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New Year's Address of President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov to the Turkmen Nation

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has addressed his New Year's oration to the people of Turkmenistan on the occasion of the incoming 2021.

The Turkmen leader has noted that according to the Eastern Calendar, 2021 is considered as the year of the Bull, and for Turkmens it has always been a year that brings only benefits.

Despite the global complicated situation, due to our valorous and inspired labor we managed to achieve stable development of the national economy in 2020 and give startup to numerous undertakings of national importance for the benefit of the people and the country, – the head of state noted.

Plenty of social and industrial facilities have been built and put into operation; at present, a number of projects of international importance are being implemented in the country, as well as constructive reforms in the agriculture.

We carry out systematic work to protect the people's health, increase their life expectancy, prevent diseases, and introduce the principles of healthy lifestyle.

We create the best conditions for education and dignitary upbringing of the youth – our future. Making the young of the day proficient masters and qualified specialists in digital technologies is one of the priorities of the state policy, - the President of Turkmenistan said.

Peace and trust – are the main values and wealth of humanity. On the initiative of Turkmenistan, the UN General Assembly has adopted an important document – the Resolution "2021 – the International Year of Peace and Trust".

In the new year, our country will celebrate the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's independence.

"And let the New Year be the Year of peace, prosperity, great success, abundance for the Planet Earth!

Let the New Year bring comfort and cohesion to your family hearths!

And may happy days and prosperous life be never-ending! – the President of Turkmenistan said in conclusion.

OFFICIAL NEWS

The head of state held an online meeting with the doyen of the diplomatic corps

On December 29, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held an online meeting with the doyen of the diplomatic corps in Turkmenistan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation Alexander Blokhin. Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan R. Meredov took part in the meeting.

Welcoming the Russian diplomat, the Turkmen leader has noted that over the recent years, good tradition has established to celebrate New Year together – with the participation of heads of diplomatic missions accredited to Turkmenistan. However, in the running year, due to the by-now complicated situation, the meeting is held in the online format.

Taking advantage of the opportunity, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has cordially congratulated A. Blokhin as a dean of the diplomatic corps and in his person – all heads of diplomatic missions accredited to Turkmenistan, on the incoming New Year 2021. The leader of nation has also extended wishes of splendid health, inexhaustible life energy, family happiness and wealth.

"Let the New 2021 Year bring you peace and wealth!" – the head of state wished from the bottom of his heart.

Passing on to the business part of the meeting, the leader of nation has noted that Turkmenistan implements its international cooperation and diplomatic activity in the two strategic directions – the steadfast strengthening of bilateral relations with foreign states and active interaction with international organizations.

As for the bilateral relations, we attach great importance to strengthening of the friendly dialogue with adjacent countries. At present, we may boast of the highest level of trust and understanding in this sphere.

As of today, Turkmenistan maintains diplomatic relations with 149 states of the world and is a member of some 50 international organizations.

40 diplomatic missions and consulates of Turkmenistan are functioning abroad; in turn, 46 diplomatic missions and consulates of foreign states and representative offices of international organizations are accredited to our country, the head of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov highlighted.

Turkmenistan is a participator of 161 international conventions and treaties.

Turkmenistan considers its active cooperation in the UN activity as a major ingredient of its foreign policy course.

Over a short period of time, the UN General Assembly has adopted the Resolutions dedicated to the role of Turkmenistan's neutral policy, energy security, and significance of the transport-transit corridors.

Having reminded that in the last year's September the UN General Assembly has unanimously adopted the Turkmenistan-initiated Resolution on announcement of 2021 as International Year of Peace and Trust, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov, taking advantage of the opportunity, has expressed gratitude to the leaders of friendly states for their support in adoption of such an important document.

Now and in the long term, Turkmenistan would continue putting all efforts for strengthening of peace, friendly and fraternal relations on the planet for ensuring prosperous and happy life of the entire humanity, the leader of nation stated.

Grateful for kind words and wishes, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Russia to Turkmenistan A. Blokhin, in turn, has also congratulated President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov and all Turkmen people on the incoming New Year 2021.

