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Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov

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***We would like to address You our sincere and
cordial congratulations on the occasion of the
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*We wish You the best of health, wellbeing and
to the Turkmen nation – prosperity!*

With deep respect to you,
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General Director of CNPCI Turkmenistan

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а туркменскому народу – процветания!*

С глубоким уважением к Вам,
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OFFICIAL NEWS

The President of Turkmenistan held an online working session

On March 15, President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held an online working session with the participation of some Deputy Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers and khyakims of velayats and Ashgabat city to discuss the focal issues of the capital's socioeconomic development, implementation progress of seasonal agri-works, preparation to the spring-sowing campaign and to celebrating the remarkable dates.

Opening the online working session, the head of state got connected with Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdyliev and khyakim of Ashgabat Ya. Gylyjov.

The Vice-Premier has reported on construction paces of the buildings and facilities projected to be opened on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of sacred independence, as well as on preparation to the spring tree-planting and landscaping campaign.

In turn, khyakim of Ashgabat has reported on the state of affairs in the capital, rates of construction of anniversary facilities, on preparation to the events in honor of the anniversary of the country's independence and 140th anniversary of Ashgabat.

Commenting on the report, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has focused on the necessity of timely fulfillment and completion of works at the objects, commissioning of which is timed to the coming remarkable events.

Given the significance of the festivities on the occasion of the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat and 30th anniversary of the country's independence, the head of state has addressed to the Vice-Premier and the khyakim of the capital a number of assignments for holding the festive events at a higher and better level in terms of organization and content.

Further, the President of Turkmenistan has come into contact with Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiyev and khyakims of velayats, who concentrated their reports on the situation in the AIC and at the construction sites, on modernization progress of the social and living infrastructure of velayats.

In particular, it was reported on preparation to the spring sowing of cotton and other agricultural crops, including potato and onion in order to ensure food abundance in the country.

The information was also avowed about development of the Work Plan for production of cocoons. Besides, the leader of nation was

introduced to the concrete measures undertaken to ensure well-organized conducting of the nationwide tree-planting action and the festivities on the occasion of National Turkmen Horse Day.

In his comments on the reports, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has strongly recommended implementing of field works in tune with the agricultural requirements and local soil-climate conditions.

Given the unexpected fall of temperature, the leader of nation has demanded to take seasonal measures and concentrate attention on looking for the fields planted to wheat (which are in the germination phase), as well as exercise control over well-organized and qualitative startup of the cotton-seeding campaign.

Noting that at present, particular attention is to be paid to strengthening of food abundance and production volumes of vegetable and cucurbitaceous crops in the country, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has addressed to the Vice-Premier and khyakims of velayats a number of concrete directions and assignments on taking the appropriate measures to avoid negative impact of late frosts on fruit trees.

Given the cold weather, not the least significant is to hold the lambing campaign in velayats up to the mark, the leader of nation said, having authorized local officials to create every proper condition for the labor of livestock-breeders.

Having addressed the instructions on solving organizational issues related to the upcoming tree-planting action, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has also demanded to keep track of the would-be silkworm cocoon production campaign – a resource base of the valuable textile material.

In the instructions the leader of nation has addressed to the Vice-Premier and khyakims of velayats, the unremitting attention is to be focused on the implementation of the Program of the country's socioeconomic development for 2019-2025 and the National Rural Development Program, construction of social, cultural and production facilities in velayats, which are planned to be opened on the occasion of the Motherland's independence anniversary.

Besides, to increase the quality of agri-works, the leader of nation has stressed the appropriateness of attracting teachers and students of the appropriate high education schools of the country to the implementation of joint investigations and wide spread adoption of the science-based developments into that sphere.

Further, the President of the country has come into at a time contact with Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Chairman of the Supreme Control Chamber, Chairman of the

International Association «Türkmen alabaý itleri» S. Berdymuhamedov and the General Director of the State Association «Türkmen atlary» A. Berdiyev.

Vice-Premier E. Orazgeldiyev has reported on the ongoing countrywide work for development of the equestrian sports and organizational improvement of horse races.

It was informed that to make horse races more excitable and hold them in compliance with international experience and national traditions, as well as to immortalize the names of famous Akhalteke horses, the drafts of victory cups and prizes have been developed to award the winners of festive races.

In particular, for consideration of the head of state the drafts of the following awards were submitted: the cups of Akhalteke Equestrian Complex of the President of Turkmenistan, «Ak şäherim – Aşgabat», challenger cups of Turkmenistan's Independence, State Association «Türkmen atlary», International Akhalteke Equestrian Complex, «Watan goragçysy», challenge cups of velayats, as well as the prizes in honor of the famous in the Turkmen land and unsurpassed by speed Turkmen horses – Akhan, Boýnaw, Garader, Gelşikli, Nusaý, Pereň, Ýanardag and Meleguş.

The Vice-Premier has reported that the State Association «Türkmen atlary» in association with the «Türkmenaragatnaşyk» Agency has developed a special software product and mobile application for setting in motion of sweepstakes – totalizator. In this regard, a number of proposals for naming of these electronic platforms and their logos have been presented to the head of the state for consideration.

Focusing on ensuring high organizational level of the future festive equestrian events, the leader of nation (after introducing some corrections) has approved on the whole the awards-related drafts and proposals.

The relevant orders have been given on wide spread adoption of high technologies in all branches of the country, including wide use of digital system capacities in the horse-breeding sphere.

Further, General Director of the State Association «Türkmen atlary» A. Berdiyev has reported on the preparation to the event on the occasion of National Turkmen Horse Holiday.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has focused on the important tasks of the State Association «Türkmen atlary», which include preservation of purity and value of the Akhalteke horse breed, equestrian traditions, and enhancement of the horses' global name recognition. Solution of the tasks set is to be the

main goal of specialists of the Association, the leader of nation said.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Chairman of the Supreme Control Chamber and of the International Association «Türkmen alabaý itleri» S. Berdymuhamedov has reported on preparation measures to Turkmen Alabay Dog Holiday, which would be celebrated in our country for the first time, as well as to the 30th anniversary of the country's independence.

Having listened to the report, the President of the country has focused on special importance of the holidays and on holding them at a high organizational level. In this regard, the head of state has assigned to develop the proposals on holiday prizes.

Speaking of the importance of preserving and enhancing the best traditions of national kennel school, the Turkmen leader has focused the Vice-Premier's attention on construction of infrastructural facilities and the relevant centers in all velayats of the country.

The head of Turkmenistan has also exhorted to exercise permanent control over construction of the facilities planned to be opened on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the country's independence.

Finishing the online working session, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov wished great success in work to the participants of session.

The leader of nation made a working round of the capital and Akhal velayat

On March 16, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov made a working round of the capital and Akhal velayat to get acquainted with the state of affairs at the construction sites of a number of city's objects, as well as with construction progress of a new modern administrative center of Akhal velayat.

