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#### **COMMODITIES EXCHANGE NEWS**

## OFFICIAL NEWS

**The President of Turkmenistan held a meeting on the issues of science, education, health, sports and social organizations**

On February 8, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held an online working session to sum up the past year's results of activity in the spheres of science, education, health, sports and social organizations, as well as to identify the primary tasks on further streamlining of their work.

Some Deputy Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers, heads of core ministries and departments, representatives of social organizations, rectors of core high education schools took part in the meeting.

The first reporter Minister of Education O. Gurbanov has informed about the measures taken to modernize the management policy of the system, structure and legal framework of the education sector.

The Innovative Information Center of the Ministry of Education was established; startup was given to the «Program for improving the activities of preschool facilities in the sphere of child's early development and pre-school preparation of children in Turkmenistan for 2020-2025» and the «Concept for improving the teaching of subjects in the natural and precise sciences».

Practical steps are being taken to improve teaching methodologies of foreign languages; advanced scientific methods and technologies are being introduced into the educational and pedagogical activities; the work is kept going on creating of the electronic document workflow system and official websites of core agencies of the sphere.

Minister of Health and Medical Industry N. Amannepesov has reported on the outcomes of work carried out in the accounting period and on the measures planned for the current year.

Practical steps have been taken to support awareness-raising and healthy lifestyle advocacy among the population, to provide the people with the necessary medicines and medical supplies, train specialists, and strengthen the logistics and equipment base of the sector.

The activities on practice exchange with foreign doctors, staff-training and professional development of local specialists, the development of medical science and wide spread adoption of new medical and diagnostic methods were continued.

The electronic document workflow system has been introduced in the medical facilities; to prevent infectious diseases, the science-based efficient work of the epidemiological control system was set going.

In 2021, further transformations in the national health system are projected aimed at using the latest effective methods of disease prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and of health restoration.

Minister of Sports and Youth Policy G. Agamyradov has centered his report on the past year's outcomes of activity of the structure he is in charge of and on the plans for the future.

Reporting on the last year's activity of the Main Archive Department under the Cabinet of Ministers, the Chairperson G. Hanberdiyeva has informed that

the activities of archival institutions were carried out on the basis of the relevant legal-regulatory acts, the «National program of Turkmenistan's socioeconomic development for 2011-2030», and the «Program of the President of Turkmenistan for the country's socioeconomic development for 2019-2025.»

In addition, active work was kept going on responding and implementing the citizens' applications. The plan-2020 of the Main Archive Office for Editorial and Publishing Affairs has been fully implemented –104.8 percent.

Measures for streamlining of the state archives' system, structure, and repositories, modernization of the material-and-technical base of the sphere, making optimum conditions for the careful safekeeping of documents, reserve sites and funds are planned for the running year.

The President of the Academy of Sciences S. Toilyev reported on the results of work in 2020, as well as on the plans for the future.

In 2021, it is envisaged to carry out the program of research-scientific works on the basis of the cost-effective, potentially-rewarding, competitive industries, which use the local raw materials.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Geldinyazov has reported on the work completed in the past year and on the plans to improve the activities of the spheres answerable to him.

These days, preparations are kept going for major international competitions to be held in Ashgabat in 2021 - the World Track Cycling Championship and qualification round of the Davis Cup International Tennis Tournament.

The Vice-Premier has informed that measures are being taken to ensure a high level of scientific-practical conferences, cultural-mass and sport-recreational activities timed to the 30th anniversary of the country's independence.

Further, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov gave the floor to the leaders of political parties and social organizations of the country.

Chairman of the Democratic Party A. Serdarov, Chairman of the Central Council of the Party of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs S. Ovganov, Chairman of the Central Council of the Agrarian Party B. Annagurbanov, Chairman of the National Center of Trade Unions, Chairman of the Central Council of the Women's Union G. Atayeva, Chairman of the Central Council of Magtymguly Youth Organization of Turkmenistan Y. Ovezberdiyev, Vice-President of the Humanitarian Association of the Turkmens of the World R. Bazarov, Chairman of the of the Red Crescent National Society M. Achilova have delivered the reports on the outcomes of work performed in the past year.

Chairperson of the Peace Foundation Board M. Saryeva reported on the Plan of festivities to be conducted in the context of proclaiming 2021 on the initiative of Turkmenistan as the International Year of Peace and Trust.

The Mufti of Turkmenistan Y. Hojagulyev has informed about the future-orientated work aimed at continuation of the primordial noble traditions and customs of the Turkmen people in the modern era, education of the youth on the basis of the patriotic and humanistic ideals of the nation.

The working meeting was continued with the report of A. Annamyradov - Rector of the Academy of Government Service under the President of Turkmenistan, who informed about the results of the Academy's activities over the past year and educational and methodological studies of students, as well as on the comprehensive measures taken to improve the qualification of specialists.

Further, the progress reports, which were delivered by Rectors of the Oguzkhan University of Engineering and Technology G. Mezilov, the Magtymguly Turkmen State University B. Orazdurdyev, the Myrat Garryev State Medical University N. Myratnazarov, the State Institute of Physical Culture and Sports A. Saparov, the Seyitnazar Seydi Turkmen State Pedagogical Institute G. Muhammedov, the Dovletmammed Azadi Turkmen National Institute of World Languages M. Kuliyeu, were centered on keeping the work going on improvement of the quality and level of education, further development of international cooperation between the high education schools, and wide spread adoption of modern teaching methodologies in the educational system.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushshikov reported on the concrete measures taken in the past year to support the sustainable development of the socially significant areas – health, education, science and sports, as well as to successfully tackle the tasks set by the President of Turkmenistan.

Summing up the session, the head of state has necessitated using in full of the current potential, widespread adoption of digital systems and the latest achievements of science and advanced technologies.

Addressing the Minister of Education O. Gurbanov, the head of Turkmenistan has noted that the main tasks allotted to the workers of the sphere are to educate the intelligent, hardworking, goal-seeking, and determined youth, to train proficient specialists highly-acclaimed in various sectors of the national economy.

Not the least significant is to bring the work of preschool institutions in tune with the times.

Educational work is to be organized at a high level, taking into account the national salient peculiarities and the best world practice, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov said, having thereto noted that cooperation with the UN Children's Fund should be intensified in this direction.

Learning another language by young people was sorted out among the tasks of primary importance. To this end, it is necessary to motivate the children and provide high language-teaching qualification of teachers.

The Ministry of Education was instructed to take measures to provide specialized institutions with highly qualified specialists, as well as with textbooks and manuals.