"As the Ambassador of Russia, I rate high your personal contribution to strengthening of the Russian-Turkmen relations, which are built on the principles of strategic partnership. Due to the traditionally friendly relations and trust-based top-level dialog between our states, our countries have managed to build a strong foundation of the mutuality-based bilateral cooperation", A. Blokhin said.

Joint session of the Cabinet of Ministers and the State Security Council of Turkmenistan

On December 30, in the Ruhyet Palace, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held the last in the running year joint session of the Cabinet of Ministers and the State Security Council. Khyakims of velayats and Ashgabat City were also invited to the session.

The Mejlis Speaker G. Mammedova was the first to report on fulfillment of the presidential assignments related to developing of the motto and emblem of the future year, on proclaiming the year 2021 under the slogan "Turkmenistan – the Motherland of Peace and Trust". The Mejlis Chairperson has also presented the draft emblem of the year to consideration of the leader of nation.

Then, the President of Turkmenistan has briefed the participants of session on the outcomes of work accomplished in the outgoing year.

The year 2020 is nearing its end. It has entered the history of the country as a year of the 25th anniversary of permanent neutrality of our sovereign state. It was a very hard and difficult year for us, the head of state highlighted.

At the same time, it was noted that despite the coronavirus pandemic, which has spread all over the world, Turkmenistan has kept invariable its foreign-policy course and economic activity.

In the outgoing year, the President of Turkmenistan has paid an official visit to the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan paid a working visit to our country.

The President of Turkmenistan has made a Video-Address at the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly and at the International Forum of Northern Economic Cooperation; in the format of videoconferencing, the leader of nation had a meeting with the General Director of the World Health Organization.

- Our constructive proposals aimed at the solution of important international issues were unanimously supported by large reputable international organizations, - President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov continued.

Thus, the Resolution "Role of the neutrality policy in maintaining and strengthening of global peace, security and sustainable development in the region of the Islamic Cooperation Organization and in the entire world" has been unanimously adopted at the 47th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the ICO member-states.

The Resolution "Role and meaningfulness of the neutrality policy in maintaining and strengthening of the global peace, security and sustainable development process" has been adopted on the initiative of Turkmenistan and under unanimous support of the UN member-states at the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly on December 7, 2020.

Implementing the social and economic projects in Afghanistan, we have been carrying out fruitful work for comprehensive support of the country, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov noted. In general, 20 meetings and 40 telephone conversations have been held between the President of Turkmenistan and official representatives of foreign states, including with the heads of the states and governments, leaders of diplomatic missions accredited to our country, top managers of various international corporations and companies.

Addressing the members of the Cabinet of Ministers, the State Security Council, and heads of velayats and Ashgabat City, the President of Turkmenistan was pleased to note the constructive character of the work on the implementation of state programs of economic development.

Special attention has been paid to expansion of trade-economic relations with foreign partners in the conditions of the coronavirus pandemic and restrictions introduced by many countries.

Due to the qualitatively developed and implemented joint investment projects in different industrial branches, we have succeeded in outlining new vectors of development of cooperation, the head of Turkmenistan said.

Of particular mentioning is the fact that we've managed to take timely measures in the health protection sphere. In addition, to prevent penetration of the infection in our country, the material and technical base of the health system was significantly improved, and this work is now kept going.

49 sessions of the Cabinet of Ministers, 13 sessions of the State Security Council, and 57 various government level sessions have been held in the running year,

The leader of nation has also highlighted that the reforms' implementation rates have been increased in such spheres, as the government management, internal and foreign financial and trade systems, as well as in the labor and commodity markets. It enabled in the medium term to significantly increase the production volumes.

As a result, despite the global complicated conditions, we have managed to carry out large amount of work and solve urgent tasks. Further modernization of the country's representative and legislative body of power is now ongoing in the country, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov stated.

International events have been held at high level in our country. The glorious anniversary of our sovereign Motherland's neutrality status has been widely celebrated. Almost all plans-2020 have successfully been fulfilled.

The leader of nation has also positively assessed the State Budget for the next year. Salary wages, pensions and allowances were again increased by 10 percent.