In the morning, the head of state proceeded to the fashionable hotel «Garagum» with multi-sectoral business center, which is under construction in the northern part of the city.

Upon arrival, Vice-Premier Sh. Durdylyev has reported to the President of Turkmenistan on the progress of construction works at the object and on the neighborhoods improvement. Construction of the hotel with multi-sectoral business center is now in the final stage. The new complex will have all conditions for worthy reception of guests, organization of business meetings, and other remarkable events.

In his comments, the head of state has necessitated achieving of full compliance of construction works in the country with the requirements of ecological policy; in developing the projects of edifices, local natural specifics

should be taken into consideration. All of this is to be one of the main criteria during planning construction of facilities not only in the capital, but in all parts of Turkmenistan.

Then, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has familiarized with the phases of construction and location site of “Laçyn” Park, as well as with the projects of other facilities, which would be built in the Park territory.

Opening of the new Park, which is located next to the hotel and business complex, is timed to the 30th anniversary of independence. Having focused on its development, the leader of nation has noted the importance of wide spread adoption of advanced trends and best practice in the landscape design sphere.

Not the least important in realization of the town-building program is to pay particular attention to the ecological issues, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted. The best conditions for people’s comfort are to be made in the new Park. Such issues as planting trees and shrubs of different varieties, formation of lawns and flower beds are to be thought through very carefully, the leader of nation stressed.

Having entrusted the officials concerned with concrete assignments on successful tackling of the tasks set, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov continued his working trip and arrived in Akhal velayat to get acquainted with the situation at the construction of new administrative center of the velayat in the territory of Gyoktepe etrap.

En route, the head of state has examined the location site of the would-be Child Center of the velayat. The Center is built in the frames of the General Plan of the modern administrative center. Upon arrival, the Minister of Health and Medical Industry N. Amanepesov has reported on the under-construction objects of the Center, their specifics and possibilities, which will be created for the useful and interesting leisure-time activity of children.

The fact that at present construction of the new administrative center of Akhal velayat picks up speed is a visual evidence of successful implementation of large-scale urban construction program initiated by the head of state. The startup to the project was given in April 2019 with the participation of the head of state.

Chief Head of the Projects-under-Construction Directorate of the Ministry of Construction and Architecture D. Orazov has reported on the construction works accomplished and introduced the leader of nation to the General Plan of the new city and the city’s projects of social and other purposes.

In this regard, it was noted that draft projects of administrative buildings of the velayat khyakimlik, social organizations, cultural facilities, and Ruhyet Palace (3,000-seat capacity) with all necessary conditions have been developed.

The buildings of the library and velayat archive department will be provided with modern technologies and digital system; drama theatre and museum of the velayat, as well as the “Akhal” Monument, which will be installed in the new center, and the flag pole for the State Flag, will make a single urban ensemble.

The location site of the new administrative center of Akhal velayat including ecological condition, seismic activity and other relevant indicators, were thoroughly surveyed by the scientists; at present, construction of various facilities is carried out at high rates.

The projects of new social facilities – primary and secondary vocational schools, specialized and children art school, Health House, 720-seat secondary education schools and 320-seat kindergarten, multi-sectoral sport complex, 10,000-capacity stadium, water complex, park and recreation zones – have been submitted to the head of state for consideration.

Besides, presentation of projects included the facilities of agricultural, financial and economic, industrial and communication complexes, regional branches of the State Commercial Banks “Türkmenistan” and “Daýhanbank”, regional department of the Central Bank, and a hotel.

According to the General Plan, construction is also projected of the State Circus, the International Equestrian Sports High School, and the Equestrian scientific and production center, shopping and entertainment complex, office of the regional health department, 360-bed multi-sectoral hospital, 150-bed oncological center and 150-seat center of mother and child health protection, ambulance center.

In the sphere of housing construction, the following projects were submitted to the head of state for consideration: 7- story houses (28-, 56- and 42-apartment), 9-story house (54-apartment), 5-story (30- and 40-apartment). Regional children health-improving and rehabilitation center will be also built in the new city.

The projects of pedestrian overpasses, lighting installations, various decoration elements related to the road-transport infrastructure have also been demonstrated.

After detailed acquaintance with the projects, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted that provision of high quality of construction and timely completion of objects are the mandatory requirement laid to the

customers and contractors of the facilities. Speaking of this, the head of state has placed emphasis on exercising permanent control over the construction programs and works.

In construction and decoration of the facilities, it is necessary to use high-quality materials with a glance to their durability and practical application in tune with climate conditions of our country, ecological and aesthetic factors. The exterior and interior of buildings are to reflect the best architectural and design achievements in the organic combination with traditions of national architecture and décor. It adds originality and special color to the facilities built in our country, the Turkmen leader said.

The leader of nation has also placed accent on such an important aspect as ecology. The new administrative center of Akhal velayat is built in the picturesque place in the Kopetdag foothills; to preserve the beauties of local nature, it is necessary to use wide-spread 'green' technologies.

Pending the subject, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted that self-sufficiency of organizing the urban environment based on digital technologies and intellectual systems would be the main principle to be guided by in creating all possibilities for the people's comfortable living, efficient and creative work, good rest, sports. Thus, it will be a smart city – a 'clever' city, maximum convenient for the life of the people, the head of state said.

Having noted that more than 15,000 specialists work at the construction of the new administrative center of Akhal velayat, the President of Turkmenistan expressed opinion that their experience can be used in construction of Ashgabat-City.

Further, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held a working session to hear the reports of Deputy Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers and khyakim of Akhal velayat on the construction progress of the administrative center of velayat, on implementation progress of the large-scale national construction program, and measures taken for increasing production capacities of the construction industry, provision of compliance of local construction materials with high ecological requirements.

The reports covered the measures undertaken for modernization and wide spread adoption of digital systems in the educational sphere (including in the vocational schools and medical facilities), development of the medical and sport infrastructure in the territory of Akhal velayat.

Noting that Turkmenistan has become the venue of conducting competitions of international level, the head of state has exhorted the officials

concerned to ensure in the new complexes necessary conditions for doing different sports (including cycling) and organizing of sporting events.

In turn, Minister of Agriculture and Environment Protection A. Altyev has reported on the issues of tree planting and landscaping of the new administrative center of Akhal velayat with a glance to the local soil-climate conditions.

General Director of the State Association "Türkmen atlary" A. Berdiyev has reported on keeping work going on technological equipping of the International Higher Education Facility and the Scientific-and-Production Akhalteke Horse-Breeding Center, which are under construction in the new administrative center of Akhal velayat.

