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OFFICIAL NEWS

The leader of nation has attended the Akhalteke Equestrian Complex of the President of Turkmenistan

On March 22, in the mornings, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has attended the Akhalteke Equestrian Complex of the President of Turkmenistan to see the ‘heavenly’ racers and then to take up creative activity.

The news about birth of the first foal from the legendary runner by name Ak-khan, which the head of state was coaching personally, was informed to the President of Turkmenistan while he was attending the Complex.

Welcoming enthusiastically the news, the head of state has tied alaja (tape), which was made by his mother Ogulabat eje, round the foal’s neck, having thereby emotionally expressed intergenerational continuity of the age-old worldwide meaningful national tradition.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that the birth of the foal in the year of countrywide celebration of the 30th anniversary of independence and 140th anniversary of Ashgabat is an inspiring event, and gave the name ‘Ashgabat’ to the offspring of Ak-khan.

As is known, Ak-khan (from the glorious Gyrsaka descent lineage) was born in 2006, having invested into the global name recognition of Akhalteke horses due to its unbelievable speed and beauty.

Astride Ak-khan, the head of state used to take part in a number of celebration events. Special role was assigned to the glorious Ak-khan in the events organized on the occasion of National Turkmen Horse Holiday.

As is known, Ak-khan took part in the opening ceremony of the V Asian Indoor and Martial Art Games in 2017; having raised the horse on its hind legs, the rider has lit up the torch of the sport forum.

In 2018, with lift-up forelegs, Ak-khan has managed to walk 10 meters for 4.19 seconds, having thereby renewed the world record in this nomination. These facts contributed to enhancement of the world glory of Akhalteke horses and international recognition of Ak-khan’s victories.

Then, the head of state took silver Shapolat out of the stable and made a horse ride.

Throughout the centuries, Turkmen horse seyises (coaches) were improving the Akhalteke horse breed and preserved and improved its

unique characteristics. Silky mane of Turkmen horses, their beautiful exterior, light moves, and unbelievable power – are the visual results of high level of mastership of horse coaches and national horse breeders.

At present, the updated national traditions of horse training are continued. Beauty, intelligence and uniqueness of Akhalteke horses won the sympathies of horse breeders from all over the world.

The President-initiated joint celebration of National Turkmen Horse Holiday (annually celebrated on the last Sunday of April) and Turkmen Alabay Dog Holiday highlights great significance of the everlasting values the world was endowed with by our glorious ancestors and special attention our country pays to the horse-breeding sphere.

Then, in his study in the Complex, the head of state was absorbed in his literary work, having started writing the final part of his book “Ashgabat” dedicated to history of the white-marble capital and its present-day achievements.

In his work, the President of the country has summed up a big layer of historical data about Ashgabat, as well as about noble traditions and customs of our people.

Writing the book dedicated to Ashgabat, the head of state relies on the scientific information and trustful literary sources, carefully studies rich history of the Turkmen people, its legends and folklore, which provide the value and meaningfulness of the new book.

The birth of the foal in the days of the International Nowruz Holiday, which takes an important place in the remarkable dates calendar of our country and a number of foreign states, as well as in the days of preparation to the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat, has inspired President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov to dedicate to this event some lines in his new, handsomely designed and illustrated book “Ashgabat”.

The President-authored poem “My White City – Ashgabat”, which would be included in the book, is a response of the leader of nation to the happy event.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has made a working round of the capital

On March 24, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has made a working round of the capital to get acquainted with the state of affairs at the business and social facilities, which are now under construction in the south of the capital.

In the morning, the head of state has arrived to the southern part of white-marble Ashgabat

to inspect construction of the mudflow offtake ways and water storage reservoirs.

Vice-Premier Sh. Durdylyev has reported on the construction progress of mudflow control structures and on revamping of the territory where the sculpture of Magtymguly Fragi – a great thinker of the East, would be installed. A number of other relevant projects and designs were also submitted to the leader of nation for consideration.

After lengthy consideration of the projects and drafts, the head of state made some remarks and corrections. The territory in propinquity to the sculpture of Magtymguly is to be equipped with the necessary facilities, which are to reflect the latest architectural trends, the head of state noted.

While designing the projects, it is necessary to take into account special affinities of the national architecture and surrounding landscape, as well as the ecological aspects, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted in his concrete assignments to the Vice-Premier Sh. Durdylyev, Minister of Construction and Architecture R. Gandymov, and khyakim of Ashgabat Ya. Gylyjov.

Having focused on the issues of revamping and landscaping the territory where the sculpture would be installed, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has ordered in the monument neighborhoods to hold the level of cleanness and ecological wealth under control.

Focusing attention on the construction works in the southern part of Ashgabat, as well as all over the country, the head of state has highlighted that it is necessary to pay greater attention to the exterior and interior design of buildings, formation of the relevant infrastructure of neighborhoods, modernization of the local lighting system.

At present, intensive construction of the mudflow offtake ways and water storage reservoirs is carried out using powerful equipment and machinery; natural mudflow canals are upgraded and modernized.

