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Climate Change and Environment

The initiative of the President of Uzbekistan to declare the Aral Sea region a zone of environmental innovations and technologies has been implemented 19/05/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 18 May 2021, during the plenary meeting of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly, at the suggestion of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, a special resolution was unanimously adopted on declaring the Aral Sea region a zone of environmental innovations and technologies.

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FAO launches project on smart farming in Uzbekistan 19/05/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – An inception workshop was held on the FAO four-year project “Smart Farming for the Future Generation”, which is being implemented in Uzbekistan and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam with a total budget of US\$3.4 million, provided by the Republic of Korea. FAO experts, officials from the Ministry of Agriculture of Uzbekistan as well as representatives of the Agency for the Development of Horticulture and Greenhouse under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan participated at the event.

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Turkmenistan - a co-author of the Resolution declaring the Aral Sea region a zone of ecological innovations and technologies 19/05/2021

UN General Assembly, on the proposal of Uzbekistan, adopted a special resolution on declaring the Aral Sea region a zone of ecological innovations and technologies. As reported by the UN News website, 50 states, including Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, stand as co-authors of the resolution.

In the resolution, the General Assembly declared its support for regional events and

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initiatives aimed at improving the environmental, social, economic and demographic situation in the Aral Sea region.

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Tajikistan and Germany Discuss Green Central Asia Initiative 20/05/2021

DUSHANBE, 21.05.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Muzaffar Huseinzoda held a online-meeting with the Minister of State of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany Niels Annen.

The meeting focused on bilateral cooperation, the joint action plan for the implementation of Germany's regional Green Central Asia initiative and other issues of mutual interest.

The parties expressed firm interest in expanding and strengthening mutually beneficial relations in political, trade and economic, as well as cultural and humanitarian spheres.

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Agriculture in a new fashion: how to protect nature, to honour the law and to get a rich harvest 20/05/2021

To use water saving up technologies, rationally to plan agricultural manufacture and to select the right technics for work in the field is very important. But not each firm or the usual worker of village possess knowledge and skills independently to organise all aforesaid on the allocated ground.

In such cases economic society «Garagum agro» will come to help. On the staff of the young company there are skilled employees with long-term experience of practical work and scientific degrees in the field of agriculture.

The economic society stakes on the agricultural enterprises of Turkmenistan which want to raise productivity and to come out to a new level of development of business. Experts of the firm help agricultural manufacturers both in the technical and legal spheres.

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A program to support sustainable development of beekeeping is being implemented in Uzbekistan 20/05/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- In 2018, the UN General Assembly proclaimed 20 May as World Bee Day. Each year, the date brings to the attention of the general public both the role that bees and other pollinators play in maintaining human and planetary health and the many threats they face today.

This year, World Bee Day is being celebrated at a challenging historical period as many

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countries continue to grapple with the widespread impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Its goal is to foster global cooperation and solidarity efforts to address threats to food security and agricultural livelihoods caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on rehabilitating the environment and protecting pollinators.

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Representatives of MFA of Kyrgyzstan and Germany discuss state of bilateral relations 21/05/2021

Bishkek, May 21, 2021. / Kabar /. First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Nuran Niyazaliev held an online meeting with State Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany Niels Annen, during which the issues of the current state and prospects of development of Kyrgyz-German relations were discussed.

According to the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan, the sides paid special attention to the issues of trade and economic cooperation and the need to restart trade, economic and investment interaction in the post-like period. The sides also stressed the importance of holding the First EU-CA Economic Forum and discussed issues of cooperation within the framework of international organizations.

A constructive exchange of views took place on the Green Central Asia Initiative of the German Foreign Ministry, which is aimed at sustainable development of the Central Asian region in the face of global climate change.

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Global Road Safety Week: environmental and social aspects 21/05/2021

The 6th UN Global Road Safety Week, held 17-23 May 2021, highlights the benefits of low-speed urban streets (30 km/h) in cities worldwide as the heart of any community. The Week calls on policy-makers to act for low-speed streets, limiting speeds to where people live, work and play. Low-speed streets make for cities that are not only safe, but also healthy, green and liveable. The events organized within the framework of the UN Global Road Safety Week are held under the concept «Streets for life».