The head of state has noted that the within-named objects, which are built in the historical homeland of the 'heavenly' horses, are of great importance for further advancement of the national horse-breeding branch and national equestrian sports, for intensification of international collaboration in that sphere. Therefore, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has stressed that it is necessary to concentrate attention on their technical provision and adoption of digital technologies.

Chairman of the "Türkmenaragatnaşyk" Agency H. Hudaygulyev has reported on establishing of communication system and adopting modern technologies in the new administrative center of the velayat.

In the light of new approach to the notion 'smart' city and 'smart' house, particular attention is to be given to the 'smart' city concept, as well as to ensuring proper operation of the equipment, which controls street lighting system.

In this context, the Turkmen leader has ordered to comprehensively work out the issues related to adoption of electric cars and construction of science-based 'smart' car parking lots.

The heads of mass media were entrusted with the task to carry out necessary work for popularization of successes achieved by the country in widespread adoption of high technologies, scientific developments and digital systems in the branches of the national economy.

Further, the Mejlis Speaker G. Mammedova has informed about the activity of National Parliament on defining structural units and legal issues of new modern villages and towns.

Noting the importance of legal provision of social and economic development of the country, the head of state has focused on organization of this work at a modern level.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Chairman of the Supreme Control Chamber S. Berdymuhamedov has reported on development

of the program of exercising comprehensive control over the works ongoing in the country, especially in the construction sphere.

Noting that the activity in this sphere is to meet modern requirements and the existing legislation, the leader of nation gave to the Vice-Premier concrete assignments on improvement of the relevant measures of control.

Summing up the outcomes of working session, the head of state has highlighted that the new administrative center of Akhal velayat is to be exemplary in terms of urban culture and ecology.

The talk is about paying special attention to realization of the 'smart' city concept, establishing of eco-friendly transport traffic, keeping track of the issues related to the use of solar batteries and wind generators, modernizing of the lighting network, the President of Turkmenistan noted.

Continuing the subject, the leader of nation has place accent on the importance of expansion and improvement of medical services provided to the population. The ambulance services are thereto to meet modern requirements; the management of emergency calls and response to emergency calls are thereto to be made in digital format.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has proposed to test application of the numbers 112 or 991 (emergency calls) used in the world practice. In particular, on receiving the emergency call 112, the relevant service can detect the location of the wanting-help person, and the medical facility (in case of hospitalization) would be able to get an access to the patient's medical history record. It indicates the efficiency of this medical service, its advantages in definition of the importance and level of complexity of the emergency call.

Speaking of the importance of observance of cleanness in 'smart' cities and settlements, the head of state has avowed his idea on placing of 'smart' waste bins (technically upgraded), capable to inform the relevant service about filling. In this context, the Turkmen leader has focused on the control of this system using digital technologies.

Given the fact that at present collection and disposal of waste is one of the most burning issues in the world, and on the basis of world's experience, it is necessary to pay special attention to opening of the core waste-disposal facilities. It would support the wealth of the city and solution of ecological issues, the head of state said and gave a number of certain instructions to the officials concerned.

Summing up the session, the leader of nation has noted that all of this would invest in the formation of multi-level urban life support system and active adoption of digital technologies in all urban municipality services.

Having taken the course toward progressive changes, Turkmenistan also aims at realization of the 'smart' city concept, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov said, having noted that in this context the new administrative center of Akhal velayat is to become a role-model urban structure to be replicated in terms of new urban culture and ecological point of view.

On completion of his working trip, the head of state has wished success in solution of the responsible tasks set and left the place of event.

The head of state got acquainted with the condition of farms run by the military and law enforcement structures

On March 18, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov got acquainted with the condition of farms run by the military and law enforcement structures, as well as with preparation to the countrywide landscaping campaign, which opens the spring season of planting trees and shrubs.

On the morning arrival of the head of state to the picturesque place of the Kopetdag foothills, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, the State Security Council Secretary Ch. Amanov made a report to President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov.

The head of state has shared opinions on strengthening of the logistics base of security structures, efficient running of their farms on the economic paying basis in order to make worthy contribution to the food security of the country.

Vice-Premier Ch. Amanov has presented the drawings of land plots allocated in compliance with presidential assignment to the military and law enforcement agencies for subsidiary farms, their detailed projects, and reported also on the work ongoing in this direction.

Prior to choosing the varieties of crops to be planted, the soil and climate conditions of each concrete land area have been studied together with agrarian scientists and other specialists.

The land in this area was always considered fertile, especially for wine-growing. As a result of scientific investigations and selection works, such new grape varieties, as 'Rowaç', 'Galkynyş' and 'Şaserpaý' have been bred.

Samples of apples, pears, quinces, persimmons, plums, apricots, walnuts, pistachio, olives and other fruits and shrubs, as well as the types of drip irrigation systems and drawings of the pool for collection of water have been presented to President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov for review.

Along with the projects, several kinds of readymade production, including fruits, have been presented. The detailed information about

the machinery and equipment that would be used for care of fruit trees and special features of using this equipment has been presented too.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted that nationwide tree-planting and landscaping campaign is very important in the context of ecological wealth and creation of favorable conditions for life of the people in Turkmenistan.

The issues related to the formation of new forest zones near the settlements, as well as improvement of the work efficiency of subsidiary farms of military and law enforcement agencies of the country are to remain in the focus of permanent attention, the leader of nation said and gave concrete assignments on furthering activity in this direction.

Further, Minister of Defense B. Gundogdyev has reported on the development of farming and livestock breeding (camel-breeding and bee-keeping in particular) in the farms of the Ministry. Work of horse-breeding and kennel divisions is a separate direction of farming activity.

At present, special stress is laid on the camel husbandry advancement in the farms – increase of the camel population, proper care of the animal herd, and arrangement of meat-processing facilities. The camel meat is a health-promoting product; the camel milk drink is actively used in medical purposes.

The focus should be made on the improvement of production capacities of subsidiary farms, increase of livestock herd and output of agri-production, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov said, noting that this work is also very important in labor education of young military servicemen.

The heads of military and law enforcement agencies have reported on the measures taken in subsidiary farms of the agencies for increasing year-round production volumes of foodstuffs.

It was noted that subsidiary farms are engaged in growing of vegetable and cucurbitaceous crops, processing of fruits, as well as in the development of livestock and poultry farming. At present, the President-authorized construction of equestrian complexes for the structures of Interior Ministry is ongoing at an accelerated pace.

Addressing the Vice-Premier, Chairman of the Supreme Control Chamber S. Berdymuhamedov and the Interior Minister M. Chakyeu, the President of Turkmenistan has noted that at present a team of agrarian-specialists, scientists-experts in the livestock production sphere study and collect the relevant information about the origin, population and characteristics of wild steppe horses.

