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OFFICIAL NEWS

The President of Turkmenistan received the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China

On January 12, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has received the newly-appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Turkmenistan Cheng Zhensheng.

Grateful to the leader of nation for finding the time for the meeting, the diplomat has presented his credentials to the head of state. Taking advantage of the opportunity, the diplomat, on behalf of the PCR Chairman Xi Jinping, conveyed warm greetings and best wishes in the New 2021 Year, which on Turkmenistan's initiative was proclaimed as International Year of Peace and Trust by special Resolution of the UN General Assembly.

Appreciative of warm words, the leader of nation has addressed response sincere wishes of happiness and prosperity to the leadership and people of the friendly country, having highlighted particular interest of Turkmenistan in strengthening of the traditionally friendly trust-based relations with the countries of the Asian-Pacific region, in particular with China – a strategic partner of Turkmenistan in realization of important projects of regional significance.

In the frames of meeting, particular emphasis was placed on the trade-economic relations further advancement. As an example of the productive mutuality-based partnership, the sides referred to realization of the grandiose project – construction of the transnational gas pipeline, which supplies the Turkmenistan-Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan-China international pipeline with billions of cubic meters of the valuable raw material (the natural gas) from the large Malay gas deposit located in the eastern region of our country.

Having expressed sincere gratitude for productive exchange of visions on a broad range of subjects of reciprocal interest, Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary of the People's Republic of China Cheng Zhensheng has assured President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov that he would make every effort for further strengthening of good relations between the two countries and their friendly peoples.

Social and economic development of the country – in the focus of the online working session

On January 13, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov held an online working session with the participation of some Deputy Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers, khyakims of Akhal and Dashoguz velayats, as well as the Minister of Education. The agenda of session was centered on the primary tasks of the country's further socioeconomic development and other issues of the state's vital activity.

Khyakims of velayats reported on the current state of affairs in velayats, on treating and giving care to the fields planted to wheat and preparing the lands and agri-machinery to the spring sowing campaign. Khyakims have also informed the leader of nation about

the activity carried out by the structures concerned on the implementation progress of the National Rural Development Program.

It was reported that the 6-hectare hothouse in Kaahka etrap and sophisticated textile complexes in Kaahka and Babadayan etraps would be put into operation in 2021; commissioning is also projected of the Ashgabat – Tejen high-speed highway; and construction will be continued of the objects included in the first phase of the Redevelopment Program of the new modern administrative center of Akhal velayat.

Information was avowed about construction progress of the 3,000-capacity "Türkmenin ak öýi" in Dashoguz velayat intended for holding cultural and public events and the 3,000-seat premises – for organizing traditional sadaqat ceremonies; besides, a 450-bed multifield hospital, 150-patient oncological clinic, and 15 residential buildings in the Gyorogly Street are under construction in the town of Dashoguz.

Along with current agi-works, not the least significant is now to start active preparation to the spring agricultural campaigns, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov stressed. The upcoming spring seeding campaign is to be held at a better and higher level in terms of timing, quality, and organization, the head of state added.

Special attention is to be paid to provision of the population of the region with energy, water and gas. It is necessary to ensure efficient functioning of schools in the second half of the year, the President of the country highlighted.

Touching upon implementation of the tasks enshrined in the National Rural Development Program, the head of state has concentrated on accelerating the pace of construction and observing the completion date of the objects to be launched on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the country's independence. Development of the program of cultural events and measures on the occasion of remarkable dates is also to be in the focus of attention, the leader of nation has summed up.

In the course of the online session, Deputy Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers Ch. Gyljov (in charge of Akhal velayat) and G. Mushshikov (in charge of Dashoguz velayat) have reported on the results of their working rounds of etraps to get acquainted with the state of affairs at the construction objects, launching of which is timed to the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's independence.

Timely completion of the objects erected in velayats will have a positive impact on the improvement of social level of the rural population. At the same time, the President of Turkmenistan has noted the importance of wide spread adoption of digitization achievements in the life-support systems of residential buildings.