The 6th UN Global Road Safety Week is organized based on the principles and within the framework of the Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030.

It should be noted that Turkmenistan hosts massive environmental actions and events aimed at popularizing cycling on May

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Landscaping of the drained bottom of the Aral Sea: practical work and concrete results 21/05/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) - The Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade, together with the State Committee on Forestry, the Scientific Information Center and the Interstate Coordination Water Commission in the format of a videoconference, held a scientific and practical seminar "Monitoring results and further measures for greening on the drained bottom of the Aral Sea".

The aim of the seminar was to develop concrete measures for the practical application of the results of monitoring the drained bottom of the Aral Sea, carried out within the framework of the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund for Human Security for the Aral Sea Region "Solving urgent human security problems in the Aral Sea region by promoting sustainable rural development", implemented UNDP and UNESCO.

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UNDP assists beekeepers of Karakalpakstan 21/05/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 17 May 2021, in Nukus district of Karakalpakstan UNDP handed over the equipment for the development of beekeeping. The initiative received support from the UNDP and UNFPA Joint Programme "Building the resilience of local communities against health, environmental and economic insecurities caused by environmental destruction in the Aral Sea region", funded by the Government of Japan.

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Central Asian journalists participate in the international biodiversity contest 22/05/2021

The EU-Central Asia Environment, Climate Change and Water Cooperation (WECOOP), funded by the European Union launches contest among Central Asian journalists «Restoring biodiversity – our shared responsibility».

As a result of the contest, 6 winners will be selected (one I prize, two II prizes, three III prizes). The winners will take part in a study tour to the Kyrgyz Republic to learn about the practices of conservation and restoration of biodiversity.

To participate in the contest, the applicants should meet the following criteria:

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Session of the Government: Preparation to holidays, economic

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objectives, ecology, cooperation 22/05/2021

President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has held regular video conference session of the Cabinet of Ministers where current issues of the state life have been discussed.

In his turn, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiyev has reported on work for provision of ecological wealth in the country as well as on the Draft National Forest Program of Turkmenistan for 2021 – 2025.

It was mentioned that areas of planting of various trees and forest zones have been increased under this program in 2013 – 2020. Legal acts for development of forestry, protection of natural resources and in ecological sphere have been updated. Beneficial cooperation is developed in this direction on regional and international levels.

Taking into account natural and climate conditions of our country, the Draft National Forest Program of Turkmenistan for 2021 – 2025 has been developed for further expansion of the areas of forest zones, rational use of natural resources, continuation of the state ecological policy as well as fulfilment of obligations following from international ecological programs and conventions, which were ratified by our country.

The document provides the development of the plan of plantation of deciduous, coniferous, fruit and vine trees as well as desert plants by the ministries and departments, administrations of regions and Ashgabat.

Taking into account natural ecological systems and soil and climate conditions of the country, the Program defines species of trees, which would be cultivated according to the Forest Code of Turkmenistan in forest farms and State Natural Reserves, their volume, plans of preparation of normative and legal acts, scientific and research works, organizational events for development of the forestry in the country.

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International Biological Diversity Day: Solutions for sustainable development 22/05/2021

The UN Conference for Environment and Development, at which the Convention on Biological Diversity – the first global agreement on protection of natural resources and their sustainable development, has been agreed to be signed, was held in Rio de Janeiro on June 5, 1992. The goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity is to preserve biodiversity on all levels, to provide sustainable use of its components, to provide access to genetic resources and their joint use of fair basis. At this time, the Convention has been ratified by 196 countries.

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The President of Turkmenistan participates in ecological action and talks with fosters of Döwletliler köşgi 22/05/2021

Nation-wide community work day, which was timed to the 140th anniversary of Turkmen capital, has been held in Ashgabat with participation of President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov.

Environment protection, careful treatment of nature, protection of its beauty and resources for future generation are important priorities of the government policy. The utmost attention is paid to the ecology in our country as to one of the key factors of prosperous life of people.

Early in the morning, the head of the state has come to the southern part of the capital between Archabyl and Chandibyl Avenues. These excellent modern avenues have stretched along picturesque Kopetdag foothills in rapidly developing business center of Ashgabat.