To meet the consumer demand for the vegetable oil, the leader of nation has exhorted the Vice-Premier, Chairman of the Supreme Control Chamber S. Berdymuhamedov to study the issues related to mass cultivation and processing of such crops as sunflower, olives and sesame.

Further, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has examined the condition of the recently-planted young trees, and got acquainted with water-saving characteristics of irrigation systems.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted that it is important to pay attention to the development of horticulture, viticulture, and vegetable production, which together with food abundance is very important for formation of the eco-friendly environment.

In view of the nature uniqueness of that land area, the head of state has ordered to exercise unremitting control over the issues of effective use of water resources of the rivers running down from the mountainous gorges and valleys, and of turning these places into the blooming garden. Having addressed certain instructions on this account, the head of state left the place of event.

Session of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan

On March 19, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held an online regular session of the Cabinet of Ministers to discuss the focal issues of the state life.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiyev was the first the leader of nation came into contact with. The Vice-Premier informed about the works ongoing for laying the foundations of the future heavy yield of cotton and for implementing the cotton-seeding campaign in velayats in the scheduled agri-technical time frames.

At present, necessary works are ongoing in velayats to efficiently embark on the sowing season, preparation of cotton seeds in particular; scheduled works are in progress in the land areas to be planted to cotton.

Having authorized to start cotton sowing on March 24 in Akhal, Balkan, Lebap and Mary velayats, and on March 31- in Dashoguz velayat, the President of Turkmenistan has addressed a request to the honorary elders, by good tradition, to give start to the spring sowing campaign.

Further, the floor was given to Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Foreign Minister R. Meredov who reported on the work carried out by the Ministry for development of cooperation of neutral Turkmenistan in the world

arena in such current direction as humanitarian field.

To enhance the multi-format partnership of the country, a number of proposals, including the proposals related to interaction in the legal sphere, have been prepared.

In this regard, it was noted that in the context of the within-named tasks, the National Action Plan in the sphere of human rights in Turkmenistan for 2016-2020 has been successfully realized. To further encourage this work on systemic basis, similar document for 2021-2025 has been developed together with the UN specialized structures. The new Plan is also aimed at the fulfillment of the obligations ensuing from the international documents, which our country has acceded over the designated period.

Turkmenistan also develops constructive cooperation with the International Red Crescent Committee. The Action Plan for implementation of international humanitarian law in our country in 2018-2020 has become one of the main tools of partnership with this and other profile structures. The developed draft Plan for 2021-2023 includes a complex of measures aimed at improvement of awareness of the population and knowledgeability of government officials and local specialists in this field.

In the context of cooperation with the reputable international organizations, not the least important is development of the dialog with such large specialized UN agency as UNESCO. To promote advancement of this partnership, by presidential Resolution, the Regulations and composition of the National Commission of Turkmenistan for UNESCO Affairs were updated.

At present, the draft Memorandum on cooperation between the Government of our country and the UNESCO for 2021-2023 has been developed. According to the document, in the within-named period, interaction will be activated in such directions, as education, science, culture, water resources management, statistics, sports, protection of national cultural monuments.

In addition, Turkmenistan strengthens productive partnership in the humanitarian sphere with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). In particular, in association with the OSCE Center in Ashgabat, implementation is planned of 18 projects in the scientific, educational and legal spheres, as well as in mass media.

Close contacts have also been established with the OSCE Higher Commissioner's Office for National Minorities. To promote systemic interaction with the within-named OSCE's

Office, draft Memorandum on cooperation between the Ministry of Education of our country and the above-mentioned Language and Cultural Diversity Department in Turkmenistan has been prepared.

The work of the President-initiated Interdepartmental Commission for provision of Turkmenistan's international obligations in the sphere of human rights and international humanitarian law is actively streamlined. In this context, it is proposed to hold the next regular session of the Interdepartmental Commission in the Institute of International Relations of the Foreign Ministry of the country on March 24. The agenda of session will include the issues of the humanitarian cooperation advancement with reputable international organizations in the running year, as well as implementation of the jointly-developed work plans. It is proposed that representatives of international organizations working in Central Asia and Turkmenistan would participate in the online session.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted that strengthening and expansion of fruitful relations in the humanitarian sphere with all interested foreign partners in the bilateral and multilateral formats is among the priority trends of neutral Turkmenistan's foreign-policy strategy.

In this direction, our country efficiently interacts with big international organizations including the UN and its specialized agencies, OSCE and other reputable structures. Turkmenistan holds active position in the issues of humanitarian cooperation, proposing specific initiatives aimed at safeguarding peace and wealth at the regional and global scales, at tackling the urgent present-day tasks, and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Speaking of this, the President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has approved the presented proposals and gave the relevant assignments to the Vice-Premier, Foreign Minister.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdylyev has reported on upgrading of the State Concern "Türkmenhimiýa" activity, as well as on keeping the work going for widespread adoption of digital systems in the Ministry of Energy and its departments.

According to the plans of the national chemical industry further development, new production facilities have been launched in the structure of the State Concern "Türkmenhimiýa". The industry's sophisticated facilities are oriented to the production of import-substituting and export-orientated goods.

In this regard, draft Resolution "On improvement of the State Concern

“Türkmenhimiýa activity” has been submitted to the President of Turkmenistan for review.

It is proposed to change the institutional structure of the Concern’s Central Management Office for improvement of its management policy, rational use of workforce, material and financial resources.

Having signed the relevant Resolution, the head of state has sent the document and instructions on exercising control over implementation of the Resolution to the Vice-Premier via the electronic document management system.

Reporting on widespread adoption of innovative systems in the activity of the Ministry of Energy, its departmental enterprises and organizations, the Vice-Premier has informed that the Information Security and Digital Technologies Department was established in the Central Management Office of the Ministry of Energy.

At present, on the base of “Döwletenergogözegçilik” Enterprise, the Accounting Center was organized, which collects information about all energy consumers of Ashgabat and velayats. Payment terminals have been installed; internet portal has been developed; and works for introducing of the mobile-phone payment system are in the final stage. These measures are aimed at activating non-cash payments, simplification of control over timely payments, and rational use of electricity.

Necessitating accelerated digitization of the national economy, the head of Turkmenistan has addressed the relevant assignments to the Vice-Premier on diversifying of digitization process in the departmental structures and activating of automation of the electronic database in the frames of the Concept of the Digital Economy Development in Turkmenistan for 2019-2025.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushshikov has reported on taking practical measures for successful tackling of the tasks implied in the Concept of the Digital Economy Development in Turkmenistan for 2019-2025, on the work for creating of automated system of electronic database in the ministries, core departments, administrations of velayats and Ashgabat.

By results of the analysis conducted, a proposal was initiated on the advisability of instituting the “Digital System and Information Security” Department in the management structures of velayats and the capital, which will accordingly entail their structural changes.