Speaking of the successes of 2020, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that 1,476,000 tons of wheat has been produced in the running year, which provided food abundance of the country. 1,280,000 tons of raw cotton has been produced.

In addition, at present, construction is in progress of around 2.500 production and social facilities (over US \$37 billion total budget).

The by-now large-scale works are a significant contribution to the development of the country's economy in the nearest years; 45 major facilities to total amount of 7 billion manats have been put into operation in the running year, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov highlighted.

Residential houses (2 million sq m total area) including the houses with enhanced-comfort apartments, kindergartens, schools, medical and other social facilities have been put into operation in the country in the running year.

Construction of the transnational Turkmenistan – Afghanistan – Pakistan – India gas pipeline and implementation of other international projects are continued.

In general, the year 2020 was notable for numerous negative occurrences in the politics and economy. Nevertheless, we expect a good growth of the GDP - 5.9 percent, to be more specific.

Drawing together conclusions from the outgoing year's work, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that despite the difficulties, the year was good-enough for the country.

These words of the head of Turkmenistan were welcomed by storm of applause of the session attendees.

I believe that future generations will estimate the work we have done at its true worth. Having overcome all difficulties and ordeals with honor, we set high targets and tasks before us. The next year will become the year of achieving high gains and advances, the President of the country said.

We will countrywide celebrate the 30th anniversary of sacred independence of the Motherland in 2021. The anniversary year will be the time of summarizing the outcomes we've achieved, making a retrospect insight into the way we have gone. We will mark the date remarkable for our nation with concrete deeds and realization of new projects, the Turkmen leader highlighted.

Speaking of the future plans, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that steadfast modernization of the country's political system would be continued.

Elections to the Milli Gengeshi of Turkmenistan will be yet another important event. I am confident that the election will demonstrate high civil activity and political maturity of the society, the leader of nation stressed.

We will continue undertaking major measures in the economy, social and ecological spheres. Serious attention will be paid to the requirements and wishes of all strata of the population.

Strengthening systematically the potential and capabilities of the national healthcare system, the state, in case of need, will allocate additional resources for upgrading and modernization of the national health system, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov noted.

Special emphasis was placed on the solidarity of the nation in protecting the Motherland's sacred independence as the apple of the eye.

We will continue pursuing the foreign-policy course aimed at strengthening of the international security system and, accordingly – at increasing the role of the United Nations Organization and its structures.

Defending strictly the national interests, we would adhere to pursuing the weighted foreign policy, which has demonstrated its efficiency in this multipolar world, the Turkmen leader stated.

Addressing the session attendees, the head of state has reminded of the tradition to proclaim each year under some motto, which helps follow the way of adopted programs with confidence.

In this regard, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has approved the slogan and emblem of the next year, which were prepared as a result of wide discussions between the deputies and people and submitted by the Mejlis Speaker to the current session.

To the applause of the people assembled, the leader of nation has announced the next year's slogan – "Turkmenistan – the Home of Peace and Trust".

The leader of the National Parliament G. Mammedova and Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Mammedova were allotted a task to promulgate the next year's slogan and emblem in the periodicals and TV channels.

Given the fact that the New Year's holiday in the running year falls on Friday, in order to create conditions for solemn celebrating of New Year's festivities and good rest of citizens, the head of state has avowed his decision to announce January 2, 2021 as the day off and signed the relevant Resolution.

To create the appropriate conditions for celebrating the New Year's festivities and promoting citizens' full-fledged relaxation, in his instructions to the officials concerned, particular accent President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has placed on the necessity to focus serious attention on ensuring well-organized standby functioning of all services responsible for vital activity of towns and villages.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has severely reprimanded Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdylyev and the Minister of Energy Ch. Purchekov for several-night-hours interruption of energy supply, which happened on December 29.

Further, the floor was given to the members of the Government, who reported on the current work progress in the branches answerable to them and on the measures taken for their further digitization.

Khyakims of velayats and Ashgabat City reported on the situation and multidimensional work carried out in the regions, their plans for the next year, and measures taken for worthy celebrating of the New Year's holidays in the capital and all parts of the country.

