerequisite for ensuring security and sustainable development,” Shavkat Mirziyoyev insisted. “In our opinion, to overcome the crisis of confidence and strengthen security, it is necessary, first of all, to deliver an environment conducive for the development of human capital. In this respect, the activities of our Conference, built on shared respect and collective responsibility, are in demand more than ever.”



According to our country’s leader, security is indivisible, and its ultimate backbone is trust.

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev stressed that Uzbekistan welcomes negotiations in any format if they aim peace. He noted that the settlement in Afghanistan and the implementation of major infrastructure projects there would open up new strategic opportunities for the entire continent.

One of the vital conditions for stability and prosperity is also the creation of favorable conditions for young people to realize their potential, expand access to quality education and combat radicalization.

At the initiative of our country's President, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution "Enlightenment and Religious Tolerance"; an International Convention on the Rights of Young People is under elaboration.

In this regard, the head of our state noted the readiness of Uzbekistan to assume the role of coordinator in the field of scientific, educational, cultural and humanitarian cooperation. Uzbekistan also believes that the intensification of contacts in public diplomacy is on high demand, including through the organization of forums in tourism.



"That would definitely contribute to boosting confidence and improving mutual understanding among nations," the President of Uzbekistan stated.

Shavkat Mirziyoyev proposed to establish a systematic dialogue on the maintenance of inter-religious harmony, for enlightenment and cultural mutual enrichment. The International Center for Islamic Civilization in Tashkent and the Imam Bukhari International Research Center in Samarkand could serve as effective platforms for this.

Uzbekistan's President pointed to the need to step up efforts to advance economic interconnectedness and regional trade. First of all, under consideration are priority infrastructure projects, whose implementation would more fully reveal the transit and economic potential of the entire region.

"The driver of sustainable economic growth is the development of partnership at the business level. In accordance with the Concept of Cooperation in this area, we propose to establish a Regional Forum for Small Business," Shavkat Mirziyoyev suggested.

The head of our state said that the exasperating environmental threats constitute a serious challenge to security and sustainable development. The Aral crisis is an ecological and humanitarian catastrophe on the global scale. In this regard, efforts should be combined to overwhelm the consequences of this tragedy. It was for this purpose that, at the initiative of Uzbekistan, a Multi-Partner Trust Fund was set up at the UN to mobilize donor funds and spearhead specific projects in the Aral region.

Following the discussions at the session, the Declaration of the Fifth

Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia was adopted.

Shavkat Mirziyoyev unveils vital initiatives to enhance practical cooperation in the SCO

The session of Shanghai Cooperation Organization's Council of the Heads of State was held in Bishkek, Kirghizstan capital.



The Summit were attended, along with leaders of member countries, also by chiefs of delegations of observer nations and international organizations.

In his speech the President of Uzbekistan drew attention to pressing issues in the region and voiced practical proposals to address them. According to

Shavkat Mirziyoyev, competition in world markets has been mounting, so has the environmental and demographic disbalance. The threats of terrorism, extremism and transnational crime have proved enduring.

"Today, it is important that we adhere to concerted action to provide for security and promote an environment conducive for the sustainable development of our countries," the head of our state insisted.

The President of Uzbekistan stressed that Central Asia's stability and openness open up immense opportunities for extensive cooperation and the realization of important regional projects. One of those schemes is the construction of the Uzbekistan-Kyrgyzstan-China railroad that is to afford a potent impetus to trade and investments.



Expounding on regional security issues, Shavkat Mirziyoyev suggested that the stability in our part of the world is determined by and large by the situation in Afghanistan. Crucial is the roadmap being adopted today for the SCO-Afghanistan Contact Group as well as the vigorous engagement of that country in the regional cooperation.

The President of our country proposed also to devise a concept for the introduction of "smart" agriculture and agro-innovations, to approve the SCO program "Green Belt" for wide introduction of resource-saving and ecologically clean technologies.

Shavkat Mirziyoyev underscored the importance of the more energetic promotion of historical and cultural heritage of our peoples, of the full realization of tourism potential and proposed to annually announce one of the cities of participant nations the tourism and cultural capital of the SCO.

The head of our state came up with proposals to shore up economic ties within the SCO, counter the climate change, introduce green technologies, bolster cooperation in the development of information technologies.

Realization of investment projects in energy, chemical industries instructed to be accelerated

On June 17, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a meeting with government officials to discuss the acceleration of the implementation of investment projects in the oil and gas, chemical and power industries.



These sectors are instrumental in the development of manufacturing industry and entrepreneurship, in the elevation of living standards. Therefore, these areas have numerous promising projects under implementation.

Thus, this year 16 projects are planned to be realized in the oil and gas sector by mobilizing investments for 2 billion 730 million dollars, 17 projects for 850 million dollars in the chemical industry, and 28 projects for more than 1 billion dollars in the electric power industry.

The meeting served for discussion of projects, while responsible officials presented reports on the progress of their implementation.