Having assured that now and in the years ahead the state would continue providing comprehensive support to these works, the leader of nation has demanded to exercise strict control over earmarked use of the allocated funds resources.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Geldinyazov and Minister of Education O. Gurbanov were summoned to the online session.

It was stressed that in the winter period, special attention is to be paid to the trouble-free functioning of heating systems in schools and other educational facilities. Provision of educational institutions with visual aids, text books and manuals is to be under permanent control.

Special attention is to be paid to making appropriate conditions for upgrading of the national education system and bringing it to the world level, for encouraging scientific and research activity of young scientists. Comprehensive work is carried out for introduction of digital system, improvement of education quality and qualification of the personnel.

In the comments to the reports, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has sorted out the following important tasks allotted to the education sphere – wide spread adoption of advanced experience and digital systems in the spheres of economy; training of the qualified proficient specialists highly acclaimed in all branches of the national economy.

Special attention is to be paid to ensuring high level of the measures, which the institutions of education devote to the 30th anniversary of the Motherland's independence, the head of state said.

In conclusion, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has extended wishes of splendid health, family wealth and big success in work to the participants of the online session.

Offsite session of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan

On January 14, on arrival from his working visit to Lebap welayat, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov held an offsite enriched session of the Cabinet of Ministers in the "Ruhyet" Palace to give consideration to some issues of the state's vital activity and to the drafts of a number of documents.

The first speaker, the Mejlis Chairperson G. Mammedova, has informed about the National Parliament's activity on further streamlining of the country's legislative-regulatory base as well as on the awareness-raising and advocacy activities the Mejlis deputies carry out in welayats.

The Parliament plans to develop and adopt a large package of bills related to the foreign policy of our state, efficient use of investments, wide spread adoption of scientific and technical achievements, development of entrepreneurship and state-private sector partnership, science, education and culture, health spheres, physical culture and sports, nature and environment protection.

Preparation to the elections of members to the Halk Maslahaty of Turkmenistan Milli Gengeshi (People's Council of National Assembly of Turkmenistan) is ongoing; a number of legal and normative acts and provisions related to organizations of the election campaign have been approved.

President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has focused attention of the chief head of the National Parliament on the necessity to continue the law-making activity with a glance to the priorities of the state's present-time development and generally-admitted standards of international law.

Then, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs R. Meredov has reported on the outcomes of the Turkmen delegation's working trip to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan on January 8-9, 2021 to discuss the prospects for the bilateral relations further advancement.

Besides, a number of constructive talks have been held with high-ranking officials of the Afghan Government in Kabul. In particular, political consultations have been held, which resulted in adoption of the Program

of Cooperation between the Foreign Ministries of Turkmenistan and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in 2021-2022.

In addition, by results of the 6th session of the Joint Turkmen-Afghan Security Workgroup the relevant Protocol was signed.

In the comments to the report, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has highlighted that development of constructive cooperation with Afghanistan is among the priority vectors of Turkmenistan's foreign-policy course.

In this regard, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov gave a number of relevant instructions to the Vice-Premier, Foreign Minister on comprehensive implementation of joint projects.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Mammedova has reported on the situation in the structures she is in charge of, on implementation of the January program of cultural measures and festivities on the occasion of commissioning of social and cultural objects in the context of the year's motto "Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust" and the program of events in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Motherland's independence.

The Vice-Premier has presented the Draft Resolution "On elimination of the Deputy Editor-in-Chief posts in some newspapers" to the head of state for consideration.

Summing up the report and highlighting special role of culture sphere and mass media in introduction of the world community to the achievements of the country, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has exhorted the Vice-Premier to ensure high level of all cultural events to be held in 2021.

While signing the Resolution, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has focused on special importance of steadfast improvement of the media activity in the context of the present-time tasks allotted to the national journalism.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushshikov has reported on keeping work going on instituting of the "Information Security and Digital Technologies" department (with three officials according to the staff list) in the structure of central institutions of welayat khyakimliks and Ashgabat City.

