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## Climate Change and Environment

### Key findings in climatology for 2020 06/02/201

A report from leading researchers from around the world presents important findings in climatology for 2020. They can encourage collective action to combat the climate crisis and contribute to a successful outcome of this year's UN Climate Change Conference (COP26).

The report was submitted to Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Patricia Espinosa, who highlighted the importance of a successful UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/key-findings-in-climatology-for-2020/>

### Number of farms in Turkmenistan almost doubled in last three years 08/02/2021

In period of 2018-2020, in Turkmenistan, the number of new farms has increased by 1.8 times. The source at the State Committee on Statistics informed the ORIENT.

Hundreds of entrepreneurs in rural areas have the opportunity to engage in the production of agricultural products and sell them on domestic and foreign markets. The newly opened farms have created additional hundreds of jobs in the outlying districts of the country.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/number-of-farms-in-turkmenistan-almost-doubled-in-last-three-years/>

### Tajikistan Will Develop a National Agriculture Investment Plan 09/02/2021

**DUSHANBE, 09.02.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Tajikistan will develop a National Agriculture Investment Plan for 2021-2030. Issues relating to the development of the plan were discussed earlier at the meeting of the Minister of Finance Fayziddin Kahhorzoda with the representative of the Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UN FAO) in Tajikistan Oleg Guchgeldiev.

FAO has been working in Tajikistan since 1995, including on the basis of a Country Program developed by FAO and the government in coordination with development partners.

Read more: <https://eng.khovar.tj/2021/02/tajikistan-will-develop-a-national-agriculture-investment-plan/>

### Climate “fluctuations”: amazing winter in Ashgabat 11/02/2021

This winter is breaking records for temperature changes and weather anomalies. News lines are full of reports of snowfalls unusual for Europe and North America, prolonged

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rains and floods, and strong, almost stormy winds.

According to experts, the more frequent and abrupt change in weather processes characteristic of the winter in the 2020-2021 season is associated with an increase in the greenhouse effect. It is this effect that “shakes” the climate, and this process is further growing.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/climate-fluctuations-amazing-winter-in-ashgabat/>

### **Meeting of the Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS and the Head of the Swiss Cooperation Office in Tajikistan 09/12/2021**

On 9 February 2021, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS, Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda received the Head of the Swiss Cooperation Office in Tajikistan, Ms. Salome Steib.

The parties discussed the priority areas of cooperation and plans of the chairmanship of the Republic of Tajikistan in IFAS, including the implementation of the Aral Sea Basin Program after its approval, the possible development of a Regional Plan for Climate Change Adaptation, capacity development of hydrometeorological services of the CA countries in the study of glaciers and other issues related to the IFAS mission.

The parties expressed their high willingness and interest for close cooperation in the successful implementation of the IFAS mission in the region.

Read more:

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### **Meeting of the Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS and the President of the World Water Council (WWC) 09/02/2021**

On 9 February 2021, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS, Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda and the President of the World Water Council, H.E. Mr. Loic Fauchon had a virtual meeting.

The parties discussed the issues of cooperation between EC IFAS and World Water Council including in the framework of the preparatory process of the 9th World Water Forum, which will be held in Senegal in 2022, as well as the participation of the World Water Council in the implementation of the International Decade of Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028.

The parties expressed high willingness and interest in close cooperation in the above-mentioned areas.

Read more:

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## **The development of green cities: Ashgabat promote a new model of waste management 11.02.2021**

Recycling and disposal of household wastes are becoming an increasingly acute problem worldwide. One person in the United States annually produces more than 900 kg of waste, which is about 2.5 kg per day. In Russia, this annual rate reaches up to 400 kg.

Have you ever thought how much waste is generated daily in your family? What is the percentage of paper, plastic, glass, or organic waste among all the collected?

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/the-development-of-green-cities-ashgabat-promote-a-new-model-of-waste-management/>

## **Water resources**

### **CESCD Plans to Commission a New System for Early Warning and Monitoring of Sarez Lake in 2021 11/02/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 11.02.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Today at a press conference the Chairman of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense Rustam Nazarzoda said that the commissioning of a new early warning and monitoring system for Sarez Lake is planned for August 2021.

“Supply and installation of equipment is carried out by the Italian company SAE. The system will run along the border with Afghanistan to the Shahritus district, adjacent to the Surkhandarya region of Uzbekistan. The existing system of preliminary warning (sirens, radio communication) has currently been installed up to Rushon district,” Nazarzoda noted.