Construction is ongoing of the 52-kilometer (total length) mudflow offtake canal system and reconstruction of the natural mudflow and precipitation canals, which would flow into the Karakum River in the north to be then redirected to the “Altyn Asyr” Turkmen Lake.

Worth of mentioning is the fact that construction of the complex and development of the Lake’s neighborhoods are entrusted to “Vozrojdeniye” JSV of the Russian Federation. As of now, 900 units of equipment (100 ones

belong to the contractor, 800 – to private individuals of our country) are enacted in construction works.

The drawings and blueprints of mudflow canals and water collectors, the trajectories of their routes, map of the area (where the automobile and railroad bridges are planned to be built), location sites of water pumping stations have been presented to the head of state.

Fair-sized reservoirs are planned to be built along the mudflow paths, which are designated for breaking of debris, filtration and purification of water; 10 water collectors have altogether been built along the mudflow canals.

Construction of mudflow protection system in the south of Ashgabat and bringing the natural canals to proper operability are the tasks of primary importance, the head of state has noted.

It is necessary to integrate efforts for solution of the tasks related to revamping, development, provision of ecological wealth of the capital and its outskirts, the head of state said.

In this context, special attention is to be paid to implementation of the “Altyn Asyr” Turkmen Lake construction project, which is designated for collection of drain water from the irrigated lands of all velayats of the country, as well as of mudflow and precipitation waters. The project will promote the formation of favorable conditions for development of livestock farming, especially sheep farming, enhancement of pasture areas, and give start to aquaculture farming.

Not the least important is to keep work going on: efficient use of water resources; adaptation to climate changes; protection of biological and nature diversity; combating desertification and soil degradation; formation of forest zones; improvement of ecological situation in the settlements, the head of state stressed.

It is necessary to intensify the work on widening the canals and increasing their throughput; build the necessary water offlets to regulate water flows; build other water facilities and bridges, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov continued, having ordered to lean on the achievements of the world practice and science-based methods during construction of such important facilities.

In conclusion, having addressed the relevant instructions to the dignitaries concerned, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov wished them success and left the place of event.

The leader of nation gave a start to launching of new hothouse complexes in all velayats of the country

On March 25, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov took part in the ceremony of launching a modern hothouse complex, which was built in Kaahka etrap, Akhal velayat, by the economical association “Oguz Yoly” – a member of the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union of Turkmenistan (IEUT), and made up the production infrastructure of the national AIC. By means of digital system, the leader of nation gave a startup to yet another five new hothouses built in all velayats of the country.

In his speech at the ceremony of commissioning the new object, the head of Turkmenistan has highlighted that our country experiences great upsurge in the social-political, economic and cultural spheres. Wide-scale program work is carried out to ensure high rates of development of all branches of the national economy. Production, social and cultural facilities are being built in all regions of the sovereign Motherland. Advanced technologies of the world's developed countries, latest scientific and technical achievements are actively introduced, and thousands of new workplaces are created.

These works testify to the steadfast growth of Turkmenistan's economic potential and drastic improvement of social and living conditions of the people.

It is planned to open dozens of new facilities in the year proclaimed under the slogan “Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust” and in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the country's independence, the head of state continued.

Today, we solemnly open and at a time put into operation six hothouses in velayats, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov said.

The objects have been built in: Kaahka and Ak Bugday etraps, Akhal velayat; in Turkmenbashi, Balkan velayat; Gyorogly etrap, Dashoguz velayat; Charjew etrap, Lebap velayat; and Sakarchaga etrap, Mary velayat. Total area of the farms is 35 hectares.

Built by the IEUT members and tooled with the latest technologies and water-saving systems, the new 400-job hothouses are designated for production of 8,750 tons of vegetable a year.

Continuing the subject, the head of state has highlighted that the program measures implemented in Turkmenistan are aimed at ensuring food security, improvement of reforms

in the agriculture, widespread adoption of management-favored modern methods, and active involvement of private commodity producers, for whom special land funds are systematically created for cultivation of agricultural crops.

Efficiently using the government support, the IEUT members have built and put more than 400-hectare hothouses into operation in a short space of time. As a result, at present, import of vegetables has significantly reduced, the head of Turkmenistan stated.

Last year, the IEUT members have produced and exported more than 37,500 tons of tomato (a 70 percent increase); over the two months of the running year, 16,000 tons of fresh tomato have been sent to other countries, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov noted.

Thus, having mastered the modern methods of foreign trade relations, our private producers enhance systematically the trade-economic relations, set up new partnership-based relations and good ways to get exposure to new markets. It has become a powerful impulse for increasing the number of production facilities, development of investments.

The head of state has noted that provision of food safety and stable development of agriculture are the primary tasks of the present day. In this context, the work is kept going for strengthening of food abundance, keeping firm prices for food products, and improvement of the agrarian relations.

Livestock, poultry and plant farms are being commissioned; and the foundations of modern production facilities are being laid; thousands of additional workplaces are created as a result of construction and opening of new facilities.