For consideration of the head of state Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, the Vice-Premier has also presented the proposal on re-organizing and renaming of some departments in the regional and capital's municipalities and on introducing of the Chief Lawyer position into their structure.

Summing up the report, the President of the country has noted that to ensure successful operation and competitiveness of the enterprises under conditions of the rapidly developing market relations, it is necessary to optimize the management structure of all institutions. Having generally approved the proposals in this direction, the leader of nation has demanded to accelerate the rates of the works planned.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Meredov has reported on the current situation and prospects for further streamlining of the oil/gas complex.

Draft Resolution "On approval of the volumes of petroleum products intended for local consumers of Turkmenistan in 2021" was presented to the head of state for consideration.

The head of state has strongly advised to activate wide spread adoption of energy-saving technologies in the branches, exercise unremitting control over implementation progress of major infrastructural projects

aimed at strengthening of the energy sector's export potential.

Having signed the Resolution, the President of the country has charged the Vice-Premier with the task to ensure the appropriate implementation of the document.

Reporting on the state of affairs in the electric-power and chemical industries, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdulyev has concentrated on keeping work going on production of new chemicals highly-acclaimed in the agriculture.

It was informed that in plans is production of the fine-ground sulfur (20,000 tons a year) at the S. A. Niyazov Turkmenabat Chemical Plant on the basis of wide spread adoption of modern innovatory technologies and specialized equipment.

Commenting on the report, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has placed particular accent on the invariable increase of volumes and assortment of the home-made products highly acclaimed at the internal and foreign markets.

In this regard, the Vice-Premier was exhorted to interrogate the issues of technical rearmament of the national chemical industry's enterprises and arrange production of new demand-driven chemical products on the basis of rich local resources.

During the session, the online TV-bridge was held on the occasion of commissioning of the three major construction projects – the railroad between Akina and Andkhvoy stations; Kerky-Shibargan power transmission line; and Ymamnazar – Akina and Serheabat – Turgundy fiber optic and transit routes.

The progress report of Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Minister B. Ovezov covered the issue on changing of the organizational-legal structure of "Deryayollari" Production Association into the joint stock venture with "Türkmendenizderyayollari" Agency, "Turkmenbashi International Seaport" and "Maritime Commercial Fleet" Closed Joint Stock Venture in the capacity of founders of "Deryayollari" Joint Stock Venture.

In view of the importance of clear fulfillment of primary tasks in this direction, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has assigned the Vice-Premier to make every effort to realize the plans projected.

Upgrading of the trade and production facilities in Lebp velayat were in the center of the progress report made by Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Ch. Gylyjov.

The Vice-Premier has reported that the Lebao Association of Consumers' Societies under the Ministry of Trade and Foreign Economic Affairs plans to build 10 modern shops.

In particular, in plans of 2021 is reconstruction of the Central Market in Turkmenabat, modernization of large shops in Charjew, Dyanew, Sayat, and Farap etraps, and opening of modern markets.

In addition, on the basis of the production objects located in the industrial zone of Turkmenabat it is planned to open the facility for production of pasta and an agri-food conservation enterprise.

In his instructions to the Vice-Premier, the leader of nation has highlighted the necessity of provision of high-quality and diversified foodstuff products, further development of servicing and marketing sphere in the capital and beyond.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Geldinyazov reported on keeping the work going on the

occasion of the 300th anniversary of the great philosopher and poet of the East Magtymguly Fragi.

It was mentioned that on the occasion of the upcoming in 2024 anniversary of the outstanding classic of Turkmen literature, it is planned to launch a special internet-portal dedicated to the life and creative activity of the famous philosopher and poet of XVIII century.

With the use of digital technologies it is planned: to create the "Magtymguly Fragi Encyclopedia", which would include all information about the poet; to prepare the "Magtymguly Fragi Divan" (Collection) in the digital and printing formats; to translate the poems of Magtymguly Fragi into different languages and make their presentations; to conduct book exhibitions and poetry parties; prepare the scientific-research works.