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Garden city: flower festival in Namangan amazes with colors and aromas 23/05/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The traditional 60th-anniversary celebration of flowers "Flowers Festival-2021" started in Namangan today. Within the framework of the festival, a press tour was organized jointly with the Ministry of Tourism and Sports and the administration of Namangan region. It is attended by about 100 journalists, including representatives of more than 30 international and foreign news agencies.

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12TH CENTRAL ASIAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME ON ENVIRONMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 24/05/2021

On May 17, 2021 CAREC launches the on-line registration and collection of applications on the online mobile platform – <http://calp.carececo.org/> for the **12th Central Asian Leadership Programme on Environment for Sustainable Development (CALP)** which plans to be held online from 20 to 24 September 2021.

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Water resources

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WB to provide Uzbekistan with a concessional loan worth \$289 million 18/05/2021

Uzbekistan has signed two loan agreements with the World Bank for \$289 million.

As the press service of the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction reported, on May 17 this year, the department held a meeting with the Vice President of the World Bank for Europe and Central Asia Anna Bjerde.

As a result of negotiations between the WB and the government of Uzbekistan, a ceremony of financial and grant agreements on the project **“Development of the water supply services sector and its institutional support in Uzbekistan”** was held. The World Bank allocated a concessional loan in the amount of \$239 million for the implementation of the project. Also, the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs allotted a \$7.8 million grant.

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Maripov familiarizes with condition of dam on Gulcho river 24/05/2021

Bishkek, May 24, 2021. / Kabar / . Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Ulukbek Maripov familiarized with the condition of a dam on the Gulcho river in the village of the same name in Alay region of Kyrgyzstan’s Osh Oblast.

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Energy sector

Prospects of the Turkmen-Kyrgyz partnership in the fuel and energy complex, industry and trade are considered 17/05/2021

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov held a meeting with Minister of Energy and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic Kubanychbek Turdubaev, who arrived in Ashgabat on a working visit.

During the meeting, the parties expressed satisfaction with the positive dynamics of bilateral cooperation. Special emphasis was placed on trade and economic ties. Mutual interest was expressed in expanding partnerships in the field of energy and industry, textile industry, trade among others. The parties also exchanged views on promising projects in the oil and gas sector. Meeting participants expressed interest in expanding scientific and educational contacts.

The Minister of Energy and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic held meetings with the heads of the relevant ministries and departments of Turkmenistan.

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Uzbek Foreign Minister hold a telephone conversation with the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure of the UAE 18/05/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 18 May 2021, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan Abdulaziz Kamilov held a telephone conversation with the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure of the United Arab Emirates Suheil al-Mazrui.

During the talks, the sides discussed the current state and prospects for further development of bilateral cooperation with an emphasis on enhancing ties in the trade, economic, investment and tourism spheres.

The progress in the implementation of the agreements reached in the framework of meetings at the highest and high levels, as well as the schedule of upcoming events were considered.

An exchange of views took place on certain aspects of interaction between the parties through the UN, OIC and other international organizations.

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12 participants received the right to submit their proposals for a wind farm project in Karakalpakstan 23/05/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – Twelve prequalification participants were invited to submit their proposals for a 100 MW wind farm project in Karakalpakstan. This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

In order to meet the power demand and to work towards the Nationally Determined Contribution (“NDC”) objectives, Government of Uzbekistan (“GOU”) is implementing a strategy to deploy up to 3 GW of wind power capacity by 2030. As part of this initiative, GOU has launched a program for the development of wind power projects, with support from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“EBRD”) for a capacity of up to 1GW under public-private partnership (“PPP”) modality.

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Afghanistan’s multilateral relationship with CA countries

US, UN officials hail Uzbekistan’s repatriation of its citizens from Middle East conflict zones 20/05/2021

“They have done a very credible, excellent job,” Daniel Rosenblum, U.S. Ambassador to

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Uzbekistan, told VOA.

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev began humanitarian operation Mehr in 2019 to return noncombatant citizens from camps in northeast Syria held by the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces.

Five operations since May 2019 have repatriated 435 women and children, mostly from Syria but also from Iraq and Afghanistan, including 343 minors aged 1-15.