In-full use of productive forces and industrial capacities of the regions President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has specified among the key goals. In this aspect, the integrated economic development of the regions turns into a workable mechanism of the policy implemented in this direction; the appropriate works are carried out on the program basis.

Then, the President proceeded to the greenhouse, where he got acquainted with a large-scale exposition, which demonstrated a wide range of products produced by entrepreneurs and private producers of the country specializing in the agro-industrial complex, agri-food and processing industries.

Various kinds of vegetables, fruits and melons, grain crops, dairy, meat, confectionery, canned products, dried fruits, pickles, juices

and soft drinks, etc. were demonstrated in the originally designed pavilions and stands.

As the founder of the «Ýigit» business company said, 15 varieties of tomatoes are grown in the greenhouse with an area of more than 34 hectares and 450 workers. Most of the manufactured products are export-orientated.

The management of the production process in the greenhouse – from sowing, growing and caring of crops, organizing of labor of workers – is carried out on a digital platform. Information on: temperature and humidity indicators, yield, harvest time, loading of finished products onto vehicles, their delivery to domestic and foreign markets, storage conditions during transportation and online distribution, is sent to the centralized control system.

In this context, the situation in foreign markets and the prospects for selling products at favorable prices are also studied in detail. Ultimately, this ensures the efficient operation of the greenhouse complex and increases its profitability.

Emphasizing the importance of digitalization of management processes, intensification of steps taken in this direction, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that through the introduction of digital systems and technologies in the activities of greenhouses it is necessary to establish online communication between the agricultural sectors of the country, to form a centralized database of greenhouses in the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union, and wished the entrepreneur success in his work.

On display were also the samples of various types of packaging materials that meet international standards both in terms of the product safety and ecology aspect.

Samples of poultry products were demonstrated by the “Nurly meydan” daikhan association. For the first time in our country, the association has implemented the incubation poultry farming project. The project enables to bring the production of broiler poultry meat and eggs to an industrial level using the specialized technologies. In the Bereket etrap of Balkan velayat, the farm has also mastered the production of fodder for livestock, previously imported from abroad.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has also got acquainted with the work of the greenhouse complex built by the “Oguz ýoly” Enterprise, having evinced interest in the equipment, technologies and specifics of production, varieties of tomatoes, and other vegetable crops, such indicators as yield, ripening time, taste. All production processes

are automated and computerized there.

After completing his acquaintance with the greenhouse complex, the head of state has launched the process of harvesting the tomato crop and, wishing success in further development of production, handed to the head of the complex the keys to a new agricultural machine - a tractor of the world famous “John Deere” brand.

On behalf of the Turkmen leader, the same tractors were also handed over to the heads of new greenhouses in other velayats.

That same day, a caravan with vegetable cargo produced in the new greenhouses of five velayats of the country set off along the routes of supply of the products to the domestic and foreign consumers.

Session of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan

On March 26, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has conducted a regular online session of the Cabinet of Ministers.

Proceeding to the main issues of the agenda, the head of state gave the floor to Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushshikov, who reported on the activities of structures answerable to him, in particular, on the results of the analysis carried out by the Ministry of Finance and Economy in association with specialists of the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry.

In the course of the analysis, the issues were studied related to the financial and economic situation of sanatoriums and the cost of sanatorium vouchers provided for receiving medical and health-improving assistance. According to the analysis, it is proposed to take measures to strengthen the financial stability of the country's sanatoriums, increase the quality of their services. In this context, a draft Resolution was submitted to the President of Turkmenistan for consideration.

Summing up the report, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted that care of the health and well-being of the people is one of the key aspects of the country's domestic policy. Within the framework of the State Health Program “Saglyk” and other large-scale socioeconomic programs, new medical, sanatorium and tourist facilities are being commissioned in the capital and in all regions of the country.

In terms of their equipment and range of services, our health resorts compete favorably

with similar well-known world treatment and disease prevention centers. Comprehensive development of the sanatorium and resort industry contributes to the restoration of health of the country's citizens, the head of Turkmenistan said. Noting the positive impact of the measures proposed on efficient unleashing of the untapped potential of health institutions, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has signed the Resolution and sent the document and instructions to the Vice-Premier via the electronic document management system.

Continuing the meeting, the Vice-Premier has reported on taking practical steps aimed at solving the tasks enshrined in the Strategy for managing and reforming of the enterprises with state participation in Turkmenistan for 2021-2025 and the Action Plan for implementation of the Concept. The Concept implies the development of measures for encouraging advancement of the state-private partnership on the basis of the entrusted administration mechanism.

In this regard, the proposals, prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Code of Turkmenistan on transfer to representatives of the private sector of a number of enterprises, which are under jurisdiction of ministries and khyakimliks, were presented to the leader of nation.

Advancement of the state-private partnership format for promoting implementation of various projects is one of the most important and urgent tasks today, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has emphasized. The entrusted administration mechanism is thereto defined as one of the main financial instruments of the process.