In cooperation with international organizations, it is planned to conduct an International Scientific Conference in 2024.

In this regard, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has highlighted an exclusive importance of the work on interrogating of the millennium-old cultural heritage of the ancestors, in which the creative work of the world-renowned genius poet and thinker of the East Magtymguly Fragi – a recognized founder of the Turkmen classic literature, is by right a true pearl.

Given the significance of the upcoming events, the leader of nation has exhorted the officials concerned to institute the Steering Committee on celebrating the anniversary at a high organizational level.

As the leader of nation has noted, the would-be Magtymguly Fragi Monument in the Kopetdag foothills would become yet another symbol of deep respect for the richest creative heritage of the great Turkmen poet and thinker by the present generations.

Implementation progress of agri-works and attendance of the fields planted to winter wheat were covered in the report presented by Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiyev.

In his instructions to the Vice-Premier, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has focused on realization of the development-favored programs and changes in the agriculture.

The Vice-Premier has received instructions on further development of the livestock farming sector, increase of production volumes and enhancement of the variety of home-produced agricultural output.

Further, the floor was given to the Lebap velayat khyakim Sh. Amangeldiyev who reported on the situation in the eastern region of the country.

Concrete instructions, which President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has addressed to the khakiym, were centered on promotion of the socioeconomic infrastructure development, improvement of social and living conditions of the population of the region, observance of quality of construction works at the facilities planned to be opened on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's independence.

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

Presidents of Turkmenistan and Afghanistan took part in the start-up of new partnership-favored arteries

On January 14, Turkmenabat hosted the festivities on the occasion of commissioning of the 30-km railroad between Akina and Andkhvoy stations of the Islamic

Republic of Afghanistan, 153-kilometer 500-kW power transmission line between Kerky (Turkmenistan) and Shibargan (Afghanistan), as well as the Ymamazar-Akina and Serhetabat-Turgundy international fiber-optic communication lines between our countries.

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov and President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani have taken part in the start-up ceremonies via the TV-bridge.

Congratulating the people assembled on the remarkable event, the head of Turkmenistan has expressed gratitude to the Turkmen and Afghan specialists for major work they have skillfully and successfully accomplished in the phase of the projects development and implementation.

The leader of nation has noted that accomplished in a short space of time, all projects have common goals – to give strong impulse to the long-term development of our countries, promote prosperity and wealth of the Turkmen and Afghan peoples, wide international cooperation, understanding, stable political and social progress.

The leader of nation has assured the Afghan brothers, friends and partners in the region and world that to achieve the within-named goals, Turkmenistan now and in the years ahead would continue providing comprehensive economic, political-diplomatic support to Afghanistan on the bilateral basis and in the aspect of consolidation of international efforts.

The Turkmen leader has expressed sincere gratitude to the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani for support of these projects and his great personal contribution to their realization.

Addressing the participants of the event, the head of state has noted that development of energy and trans-border transport-communications systems is an efficient and workable condition of our states' dynamic economic growth, an important foundation for improvement of wealth of the people, creation of additional workplaces, and attraction of large foreign investments.

The head of Turkmenistan has expressed confidence that we are now at the door of the great road – the path of new initiatives and undertakings. In the future, the numerous projects we realize will be just as much significant as the within-named ones – large-scale, potentially-rewarding for the two brotherly countries and peoples, and other states, the leader of nation stressed.

President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani in turn has highlighted that the opening of Akina-Andkhvoy railroad and other joint infrastructural projects are the landmark steps on the way toward further expansion of interaction and represent an important part of our future-orientated regional relations and integration.

All of these would improve living conditions of the Afghan people and situations in the countries of the region, President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani highlighted, having noted that these programs would make the development- and social wealth-favored corridors, which would promote Afghanistan's rapid development.

Further, the Chairman of "Türkmenmirýollary" Agency and chief head of the Railroad Routes Department of Afghanistan have reported on the readiness to put the Akina-Andkhvoy railroad into operation.