According to him, the monitoring and early warning system was installed in 2004. Due to long-term use, the system needed modernization. In order to modernize, improve and expand the system, as part of the implementation of the National Project on Disaster Risk Management the selection of a company was completed, and a contract was signed for the supply, installation and commissioning of operation of a new monitoring and early warning system on Sarez Lake.

Read more: <https://eng.khovar.tj/2021/02/cescd-plans-to-commission-a-new-system-for-early-warning-and-monitoring-of-sarez-lake-in-2021/>

### **Kazakhstan to approve Water Code concept by yearend 12/02/2021**

**NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM** «Kazakhstan will approve Water Code concept by the yearend,» Kazakh Vice Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources Serik Kozhaniyazov said.

The analysis of the effective Water Code showed that since 2003 the Code underwent changes and transformations by 68%. It is mainly focused on practical use of water. The

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new Water Code should strengthen water resources preservation and water demand management directions.

Read more: <https://www.inform.kz/en/search?sword=water&x=0&y=0>

## Energy sector

### **Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan and head of ACWA Power discuss the implementation of new large-scale projects 08/02/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- Negotiations have been held between Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan Sardor Umurzakov and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of ACWA Power (Saudi Arabia), Co-Chairman of Uzbekistan – Saudi Arabian Business Council Mohammad Abunayyan.

The parties discussed the implementation of the current joint projects and further expansion of investment cooperation in the development of renewable energy sources.

Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/63516>

### **Cengiz Enerji to build a thermal power plant in Tashkent region 08/02/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- The Turkish company Cengiz Enerji will build a thermal power plant with a capacity of 240 MW in Tashkent region. This follows from the resolution of the President “On measures to organize the construction of another thermal power plant with a capacity of 240 MW in the Tashkent region” from 2 February 2020.

The head of Uzbekistan approved an investment agreement between the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan and the Turkish Cengiz Enerji (investor) and Cenergo (project company).

Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/63513>

### **Government delegation visits the construction site of the Syrdarya TPP 08/02/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- On 8 February 2021, a delegation consisting of First Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan Achilbay Ramatov, Minister of Energy Alisher Sultanov and other responsible persons visited the construction site of the future thermal power plant in Syrdarya region.

The project is being implemented by the Saudi company ACWA Power. The start of the construction of the new TPP was given on 24 January 2021.

Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/63524>

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## **Topical issues of interaction with NEDO were discussed 09/02/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- In order to discuss issues of promoting current and promising projects, a meeting was held with the executive director of the Japanese Organization for the Development of New Energy and Industrial Technologies (NEDO) Izuru Kobayashi. The embassy of Uzbekistan in Tokyo reports.

During the videoconference, issues of timely and successful implementation of the project for the implementation of efficient gas turbine plants at the Ferghana thermal power point and the city boiler house RK-3, as well as the development of a new pilot project in the energy sector using high technologies from Japanese companies were discussed.

Following the meeting, an agreement was reached to continue active joint work, incl. in the form of videoconference to promote the implementation of joint projects in Uzbekistan.

Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/63540>

## **Alisher Sultanov: 70 percent of equipment Uzbekistan uses does not meet energy-saving requirements 10/02/2021**

**Energy Minister Alisher Sultanov spoke about the problems that concern the population of Uzbekistan in the energy sector.**

“The head of a major Turkish company has recently visited Uzbekistan. He met with the Prime Minister, and the parties reached agreements on several projects. At the end of the negotiations, he told Abdulla Aripov that Uzbekistan has big problems securing the gas. The Prime Minister asked him to tell about these problems,” Sultanov said in an interview with Amerika Ovozi.

Read more: <https://kun.uz/en/news/2021/02/10/alisher-sultanov-70-percent-of-equipment-uzbekistan-uses-does-not-meet-energy-saving-requirements>

## **The project of digital transformation of the fuel and energy complex begins 11/02/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- Discussion of the project for digital transformation of the fuel and energy complex (FEC) of Uzbekistan took place on 11 February 2021 during a meeting of the country's Energy Minister Alisher Sultanov with the leadership of the multidisciplinary IT group ICS Holding (Russia).

As noted in the welcoming speech of the head of the Ministry of Energy, one of the most important conditions for the development of modern Uzbekistan is the economic stability of the country, which to a large extent depends on the development of energy and the achievement of energy security.