The head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has also noted that to create conditions for obtaining additional education in velayats, etraps and towns, it is necessary to organize extra-curricular paid staff-training courses in the areas of interest and to arrange issuance of the appropriate documents (permits, certificates, licenses).

The Minister of Education was also given specific instructions to intensify online cooperation with

leading international universities and other reputable educational institutions of the world for conducting joint scientific-experimental works.

The Minister of Health and Medical Industry N. Amanepesov was instructed, being guided by the State Program "Saglyk", to intensify the disease prevention and treatment measures, strengthen the material-and-technical base of core institutions, to enhance the staff-training activity.

It is important to improve the quality and ensure accessibility of services and medicines provided to the population, to take further steps to protect motherhood and childhood. Particular attention should be paid to the sustainable preservation of the sanitary-epidemiological wealth in the country.

Activation of awareness-raising and nutrition policy and promotion among the Turkmen citizens, young generation in particular, observance of the healthy life style and refusal from harmful habits were sorted out by the head of state among the tasks of top priority.

The Minister of Health and Medical Industry was instructed – in compliance with the "Procedure of applying extra payment for jobs with special working conditions" and depending on occupational hazards and hardness, to prepare in the health sector the List of jobs, professions and positions with special working conditions.

Addressing the Minister of Sports and Youth Policy G. Agamyradov, the head of state has exhorted to keep work going on popularization of physical education and sports.

To take prize-winning places, it is necessary to ensure a high level of training and participation of the national teams of Turkmenistan in the Olympic Games and other international competitions. In this regard, the officials of the Ministry were instructed to promote the organizational and methodological training of professional athletes of the international category in various sports.

It is also necessary to take measures for improving sports facilities' management policy, encourage the combined work with sports schools, organize charged training sessions at the core facilities and long-term lease of such facilities, the head of state emphasized.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has demanded to keep under control the implementation of tasks of the state youth policy. In accordance with the policy, it is necessary to make favorable conditions for effective use of the vocational education received by young men and women in the production sphere, public service, in the scientific and creative activities.

It is necessary to enhance the youth's management, team-building and leadership style skills, motivate advancement of managerial and environmental initiatives, as well as continue the policy of supporting young families, the leader of nation concluded.

Addressing the head of the Academy of Sciences S. Toilyev, the President of the country has reminded that the 300th anniversary of the great thinker and artist in words of the Turkmen nation Magtymguly Fragi would be observed in 2024. It is necessary to begin preparations for the celebration of the remarkable date at a high level, to plan conducting of presentations, conferences and international competitions, the head of state said.

A number of important tasks were assigned to the scientists including the scientific study of the successes achieved by Turkmenistan during 30 years of state's independence, wide spread adoption in production of scientific works and discoveries made by scientists of the Academy of Sciences, professors, teachers, students of other educational institutions, the head of state said.

In addition, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has exhorted – by results of the ongoing scientific and experimental works to prepare the proposals for the branches, as well as to develop and implement the three-year plan on phased transition of practical research-scientific departments of the Academy of Sciences to self-supporting basis.

G. Hanberdiyeva, the Chairperson of the Main Archive Department under the Cabinet of Ministers, was entrusted with a task to prepare the single-type lists of rules, regulations, documents on the archival work and business management, as well as other regulatory and legal manuals and guidelines for organizations, enterprises and institutions, regardless of their form of ownership.

It is necessary to widely introduce the results of scientific research-practical work and advanced experience of foreign countries into the archiving sphere, as well as to take measures on wide spread adoption of digital technologies, creation of information base and funds, and introduction of the electronic document inflow system, the head of state highlighted.

Rectors of high education schools, who took part in the meeting, were instructed to continue further developing of higher education institutions as the centers of education, science and newest technologies.

The head of Turkmenistan has also ordered to continue work on the phased introduction of the two-level high education system that meets the requirements of an innovative economy and international standards.

The leaders of political parties and public organizations were instructed to systematically improve their work and intensify the awareness-raising and advocacy activities for making extensive use of modern technologies, information distribution systems, and the capabilities of mass media.

The leader of nation has emphasized that the candidates of the political parties nominated for elections are to have a high level of self-awareness and rich political experience, to be responsible and deeply devoted to the Motherland and people.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov gave a number of separate instructions to Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Geldinyazov on each of the branches answerable to the Vice-Premier.

While advancing the health system, it is necessary to increase the life expectancy of people and exercise strict control over the measures aimed at ensuring accessibility of high-quality medical services, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has stressed in the instructions to the Vice-Premier.

As regards the education system, it is important to instill in the youth the principles of patriotism, high morality, justice, honesty, nobility, respect for elders, devotion to history, traditions, customs and culture of the native people, and considerate attitude to the nature.

To identify and develop the natural talent and abilities of children, it is necessary to carry out various

cultural and creative activities, to continue publication of high-quality books and works of art, improve curricula, programs, textbooks and manuals of the educational institutions.

The Vice-Premier was given the task to considerably improve the quality of teaching in the Turkmen universities and to carry out the necessary work on achieving the level of education, which will enable to include them in the List of advanced educational institutions of the world.

When establishing the amount of tuition fees in the universities and secondary specialized educational institutions, the leader of Turkmenistan has also ordered to provide benefits for students, who are in need of the state support.

Proceeding to the subject of sports, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has instructed to take all measures to hold the upcoming World Track Cycling Championships and qualification round of the Davis Cup International Competitions in Ashgabat at a better and higher level in terms of organization and content.

The head of state has emphasized that the employees of all departmental structures should take part in preparations for the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the state's independence. Not the least important is to intensify the work on encouraging education of the youths in the reputable foreign high education schools in the frames of the inter-governmental agreements.

Addressing Vice-Premier M. Geldinyazov and President of the Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan S. Toilyev, the President of the country has expressed dissatisfaction that the work on training of young researchers is not in tune with the times. The Academy doesn't have a clear program for the development of science, especially the science of high education school, the leader of nation stated.

In this regard, the head of state has demanded to pay greater attention to the accelerated transition to the digital economy as the most important condition of digital education and national development.

As it was stated, the work on improvement and preparation of new curricula, both for secondary and higher schools, lags behind; foreign practice in training specialists is studied and used insufficiently. President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has stressed that to better get acquainted with the best practices, it is necessary to conduct videoconferences with other countries more often.

Special attention is to be paid to acceleration of reforms in the health sphere, especially in the rural areas, the head of state said, having noted that as of today unsatisfactory are the construction paces of new health facilities and their provision with modern equipment.

It is also necessary to accelerate implementation of programs on supply of clean drinking water to the population. In addition, special attention should be paid to the sanitary condition of cities and villages, the leader of nation continued.