Chiefs of security agencies have reported on the measures taken for strengthening of the unity and solidarity in the society and stability in the country, provision of reliability and integrity of the Motherland's sacred borders, training of the proficient military officers, and strengthening of the logistics base of security structures.

Further, the floor was given to Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan R. Meredov. His speech the MFA Minister started from offering on behalf of the participants of the session to the leader of nation heartfelt congratulations on the New Year 2021 and wishes of long life and great success in his many-sided activity.

It was mentioned that proclaimed under the slogan "Turkmenistan – the Home of Neutrality", the outgoing year 2020, was marked by the landmark events in the politics, social-economic sphere, and international relations.

The Vice-Premier has noted that necessary works for strengthening of the country's economic power, improvement of social and life level of the people have been carried out at the governmental level under the leadership of President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov. The relations established with other states and international organizations, which evinced their interest in Turkmenistan's foreign policy, have entered on a new level.

The Resolution "On the role and meaningfulness of the neutrality policy in maintaining and strengthening of international peace, security and sustainable development process", which was unanimously adopted at the session of the UN General Assembly on December 7, has become a reliable legal foundation of practical implementation of neutrality principles in the system of international relations.

In the comments to the report, the head of state has highlighted that 2020 was full of landmark events for Turkmenistan. High results have been achieved in all sectors of the economic and social sphere – the fact of great importance for strengthening of the country's economic power and steadfast improvement of wellbeing of the nation, the leader of nation said.

Finishing the joint session of the Cabinet of Ministers and the State Security Council, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has wished its participants good luck in the next year, new successes in the work for provision of happy and prosperous life of the people of the country and congratulated all on the incoming New Year, 2021.

Telephone conversation between President of Turkmenistan and President of Uzbekistan

On December 30, President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov and President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev had a telephone conversation.

The heads of the two states exchanged congratulations on the incoming New Year and wishes of health, happiness, great achievements in all endeavors and joint work for the benefit of the Turkmen and Uzbek peoples.

The leaders of the friendly countries have reaffirmed availability of favorable prospects for further building up cooperation in all spheres.

At the same time, the sides have emphasized that great importance is attached to strengthening of cooperation within the framework of the authoritative international organizations, including the Commonwealth of Independent States, which was chaired in the running year by the Republic of Uzbekistan.

In this regard, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that in 2020, when the peoples all around the world had faced an extremely serious challenge, Uzbekistan has carried out most of the planned measures aimed at strengthening of partnership within the Commonwealth.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov and President Shavkat Mirziyoyev were pleased to note availability of a solid untapped potential for furthering multifaceted partnership, including in the fuel and energy complex, industrial sector, transportcommunications, agro-industrial complex, and in a number of other areas.

The interlocutors have also welcomed the upward dynamics in the development of bilateral tradeeconomic ties. They expressed readiness to strengthen interaction between the political parties and legislative bodies of the two countries, and further encourage direct contacts.

In the course of the phone talk, consideration was also given to the plans for holding joint events on the interstate basis, including business and cultural ones, and contacts at the level of international structures, first of the first with the United Nations. The leaders of the two states have also discussed the issues on preparations to the next Consultative Meeting of the Heads of States of Central Asia in the new year.

The telephone conversation was held on the initiative of the President of Uzbekistan.

Telephone conversation between President of Turkmenistan and President of the Republic of Turkey

On January 1, President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov and President of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan had a telephone conversation.

The leaders of the two countries congratulated each other on the New Year, 2021, and exchanged wishes of health, happiness, great success in all undertakings in the name of prosperity of the peoples of Turkmenistan and Turkey.

During the conversation, the leaders of the two states expressed satisfaction with the fact that at present, the age-old friendly relations served as a solid basis for further strengthening of interstate ties. At the highest level the countries develop multifaceted cooperation in the political and diplomatic, trade, economic, cultural and humanitarian spheres. The fruitful bilateral dialogue and interaction in the frames of international organizations are built on the principles of complete understanding and reciprocal support.

Welcoming the positive dynamics of trade-economic ties, the interlocutors have emphasized the importance of further expanding partnerships in the energy, transportcommunications, and industrial sectors.

The Presidents have also expressed themselves in favor of deepening the contacts in the fields of science, education, culture and health.