The competent use of this tool will enable to save state funds, form the modern infrastructure of settlements, increase employment of the population, develop entrepreneurship and, at the same time, increase the quality of goods and services, the Turkmen leader continued. Noting the importance of a thoughtful approach to solving the tasks in the sphere under discussion, the head of Turkmenistan has addressed a number of specific instructions to the Vice-Premier.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Abdrahmanov has reported on the ongoing work over the development-favored projects in the gas-chemical industry, including the construction of plants for processing of the natural and associated gas, widespread adoption in the industry of modern scientific researches and advanced technologies, as well as on taking

measures for enhancement of partnership in this sphere with reliable foreign companies and for attracting foreign investments.

Draft Resolution "On approval of the Turkmen side's composition of the Intergovernmental Turkmen-Saudi Commission for Trade and Economic Cooperation" was presented to the head of state for consideration.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has stressed that the energy strategy of our state is aimed at the maximum-efficient use of huge natural resources, production, scientific and technical potential of the oil/gas sector.

Successful solution of the tasks in the sector is to a large degree stipulated by construction of new sophisticated gas-processing complexes, which on the basis of innovative technologies would produce high-quality products highly-acclaimed in our country and abroad.

Pointing to the need to attach upward dynamics to the implementation of investment projects aimed at diversification of the oil/gas industry, the head of state gave specific instructions to the Vice-Premier.

Having signed the Resolution "On approval of the Turkmen side's composition of the Intergovernmental Turkmen-Saudi Commission for Trade and Economic Cooperation" the President of the country sent it and the relevant assignments to the Vice-Premier via the electronic document management system.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiyev has reported on the implementation progress of seasonal agricultural work.

Having listened to the report, the President gave a number of instructions on strengthening of the material and technical support of cotton producers. At the same time, special emphasis was placed on the importance of improving the land farming standards – an integral factor of the agricultural sector successful development.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdylyev has reported on the improvement of the work of the Ministry of Construction and Architecture. The talk, in particular, is about the steps undertaken to create the Service of a Single State Customer of Construction Projects on the basis of the Ministry.

Commenting on the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted the importance of work on improving the construction sector, having thereby necessitated thorough study of the activity mechanism of the within-named Service, which is assigned to ensure well-coordinated functioning of all

involved links and proper control over the construction of various facilities.

Noting that the issue should once again be worked out in detail, the head of state gave specific recommendations to the Vice-Premier.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers B. Ovezov reported on the preparatory work carried out by the commodity producers and entrepreneurs of the country to organize a joint Investment Forum.

Taking into account the existing modern infrastructure of the transport and communications sector, it is planned to open new enterprises in the frames of cooperation with the private sector of the economy by attracting investments from Turkmen entrepreneurs and product manufacturers.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has emphasized that as a result of successfully implemented comprehensive programs, the processing industries are rapidly developing, and support is provided to small and medium-sized businesses.

Cost-efficiency of joint projects, their social meaningfulness and ecological safety, search for the most effective tools for achievement of firm and long-term success of all interested parties are the fundamental principles for establishment of fruitful partnership. At the present stage, our country has a specific goal - to further increase the output of import-substituting products and their export through widespread introduction of innovations, the leader of nation stated.

Having considered the proposal to hold the Investment Forum on April 8-9, the head of state pointed to the importance of systemic study of market conditions and constant analysis of the needs of domestic consumers, introduction of advanced experience and technologies in the production of high-quality products manufactured by Turkmen entrepreneurs engaged in the transport and communication complex. In this regard, the relevant presidential assignments were given to the Vice-Premier.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Ch. Gylyjov has reported on creating of the “Ulag hyzmatlary” passenger transport enterprise on the basis of the “Türkmen awtoban” joint-stock company and on keeping work going for arrangement of the appropriate services. «Ulag hyzmatlary» will serve the intercity passenger traffic and provide high-quality services.

Construction of the Ashgabat-Turkmenabat highway is ongoing at a high rate; by the 30th anniversary of independence, it is planned to commission the Ashgabat-Tejen section of the road.

The Vice-Premier has reported that the proposals for the purchase of passenger buses and cars were studied by «Türkmen awtoban» JSC.

In this regard, the appropriate work is carried out to provide high quality passenger services by the bus stations of the “Türkmenawtoulaglary” Agency on the contractual basis.

In the comments on the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has emphasized that owing to the efforts of domestic entrepreneurs, high-speed highways and dozens of complex engineering structures are being built in the country, thus investing in the formation of modern and highly efficient transport infrastructure. This in turn contributes to strengthening of the Motherland’s role as an international junction of the main trade routes of the continent.

A great deal of work is to be done in order the under-construction Ashgabat-Turkmenabat highway would fully meet the requirements of international standards and increase the role of Turkmenistan as an important transport and transit corridor, the head of state noted.

Speaking of creating of a workable structure for rendering high-quality services to passengers, the leader of nation has emphasized that in the sectoral context, the importance of motor transport increases.