It was noted that the railway would enable to activate the trade between Afghanistan and Turkmenistan. According to the analysis made by the Railroad Routes Department of Afghanistan, the cargo traffic is expected to increase by 20 percent in the first year, and by 50 percent – in the second year. The rate of cargo traffic will also increase, and new workplaces will be created.

In addition, Turkmenistan and Afghanistan have started realization of another transport project – construction of the Turgundy-Herat 173-kilometer railroad, four railway stations, communications and announcing systems, and a platform.

As soon as new logistic routes are connected to the Akina-Andkhvoy and Turgundy – Herat railroads, their role as important links of the international transport corridor, which stretches from the Caspian Sea to the Indian Ocean, will grow.

Blessed by the President of Turkmenistan, the first train prepared by the "Türkmenmirýollary" Agency has started off from Akina railway station to Andkhvoy. The train includes 20 freight cars and tanks loaded with export-orientated production of Turkmenistan – diesel fuel (10 cars), mineral fertilizers (7 cars), and crop production (3 cars).

Further, via the TV-bridge, the Minister of Energy of Turkmenistan and the General Direction of the Department for Water and Energy Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan reported to the Heads of states on readiness for commissioning of the power transmission line from the Turkmen city of Kerky to the Afghan city of Shibargan.

After launching of the 500 kW power transmission line, the number of the Turkmen energy users will reach 9 million all over Afghanistan.

The "Kerky" substation is provided with modern equipment and innovative technologies. It has all conditions for efficient work of its personnel. Construction of these facilities has improved power supply to Lebap velayat and created technical capabilities for energy export.

In turn, the Afghan side has built in its territory necessary facilities for receiving of the Turkmen electric power. At the first stage, it will be supplied to Andkhvoy, Shibargan and Mazar-e-Sharif, and at the second stage (early in 2022) – to Pul-i-Khumri and Kabul.

Then, the Chairman of "Türkmenaragatnyşyk" Agency and the Minister of Communications and Information Technologies of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan joined the TV-bridge. They reported on the readiness for commissioning of the Ymamazar – Akina and Serhetabat – Turgundy (Afghanistan) fiber optic lines to serve the international transit routes.

Afghanistan is connected with five neighboring countries, including Turkmenistan, by the fiber optic communication system. The new line is yet another step toward establishment of digital system of Afghanistan.

Necessary communication equipment has been installed during construction of the fiber optic communication line in compliance with the Memorandum and contract made between "Türkmenaragatnyşyk" Agency and Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies of Afghanistan and the "Afghan Wireless" Communication Company.

Thus, the DWDM equipment with 40 Gb/sec traffic has been installed between Mary and Serhetabat; 8 kilometers of fiber optic cable and units with 100 Gb/sec have been built and installed in the Serhetabat – Turgundy section.

Three kilometers of the fiber optic communication line have been laid from Ymamazar to Akina; and communication equipment with 100 Gb/sec traffic has been installed in the Kerky-Akina section.

The opportunity to increase the transit traffic network via our country and provide its transfer to Afghanistan and farther to Pakistan will be available after opening

has left for Turkmenabat Airport by helicopter, from which he left for Ashgabat.

ORDERS & RESOLUTIONS REVIEW

- President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on approving the volumes of petroleum products (including gasoline, diesel fuel and jet fuel) intended for domestic consumers in 2021.
- In accordance with the Resolution of the President of Turkmenistan, the position of Deputy Editor-in-Chief is eliminated in a number of newspapers without amending the staff list.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Online meetings with foreign partners

The issues of the bilateral cooperation advancement and its future-orientated prospects were on the agenda of the online working meeting with representatives of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). The videoconference was also attended by heads and specialists of the Ministry of Finance and Economy, Joint-Stock Commercial Bank «Halkbank», as well as the head of the EBRD Representative Office in Turkmenistan.