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## **Share of renewables to reach 6% in Kazakhstan by 2025– Energy Ministry 11/02/2021**

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – Kazakhstan is set to increase the share of renewable energy to 6% by 2025, Kazakh Energy Minister Nurlan Nogayev told a government session on Tuesday, Kazinform correspondent reports.

Addressing the session, the Kazakh energy minister stressed that the year 2020 was a milestone in achieving the marker on renewable energy as part of the concept of Kazakhstan's transition to a «green» economy. According to him, the goal of reaching a 3% share of renewable energy sources in its total energy generation was hit in 2020. The minister listed the goals on the share of renewables in the country's electricity generation, as follows: 6% by 2025, 10% by 2030, and at least 50% by 2050.

Read more: [https://www.inform.kz/en/share-of-renewables-to-reach-6-in-kazakhstan-by-2025-energy-ministry\\_a3750945](https://www.inform.kz/en/share-of-renewables-to-reach-6-in-kazakhstan-by-2025-energy-ministry_a3750945)

## **Kazakhstan plans to build waste-to-energy facilities in 6 cities 12/02/2021**

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM «Kazakhstan plans to build waste-to-energy facilities in 6 cities, namely Nur-Sultan, Almaty, Shymkent, Atyrau, Taraz, Aktobe,» Kazakh Vice Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources Akhmetzhan Primkulov told the board meeting.

He stressed that one of the key problems is the state of landfills which fail to meet corresponding sanitary and ecological requirements. The Ministry conducted an analysis of the number of landfills necessary for district and regional centres the countrywide. According to preliminary results there are 110 landfills in Kazakhstan so far. Cities and large districts lack at least of 84 landfills. He added that Kazakhstan adopted the law on introducing the Waste to Energy energy recovery mechanism. So it is planned to build waste-to-energy facilities in 6 cities of Kazakhstan.

Read more: [https://www.inform.kz/en/kazakhstan-plans-to-build-waste-to-energy-facilities-in-6-cities\\_a3752599](https://www.inform.kz/en/kazakhstan-plans-to-build-waste-to-energy-facilities-in-6-cities_a3752599)

## **Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries**

### **Taliban press statement 06/02/2021**

**Dear Mass Media Representatives!**

First of all, let me welcome you today at the press conference and introduce myself. My name is Mohammad Suhail Shaheen, I am a member of the Political Office and

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Negotiations Team of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

On behalf of the EIA Political Office, I would like to express my gratitude to the Turkmen side for the invitation to visit Turkmenistan and for warm hospitality.

Yesterday, as part of our visit, we visited two mosques and acquainted with the ancient religious sites and cultural traditions of the Turkmen people.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/taliban-press-statement/>

### **What the Taliban representatives told the press after the meeting in Ashgabat 06/02/2021**

At the end of the meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, representatives of the political office of the Afghan Taliban made a statement to the press, in which they expressed gratitude to the Turkmen side for the invitation and hospitality.

Taliban officials said the talks, during which they gave a positive assessment of Turkmenistan's policy towards Afghanistan and many years of political and economic support, were held in an open and friendly atmosphere.

The Taliban movement announced its full support for the implementation of infrastructure projects in Afghanistan, initiated by Turkmenistan, in all their aspects, namely TAPI, TAP and the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan railway.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/what-the-taliban-representatives-told-the-press-after-the-meeting-in-ashgabat/>

### **Ashgabat talks with the Taliban: our photo report 06/02/2021**

As already **reported** by ORIENT, on Saturday, February 6, a meeting of the leadership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan with representatives of the Afghan Taliban movement took place in Ashgabat.

While the negotiators are getting ready to go out to the press, who will be told all the details of the meeting, we offer our readers a short photo report about how everything happened.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/ashgabat-talks-with-the-taliban-our-photo-report/>

### **Dushanbe will finish building its section of the Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Turkmenistan railway 08/02/2021**

About \$ 128 million will be required for the implementation of the Tajik section of the Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Turkmenistan railway project. The Minister of Transport of

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Tajikistan Azim Ibrohim told reporters about it at a press conference.

According to him, the railway route for this project has been approved by the government commission and negotiations are underway with financiers to raise funds for its implementation, – reports Tajik news agency “Avesta”.