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Ghani, Haidari for Greater Cooperation to Address Climate Change 23/05/2021

KABUL - Director-General of the South Asia Cooperative Environment Program (SACEP) Ambassador M. Ashraf Haidari has called on President Ashraf Ghani and discussed with him matters related to climate change.

Afghanistan is one of the eight member-states of the South Asia Cooperative Environment Program (SACEP).

As part of his SACEP country visit, Haidari briefed the president on the various programs and priorities of SACEP aimed at helping its member-states adapt to and mitigate the impact of climate change on South Asia as one of the most vulnerable world regions to the adverse effects of global warming.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kazakhstan transfers 4,500 tons of flour to Kyrgyzstan as humanitarian aid 18/05/2021

Bishkek, May 18, 2021 . / Kabar / . Humanitarian aid from Kazakhstan has arrived in Bishkek on Tuesday, the Kazakh Embassy in Kyrgyzstan said.

Kazakh Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan Rupil Zhoshybaev and Kyrgyzstan's Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Resources Azamat Mukashev took part in the ceremony of handing over the first batch of Kazakh humanitarian aid - about 4,500 tons of wheat flour.

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Transport ministers of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan discuss cooperation issues 18/05/2021

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Bishkek, May 18, 2021. / Kabar / Minister of Transport and Communications of Kyrgyzstan Gulmira Abdralieva paid a working trip to Osh Oblast.

According to the press service of the ministry, Abdaralieva met with Minister of Transport of Uzbekistan Ilkhom Makhamov at the Dostuk checkpoint within the framework of the negotiations between the presidents of the two countries of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Zhaparov and Shavkat Mirziyoyev. The delegations inspected, studied and studied the Osh-Sarytash-Irkeshtam road.

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Ashgabat, Bishkek, Tashkent and Tehran discuss new railway corridor 18/05/2021

Heads of railway departments and diplomatic missions of Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Iran held online meeting to discuss the creation of a new railway corridor. The meeting was initiated by the Kyrgyz Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (KSPP).

The purpose of the new project is to organize container shipments to Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan through the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas and back.

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Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan discuss issues of unimpeded transit of cargo 20/05/2021

Bishkek, May 20, 2021 . / Kabar / . First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Nuran Niyazaliyev discussed topical cooperation issues with Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Kyrgyzstan Rapol Zhoshybayev.

In the course of the meeting, the interlocutors exchanged views on a number of topical issues on the agenda of Kyrgyz-Kazakh cooperation, as well as the implementation of previously reached agreements, including the unimpeded transit of cargo through Kazakhstan, facilitation of Kyrgyz-Kazakh border crossing for citizens of Kyrgyzstan and holding the Days of Culture, the press service of the Kyrgyz Foreign Ministry said.

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Kazakh President Tokayev, Tajik PM Kokhir Rasulzoda meet 20/05/2021

DUSHANBE. KAZINFORM – Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev has held a meeting with Prime Minister of Tajikistan Kokhir Rasulzoda to wrap up his official visit to the country, Kazinform cites the Akorda press service.

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President Tokayev's Official Visit to Tajikistan Comes to an End 20/05/2021

DUSHANBE, 19.05.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – The official visit of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev to Tajikistan has come to an end. President Emomali Rahmon accompanied President Tokayev to the Dushanbe International Airport.

Tokayev's two day visit began on May 19.

As a result of the successful visit, seven new cooperation documents have been signed which will contribute to expanding and strengthening friendly relations and strategic partnership between the two countries.

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Tajikistan — Kazakhstan Summit Meeting 20/05/2021

DUSHANBE, 20.05.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – In the Palace of the Nation, the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon held talks with the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev who arrived in Dushanbe on an official visit.

Following the official welcoming ceremony and introduction of members of the two delegations, the counterparts had a one-on-one discussion, which was followed by a meeting with the inclusion of both delegations.

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U.S. Embassy Establishes Border Liaison Office on Tajik-Uzbek Border to Combat Trafficking 21/05/2021

DUSHANBE, 21.05.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – On May 18, the U.S. Embassy Dushanbe's International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Office (INL) in partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) held a ribbon-cutting and handover ceremony to commemorate the completion of the Border Liaison Office (BLO) in Tursunzoda of the Pakhtaobod jamoat on the Tajik-Uzbek border.

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