The telephone conversation took place on the initiative of the Turkish side.

ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS REVIEW

• By the Ukase, the President of Turkmenistan has resolved to consider January 2, 2021 as the day off for all institutions, enterprises and organizations irrespective of the type of ownership.

APPOINTMENTS

* By the Ukases of the President of Turkmenistan, the diplomatic rank of Ambassador

Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary is conferred on **Batyr Durdymuratovich Rejepov**, and he is appointed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Turkmenistan to the Republic of Kazakhstan (the city of Nur-Sultan).

INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES OF TURKMENISTAN

The UN has officially distributed the Ashgabat Final Document among the UN member-states

Good news came from the United Nations Organization headquartered in New York. The Final document of the International conference "Policy of neutrality and its role in provision of global peace, security and sustainable development", which was held under chairmanship of President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov on December 12, 2020, has been published in the six official languages of the UN and officially distributed among the UN memberstates.

The 16-item document recognizes the important role of the policy of neutrality in the development of peaceful, friendly and interest-based relations between the world's countries. It calls and recommends to all the UN member-states to support implementation of active neutral policy, use in full measure the potential of neutral states in peaceful settlement of disputes and prevention of conflicts.

It is highlighted in the document that national policy of neutrality is intended to encourage the use of preventive diplomacy, which is one of the main functions of the United Nations, in: prevention of conflicts, mediation, conducting talks, provision of good services, fact-finding work of the missions, use of special messengers, unofficial consultations, peacebuilding and targeted activity in the development sphere.

In this regard, the importance of work of the UN Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, which was opened in Ashgabat in December 2007, was highlighted in the document.

The document also supports the initiatives and efforts of Turkmenistan in the development of the UN Set of Rules on efficient application of the principles of neutrality for settlement of international issues; it also highlights the importance of economic and geoeconomic aspects of national neutrality for maintaining of stable and long-term trade-economic relations between the states in the conditions of political stability, as well as for establishing of the training, scientific-research center for study of the theory and practice of the neutrality policy in international law and international relations.

The document confirms special humanitarian importance and positive role of the neutrality policy in case of complicated situations and natural disasters.

In commemoration of International Neutrality Day, the document calls all the UN member-states, international and regional organizations, nongovernment associations and private persons, including the youth, annually on December 12, to hold the events aimed at raising awareness of the public of the role and importance of neutrality policy in maintaining and strengthening of universal peace, security and sustainable development.

The Ashgabat Final Document highlights the necessity at least once in five years to hold high-level forums dedicated to strengthening of neutrality policy role in the international relations, recognizing that the dialog on this subject invests in strengthening of global peace and security.

In the final item of the document, deep gratitude and appreciation are expressed to the people and Government of Turkmenistan for organization of International conference "Policy of neutrality and its role in provision of universal peace, security and sustainable development", which was held under the chairmanship of President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov in Ashgabat on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of permanent neutrality of Turkmenistan.

THE COUNTRY CELEBRATES NEW YEAR'S EVE

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov with children visited the country's Main New Year Tree festivities

On December 28, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov with his granddaughters visited the Main New Year Tree of the country, which was installed at the square in front of the "Älem" Cultural and Entertainment Center.

Indispensable guests of the New Year holiday – Ayaz Baba and Garpamyk, have cordially congratulated President Gurbnaguly Berdymuhamedov and the girls, who came with their dear granddaddy to the Main New Year Tree.

In turn, the head of state has addressed New Year's congratulations to all children of the country and wishes of strong health and success in their studies. By tradition, the President of Turkmenistan and his granddaughters have walked around the New Year Tree.

Sale of souvenirs has been also organized in the magic charming city.

Via the bank card, the head of state has paid for the souvenirs, which his granddaughters liked. With great pleasure, Ayaz Baba has presented the gifts chosen by the girls. In return for his kindness, the children have enthusiastically read to him the poems in different languages.

Then the holiday participants posed for the commemorative photograph in memory of the unforgettable event.

New Year's gifts from the leader of nation to the children of the "Döwletliler Köşgi" Palace

The "Döwletliler Köşgi" Palace hosted the New Year's holiday performance, in the course of which the children were presented with gifts on behalf of President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov.