The head of state stressed the need for financial support for enterprises – manufacturers, distributors and suppliers of energy resources, enhancement of hydrocarbon production and manufacturing of goods.

The President ordered to accelerate and complete in the current year the works on the construction and modernization of Turakurgan, Navoi, Takhiatash thermal power stations, and to activate the installation of modern gas-steam installations in Tashkent and Surkhandarya regions. The need for a wider implementation of the Automated System of Accounting and Control of Electricity was pointed out in particular.

Objectives were defined in the commissioning of production lines for polyvinyl chloride, caustic soda and methanol in the joint-stock company Navoiazot and chemical additives for the textile industry at the Jizzakh Plastic Plant, for stepping up the execution of a project for the production of ammonia and carbamide in the city of Yangiyer.

“Investment projects in these sectors, which augment the competitiveness of our economy, should be carried out qualitatively and in time. We must bear in mind that they also help ensure the development of related industries and create many jobs,” the President said.

The meeting served to review the results projected to be achieved in the oil and gas, chemical and electric power industries by the end of the year, as well as plans for the next year.

Uzbekistan, Japan further develop cooperation

The Embassy of Uzbekistan in Japan together with Nagoya City Hall and Uzbekistan – Nagoya Friendship Association hosted an event “Nagoya meets Tashkent”.

It was attended by more than 300 people, and this event was preceded by a Memorandum of cooperation in tourism and culture signed in March between the two cities. In May 2019, Tashkent city khokimiyat’s delegation visited Nagoya to discuss further development of partnership.



Addressing the meeting, Mayor of Nagoya Takashi Kawamura highly appreciated the level of cooperation with Tashkent and confirmed his readiness to further expand fruitful cooperation. He noted the presence of mutual interest, as well as broad prospects for cooperation.

A workshop was held on economic and tourism potential of Uzbekistan, presentation of the country's export potential, historical and cultural heritage of Uzbekistan people, Uzbek national cuisine. Guests were shown “Invest in Tashkent” video presentation and films about sights of the country.

Participants of the US Trade Mission arrive in Tashkent

The certified American trade mission has started its activity in Tashkent, which will hold events and meetings with representatives of government and business circles of Uzbekistan.



The visit is organized by the Embassy of Uzbekistan in Washington jointly with the U.S. Department of Commerce within the framework of implementation of agreements reached during the negotiations of President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and the U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross in October 2018, in Tashkent.

About 30 representatives of 13 leading American companies are taking part in the trade mission. They are representing such areas as consumer goods

production, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, construction, geology, metallurgy, aviation, logistics, agriculture, livestock, agricultural machinery, software and education.

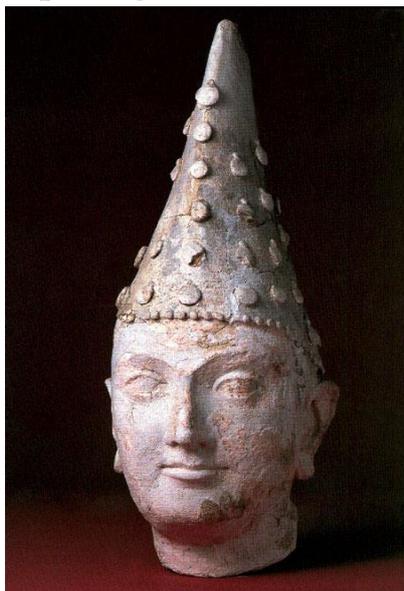
Within the framework of the visit of American companies to Tashkent with participation of high-ranking representatives of Uzbekistan government, relevant ministries and agencies, American Chamber of Commerce, international financial institutions and business circles of the two countries, it is planned to hold a business forum on June 18, G2B meeting on June 19, B2B meeting on June 20.

Termez is the heart of Buddhism in Central Asia and also one of the stops on the ancient Silk Road

At the southern-most tip of Uzbekistan, Termez has a long and rich history. It was once at the heart of Buddhism in Central Asia and also one of the stops on the ancient Silk Road.

Archeological sites Fayaz Tepa and Karatepa remains of the 3rd century AD Buddiist Monastery Complexes. Importantly it is home to the Fayaz Tepa temple a marvel of its Buddhist past. This monastery dates back more than 2,000 years to the Kushan dynasty. It was one of the most multicultural empires of its time and the region played a key role in the spread of the Buddhist religion.

Many wall paintings and sculptures depicting Buddha remain well preserved.



Long-term researches of archeological excavations have opened that this quiet city has long and rich story. Termez were a part of many empires - Alexander of Macedon, Genghis Khan and Tamerlane.

Historical researches and archeological excavations show that since the beginning of the 9th century Termez becomes the large craft center connected with China, India, Byzantium, Parthia, Egypt, Rome, Afghanistan and the Black Sea coast. To the city and from it there were brought and took out a set of goods like wheat, cotton, silk, wool and oriental carpets.