Regarding modernization of the motor transport technical base in tune with high environmental and safety standards as a key aspect of the state social and economic policy, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has ordered to provide all conditions for servicing passengers at a proper level and addressed a number of relevant instructions to the Vice-Premier.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Mammedova has reported on the Culture Program for April 2021, including the events on the occasion of commissioning of social and cultural facilities.

In the frames of the festivities dedicated to the running year’s slogan «Turkmenistan - Home of Peace and Trust», World Health Day, National Turkmen Horse Holiday, Turkmen Alabay Dog Holiday, and the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat, it is planned to hold the thematic, scientific-practical conferences, creative meetings, exhibitions, festive concerts, educational actions, «round tables», competitions in various sports, health and fitness events.

Noting in his comments on the report, special significance of festive celebrations and events in the study and worldwide popularization of the

Turkmen nation's material and spiritual heritage, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has ordered to ensure a high level of the events.

Focusing on preparation to the joint celebrating of National Turkmen Horse Holiday and the newly-established Turkmen Alabay Dog Holiday, the head of state has emphasized that large-scale work is ongoing in the country today aimed at the dynamic development and creation of the appropriate infrastructure for the horse- and dog-breeding industries. Comprehensive measures are being taken to increase the elite Akhalteke horse population, intensify international cooperation in the field of pedigree horse-breeding, and promote intergenerational continuity of traditions of the national dog-breeding school. This topic should find a worthy reflection in the creative works of representatives of cultural sphere, the President of the country said.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Geldinyazov reported on the situation in the areas under his supervision and on the work over updating of the State Health Program "Saglyk" and the Action Plan for its implementation for 2021-2025.

The welfare of the Turkmen people, extension of life expectancy of the population, an integrated approach to health strengthening and disease prevention, creation of the perfect and highly effective health system – are the main goals of the Program.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has emphasized the exceptional importance of work that is being done to improve the national health system, the comprehensive development of which is a priority task of socially-oriented government policy.

After signing the Resolution, the head of state has redirected it to the Vice-Premier via the electronic document management system, having exhorted the Vice-Premier to exercise strict control over implementation of all measures included into the Resolution.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs R. Meredov has reported on preparation of the working visit of Turkmenistan's delegation to Moscow, the Russian Federation, throughout March 30-April 2.

During the visit, in the frames of the joint Intergovernmental Commission, it is planned to hold the bilateral meetings and negotiations on the priority vectors of cooperation. In this regard, the prospects for further interaction with the regions of the Russian Federation in the oil/gas, chemical, industrial, agricultural fields,

transport sector, trade-economic, scientific-educational, health spheres will be discussed.

At the same time, a meeting and negotiations are planned to be held between the heads of the two countries' foreign ministries, during which the issues of building up interstate partnership in its key areas, including in the political and diplomatic sphere, will be considered.

It was also reported that a regular meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of the CIS will take place in Moscow on April 2. Its agenda will include a set of issues related to strengthening of the regional and international security, multilateral cooperation, including in such areas as tourism, physical culture and sports, youth affairs. In this context, the Turkmen side will submit a number of documents for consideration by the meeting participants.

At the same time, in the frames of the working visit of Turkmenistan's delegation to the Russian Federation it is planned to hold the high-level bilateral interagency consultations on the issues of regional security.

In the light of the multifaceted format of the Turkmen-Russian partnership, it will also be proposed to organize working meetings between the relevant members of the Government, heads of ministries, sectoral departments, and large firms of both countries.

In addition, to promote enhancement of productive interaction in the horse-breeding sphere, it is planned to hold the meetings between representatives of the National Equestrian Games Group «Galkynyş» and the management of the State Circus of Russia and the Bolshoi Moscow State Circus.

By results of the above-mentioned meetings and negotiations, it is planned to sign a number of bilateral documents on cooperation in various fields.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has stressed that Turkmenistan and the Russian Federation are united by long-standing, primordially friendly relations, age-old ties. The interstate dialogue, built on the principles of strategic partnership, is dynamically developing both in the bilateral and multilateral formats. Our countries interact constructively in the frames of the reputable international organizations, demonstrating the similarity or coincidence of positions on key issues of the regional and global agenda related to safekeeping of universal peace, security and wealth.

Turkmen-Russian cooperation covers a wide range of areas, the leader of nation noted,

having stressed the availability of vast potential for building up effective partnership in the trade-economic sphere, where an important role is assigned to the activities of the joint Intergovernmental Commission. At the same time, not the least important is strengthening of traditional contacts in the humanitarian field, education and science, culture and art.

Speaking of this, the head of state was pleased to welcome the progressive nature of interaction with the largest regions and subjects of Russia, with which fruitful economic, business and cultural ties have been established.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has given to the Vice-Premier, the Foreign Minister specific instructions on preparing to the upcoming working visit of the delegation of our country to the Russian Federation, which is aimed at optimum implementation of the existing prospects and opportunities for the development of mutuality-based cooperation in its priority areas.

At the session of the Government, consideration was also given to other important issues of the state life, and the appropriate decisions were approved.

Finishing the online session of the Cabinet of Ministers, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov wished all its participants good health, family well-being and great success in their work.

ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS REVIEW

- By the Ukase of the President of Turkmenistan, senior stableman of the Functional Horse-Breeding Department of the Management Board of the Akhalteke Equestrian Complex of President of Turkmenistan (the General Service Department of the Affairs Management Department of the President's Administration), Nuraly Rahymov, is awarded the honorary title «Türkmenistanyň halk atşynasy» («People's Horse-Breeder of Turkmenistan»).

- The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on approving the cost of vouchers for receiving treatment and health-improving assistance in the sanatoriums of the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan.

- The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on approving the Turkmen side's composition of the Intergovernmental Turkmen-Saudi Commission for trade-economic cooperation.

- The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on approving of the updated

version of the State Health Program “Saglyk” and the Action Plan for its implementation in 2021-2025.

APPOINTMENTS

- By the Ukase of President of Turkmenistan, **Soenchnazar Nurnazarovich Selimov** is appointed as the khyakim of Berkazarlyk etrap of Ashgabat.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Online meetings with foreign partners

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted an online press conference «Meaningfulness of Peace and Trust in the Modern World».

The online meeting was attended by the heads and representatives of the Interstate TV and Radio Company “Mir”, the “TRT” Turkish Broadcasting Corporation, the Russian international network of information TV channels “Russia Today”, the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU), “All-Russia State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company”, Indian Broadcasting Corporation “Prasar Bharati”, National TV and Radio Company of Uzbekistan, the State Information Agency of Azerbaijan “AzerTAdzh”, Georgian TV channel “TV-24”, the News Agency of Armenia “ARMENPRESS”, international radio “Aztv”, etc.

The Turkmen side was represented by the heads and representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the State News Agency, the State Committee of Turkmenistan on TV, Radio Broadcasting and Cinematography, and other media.

During the press conference, consideration was given to the status and prospects for enhancement of long-term cooperation aimed at consolidating the efforts of media for provision of wealth and sustainable development.

Participants in the press conference have also discussed the issues of activating cooperation in information exchange, conducting of methodological webinars, joint work on broad covering of the measures implemented in the frames of the International Year of Peace and Trust, as well as on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's independence.

The prospects for furthering long-standing cooperation were in the center of the online

meeting in the MFA of Turkmenistan with Chairman of the Turkmen-Japanese Committee for Economic Cooperation, Managing Director of “Itochu Corporation” Hiroyuki Tsubai.

The meeting was attended by chief heads of the State Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs of Turkmenistan and of the Japanese company «Sumitomo Corporation».

The meeting participants discussed the issues of cooperation with Japanese companies, which are interested in supplies to Turkmenistan of earthmoving and automotive machinery and equipment, as well as the possibility of holding the 14th meeting of the Turkmen-Japanese Committee for Economic Cooperation in Tokyo.

Representatives of the country’s Mejlis took part in the five-day online informational “Seminar for Parliamentarians”, which was held by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

The main areas of the IPU work, the aspects of its participation in the work of the UN General Assembly in the capacity of the UN General Assembly observer were considered during the forum. Particular attention was paid to the role of parliaments in ensuring human rights and freedoms, implementation of international humanitarian law standards in the national legislation, digitalization of communication services, and strengthening of the role of the inter-parliamentary friendship group in the development of parliamentary diplomacy.

In the course of webinar, its participants were familiarized with the structure of the Inter-Parliamentary Union created in 1889, the activities of its standing committees, principles of the IPU Assembly’s organizational, and the dynamics of partnership-based relations advancement with the UN.

Session of the Interdepartmental Commission of Turkmenistan for human rights

On the past week, a regular session of the Interdepartmental Commission of Turkmenistan on enforcement of international obligations of the country in the field of human rights and international humanitarian law was held.

The meeting was attended by representatives of a number of ministries and departments, law enforcement agencies, social organizations, the Ombudsman. Representatives of international organizations accredited to our country, heads of the Regional Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN

OHCHR) for Central Asia and Central Asian Regional Office of the International Committee of the Red Cross took part in the meeting in the online format.

The meeting agenda included the issues of expanding humanitarian cooperation with authoritative structures, developing of forms and mechanisms for the implementation of national plans and programs, including joint work plans.

Particular attention was paid to the multi-format interaction of our country with the United Nations and its structural units.

The draft National Action Plan for Human Rights in Turkmenistan for 2021-2025 (NAP), which is a logical continuation of the successfully implemented similar plan for 2016-2020, was presented to the meeting participants for consideration. The new NAP is aimed at fulfilling modern tasks of the society and state development in combination with the SDGs.

Among the main issues of the agenda is the draft “Action Plan for Implementation of International Humanitarian Law in Turkmenistan for 2021-2023” prepared by the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan.

Particular discussion was given to strengthening of the legal framework for interaction with the UN specialized agencies on the issues of education, science and culture (UNESCO) and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), with which dozens of joint projects have been implemented over recent years.

The members of the Interdepartmental Commission have also discussed the proposals on improvement of the normative acts, which regulate the comprehensive work with minors. At the same time, they spoke about the importance of enhancing the activities of social organizations, and civil society in general, in the upbringing of youth.