In this regard, draft Resolution “On improvement of the activity of khyakimliks of velayats and Ashgabat city” has been presented to the President of Turkmenistan for consideration.

On signing the document, the President of Turkmenistan sent it via the electronic document circulation system, having exhorted the Vice-Premier to keep his eye on timely solution of the tasks enshrined in the document.

Continuing the session, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers has reported on keeping the work going in the departmental structures on transition to digital system, on taking comprehensive measures for improvement of the government services quality and management policy of the facilities and enterprises.

In this regard, information was avowed on reconsideration of the Procedure of state registering and keeping records of legal entities. To create business-favored conditions for small and medium-sized businesses, to widely maintain business indicatives of citizens, the relevant amendments and addendums were introduced to the document.

Necessitating constant analysis of the documents in force and their phased updating, the leader of nation has assigned the Vice-Premier to continue the works in this direction with a glance to the Law of Turkmenistan “On Enterprises”.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Ch. Gylyjov has reported on the ongoing integrated work aimed at increasing of output of import-substituting and export-orientated production.

To cope with the tasks set by the leader of nation on motivating export operations, a proposal was avowed to give preferences to the entrepreneurs and individuals engaged in export operations. Being guided by the world’s experience in this sphere, the measures are taken for advancing the exchange trades and enhancement of local businessmen’s participation in them.

Having listened to the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has stressed that the all-round development of entrepreneurship, raising the role of the NGO sector via the widespread adoption of modern market mechanisms – is one of the main directions of Turkmenistan’s social-economic policy.

It is necessary to continue working in this direction, as well as activate mutuality-based business contacts with foreign partners, the head of state said, having addressed concrete instructions to the Vice-Premier.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers B. Ovezov has reported on the results of work aimed at establishing of the Government Commission for coordination of Turkmenistan’s national system on the earth surface monitoring and at instituting of the “Derýaýollary” Open Joint Stock Venture.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted that upward development of the economy entails intensive information exchange between the structures of different branches of the national economy, accordingly – the necessity increases in enhancement of the telecommunication infrastructure capacities, in provision of rapid and qualitative data exchange between the remote areas, which are not connected to the ground communication channels.

To encourage and promote further coordinated development of the national economy, it is necessary to use the satellite communication systems at their full capacities, the head of Turkmenistan strongly recommended. It is necessary to pay more attention to the launch of the second national satellite Türkmen Älem 52°E.

Having focused on the activity of “Türkmendeňizderýaýollary” Agency, the President of the country has highlighted the necessity of active adoption of efficient management methods, formation of various forms of ownership, and phased implementation of privatization of objects.

After signing the Resolution “On creating of ‘Derýaýollary’ Open Joint Stock Venture”, the head of Turkmenistan sent the document and relevant instructions to the Vice-Premier via the electronic document management system.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Mammedova has reported on the measures undertaken in the frames of international partnership on getting considerable coverage of Turkmenistan’s high achievements over the years of independence on the TV channels of other states.

Commenting on the report, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted the importance of activating the work on introducing the world community of nations to the successes Turkmenistan has achieved over the years of independence. In this context, the leader of nation has ordered to enhance partnership with the authoritative foreign news agencies and TV-Radio structures.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Abdrahmanov has reported on preparation to the regular (the 7th) session of Intergovernmental Turkmen – Saudi Commission for trade and economic cooperation, which is planned to be held in the first half of the year in the capital of Saud Arabia – Riyadh.

During the meeting, it is planned to discuss the implementation of the agreements and other documents, which have been signed during the official visit of the President of Turkmenistan to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in May 2016, as

well as the prospects for further development of bilateral partnership in the trade-economic, investment, energy, construction and industrial spheres, ore mining, food, pharmaceutical branches, in the private sector, health system, agriculture and water management, environment protection, information and communication technologies, science and education, sports, culture and tourism spheres.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted that Turkmenistan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are tied by the old-standing relations of friendship and fruitful interaction, which develops successfully in the bilateral and multilateral formats in the frames of reputable regional and international organizations and structures.

Welcoming the upward dynamics of the interstate dialog, which is based on the principles of equality, mutual respect and trust, the leader of nation has placed emphasis on the availability of impressive potential for further expansion of the productive trade-economic and business ties.

Then, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Geldinyiazov has reported on preparation to the events to be held in the country and abroad on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of independence and proclaiming of the year 2021 in the country under the slogan “Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust”.

Thus, it is planned to hold on May 3-4 the online International scientific-practical conference “The issues of innovative technologies introduction into the industry”, which will be organized by the Ministry of Education and the Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan; and the International Mathematics Contest, which will be held in the International University of Humanitarian Studies and Development, - on May 5-8.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has emphasized the importance of similar representative forums, which promote development of the dialog in the scientific-educational sphere.

Addressing the participants of the session, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that National Spring Holiday – International Nowruz Day, falls on Sunday this year. In this regard, the head of state has signed the Ukase on transfer of the day off from March 21 to March 23 (Tuesday).

Due to the extended days off, the officials were ordered to organized twenty-four hour service in all khyakimliks, enterprises and organizations. The relevant orders have been given to the law-enforcement agencies.

In conclusion, the leader of nation has extended congratulations to the participants of session

and the entire Turkmen people on the incoming National Spring Holiday – International Nowruz Day, which the country will celebrate in the year proclaimed under the slogan “Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust”.

Nowruz is a priceless treasury of ancient history, cultural heritage, and spiritual world of our nation. Widely celebrated, the National Spring Holiday enhances the distinctive traditions of the nation, which are based on the principles of peacefulness, friendship and fraternity, goodwill and humanity, inspiring our citizens to achieve high goals.

Finishing the online session of the Cabinet of Ministers, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov wished strong health, family wealth and great success in work to all participants of the session.

The Turkmen leader has given a start to the spring tree-and-shrub planting campaign

On March 20, in Turkmenistan, with the participation of President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov a start was given to the spring tree-and-shrub planting campaign. The nationwide landscaping action is timed to the National Spring Holiday – International Nowruz Day.

Early in the morning, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov at the wheel of the car proceeded to the site next to the “Garagum” fashionable hotel with multi-profile business center.

There, the Turkmen leader was met by the Mejlis Speaker, Vice-Premiers, heads of military and law enforcement agencies, ministries and departments, social organizations, high education schools, mass media, and student youths.

In the solemn atmosphere, the State Flag of Turkmenistan is hoisted to the magnificent sounds of the National Anthem.

Further, having planted a young tree in the new park, which is created in the northern part of the capital, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov gave a start to the spring tree-planting campaign, which is timed to the National Spring Holiday.

Following the President of Turkmenistan example, all participants of the action have started planting young trees in the would-be park within the part of the city, which would very soon turn into yet another business, social and cultural center of the capital, which celebrates its 140th anniversary this year.