The heads and representatives of the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan, as well as the long-awaited

Ayaz Baba, his beautiful granddaughter Garpamyk and the symbol of the coming year - a good-natured bull-calf, came to the performance to congratulate the children on the incoming New Year.

The owners of the Palace have performed a holiday concert program for the guests.

Notable is the fact that many elements of the festive decoration of the hall were made by children themselves. Near the beautiful twinkle-with-lights New Year Tree the children recited poems, sang songs, and performed energetic stirring dances.

The performance of young talents was crowned with a round-the-New Year Tree dance with Ayaz Baba, Garpamyk and fairytale heroes.

On behalf of the President of Turkmenistan, the children were glad to receive the gifts – domestic textiles, good-quality winter clothes, and traditional sweets.

Social organizations and Ashgabat Hyakimlik have also given New Year's gifts to the children.

The country's Main New Year Tree welcomes the young guests

The Mejlis Speaker, Deputy Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers, heads of military and law enforcement agencies, financial and banking systems, agri-industrial complex, and the committees of National Parliament together with their children and grandchildren have visited the Main New Year Tree of the country, which is installed in the square in front of the "Älem" Cultural and Entertainment Center.

By tradition, the guests were met by the main characters of New Year celebration – Ayaz Baba and his granddaughter Garpamyk, who welcomed young participants and invited them to make a tour around the wonderful magic city.

The round-the-city magic trip, which was unforgettable to young visitors, has expanded around big New Year Tree decorated with light garlands and shining glass decorations.

The adults were also glad to dive into the wonderful extravaganza of New Year celebration, which always brings many surprises and gifts.

Young guests of the country's Main New Year Tree have received not only souvenirs from their relatives, but also unforgettable impressions of the New Year 2021celebrations.

In response, the children have read poems in different languages, and this multi-voice poetic sketch has become a wonderful prologue to the next year, which was proclaimed as International Year of Peace and Trust by the UN on the initiative of President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov.

With confidence in the future, Turkmenistan – the homeland of peace and trust, has welcomed New Year 2021

With bright and good hopes, Turkmen citizens have celebrated the outset of New Year, which has come into its own, having bestowed on the world the belief for a better future.

The square in front of the "Älem" Cultural and Entertainment Center with the country's Main New Year Tree has become the center of the main New Year celebrations. The decorators put a lot of efforts to create a magic winter garden where the neon decorations make the magic atmosphere of miracle. The role of the alleys is played by the tunnel-like light constructions wrapped in shining tinsel, and the fairy tale heroes and mascot of the year – a cheerful bull-calf, were a festive retinue of the country's New Year Tree decorated with bright toys and colorful lights.

A musical performance with participation of popular singers, recognized masters and new celebrities was a great pleasure for the audience. Rhythmic vocal and choreographic compositions, lyric and stirring songs and dances have been performed by the artists.

By tradition, the holiday TV-bridge was organized to connect the capital with all velayats of the country.

Heads of velayats, honorary elders and representatives of younger generation as well as the artists have addressed the greetings to the head of state.

Summing up the New Year's greetings of residents of velayats and the capital, the hosts of the TVbridge have sorted out the main idea of all wishes: Let Turkmenistan be prosperous forever, let the Motherland's global name recognition increased and strengthened year after year, let the people live in peace and harmony, with inspiration and creative energy.

The culmination of the festivities was the TV live New Year's Address of President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov to the people of Turkmenistan.

The President of the country has outlined the main milestones and landmark events of the last year, summarized all spheres of the country's activity, and gave capacious evaluation to the outcomes of home and foreign policy, with which we meet New Year.

Finishing his speech, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov said: "Let the New Year will be the Year of Peace, prosperity, great success and abundance for the Planet Earth!"

In few moments, the arms of clock have joined at the top of the clocks.

The National Anthem of Turkmenistan plays.

The volleys of celebration fireworks have sounded in the next seconds. The New Year has entered our life to the cannonade of the festive firework show, which scattered bright fire sparks in the dark sky above the capital.