Below the appropriate level is the work for coordination of the social organizations' activities and their support of the state programs adopted. It is necessary to carry the work through, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov summed up.

The youth organization's work leaves much to be desired. Young people are passive in supporting the economic development-favored state programs, introduction of digital systems. What is most important, the Youth Organization does not come up with any initiative despite that all conditions have been made so that young Turkmen citizens can go in for sports, get good education and have a decent rest. These conditions should be efficiently used, the head of state emphasized.

Addressing the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushshikov, the leader of nation gave the task to analyze the financial- economic condition of the spheres of science, education, health, sports, youth and social organizations and prepare the proposals for improvement of their financial condition.

The Vice-Premier was instructed to exercise control over the issues of mutual settlements and repayment of loans, over timely use of budgetary money intended to fund the education and health systems, etc.

It is necessary to analyze the issuance of licenses by the Ministry of Education on rendering education and staff-training services, on organizing charged training centers in all velayats of the country, the head of state emphasized addressing the relevant assignment to the officials concerned.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has also focused on such important issue as the viral diseases prevention.

As of now, the two types of vaccines against coronavirus were recently registered in the country, and these works are ongoing, the leader of nation noted.

We will do everything necessary to protect the most valuable thing - the health of the people. Still, observance of standards and rules of sanitation required by health workers remains a compulsory demand, the head of state noted.

In conclusion, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov wished all participants of session good health, family well-being and great success in their work.

### **The country's foreign-policy course – in the focus of the online meeting**

On February 9, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held an online working session to draw together conclusions from the past year's activities on pursuing of the foreign-policy course by independent neutral Motherland and identify the tasks of priority for the running year.

The meeting was attended by some Deputy Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers, heads of the relevant structures and specialized high education schools.

The first speaker – Director of the Institute of State, Law and Democracy Ya. Nuryev, has reported on the results of the past year's work and plans for the current year.

The Institute carries out the scientific-practical researches in the context of studying key aspects of the comprehensive development of the state and society, the principles of the Permanent Neutrality Doctrine. A comparative-legal analysis is also being carried out to improve the national legal system. Particular emphasis is placed on the training of high- qualified specialists.

By results of the Institute's comparative-legal researches, the proposals and comments were made on the 22 draft laws; an analysis of 26 sectoral regulations and documents was also undertaken; last year, two editions were published in the form of a scientific-practical explanation of the laws in force; 35 scientific videoconferences were also organized with the participation of the Institute.

Rectors of the International Relations Institute J. Gurbangeldiyev and the International University for the Humanitarian Studies and Development E. Aidogdyev reported on the work carried out in 2020 and on the plans outlined for the anniversary year proclaimed under the slogan «Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust».

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs R. Meredov has made a report on the results of the MFA activities in 2020.

In the period under review, the head of state paid an official visit to the Republic of Azerbaijan, took part in a number of online high-level meetings and forums, and made an online speech at the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

In the last year's September, President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held a meeting with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, who paid a working visit to our country.

The leader of nation had telephone conversations with the UN Secretary-General and the leaders of foreign states, during which the priority issues of bilateral and multilateral cooperation were discussed.

In the reporting period, various online meetings were held; a set of documents on strengthening of the legal framework of international relations of our country was signed.

Systematic measures were taken in the last year for development of bilateral contacts between the foreign-policy agencies and diplomatic missions; consistent work was ongoing to strengthen and build up mutuality-based trade-economic cooperation with foreign partners; a number of meetings of the bilateral Intergovernmental Commissions and other relevant structures were held; joint business forums were held with the participation of representatives of foreign business circles.

Further, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs V. Hajiyevev has reported on the work carried out for implementation of the foreign strategy of Turkmenistan.

Deputy Foreign Minister B. Myatyyev has reported on the MFA-developed special program of events and celebrations to be held in the country and abroad in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Motherland's independence, the 25th anniversary of Turkmenistan's neutrality, as well as in honor of proclaiming 2021 in the country under the slogan «Turkmenistan - Home of Peace and Trust.»

Further, the floor was given to Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushshikov, who reported on the steps taken to streamline the activity of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and fulfillment of the relevant presidential assignments.

Summing up the results of working session, the leader of nation has highlighted that in the year marked by the 30th anniversary of sacred independence and proclaimed under the slogan «Turkmenistan - Home

of Peace and Trust», it is necessary to intensify efforts and work hard to implement the foreign policy course of our state.

The Director of the Institute of State, Law and Democracy Y. Nuryev was exhorted to prepare and initiate the proposals on wide spread adoption in the national legislation of the generally-admitted legal standards. To this end, it is advisable to strengthen the work of the Interdepartmental Commission for fulfillment of Turkmenistan's international obligations in the sphere of human rights and international humanitarian law.

The leader of nation has also strongly advised to streamline the work related to releasing in the "Democracy and Law" magazine of the analytical articles devoted to the main directions of the state policy and ongoing large-scale reforms, including the materials, which reveal the substance and nature of democratic transformations ongoing in the country.

Addressing the Rectors of the International Relations Institute (IRI) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the International University of Humanitarian Studies and Development (IUHS&D) J. Gurbangeldiyev and E. Aidogdyev, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has placed particular accent on training of high-qualified personnel, young proficient specialists for the national diplomatic service.

In this context, the head of state has instructed to analyze the possibilities of opening in the IRI and IUH&D of new specialties, including in such areas as oriental studies, the countries of America and Europe, digital diplomacy, cybersecurity, analytics and strategic planning.

Along with traditional classes, the head of Turkmenistan has instructed to organize online lectures in the universities, encourage the participation of students in specialized scientific and educational competitions and contests, invite famous foreign scientists and diplomats for delivering lectures, and efficiently use Internet technologies for these purposes.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has stressed that in tune with the world's advanced experience, it is necessary to reconsider the curricula as appropriate, as well as to pay special attention to the language training of students.

To advance and unleash the untapped potential of the transport, energy, water, scientific, and sport diplomacy of Turkmenistan, the horizons of research work of professors, teachers and students in this area should be enhanced.

Pending the subject, the head of state has given assignments on opening in high education schools of such new specialties as Internet-journalism and political communications, on initiating the proposals in other demand-driven spheres. For students receiving education in the international law specialty, it is necessary to consider introduction of new subjects and practical exercises into the educational process related to resolving the issues of international economic relations and international arbitration.