“Tajikistan did not refuse to participate in this project, and it should be implemented. The problem is the financing of the project. Currently, negotiations on financing the Tajik section of this project are underway with the Asian Development Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development,” the head of the country’s Transport Ministry said.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/dushanbe-will-finish-building-its-section-of-the-tajikistan-afghanistan-turkmenistan-railway/>

## **Presidents of Kazakhstan and Afghanistan had a telephone conversation 09/02/2021**

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev spoke with President of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani by phone at the initiative of the Afghan side. The two leaders discussed the state and prospects of bilateral cooperation. Afghanistan President expressed gratitude to Kazakhstan for its continued support to the intra-Afghan dialogue, effective and large-scale economic assistance to his country, the Akorda press service reports. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev affirmed the immutability of Kazakhstan's course to fully support the Afghan state. According President Tokayev, Kazakhstan will actively take part at a high level in the work of international and regional forums on ensuring security and assisting Afghanistan in restoring its economy and social infrastructure.

Read more: [https://www.inform.kz/en/presidents-of-kazakhstan-and-afghanistan-had-a-telephone-conversation\\_a3751621](https://www.inform.kz/en/presidents-of-kazakhstan-and-afghanistan-had-a-telephone-conversation_a3751621)

## **Turkmens and Uzbeks know how to reconcile Afghanistan, considers the Kazakhstan news blog 09/02/2021**

How to reconcile Afghans? Such question is sets by the news blog about events in Kazakhstan and abroad yvision.kz in the material «How in Central Asia real political victories are gained? It is possible to learn from the Turkmens and Uzbeks».

The site reminds that on February 6, 2021 in Turkmenistan the meeting of the leaders of the Turkmen Ministry of Foreign Affairs with a delegation of the political office of the movement “Taliban”, led by the head Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar took place.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/turkmens-and-uzbeks-know-how-to-reconcile-afghanistan-considers-the-kazakhstan-news-blog/>

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**10/02/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- On 10 February, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev had a telephone conversation with the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani.

Current issues on the bilateral agenda and regional cooperation were discussed.

On behalf of the fraternal people of Afghanistan, President Ashraf Ghani expressed his sincere gratitude to the President of Uzbekistan for his full support in ensuring peace and stability in Afghanistan and the economic reconstruction of this country.

Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/63556>

### **President Emomali Rahmon Holds a Telephone Conversation with His Afghan Counterpart 11/02/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 11.02.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Today, the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President Emomali Rahmon had a telephone conversation with President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani.

In an atmosphere of mutual understanding, the two sides exchanged views on topical international and regional issues of mutual interest.

Special attention was paid to the process of intra-Afghan peace talks, and finding effective ways to establish peace and nationwide stability in Afghanistan.

Read more: <https://eng.khovar.tj/2021/02/president-emomali-rahmon-holds-a-telephone-conversation-with-his-afghan-counterpart/>

### **Mazar-i-Sharif - Peshawar: a corridor to the new future of Central and South Asia 12/02/21**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- On 2 February 2021, a landmark event for the future of Afghanistan and the entire region took place in Tashkent. This is the first trilateral meeting of Uzbekistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan on the implementation of the project for the construction of the Mazar-i-Sharif-Kabul-Peshawar railway.

The exceptional importance of this meeting is due to many reasons. First of all, a solid trilateral consensus was reached on the need to build a trans-Afghan highway. Moreover, a joint Action Plan ("Road Map") for the construction of the Mazar-i-Sharif - Kabul - Peshawar railway was developed and signed. In March it is planned to start carrying out geodetic, hydrogeological and topographic studies along the route of the road. By May, the parties expect to prepare a feasibility study and develop mechanisms for financing the construction of the highway. In other words, an important step forward has been made towards the implementation of the "project of the century" for the region, as many media

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have already called it.

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## Cooperation between Central Asian countries

### Uzbek President gets acquainted with construction projects 05/02/2021

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev examined new 16-storey buildings on Taron Street in Ferghana city.

Ferghana is one of the most densely populated cities in the country. Therefore, such modern multi-storey buildings play an important role in meeting the growing needs of the population.

Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/63473>

### Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan express interest in strengthening strategic partnership 05/02/2021

**The Prime Minister of Uzbekistan, Abdulla Aripov, held talks with the Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ulugbek Maripov, within the framework of his working visit to Almaty to participate in the regular meeting of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council.**

During the talks, the heads of government discussed a wide range of bilateral cooperation issues in the field of trade, investment, agriculture and others.