While discussing the plans of the future-orientated interaction, the meeting participants exchanged views on the prospects for building up relations in the light of the national economy reform, which is ongoing in the country.

One of the key aspects of the reform is the intensification of investment activities on the basis of the country's investment-favored climate and attraction of the domestic business sector resources.

Thereto, an important role of the Joint Stock Commercial Bank «Halkbank» in the development of the private sector of the Turkmen economy was highlighted. In plans of the meeting participants is also implementation of measures aimed at maintaining of modern business-models and corporate management in the banking sector.

Briefing in the MFA of Turkmenistan

The Turkmen capital hosted a briefing devoted to the at-a-time commissioning of three infrastructure facilities: the Kerki (Turkmenistan) - Shibirgan (Afghanistan) power transmission line; the 30-kilometer Akina-Andkhov railway section in the Afghan territory; as well as the Imamnazar (Turkmenistan) - Akina (Afghanistan) and Serhetabat (Turkmenistan) - Turgundy (Afghanistan) international fiber-optic communication lines.

The briefing was attended by the heads of a number of ministries, heads and representatives of diplomatic missions accredited to Turkmenistan, rectors of the high education establishments, over 30 foreign journalists from 15 countries.

Ambassadors of Turkmenistan to foreign countries also took part in the briefing via the digital-audio channel.

In the course of briefing, particular accent was placed on the fact that the projects of the kind are yet another real steps initiated by President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov towards Afghanistan's consistent joining the regional and international economic processes, the system of continental transport-communication ties.

It was also noted that construction in Turkmenistan and Afghanistan of infrastructure facilities, which by their geo-economic and geo-political significance go beyond the regional framework, means in reality the formation in the territory of the two countries of a new zone of transport-communication and energy supplies at the continental level, which bridges Central Asia and Southern Asia with Europe and Near East.

This in turn may be regarded as a practical embodiment of the President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov's initiatives on ensuring sustainable development in the sphere of transport and energy, which our country forwarded in the UN.

At the briefing, in the frames of Turkmenistan's strategy of cooperation with Afghanistan, invariability of our country's position on providing comprehensive political, diplomatic and economic support to Afghanistan has been reconfirmed.

Among the speakers at the briefing, there were: Counselor of Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Turkmenistan Ahmad Tarik Nurzade, the UN Special Representative for Central Asia, Head of the UN Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia Natalya Gherman, chief head of the OSCE Center in Ashgabat Natalya Drozd, Director of Permanent Representation of the Asian Development Bank in Turkmenistan Chang Ching Yu, and others.

The attendees of briefing have noted that implementation of the President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov's initiatives promotes an increase and enhancement of the geography of energy export and transport-transit potential of the entire region.

In the closing part of briefing, the answers were given to the questions of representatives of foreign information agencies, notably of "News Central Asia" (Pakistan), "TRT" (Turkey), "Agence France Press" (France), etc.

"TURKMENISTAN – HOME OF PEACE AND TRUST"

Solemn dedication to the slogan of 2021

The event dedicated to the 2021 slogan "Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust" was held in the Mukams Palace of the State Cultural Center.

The literary-musical composition, which was performed with inspiration by the artists of the Great Saparmurat Turkmenbashi Main Drama Theatre and A. S. Pushkin State Russian Drama Theatre, has reflected the depth of love and respect of the Turkmen people for the leader of nation, who has succeeded to turn independent neutral Turkmenistan into an economically powerful state, which has won global name recognition.

The event in the Mukams Palace was attended by members of the Governments, chief heads of the Ministry of Culture, core departments and mass media, directors of universities, art masters and workers of culture.

The speakers have noted that the slogan of 2021 unites symbolically the important constants of our state's modern development – strive for the progress and universal peace, commitment to the national historical-cultural values.

The slogan of the year 2021 is correlated with the global initiatives proposed by the Turkmen leader. The corollary of it is the fact that the UN General Assembly has unanimously and in co-authorship with 73 UN member-states adopted the Resolution on proclaiming 2021 as International Year of Peace and Trust