Coming over to the tasks assigned to the Foreign Ministry, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has given an assignment to the Vice-Premier, Foreign Minister R. Meredov and other relevant officials related to more comprehensive implementation of

Turkmenistan's foreign strategy, which rests upon the principles of neutrality, peacefulness, neighborliness, and humanism. This course should be pursued on the basis of the corresponding Concept for 2017-2023. In this regard, the head of state has ordered to embark on drafting of a similar Concept for 2023-2029.

The leader of the nation has also necessitated preparing of a draft Plan of cooperation with international organizations for 2021-2023 before the end of the first quarter of the running year.

In addition, among the tasks of primary importance the head of state has sorted out: intensification of cooperation with the United Nations and its specialized agencies; active participation in the preparation of Resolutions and other UN documents aimed at ensuring of global peace, security and sustainable development; studying of new areas of partnership with such competent international structures, as the CIS and the OSCE.

The relevant presidential instructions were aimed at the development of foreign economic activity of Turkmenistan. To this end, it is necessary to systematically realize the measures on strengthening of the interest-base cooperation with foreign states and international organizations.

Having analyzed the state of economy in the region, it is necessary, relying on a new approach to further interaction with the Economic Cooperation Organization, to develop concrete proposals, the leader of nation noted.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has also instructed the Vice-Premier Foreign Minister and the relevant state bodies to develop and submit the proposals on opening of Turkmenistan's trade missions in foreign countries.

The head of state has highlighted that it is necessary to achieve successful implementation of the initiatives of our neutral Motherland, which received support of major international organizations, and of the decisions taken at the international level, including the decisions on the outcomes of the First Caspian Economic Forum.

Together with the countries of the region, it is necessary to accelerate the work aimed at achieving specific goals, namely, at mitigating the negative impact of the situation in the Aral Sea region. At the same time, it is necessary to keep work going together with the Caspian states on the development of the necessary legal framework and plans for use of the capabilities of the Caspian Sea, the leader of nation emphasized.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that to increase and strengthen Turkmenistan's economic potential, it is necessary, in association with foreign partners, to attract foreign investments to various sectors of the economy on favorable terms.

Turkmenistan's diplomatic missions abroad are to establish direct contacts with manufacturers when ministries and departments of our country purchase imported goods, equipment, special equipment in large volumes, assist them in purchasing of these products at remunerative prices and in the necessary information exchange, the head of state said.

Summing up information presented, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has given instructions on bringing the county's MFA activity in tune with



the times and modernizing its logistics base, on taking prompt measures to improve its financial-economic condition.

Addressing Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushshikov, the head of Turkmenistan has exhorted to exercise unremitting control over the financial-economic situation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, diplomatic missions, and consular offices of Turkmenistan in foreign countries, as well as over timely and appropriate use of the budgetary funds and other financial sources of the country.

Once again addressing the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Foreign Minister R. Meredov, the President of the country has focused on the draft documents of a number of projects proposed for review.

They include: the Resolutions on conducting of international conferences, celebrations and events in honor of the 30th anniversary of independence of Turkmenistan and 25th anniversary of permanent neutrality, as well as on the occasion of proclaiming 2021 under the slogan “Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust»; on approval of the Foreign Trade Strategy of Turkmenistan for 2021-2030; on establishing of the Interdepartmental Commission for coordination of the activity of the «Single Window» system intended for export-import operations.

The leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has signed the Resolution on instituting of the “Türkmenistanyň ussat diplomaty” decoration, which will be conferred on the officers of diplomatic service for personal contribution to the implementation of Turkmenistan’s peaceful constructive foreign policy, strengthening of relations with foreign states in various fields, expansion of the effective dialogue with reputable international organizations, and for other great services for the Motherland.

Congratulated all Turkmen diplomats in this regard, the leader of nation redirected the document to the Vice-Premier, Foreign Minister via electronic document workflow system.

Concluding the working online session, President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov wished all the participants good health, family well-being and great success in their work.

### **The President of Turkmenistan convened a summit conference on the issues of the national economy development**

On February 10, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held an online working session to draw together conclusions from the past year’s activity of the country’s economic and financial-banking complex and to identify concrete tasks for the running year.

Minister of Finance and Economy M. Serdarov has informed that as of January 1 of the running year, the revenue plan of the State Budget was fulfilled by 101 percent and the expenditure part – by 99.9 percent; the revenue plan of local budgets over the reporting period was fulfilled by 102.2 percent, expenditures – 99.9 percent.

The volume of investments allocated to the development of the national economy at the expense of all financial sources was equal to 22.4 percent of

GDP; the investment program-2020 was fulfilled by 102.4 percent; 55.7 percent of capital investments were channeled to the production facilities, 44.3 percent - for social purposes.

Reporting on the work accomplished in the accounting period, the Minister of Labor and Social Protection of the Population M. Sylapov informed about the amendments and addendums to the Code «On Social Protection of the Population» and to the Law of Turkmenistan «On State Pension Insurance». An updated edition of the Labor Code of Turkmenistan has also been submitted to the Mejlis of the country. 10 normative-legal acts ensuing from the legislative documents have been enacted.

The measures envisaged by the Program of the employment picture improvement and creation of new work places for 2015-2020 have been fully implemented.

The electronic document management system has been introduced to the central offices of the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection and the Pension Fund of Turkmenistan.

The annual contribution plan for State Pension Insurance was fulfilled by 110.6 percent, which is 14.4 percent more than in 2019. The indicator of the volume of pension savings in the frames of the voluntary pension system in 2020 compared with the previous year increased by 11 percent.

The summary report of the chief head of the Main State Service «Türkmenstandartlary» M. Hojagulyev about the Service’s activity in the period under review covered also the by-now work on standardization, certification, metrology, labor protection, and underground resources, industrial safety.

75 thousand certificates of conformity were issued for the products imported from abroad, local production, services, labor and industrial security; 585,600 measuring instrumentalities have been inspected, and 1,415 standards and technical specifications have been revised and updated.

Chairman of the State Statistics Committee S. Velbegov has reported on the work of the organization in 2020. 35 types of statistical reports have been analyzed last year; as a result of their revision and generalization, the number of types of statistical reporting was reduced.

General Director of the State Insurance Organization G. Nurmammedov reported that the past year’s plan on making contracts with individuals and legal entities was implemented by 125.4 percent. In particular, the plan for compulsory types of insurance was fulfilled by 137.3 percent.

As for the voluntary insurance, this indicator was 123.5 percent; the volume of insurance fund, which is formed up at the cost of incoming insurance fees, increased by 6.1 percent for the period under review in comparison with 2019.

The Law of Turkmenistan «On Amendments and Addendums to the Law of Turkmenistan «On Insurance» has been adopted, in compliance with which the regulatory legal acts have been re-ratified.