Read more: <https://kun.uz/en/news/2021/02/05/uzbekistan-kyrgyzstan-express-interest-in-strengthening-strategic-partnership>

### PM Rasulzoda Congratulates Maripov on His Appointment 09/02/2021

**DUSHANBE, 09.02.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Prime Minister Kohir Rasulzoda congratulated Ulukbek Maripov on his appointment as the new Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan.

“While highly appreciating the bonds of friendship, good-neighborliness and mutual respect between our countries, I express my confidence that with your most active participation, relations between Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic will steadily expand and fill with new content,” the congratulatory message says.

Rasulzoda wished Maripov health and success, and to the friendly people of the Kyrgyz Republic peace, well-being and prosperity.

Read more: <https://eng.khovar.tj/2021/02/pm-rasulzoda-congratulates-maripov-on-his-appointment/>

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## **Tajikistan's Economic Development in 2021 Expected to Go Over 7% 10/02/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 10.02.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Industry officials note that a significant decline in prices for the country's export goods on world markets and the devaluation of the national currencies of our main trading partners had a consequential impact on Tajikistan's economy.

However, an increase in production in industry and agriculture, and growth of foreign trade turnover, including in exports, has contributed to the development of our economy.

Read more: <https://eng.khovar.tj/2021/02/tajikistan-s-economic-development-in-2021-expected-to-go-over-7/>

## **Tajik Foreign Ministry Speaks on the Statements of Kyrgyz Political Figures 10/02/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 10.02.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of Tajikistan has issued a statement regarding the recent statements made by certain Kyrgyz politicians about the alleged transfer of the source of the Tortkul reservoir to Tajikistan.

«The process of delimitation and demarcation of the Tajik-Kyrgyz border is not complete. Negotiations of the governmental delegations on border issues continue. The section of the territory along which the reservoir passes, mentioned by the deputy of the Jogorku Kenesh, until the completion of the delimitation of the border in accordance with the norms of international law is considered to be non-delimited. Currently, there can be no question of the transfer by one party of any disputed area to the other party,» noted the Tajik MFA.

«The ministry urges politicians of the neighboring country to approach statements about the Tajik-Kyrgyz border with great caution, since the dissemination of unverified information may contribute to destabilization of the situation in the border territories of the two brotherly states,» highlighted the ministry.

Read more: <https://eng.khovar.tj/2021/02/tajik-foreign-ministry-speaks-on-the-statements-of-kyrgyz-political-figures/>

## **State Statistics Committee: Foreign trade turnover of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan makes up US\$501.9 million 10/02/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- Foreign trade turnover of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan in 2020 made up US\$501.9 million.

Uzbekistan's exports to Tajikistan reached US\$404.6 million and imports from Tajikistan - US\$97.3 million.

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Services (US\$115.3 million), chemical products (US\$70.4 million) and food products (US\$57.4 million) were main export items of Uzbekistan to Tajikistan.

Tajikistan exported to Uzbekistan energy and oil products for US\$11.4 million, ferrous metals – US\$10.2 million and non-ferrous metals – US\$3.2 million.

Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/63551>

## **National Bank Notes Stable Growth of Economy and GDP in 2020 11/02/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 11.02.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – The National Bank of Tajikistan (NBT) notes the stable growth of the economy and gross domestic product (GDP) in 2020, which reached 82.5 billion somoni, and its real growth was 4.5%.

“The GDP growth last year was ensured by an increase in industrial production by 9.7% and agricultural production by 8.8%,” said NBT’s Chairman Hokim Kholikzoda at a press conference yesterday.

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## **Uzbekistan, JICA discuss development of cooperation 11/02/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- On 9 February, the First Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Ilhom Norkulov held a meeting with the head of the Representative Office of the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Suguru Miyazaki to discuss the current economic situation and key reforms implemented in Uzbekistan, as well as prospects for cooperation.

The meeting was also attended by the Deputy Head of the JICA Representative Office Katayama Hiroki and other representatives of the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction.

Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/63576>

## **Tajikistan and the EU Discuss Prospects for Bilateral Cooperation Development 12/02/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 12.02.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Today, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Sirojiddin Muhridin received the head of the Delegation of the European Union to Tajikistan Marilyn Josefson.

The sides discussed current issues and prospects for development of bilateral cooperation between Tajikistan and the European Union as well as other issues of mutual interest.

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