It was proposed to create a Workgroup under the Interdepartmental Commission on legal regulation of human rights in the sphere of mass media, migration, freedom of religion, and other spheres.

Among the issues discussed was implementation of the Work Plan of the Interdepartmental Commission for the current year, which was updated in accordance with the tasks identified by President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov at the enlarged meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers on February 12 and at the meeting with the Mejlis deputies on February 25, 2021.

*STATECRAFT***The first elections of members of the Halk Maslakhaty of the Milli Gengesh of Turkmenistan**

On March 28, in full accordance with the country's Constitution and the Election Code of Turkmenistan, a landmark social-political event took place in Turkmenistan – the first elections of members of the Halk Maslakhaty of the Milli Gengesh of Turkmenistan.

The elections started at 10 a.m. The CEC has registered 112 candidates for 48 mandates, which means that at the elections, which were held on the principles of democracy, 2-3 candidates pretended to one seat.

The current year's election campaign differs radically from the previous ones. First-ever in the country, the elections of members of the Halk Maslakhaty of the Milli Gengesh were conducted at the meetings of halk maslakhaty of velayats and Ashgabat city by secret ballot and on the basis of the indirect electoral right.

On the whole, 231 members of halk maslakhaty of velayats and the city of Ashgabat took part in the elections, which were registered by the relevant election commissions, notably: 37 – in the Akhal velayat, 39 – Balkan velayat, 39 – Dashoguz velayat, 38 – Lebap velayat, 39 – Mary velayat, and 39 – electors in Ashgabat.

Solemn atmosphere has reigned in each of the six polling stations. At 10 a.m., to the strains of the National Anthem of Turkmenistan, the voting procedure has started.

The independent monitoring of the electoral process was implemented by 440 national observers in the frames of the delegated legislation. Representatives of political parties, social organizations, groups of citizens, and the candidates' agents were watching the elections to ensure observance of principles of openness, publicity and compliance with the law.

To the moment of closing the polling stations, 98,7 percent of halk maslakhaty of velayats and Ashgabat city took part in elections.

On completion of voting, the election commissions of velayats and Ashgabat city embarked on counting votes. By the data presented by the Central Election Commission, the elections were recognized as legitimate.

In compliance with the provisions of the Election Code, the results of elections will be promulgated in the short term.

*SOCIETY***Increasing the global name recognition of Akhalteke horses – the pride of the nation**

The Mukams Palace of the State Cultural Center has hosted the ceremony of presentation of awards and gifts on behalf of President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov to the senior stableman of the Functional Horse-Breeding Department of the Management Board of the Akhalteke Equestrian Complex of President of Turkmenistan (the General Service Department of the Affairs Management Department of the President's Administration), N. Rahymov, who in compliance with the Ukase of the leader of nation is conferred on the honorary title «Türkmenistanyň halk atşynasy» (“People's Horse-Breeder of Turkmenistan”).

Having expressed sincere gratitude to President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov for high appreciation of his work, N. Rahymov has assured that within his powers he would continue making his contribution to enhancement of the world's glory of ‘heavenly’ horses, improvement of their breed properties, and education of the young successors of national horse breeders.

The atmosphere of the event was highlighted by the performance of art masters, speeches of writers and journalists, representatives of the horse-breeding sector.

Special exhibition was also dedicated to the Akhalteke horse – a unique national asset and pride of the Turkmen nation. On display were the works of the decorative-applied art, paintings and sculptures, publishing products, and, certainly, the President-authored books devoted to the Akhalteke runners.

The birth of the foal named Ashgabat, which would have to continue the glorious way of its famous ancestors, has inspired President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov to write a poem “My White City Ashgabat”, which would be included into the new book of the head of state “Ashgabat” devoted to history of the white-marble capital and its modern achievements.

It is remarkable that these exciting poetic lines, pierced with the love to the town-pearl of Central Asia, have been set to the music by the Turkmen leader's grandson Kerim Berdymuhamedov. The premiere of the song was an apotheosis of the event.

AIC NEWS

Startup of the cotton-seeding campaign in Turkmenistan

The important agricultural campaign – cotton-seeding, took the countrywide start. On March 24, cotton producers of Akhal, Balkan, Lebap and Mary velayats have started cotton sowing; a little bit later, on March 31, the farmers of Dashoguz velayat would join them.

Cotton production is one of the leading branches of the national AIC, which provides a significant input to implementation of the government programs in the sphere of import substitution and increase of the country's export potential. Last year, the cotton producers have exceeded their contractual obligations, having delivered more than 1,250,000 tons of raw cotton to the state.

In the running year, the 620,000-hectare land area was allotted to be planted to cotton. Private agricultural producers, who received land plots from the special agricultural Land Fund, will also participate in cultivation of cotton.

On the whole, it is planned to produce 1,250,000 tons of cotton in the country, including: 280,000 tons – in Akhal velayat; 10,000 tons – in Balkan velayat; 275,000 tons – Dashoguz velayat; 320,000 tons – Lebap velayat; and 365,000 tons – Mary velayat.