Chairman of the Central Bank M. Annadurdyev has informed that as of January 1 of the current year, the amount of funds allocated to meet the financial needs of the economic entities of the economy increased

by 11.4 percent. The amount of loans allocated to the non-government sector increased by 18.9 percent comparing with the last year's indicator.

In the frames of measures aimed at supporting entrepreneurs, the volume of the allocated easy-term bank loans increased by 4.3 percent; 1,821 projects have been funded. The amount of credit funds allocated to private producers for the purchase of agricultural machinery and equipment increased by 34.9 percent.

Chairmen of the State and Joint-Stock Commercial Banks have also reported on the measures taken for wide spread adoption of the advanced world practices, as well as for improvement of the quality of services provided to clients.

Rectors of the Turkmen State Institute of Economics and Management and of the Turkmen State Financial Institute have presented their reports about their activity carried out in the reporting period.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushshikov has informed on the implementation of the State Budget and on funding capital needs from all sources of financing.

Summing up the outcomes of meeting, the head of state has highlighted that in the year of the 30th anniversary of Motherland's independence, we are to do a pretty good work.

Addressing the Minister of Finance and Economy M. Serdarov, the head of Turkmenistan has necessitated taking prompt measures aimed at strengthening and sustainable development of the national economy, systematical improvement of the living standards of population.

Of great importance is to apply thoughtful approach to the development of the State Budget and its effective execution, the leader of nation has noted.

Being guided by international practice, it is necessary to modernize the tax-budgetary system and accelerate works on ensuring of the in-full functioning of the «Electronic Tax» system.

The head of state has stressed the need to carry out the work for increasing the volumes and efficiency of capital investments of industrial purposes, in particular, in small and medium-sized businesses.

The leader of nation has noted that to successfully implement the National Rural Development Program, it is necessary to exercise control over the construction pace and funding of buildings and structures, the acceptance of facilities by the State Acceptance Commission, their further employment and transfer to the users' balance.

With a glance to the development-favored possibilities of the securities market and international experience in that sphere, it is necessary to take the appropriate measures to organize the work of the «Ashgabat Stock Exchange» Closed Corporation.

Coming over to the objectives of the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Population, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has exhorted its Minister M. Sylapov to take systematic measures for improvement of the employment picture, creation of new workplaces and employment of the able-bodied citizens in the regions and industries.

In tune with the times, it is necessary to constantly improve the existing regulatory and legal acts on labor

relations, wages and labor protection, the head of Turkmenistan said.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has also ordered to strengthen control over observance of labor legislation in the institutions, organizations and enterprises.

Not the least important is to make the best use of the possibilities of the "Employment Page" on the official website of the Ministry, to ensure the availability of information for the population on the vacancies available in the organizations and enterprises.

In addition, the head of Turkmenistan has ordered to carry out the appropriate work to ensure a clear assignment, calculation and timely payment of pensions and state benefit payments.

It is necessary to keep control over the income of pension contributions to the Pension Fund. Temporarily unused funds of the Pension Fund and pension savings should be directed to investments, having ensured their profitable turnover.

Addressing the Chairman of the State Statistics Committee S. Velbegov, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has exhorted him to improve the methods of calculation of the GDP and other macroeconomic indicators.

Having analyzed and summarized the types of statistical reports, it is necessary to exclude the unnecessary and irrelevant types with the use of digital system; it is also necessary to provide availability of information on the main financial-economic indicators of Turkmenistan to the world community.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has entrusted the head of the "Türkmenstandartlary" Main State Service M. Hojagulyev with a task to study the provision of the Service's structural entities and laboratories in velayats with necessary instrumentalities and equipment, the possibilities of certification of various types of products and goods.

General Director of the State Insurance Organization G. Nurmammedov was exhorted to carry out necessary works in the country on systematic study and implementation of modern types of insurance and calculation rules applied in the international markets and world community.

Addressing Chairman of the Central Bank M. Annadurdyev and the heads of commercial banks, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted the importance of achieving stable internal monetary circulation, as well as exercising control over the measures on the coordinated regulation of funds, and striving for achieving of the over 40-percent volume of non-cash payments.

Appropriate measures should be taken on a regular basis to increase the exchange rate of the national currency, regulate and strictly control transactions associated with foreign currency, and, if necessary, to draft a special normative act in this area, the leader of nation said.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has also spoken about the expediency of updating the partnership strategies with the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and other financial institutions, of keeping work going for attraction of their loans and investments on easy

terms. In this regard, it is necessary to increase the level of cybersecurity to ensure safety of money transfers.

Having focused on the activities of the Turkmen State Institute of Economics and Management and the Turkmen State Institute of Finance, the leader of nation addressed concrete assignments to their rectors.

It is necessary that the teaching staff, scientists-economists of universities together with specialists of the financial and banking complex would have made periodic analysis of the stages of crises forecasted in the world economy and develop measures to prevent their negative impact on the national economy, the President of the country emphasized.

The head of state has strongly advised through wide spread adoption of the possibilities of digital system to establish experience-exchange interaction with leading specialized universities, international financial organizations of the world including with their professors, teachers and experts for the effectiveness of studies and scientific and experimental researches.

The presidential instructions to the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushshikov were focused on keeping work going aimed at provision of social, economic and cultural development of the Motherland, maintenance of stable growth rate of the gross domestic product, further increase of the state's revenues and intensification of market relations in the economy.

It is necessary to regularly analyze the financial-economic condition, financial support of all spheres, make settlements of interdepartmental debts and take measures for timely regulation of such situations. It is also necessary to improve the activities of ministries and core departments of the complex, strengthen control over the timely implementation of the plans, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov stressed.

Pending the subject, the leader of nation has noted the importance of realization of large-scale measures on privatization of state property, as well as strengthening of the organizational work carried out by the relevant ministries, sectoral departments and khyakimliks of velayats and Ashgabat administrations for preparation of the facilities to be privatized.

The leader of nation has further stated that lengthy consideration and detailed analysis were given to the last year's work carried out in all segments of the economy. It follows from the results that numerous shortcomings in the activities of these industries, unsatisfactory functioning of the financial-economic complex are the consequence of Vice-Premier G. Mushshikov's weak supervision of the work of the structures answerable to him.

Despite the instructions given to the Ministry of Finance and Economy at the meetings of the Cabinet of Ministers, the financial condition of the ministries and sectoral departments was not thoroughly studied, the relevant proposals were not presented, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov noted. As a result, before the past year was out, budget arrears increased significantly in comparison with the beginning of the year.