The performance of Turkmen artists – musicians, singers, folk bands, has adorned the current event. The stirring music and dances have added special charm to the gamut of the National Spring Holiday.

Having wished success to the participants of the noble action, which is held in the year of celebrating

the 30th anniversary of independence and 140th anniversary of Ashgabat, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov left the place of event.

ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS REVIEW

- The President of Turkmenistan signed the Ukase “On transfer to the reserve from the Armed Forces and other troops of Turkmenistan of the active-duty servicemen and on regular call up of citizens of Turkmenistan for compulsory-duty service”.

- The President of Turkmenistan signed the Ukase on transfer of the day off from March 21 to March 23 (Tuesday) on the occasion of the National Spring Holiday.

- The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on approving the structure of khyakimliks of velayats and Ashgabat city.

- The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on introducing the position of Deputy Chairman into the institutional structure of “Turkmenhimiya” State Concern and on approving the structure of the Concern’s Central Management Department.

- The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on authorizing the Ministry of Finance and Economy and the “Türkmendeňizderýaýollary” Agency, after changing of the organizational-legal form of the “Derýaýollary” Production Association under the Agency, to transform it in the order established into the Open Join-Stock Association “Derýaýollary”.

- The President of Turkmenistan, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov signed the Order, which resolves: the Minister of Defense, the Minister of Interior, the Minister of National Security, the Chief Head of the State Border Service, the Chairman of the State Migration Service are to conduct transfer to the reserve of the active-duty servicemen who have a record of the years of service prescribed by the Law of Turkmenistan “On military duty and compulsory military service” in the ceremonial atmosphere in tune with the plans of transfer, and to encourage the army-men with excellent results in fighting and social-humanitarian training.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Online meetings with foreign partners

Authorized by President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov, the delegation of our country led by the Mejlis Chairperson took

part in the Central Asian forum “Role of women in strengthening of peace, trust and security”, which was organized in the online format by the Government of Turkmenistan and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The OSCE Incumbent Chairman and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland Ann Linde, the OSCE Secretary General Helga Schmidt, as well as the high-ranking representatives of parliaments of foreign countries and international structures took part in the meeting.

In the frames of opinion exchange, it was noted that all participant-states of the forum have achieved progress in creating of their advanced national normative-legal base aimed at protection of women's rights and gender equality.

In the thematic survey developed by Turkmenistan's legislation structures, representatives of our country have covered the role of women in different spheres of state and social life of the country. As was noted, the principle of equal rights and freedoms, creation of equal possibilities for men and women is one of the priorities of the policy pursued under the leadership of President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov.

On the unanimous opinion of speakers, the present meeting has become a good opportunity for the positive experience exchange. The document of the advisable character adopted by results of the online-forum is the result of joint activity of the countries.

The primary tasks enshrined in the document are assigned to promote formulation of the policy in the sphere of gender equality and sustainable development.

An online meeting with Secretary General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Helga Schmid was held in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The parties discussed the current situation and prospects for the Turkmenistan-OSCE dialogue advancement and paid particular attention to cooperation in maintaining security in the region, including the fight against terrorism, drug and human trafficking. In this context, the Turkmen side reaffirmed its interest in developing of the OSCE United Security Strategy.

The parties underlined the importance of attracting effective implements and instrumentalities to prevent conflicts between the countries. In this regard, the Turkmen side has proposed to consider adoption of new political and diplomatic instrumentalities, in particular, with the use of the positive neutrality principles.

The Turkmen party has also avowed a

proposal on convening of the regional conference on combating funding of terrorism and transnational organized crime. The possibilities of cooperation in the field of cybersecurity were also discussed.

Afghan issues were also included into the agenda of the videoconference. As was noted, Turkmenistan considers large energy, transport and communication projects as a driving force toward achieving social and economic stability in this country.

Discussing energy security and sustainable transport, the parties have underlined the importance of stable access to energy resources in the context of regional and global development.

The Turkmen side has stated that being one of the largest producers and suppliers of energy resources in the world, Turkmenistan is actively working over creating of flexible mechanisms for energy resources supply to the world markets. In this context, our country has already proposed to create a specialized OSCE structure - the Sustainable Energy Council.

The issues of expanding cooperation in the field of transport and environment safety were also discussed. In this aspect, the importance of the OSCE project “Promoting Advancement of ‘Green’ Ports and Interconnectivity in the Caspian Sea Region” was underlined. It was emphasized that Turkmenistan intends to promote development of ‘green’ ports, digitalization and simplification of trade and transport communications in Central Asia and the Caucasus.

It was also noted that expert-level meetings were regularly held to study the possibility of preparing the OSCE Complex Environment Program.

During the online meeting, the aspects of cooperation in the humanitarian sphere were discussed, in particular, partnership in the field of human rights protection and gender equality. The effectiveness of interaction between our country and the OSCE through the Office of the Ombudsman of Turkmenistan and the importance of contacts with the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities were emphasized.

The important role of the OSCE Center in Ashgabat in promoting joint projects, including the development of digital media in Turkmenistan, was underlined.

Representatives of the Ministry of Finance and Economy took part in the online Regional forum on sustainable development under the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN ECE). The goal of the meeting was

to discuss the work accomplished by the UN ECE in the region in the frames of the 2030-Agenda and the success achieved in this sphere.

Our country was one of the first to start consultations on adaptation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to the national conditions via implementing successfully the necessary measures. Right after the United Nations Summit, the UN Country Group and the Government of Turkmenistan have agreed on the three-phase plan of the universal program document implementation.

Special emphasis has been laid upon the work performed in the sphere of national adaptability of the SDG. In particular, it was highlighted that by results of the measures taken, the relevant List was adopted, which included 17 goals, 136 tasks and 180 indicators.

It was also noted that in 2019, the first Voluntary National Review of our country on SDG achievement has been presented in the frames of the top-level Political Forum under the aegis of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in New York.

Measures for reduction of negative impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the economy of the countries in the region were one of the main topics of the meeting.

The online International Scientific-Practical Conference entitled ‘History and Culture of Architectural Art’ was one of the central theme events of 2021, proclaimed on the initiative of President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov as the Year of Architecture and Construction in the frames of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The forum, which took place in the capital’s Museum of Fine Arts, was co-organized by the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Construction and Architecture, Ashgabat City Khyakimlik, and the Union of Architects of Turkmenistan.

Among those joining the online conference were: Deputy Chairman of the CIS Executive Committee – Executive Secretary I. Nematov; Co-Chairman of the Board of the CIS Interstate Fund for Humanitarian Cooperation, Special Envoy of the President of the Russian Federation for International Cultural Cooperation, M. Shvydkoy; Executive Director of the CIS Interstate Fund for Humanitarian Cooperation A. Iksanov; Executive Secretary of the International Association of Unions of Architects, Vice-President of the Union of Architects of Russia, Honored Architect of the Russian Federation, Academician I. Voskresensky; top officials and representatives of the relevant ministries and agencies of the CIS member-states.