More than 7,600 various tractors, more than 1,700 seeding machines, over 5,500 cotton cultivators and other agricultural equipment will be enacted in this year's campaign. New equipment, in particular seeding machines and tractors equipped with telematic digital electronic system, which were bought from the world leader in manufacturing of agricultural equipment, "John Deere" Company, would be used in the cotton-seeding campaign.

375 biological laboratories, which work in etrap and farming associations, are being

prepared to the new agricultural season. They would provide the farmers with eco-friendly and cost-effective bio-production used for pest control.

In the run-up to the seeding campaign, the training-staff seminars were conducted in: "Gyavers" Daikhan Association, Ak Bugday etrap, Akhal velyat; "Watan" Daikhan Association, Charjew etrap, Lebap velayat; "Milli Goshun" Daikhan Association, Mary etrap, Mary velayat; and "Goch" Daikhan Association, Serdar etrap, Balkan velayat. The seminars were devoted to the urgent tasks of further modernization of village to ensure upward dynamic development and high profitability of the agri-industrial complex, stable growth of output of agri-produce.

COMMODITIES EXCHANGE NEWS

20 transactions were registered at the past week's trades at the State Commodities and Raw Materials Exchange of Turkmenistan.

The contracts in the foreign currency for purchasing of the jet fuel, petroleum bitumen, hydrofined diesel fuel, gasoline and low-sulfur heavy fuel produced by Turkmenbashi Refinery Complex were made by businessmen from Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, and Afghanistan. Entrepreneurs from Great Britain, UAE and Afghanistan have also purchased the ECO-93 gasoline produced by the State Concern "Türkmengaz"; businessmen from Malta – the polyethylene.

In addition, Serbian entrepreneurs made contracts in the foreign currency for purchasing of the licorice root extract. The sum total of the deals exceeded US \$60 million.

The contracts in the national currency for purchasing of the cotton yarn were made by representatives of business circles from the United Arab Emirates (over 376,000 manats).



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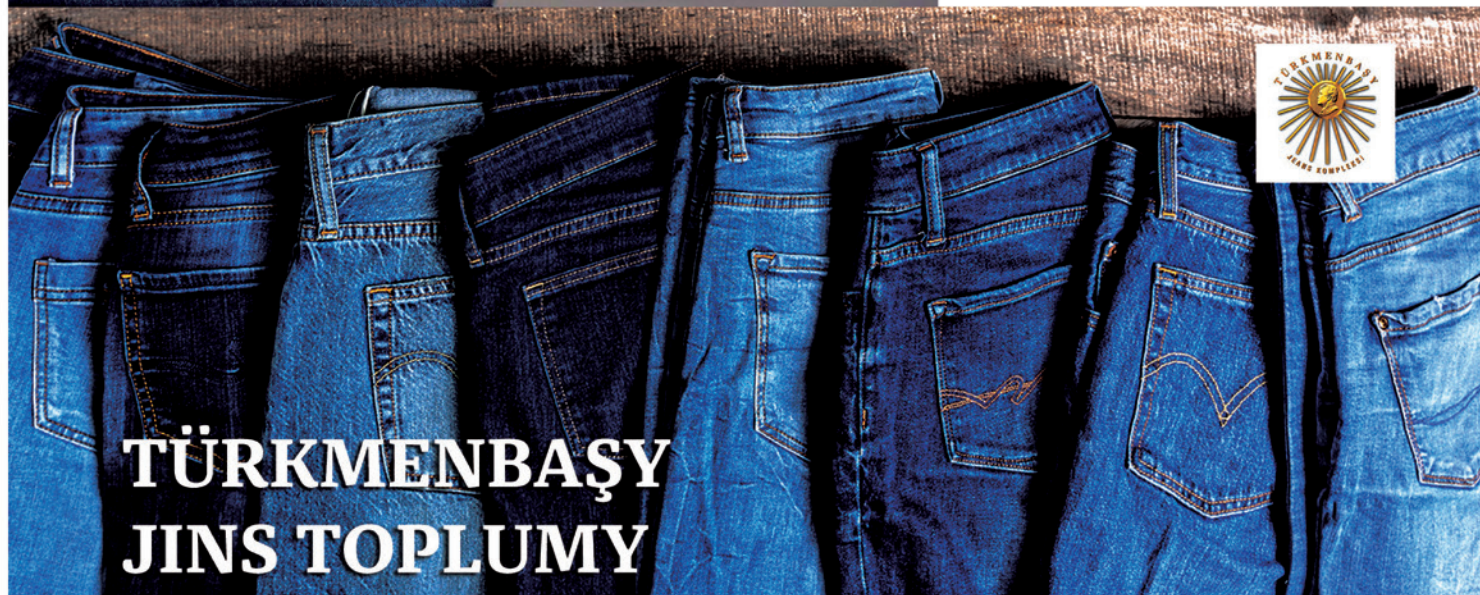
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