Late settlements, as well as lack of full control over this process and the inaction of the Ministry have caused large debts to contractors for work performed in the frames of the National Rural Development Program and other programs. As a result, since 2015,

construction of a number of objects was abandoned. As of now, the amount of inter-departmental debts has reached 12 billion manats.

Organization of the state property privatization process is also below the generally-admitted requirements. In addition, proper control over observance of the privatization conditions is not ensured at the privatized enterprises and facilities.

Despite the fact that the core Ministry should implement the government policy for the private sector development, the analysis of the numbers of entrepreneurs involved in these areas and directions and types of their work are not carried out, and sufficient attention is not paid to the problems arising in this area, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov stated. Therefore, the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union is engaged in the major activity on the development of entrepreneurship, while the Ministry shows no sufficient activity in the issue.

Moreover, despite such unsatisfactory indicators, no proposals were received from the Minister of Finance and Economy M. Serdarov to correct the situation. Based on these facts, the head of state has administered to the Minister a severe reprimand with last warning on the soonest improvement of the situation. Otherwise, by half-year results, M. Serdarov would be relieved of his post, the leader of nation said.

Addressing the Chairman of the Central Bank M. Annadurdyev, the President of Turkmenistan has pointed out that the Government has many claims on the activities of banks. The Central Bank should take an active part in financing of the priority national investment projects and strengthen the work of other banks on crediting of the industrial sectors of the economy.

For unsatisfactory performance of official duties and shortcomings in work, the President of Turkmenistan issued a severe reprimand and last warning on the soonest improvement of the situation to the Chairman of the Central Bank M. Annadurdyev, Chairmen of the State Commercial Banks «Türkmenistan» and «Türkmenbaşy» M. Hajiyevev and J. Jumagulyjov.

For shortcomings in work, severe reprimands were also administered to the Chairman of the State Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs R. Jepbarov, Chairman of the State Development Bank S. Bayramov, Chairman of the State Commercial Bank «Daýhanbank» S. Aganiyazov, Chairmen of the Board of Joint-Stock Commercial Banks «Halkbank» and «Senagat» M. Arabov and T. Tachmuhammedov.

In addition, the President of Turkmenistan has reprimanded Chairman of the Board of the Joint-Stock Commercial Bank «Rysgal» S. Gurbandurdyev and Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushshikov.

Finishing the online working session, President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov wished its participants good health, family wealth and great success in work.

## **An enlarged joint session of the Cabinet of Ministers and State Security Council of Turkmenistan**

On February 11, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has convened an enlarged joint

session of the Cabinet of Ministers and State Security Council of Turkmenistan with the participation of chief heads of ministries and departments, high education schools and mass media, khyakims of velayats and Ashgabat City.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that at present large-scale political and economic reforms are ongoing in different sectors of the economy – starting from establishment of Milli Gengeshi (National Council) and industrialization of the branches to wide spread adoption of digital systems in the scientific and educational spheres, agriculture, oil/gas complex, law enforcement structures, and other fields.

Necessitating further modernization of the state management system and improvement of the Government's activity, the President of the country has informed about the decision to institute yet another position of Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, having designated him as a member of the State Security Council and Chairman of the Supreme Control Chamber.

The duties of new Vice-Premier will include the work on introduction of digital system and technologies to the bodies of the government management system and social organizations, to the spheres of education and health, financial-economic complex, as well as on exercising control over this work.

Regarding digitization of production and management system of the economy and public life as the task of paramount importance, the head of state has referred to the construction industry as an example. There are many deficiencies in the sector, for elimination of which proper measures are not taken and reforms are not implemented.

To increase the efficiency of capital investments allocated from the State Budget, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has pointed to the appropriateness of creating on the basis of the Ministry of Construction and Architecture of the Single Customer Service. The Service will directly (or with attraction of other parties) act as the government contracting authority and developer, as well as perform the work of technical contracting authority and exercise control over construction.

There are many other issues, which require special attention of the Government. The leader of nation has expressed confidence that introduction of yet another post of Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers would invest in solution of large tasks that our state faces today.

Having appointed Serdar Berdymuhamedov to the post of the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Chairman of the Supreme Control Chamber and a member of the Security Council, the head of state has relieved him of the post of Minister of Industry and Construction Production.

Continuing the session, the President of Turkmenistan has addressed to Vice-Premier Sh. Abdrahmanov a number of specific assignments.

To improve the work of the oil/gas complex, first of the first it is necessary to introduce to the production advanced technologies developed on the basis of the latest scientific and technical achievements, as well as to attract foreign investments on the beneficial terms.

The State Concern "Türkmennebit" is to apply new forms of cooperation with international companies in the survey, exploration and development of oil and gas deposits, attract foreign investments for drilling new wells and production of the hard-to-reach and residual oil reserves from old wells

The State Concern "Türkmengaz" is to enhance the geography of selling of the natural gas and petro-gas-chemical production, study the logistic capabilities of entry to the new international markets.

The leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has ordered to accelerate the rates of construction of the Turkmenistan – Afghanistan – Pakistan – India gas pipeline and accomplish it in the scheduled time frames.

It is necessary to ensure stable use of new gas-chemical complexes and bring them to the projected capacity. At the same time, the designing of near-term projects of new gas-processing plants is to be activated.

The Vice-Premier has also been instructed to ensure training of highly qualified personnel and young specialists highly-acclaimed at the modern production facilities and petro-gas-chemical complexes.

To increase the country's oil/gas reserves, the leader of nation has also ordered to speed up the rates of geological surveys and drilling works carried out by the State Corporation "Türkmengeologiýa".

Speaking of the Turkmenbashi Refinery Complex, the President of Turkmenistan has highlighted that it is necessary to study new management methods of the petroleum commodities production. Having got things going, it is necessary to diversify the routes of exporting petrochemicals to the international markets. Not the least important is to apply digital technologies in the production process, increase the quality and added value of home-made production.

Having necessitated accelerated introduction to the production of the developments of scientific-research institutions, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has emphasized that these institutions are to master advanced practice and latest achievements of the world science in this direction.

Further, the President of Turkmenistan has informed about the decision to release B. Amansaryev from the post of Chairman of the State News Agency due to his retirement.

Having expressed gratitude to the head of TDH for his meritorious work for the state, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has informed about decorating B. Amansaryev with the Order of «Garaşsyz Türkmenistana bolan beýik söýgüsi üçin» and wished him strong health and prosperity.

At the online session, consideration was also given to other issues of the state life, which later took shape of the relevant Resolutions.