The online concert of popular singers, which was broadcasted on all TV channels, enhanced the festive mood and spirit of spectators.

COOPERATION

Advancing the Turkmen-Russian Interparliamentary Dialogue

The Mejlis Chairperson G. Mammedova and Chairperson of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation V. Matviyenko held a telephone conversation to discuss the priority issues of the inter-parliamentary relations.

The Federation Council Speaker has extended her New Year's greetings and best wishes to President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov and the people of Turkmenistan on the upcoming year 2021, proclaimed by the UN General Assembly on the initiative of the Turkmen leader as the International Year of Peace and Trust.

Rating high the importance of Turkmenistan's 25th anniversary status of neutrality, which was countrywide celebrated in the running year, the Chairperson of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation Rating has stressed huge role of Turkmen neutrality principles in the contemporary global relations.

As was noted during the conversation, Turkmenistan and Russia are committed to the long-standing friendly relations, and their cooperation was and remains one of the strategic areas of the foreign-policy strategies pursued by the two countries' heads of states.

During opinion exchange on the key areas of bilateral cooperation, the sides have expressed themselves in favor of deepening the relations and concretized its future-orientated aspects.

Heading for the society democratization policy

The Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted a round-table meeting with the participation of Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Central Asia, Head of the UN Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia Natalia Gherman.

The meeting agenda was devoted to the issues of interaction between the states of Central Asia under present-day conditions, as well as to the empowerment of economic, social, cultural rights of women in strengthening the fundamentals of democracy.

The Mejlis Chairperson, the Chairperson of the National Center of Trade Unions, the Central Council of the Women's Union of Turkmenistan also took part in the round-table meeting.

The speakers have noted that election of Turkmenistan to the Executive Council of the structure for gender equity and women's empowerment affairs is yet another evidence of our country's commitment to gender equity and cooperation with the UN on this aspect.

The meeting participants have reported on conducting regular seminars, meetings and consultations on the preparation of national reports and reviews in tune with the UN documents, on the study of best practices in this area.

Rating high the prospects for cooperation further advancement, the participants of the meeting have underlined that the UN General Assembly with coauthorship of 73 member-states have unanimously adopted the Resolution initiated by the President of Turkmenistan to proclaim 2021 as the International Year of Peace and Trust. The fact is a striking illustration of the international community's all-round support of the foreign-policy course pursued by the President of neutral Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov in the name of ensuring universal peace, security and sustainable development.

HEALTH RESORTS OF THE COUNTRY

New health resort" Bagabat" seeks to offer the year-round servicing system

On the first day of the new 2021 year, the leaders of Mejlis and Deputy Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers visited the new modern sanatorium "Bagabat", which was built on the initiative of the Turkmen leader in Ak Bugdai etrap, Akhal velayat. "Bagabat" has every condition for the year-round

"Bagabat" has every condition for the year-round servicing of the visitors. It implies the following departments: diagnostic and treatment, balneotherapy, hydro- and mud-therapy, physiotherapy, and spa treatment. The resort also offers recreational sport facilities.

All departments are tooled with modern medical equipment and the latest technological innovations from world's leading manufacturers.

A herbal tea-room offers a wide selection of herbal teas made to the recipes from the Turkmen leader's book "Çaý – Melhem Hem Ylham".

Speaking of our homeland's enormous potential to become a health-promoting center of international scale, the President of Turkmenistan notes that the Turkmen land is blessed with plenty of unknown natural healing spots still waiting to be discovered and researched. All these gems, the head of state says, should be placed at the service of our people.

COMMODITIES EXCHANGE NEWS

Last week, 19 transactions were registered at the State Commodities and Raw Materials Exchange of Turkmenistan.

The deals in the foreign currency for purchasing of the hydrofined diesel fuel and aviation kerosene produced at the Turkmenbashi Refinery Complex were made by businessmen from the UAE, Switzerland and Afghanistan. The contracts for purchasing of cotton yarn were made by the traders from Turkey and Azerbaijan. The sum total of the deals exceeded US \$33,693 thousand.

In local currency, entrepreneurs from the UAE, Scotland, Pakistan, and Kazakhstan bought cotton yarn (over 12,000,000 manats).







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