Prior to the forum, its participants had the opportunity to become familiar with an exhibition arranged in the Museum’s foyer. On display were the architectural projects and models developed by students of the State Academy of Arts of Turkmenistan and the Turkmen State Architecture and Construction Institute.

As was highlighted at the conference, the CIS is fully committed to the objectives and core principles of modern international cooperation: good will, trust and equality. Exactly such respect-based approach encourages building bridges of friendship, successful partnerships in realization of important joint projects and experience exchange.

This was exactly what the online conference sought to focus on. Its participants delivered the reports on architectural heritage of the CIS member-states, traditions and innovations in the modern urban development.

The forum attendees were shown a special video film about cultural heritage of Turkmenistan and its architecture successfully replicated in white-marble Ashgabat, which will celebrate its 140th anniversary in the running year.

The International Scientific-Educational Center of the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry hosted an online TV-bridge with the participation of Dr. Amin Mortazavi – a gynecology specialist of German Organization “Senior Expert Service” (The German Economy Fund for international cooperation “Experienced Experts Service” – SES), and obstetricians of the Scientific-Clinical Center of Mother and Child Health Protection.

Modern methods of angiography examination of blood vessels have been discussed at the online meeting with the leading specialist in the sphere of intervention radiology Dr. Fredrick Seidel.

In the course of the TV-bridge, the conference was held with the participation of a representative of the “Senior Expert Service”, Gerlinda Parteke. Consideration was given to the issues of anesthesiology and resuscitation, advanced methods anesthesia and emergency measures used in modern surgery.

In the online meeting with Dr. Zerlinda Zaltser, the leading Turkmen children’s pediatricians and neuropathologists of the country took part. It was noted that Turkmen specialists have brought diagnostics and provision of medical aid to the population to the new level appropriate to the European standards.

At the video conference with participation of Dr. Susanna Krellner (a specialist in physiotherapy sphere) consideration was given to the use of

methods of treatment of various diseases, such as heat, cold, current, magnetic radiation, mud therapy, massage, hydrotherapy, etc.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted an online meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic R. Kazakbaev.

The heads of Foreign Ministries of the two friendly countries have discussed key aspects of the Turkmen-Kyrgyz relations in the political-diplomatic sphere, as well as in the trade-economic and humanitarian fields.

The sides expressed themselves in favor of activating the ministerial political Meeting participants underlined the importance of intensifying political consultations. The parties have also emphasized the similarity of the two countries' positions on major regional and international issues and gave consideration to cooperation of Turkmenistan and the Kyrgyz Republic in the frames of the UN, ECO, CIS, and other authoritative international organizations.

Consideration was also given to strengthening of the trade-economic ties between the two countries, and to the prospects for cooperation in the spheres of energy, transport and agriculture. In this regard, not the least important is to regularly hold the meetings of the Intergovernmental Turkmen-Kyrgyz Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technical and Humanitarian Cooperation.

Touching upon advancement of the humanitarian ties, the sides were pleased to note the efficiency of contacts in the area of education, culture and sports, and in this context considered the possibilities of their furthering in the running year.

FORUMS

Entrepreneurship – a driving force of Turkmenistan's market economy

On the past week, Ashgabat hosted an exhibition and conference of the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union, which was traditionally timed to the day of formation of this large structure, which unites around 26,000 representatives of domestic private businesses.

Not only achievements, but also a huge potential of business structures, which demonstrate activity almost in all branches of the national economy, have been presented in the Exhibition Center of Chamber of Commerce and Industry. At the same time, the accent was made on the advanced technologies.

Around 200 exhibitors, including structural divisions of the IETU, "Rysgal" Joint-Stock Commercial Bank, large facilities and business entities, which implement major government projects both in the capital and regions, have demonstrated their exhibition stands.

Worth of mentioning is the fact that in decorating of the stands and various commodities of home producers, the insignia of the Year "Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust" and of the remarkable dates the country celebrates in the running year – the 30th anniversary of independence and 140th anniversary of Ashgabat, was widely used.

The activity of the IETU members, which specialize in the sphere of AIC and agri-food industry, was traditionally widely represented at the exhibition. Today, home entrepreneurs produce wide variety of dairy and meat production, child food, fruit and vegetable concentrates, juices, mayonnaise, ice-cream, canned food, fish production, various confectionaries. Agricultural producers increase the production of cucurbitaceous crops, fruits and vegetables including the fruits exotic for our country.

Large agri-enterprises, hothouse farms, production-processing complexes in poultry, animal husbandry and fishery, agri-food enterprises were among the exhibitors of grand showcase.

The capabilities of the IETU members in implementation of the Digital Economy Concept for 2019-2025 have been presented under the exposition. The private companies engaged in the trade and service sphere expand adoption of internet trade and mobile electronics applications; more actively use the possibilities of Internet-platforms for online shopping.

The entrepreneurs have actively joined the implementation of the President-imitated program of creating and advancing the electronic industry in the country. At the same time, the accent is placed on highly efficient eco-friendly production, widespread adoption of digital systems and technological innovations in all branches.

On display were also various home-made house appliances, like gas and electric stoves, ovens, microwaves, smart TVs, which do not yield to foreign analogues and are in great demand among the population.

Construction sphere has taken its traditional place at the exhibition. The IETU members build residential and cottage complexes, parks, administrative and business centers, major infrastructural facilities in the capital. Construction of Ashgabat - Turkmenabat

highway, new administrative center of Akhal velayat, facilities of Ashgabat-City, and 17th phase of the capital's urban development are among large orders of the government.

Transport-logistic companies have also demonstrated their achievements and possibilities, which are of special significance in the context of implementation of major international projects in this sphere.

Visitors had an opportunity to get acquainted with one of the by-now priority trends of the national business development – opening of import- substituting enterprises of the industrial orientation.

Quite recently, the market of building materials was governed by import production. Today, the situation has changed significantly owing to the intensive development of entrepreneurship. Moreover, local and foreign companies give preference to construction materials made in Turkmenistan – first of the first due to their optimum price.

The number of exhibitors engaged in the chemical production, which is developed on the basis of natural resources of Turkmenistan, has significantly grown. Such companies as “Şatumar”, “Täç hil”, “Argyş” and many individual enterprises have presented their novelties on the local market of synthetic detergents and disinfectants, cosmetic and fragrance production.

A number of exhibitors demonstrated the capabilities of the private sector in increasing of consumer goods production – textiles, footwear, furniture, etc.