## **An enlarged session of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan**

On February 12, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held an enlarged session of the Cabinet of Ministers to draw together conclusions from the past year's and running year January's activity of the Government, to hear the reports of Vice-Premiers, some ministers and khyakims of velayats, consider

the topical issues of the country's socioeconomic development, and to outline key tasks for the sectors of the national economy for the current year.

Chief heads of the Mejlis, members of the State Security Council, heads of administrations of velayats, etraps and the capital, media, rectors of high education schools, and other dignitaries were invited to the session.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushshikov has reported on the past year's macroeconomic indicators, the performance of the State Budget and funding of the capital needs and projects from all sources of financing, realization of the President-authorized comprehensive measures aimed at ensuring the country's further upward socioeconomic development.

Reporting on the outcomes of January 2021, the Vice-Premier has informed that the GDP growth rate was 5.9 percent; the volume of output of products increased by 4.1 percent; the volume of retail trade turnover increased by 17.8 percent.

The January plan for the revenue of the State Budget was fulfilled by 178.9 percent and the expenditure part – by 83.1 percent; the average wage rate at the large and medium-sized enterprises of the country increased by 10.4 percent.

In the current year's January, in the frames of the updated National Rural Development Program, construction was ongoing of 105 social facilities, over 222.9 thousand sq m of housing, as well as engineering and technical structures.

Draft Resolution "On Approval of the Strategy for Management and Reforming of the Enterprises with State Share in Turkmenistan for 2021-2025" was submitted to the leader of nation for consideration.

After approval and signing the Resolution, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has exhorted the Vice-Premier to exercise unremitting control over implementation of the measures and works included in the Strategy.

The Minister of Finance and Economy M. Serdarov has reported on execution of the State Budget in 2020 and in January of the running year.

The past year's revenue plan of the State Budget was fulfilled by 101 percent, and on expenditures – by 99.9 percent; funding of the capital needs and projects from all sources of financing in the frames of the Rural Development Program was fulfilled by 121.4 percent; as of February 1, 2021, the State Budget revenues increased 1.8 times; execution of the expenditures plan – by 83.1 percent.

In the running year's January, 7 meetings of the Balance Committee were held, including 6 regional ones; 13 state-owned objects were privatized.

As of February 1, 2021, construction of a number of facilities, engineering systems and structures, as well as 44.7 thousand square meters of housing, has been completed in the frames of the National Rural Development Program.

Chairman of the State Statistics Committee of Turkmenistan S. Velbegov has reported on fulfillment of the targeted production tasks by ministries and sectoral departments in 2020 and January-2021.

In the reporting period, the growth rate has been achieved in the industrial sector, including the

production of liquefied gas, - by 16.7 percent, lubricants - by 11.7 percent, polyethylene - by 83.5 percent, metal products - 1.6 percent, plastic and fiberglass pipes - 45.8 percent.

In January 2021, the growth rate of petroleum coke production was 58.7 percent, cement - 28.6 percent, plastic and fiberglass pipes - 6.8 percent and sausages - 2.2 percent, compared to the last year's similar period.

The volume of communication services rendered increased by 6.8 percent in the period under review.

In the AIC, in January of the current year, the production of vegetables increased by 31.9 percent, meat - 2.6 percent, milk - 3.7 percent, eggs - 2 percent.

Chairman of the Central Bank M. Annadurdyev has reported on the results of activities of the departmental institutions in 2020 and January-2021.

As of February 1, 2021, the total volume of loans, compared to the last year's same date, increased by 11 percent.

The volume of loans allocated to the non-government sector of the economy has exceeded the same indicator of the previous year by 14.6 percent; the growth rate for issuance of the easy-term bank loans to private structures was 3.1 percent; 1,824 projects have been funded; the volume of loans allocated to the private producers engaged in the AIC increased by 33.5 percent in comparison with the last year's similar indicator.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Abdrahmanov has reported on the implementation in 2020 and January-2021 of the "Program of the country's oil and gas industry development until 2030".

It was noted that last year's plan for oil and gas condensate production was fulfilled by 100 percent, natural and associated gas - 101 percent and oil refining - 101.7 percent; the growth rate of production of gasoline was 104.5 percent, diesel fuel - 104.4 percent, polypropylene - 102.2 percent, liquefied gas - 116.7 percent.

The January's plan of oil refining was fulfilled by 100.8 percent, production of gasoline - 100.4 percent, diesel fuel - 103.4 percent, polypropylene - 102.5 percent, production of natural and associated gas - 115.9 percent, the export of gas - 110.6 percent, funding of capital need and projects - by 131.4 percent.

Addressing the audience, the President of Turkmenistan has noted that the courageous ancestors of the Turkmen nation made enormous efforts to raise the authority of the native country, leave an imperishable mark in history. We honor and immortalize the bright memory of our great personalities, and do a pretty good work for this.

In this regard, the head of state has exhorted the Mejlis of Turkmenistan to consider the issue about naming the International Oil and Gas University after Yagshygeldi Kakayev.

The leader of nation has emphasized that Y. Kakayev was a prominent statesman and public figure of our country, a mentor and person with vast experience. It was he who made a huge contribution to the formation of the modern system of the oil/gas industry, including the foundation and development of the International Oil and Gas University.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers B. Ovezov has reported on the outcomes of activities of ministries and departments of the transport and

communications spheres in 2020 and in January-2021. It was reported that the last year's production plan by the structures of the complex was fulfilled by 123 percent.

For the first month of 2021, the facilities of the sphere have fulfilled the production plan by 106.6 percent. The growth rate for the "Türkmen Demirýollary" agency was 114.7 percent, "Türkmenawtoulaglary" agency - 100.4 percent, "Türkmen deňiz derýaýollary" agency - 102.2 percent. The relevant work has been carried out by the agency "Türkmen howaýollary" in the reporting period.

The plan in cargo transportation and cargo turnover (by road, rail, air and sea transport) was fulfilled by 104.6 and 106.2 percent, respectively; the growth rate of the "Türkmen aragatnaşyk" Agency - 106.8 percent.

Continuing the report, the Vice-Premier has informed that to tackle the tasks assigned in the "Concept of the Digital Economy Development in Turkmenistan in 2019-2025", specialists of the «Türkmen aragatnaşyk» Agency have developed a draft Resolution "On Approval of the State Program of the Digital Economy Development in Turkmenistan for 2021- 2025", which was submitted to the head of state for review.

