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Samarkand to develop into a tourism hub.

In Samarkand district, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has met with region's public figures, chiefs of organizational sectors farmers and entrepreneurs.

The head of state noted that the main goal of the current trip to the province is to promote the development of tourism, entrepreneurship and processing industry. In particular, stressing the need to turn Samarkand into a travel hub, the President gave corresponding instructions to the Deputy Prime Minister of the country and the governor of the region.

Shavkat Mirziyoyev emphasized that the business climate in the region should be transformed and all conditions should be created for entrepreneurs, underscored that it is essential to work in accordance with the system defined at the July 23 videoconference meeting on small business development.



The President talked with the mayors of the region, took individual look into the economy of each district, and instructed responsible officials on the implementation of initiatives and ideas outlined.

Shavkat Mirziyoyev urges to reconstruct Samarkand Airport.

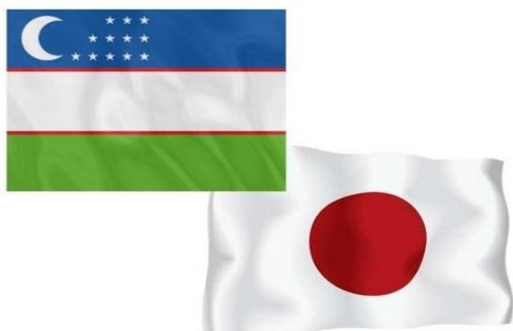
Upon arrival at the Samarkand International Airport, President Shavkat



Mirziyoyev got acquainted with the project of reconstruction of this air harbor. It envisages building another terminal, renovating the runway, expanding aircraft parking, and upgrading the radar systems. The new terminal will meet all international requirements and serve 600 passengers an hour.

The head of state instructed to introduce modern management at the airport, increase the number of trains and buses on routes during reconstruction works at the air harbor, create additional amenities for the population and tourists.

Tashkent to host Uzbekistan – Japan Inter-MFA political consultations.



On July 29, 2019, Tashkent will host political consultations between the ministries of foreign affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Japan.

Delegation led by Special Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan for Central Asia, Mr. Hideki Uyama arrives in Uzbekistan to attend the event.

Uzbekistan's GDP increases by 5.8% in January - June 2019

According to preliminary estimates, the gross domestic product (GDP) of Uzbekistan for January-June 2019 in current prices amounted to 222 trillion soums, follows from data of the State Statistics Committee.

Compared with January-June 2018, GDP increased in real terms by 5.8%. GDP per capita amounted to 6.6 million soums, which is 3.9% more than in the corresponding period of 2018.

The economic growth rate happens due to the positive dynamics in the main sectors of the economy, the committee explained.

So, for example, gross added value, created by all sectors of the economy, accounted for 90% of total GDP and increased by 5.8%. Net taxes on products amounted to 10% in GDP and showed an increase of 5.9%.



The largest contribution to GDP growth was made, as usual, by the services sector, it grew by 5.1% compared with the corresponding period of the previous year (the contribution was 1.7%).

At the end of June, at a meeting held under the chairmanship of Shavkat Mirziyoyev, it was reported that in the first half of the year, GDP is expected to grow by 5.4%. In practice, it turned out to be 0.4% more.

In addition, in early April, the World Bank raised its forecast for economic growth in Uzbekistan from 5.1% to 5.3% in 2019. Earlier, it was

reported that the growth of Uzbekistan's economy in the first quarter met the forecasts of the World Bank, and now it has even exceeded them.

Forbes: Uzbekistan is open for business after many years of isolation

An article "Uzbeks Visit The U.S. To Say They Are Open For Business After Years Of Isolation" was published on the website of the American magazine Forbes. The magazine stated that after many years of isolation, the country is open for business, the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan said.

As noted in the article, on 16-23 July 2019, a high-level delegation, as well as business circles of Uzbekistan, visited the United States, first in Washington for political consultations, and the business part of the visit took place in New York.

Melik Kaylan, the author of the article, having visited the investment forum "Capital Market Capital Opportunities of Uzbekistan" in Manhattan (New York), noted well-prepared and deeply thought out by the Uzbek side presentations on capital investment opportunities in the country.

According to the author of the article, the American business establishment enthusiastically accepted the Uzbek delegation, was positively set to serious, fruitful work and the achievement of specific results. According to Melik Kaylan, throughout the event, it was impossible not to notice the special warm, trusting relations between the businessmen of the two countries.

The article emphasizes that the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev is a reformer, a man who has a clear and clear vision of ways to improve the "economic fate" of his country. The head of Uzbekistan for several years has changed the future of the country for the better - he freed prisoners, allowed foreign media into the country, opened the republic for foreign trade and investment. The country's leadership pays great attention to the preparation of highly qualified personnel. The President of Uzbekistan has appointed new young talents to senior positions with a foreign education, is actively fighting corruption in the country.

According to the author, the head of Uzbekistan understands that changes in the country should occur, and the first steps in this direction began with the settlement of border disputes with neighboring countries and signing profitable commercial agreements with Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Afghanistan.

The publication reports that the leader of Uzbekistan opened public reception offices throughout the country to consult with the public, to consider their complaints and receive advice. The idea is to find sustainable interaction with the population, consult with people, learn about their needs

and solve their problems.

The author of the article, after conversations with Uzbek businessmen, concludes that the economy of Uzbekistan is experiencing growth - 5% per year and continues to accelerate. As noted in the article, priority is given to development, but with stability, while avoiding turbulence. The focus is on the issue of meeting the needs of the population of Uzbekistan.

In conclusion, Melik Kaylan notes that after almost thirty years, Uzbekistan regains its deserved place in history.

The President of Uzbekistan signs a Law “On Tourism”

On 18 July 2019 President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev signed a Law “On Tourism”.

According to the law, the State Committee for the Development of Tourism is an authorized state body in the field of tourism.

Tourist information centers will be created that provide individuals and legal entities with information on tourism facilities, as well as promoting them.



Tour operator and travel agent activities, as well as other travel activities are considered tourist activities.

The activities of tour operators and travel agents is carried out on the basis of a license. The license is issued for an indefinite period of time. Individuals who are an individual entrepreneur who

provides excursion services, a license to engage in tourist activities is not required.

Guides (translator guides), guides and tour guides can provide services independently without forming a legal entity after receiving the certificate issued by the Committee.

In accordance with the Law, the Committee develops the national tourist sign of Uzbekistan.

This Law enters into force three months from the date of official publication.