The Entrepreneurship School, which implements dozens of educational projects, as well as private centers “Päk Nesil” and “Dalçyn”, demonstrated the capabilities of educational direction of the IETU activity.

The entrepreneurs invest in the development of service and trade sphere; provide wide range of advertising, publishing and other services.

The fashion show of “Asman” Fashion House, which has presented 38 exclusive models of spring and summer collection “Asman gülleri”, was a wonderful gift for the visitors of the exhibition. Souvenirs made in the national style, including souvenirs with pictures of historical places, attractions of the Turkmen capital, souvenirs dedicated to the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat, have been demonstrated.

Achievement of the goals by the Turkmen business community in the light of the major government programs was discussed at the conference, which took place in the office of the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union.

During the forum, the participants have listened to the reports on the IETU work in various sectors, discussed implementation progress of the tasks the President of Turkmenistan assigned to the private sector, including completion of large government orders and investment projects, and other current subjects.

The reports were presented on taking measures for getting exposure to international markets of Turkmen products and on wide spread adoption of digital technologies in the national economy.

DATES

Turkmen citizens celebrate Nowruz: Triumph of renovation and inspiration of life

In an atmosphere of general enthusiasm, emotional raise Turkmen citizens have celebrated National Spring Holiday – International Nowruz Day.

In the capital, the major festive events have centered at the bank of the Karakum River, where in an improvised city the traditional Turkmen setup of life, with main picturesque rites, white yurts, trestle beds (‘topchans’) covered with carpets were replicated. Special features of the city’s ‘geography’ are highlighted by handicraft workshops and exhibition stands, which look like shopping tents, next to which the life was in full swing like in the old days at the oriental bazaars, which used to appear along the trade routes between the cities, countries and regions.

Deputy Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers, heads of the Mejlis, ministries and departments, military and law enforcement agencies, various establishments and social organizations, representatives of mass media were among the participants of the event.

Like the spring thunderstorm, the first sounds of drums have signaled about startup of Nowruz – a New Day, a New Year.

An artist in the person of Magtymguly Fragi and a boy – the present-day ancestor of the great Turkmen poet and philosopher – welcome the guests with the poet’s poems; the song about Nowruz arrival, which invites everyone to join the celebration, is performed; music-and-dance performance starts.

Folk bands have presented a staged play on demonstrating the customs related to cooking of the main ritual dish of Nowruz – ‘semeni’.

The slogan of 2021 has been reciprocated in the dramatized performance “Turkmenistan – Home of Peace, Friendship and Fraternity”, in which the artists performed dances of the peoples of the world, which also celebrate Nowruz as the Turkmen people do.

Exhibition of books of President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov, based on which many staged plays have been demonstrated at the current celebration, has been presented on a separate ground. The plays are the revivification of ancient history and traditions of Nowruz celebrating. In the age- and millennium-old retrospection, the holiday appears before the spectators in its all inexhaustible generosity, sun-lighted by the rays of renovation, inspiration and joy.

The entertainment matches of wrestlers ('palvans'), which are associated with the forces of good and light, gave rise to the approving cries of spectators. Numerous positive emotions the spectators received from watching the national games: yaglyga, tovsamak, dyuzyum, knucklebones, and others; the Karakum River hosted the water sport performances.

The performance of bakhshy (folk song singers) ensemble named after Maya Kuliyeva of the Turkmen National Conservatory has brought in a unique charm to the gamut of celebration, where ancient music and songs interweaved with popular rhythms of our days.

All of these were supplemented with the exhibition of various home-made agricultural productions, for Nowruz opens a new farming season.

Great attention of the participants of celebration was attracted with exposition organized by the Museum of Fine Arts of Turkmenistan, which presented rich creative heritage of the Turkmen people and modern arts of the country. The subject of national crafts was continued by masters of national musical instruments and jewelry.

The time for the grand celebration concert has come at the main stage, which is decorated with bright carpets and framed with 14 «ak öýi» tents, which symbolize the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat that would be widely celebrated in May on the Ashgabat Day holiday.

In the ceremonial atmosphere, the congratulation message of President of

Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov to the fellow countrymen on the occasion of National Spring Holiday – International Nowruz Day has been avowed.

Then, the concert of masters of art of the country took place. The concert program included literary and musical, folk and ethnographic compositions, dances, lyrical national song and modern works.

Ringling voices were heard from high swings surrounded by the youth. To ride the swings is thought to be a spiritual purification ritual, which enables entering a new year with new power and light thoughts. The event finished with the kushtdepy dance, which embodies the cycle of being and sun, granting life and light.

Celebration concerts and cultural events have been held in all administrative centers of velayats of the country – in parks and squares, meadows and ponds.

COMMODITIES EXCHANGE NEWS

34 transactions were registered at the State Commodities and Raw Materials Exchange last week.

In the foreign currency, businessmen from the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, China, Malta, and Afghanistan made the contracts for purchasing of the gasoline, aviation kerosene, and petroleum bitumen produced at the Turkmenbashi Refinery Complex. Businessmen from Russia, Great Britain, the UAE, Turkey, Malta, and China purchased polyethylene and hydrofined diesel fuel.

Besides, businessmen from Turkey, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan purchased colorless sheet glass, one-colored and jacquard terry products, and cotton yarn. The sum total of the deals exceeded 49.554 thousand.

The in-manat deals for purchasing of the cotton yarn were made by businessmen from Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, and Kazakhstan (about 8 million manats).

**Türkmenistanyň Prezidenti
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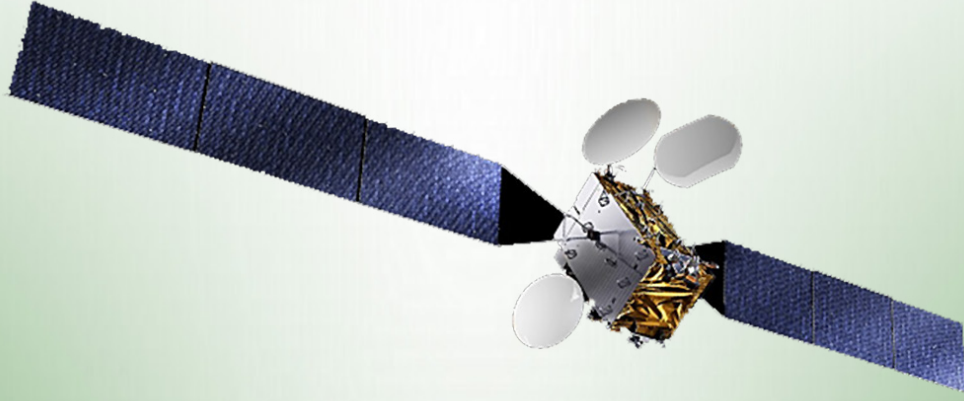
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