After approving and signing the Resolution, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has addressed specific instructions to the Vice-Premier to intensify implementation of digitalization projects paying special attention to the development and building up of the relevant infrastructure.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdylyev has reported on the results of work accomplished over the past year and January 2021 by the branches answerable to him, as well as on the work carried out for development of the investment program on commissioning of construction objects in the current anniversary year and on drafting of the Resolution "On Approval of the Regulations on Licensing the Activities related to Import, Production, and Sale of Chemical Products".

Thus, the past year's plan for the output of products and services in the construction and industrial sector was fulfilled by 118.4 percent, the growth rate – 122.5 percent.

For the first month of the current year, the plan for output of products and works in the sector was fulfilled by 131.6 percent. In the system of the Ministry of Construction and Architecture, the plan of works was fulfilled by 106.2 percent (102.4 percent growth rate); in the system of the Ministry of Industry and Construction Production - 120.4 percent (120.6 percent growth rate); the Ministry of Energy, the electric power production plan - 108.2 percent (106 percent growth rate); the plan for energy export – 127.7 percent (112.9 percent growth rate).

During the reporting period, the State Concern «Türkmenhimiýa» has fulfilled the plan for production and provision of services by 177.2 percent (148.6 percent growth rate).

The plan for works and services of the Ashgabat Administration was fulfilled by 114.4 percent.

The head of Turkmenistan has exhorted the Vice-Premier Sh. Durdylyev to ensure strict control over the construction of industrial and social facilities, especially those that are scheduled to be commissioned

in the capital in run-up to the 30th anniversary of the sacred independence of our state.

Having signed the Resolution on approval of the investment program for 2021, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov gave to the Vice-Premier the appropriate instructions on implementation of the tasks enshrined in the document.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Ch. Gylyjov has reported on implementation of the earlier presidential instructions, as well as on the results of work in 2020 and January-2021 in the trade, textile industry, and business sector.

In the system of the Ministry of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations, the January's trade turnover was 110.2 percent, the growth rate of production - 111.5 percent; the output of products manufactured by the enterprises of the Textiles Ministry (including cotton yarn and fabrics) was 117.1 and 101.8 percent respectively, apparel and knitwear - 123.2 percent, leather products - 105 percent. The production plan of the State Association «Türkmenhaly» has been fulfilled by 106 percent.

In January of the running year, the State Commodities and Raw Materials Exchange has held 24 trading sessions and made 2,434 contracts. The growth rate of works performed by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry was 116.8 percent.

The January's growth rate of agricultural and food production at the enterprises of the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union was 155.6 percent, and industrial production - 101.3 percent.

Then, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Geldiniyazov reported on the results of work carried out in the spheres of education, science, health and sports in 2020 and January 2021, as well as on drafting of a number of documents.

In compliance with the Resolutions of President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, the Innovative Information Center of the Ministry of Education was instituted; the "Program for improving the activities of preschool institutions in the field of early development and the pre-school training of children in Turkmenistan for 2020-2025" and the Concept of improving in Turkmenistan of methodology of teaching the subjects in natural and 'exact' sciences were approved.

The Academy of Sciences monitored the implementation of 346 works in the priority areas of science and technology; 3 doctoral, 14 candidate dissertations have been defended; the relevant academic degrees have been awarded.

Turkmen sportsmen participated in 11 international competitions, where they won 12 gold, 9 silver and 18 bronze medals.

In the first month of the current year, the IX Turkmen-German Health Forum was held in the format of videoconferencing. The country has officially registered the "Sputnik V" and "EpiVacCorona" vaccines made in the Russian Federation.

The "State program in the field of state youth policy of Turkmenistan for 2021-2025" and the "Program of support and development of physical culture and sports in Turkmenistan for 2021-2025" have been approved by Resolutions of the leader of nation; The Turkmenistan Cup online chess competition was held.



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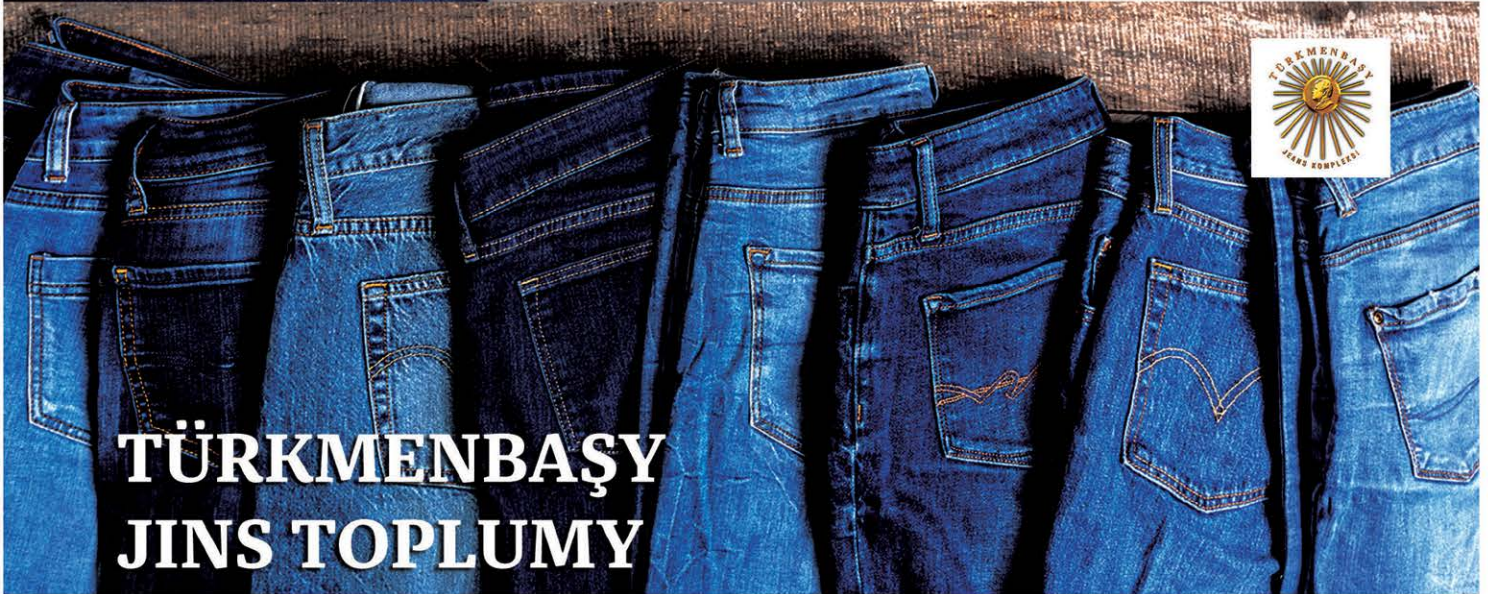
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