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Climate Change and Environment

Uzbekistan, South Korea strengthen cooperation in ecological field 28/08/2023

In order to implement the agreements reached at the highest level between Uzbekistan and the Republic of Korea, on August 23-28, a South Korean delegation headed by the President of the Korean Institute of Ecological Industry and Technology (KEITI) Choi Hyun Jin visited our country, a Kun.uz correspondent reports.

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UZBEKISTAN'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING OF CENTRAL ASIA 29/08/2023

Member of the Board of Governors of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) **Boriy Alikhanov** and representatives of the CAREC Country Office for Uzbekistan participated in a round table conference on the 15th anniversary of the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan.

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Everything you wanted to know about ESG! 29/08/2023

Do you want to be competitive and stay updated? Then you might be interested in ESG standards (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance) and how they could help your business reach a new level.

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Summer "climate" school for the youth of Central Asia was held in the mountains of Kyrgyzstan 30/08/2023

From August 17 to 26, 2023, twenty young people from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan gathered in the mountains of the northern Tien Shan in eastern Kyrgyzstan to learn about climate-related security risks in mountain areas and discuss innovative solutions and collective action to minimizing these risks.

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Tajikistan will transfer the chairmanship in the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea to Kazakhstan 31/08/2023

Tajikistan will transfer the chairmanship in the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS) to Kazakhstan. The Fund Council will be held in Dushanbe as part of a consultative meeting of the leaders of the heads of state of Central Asia, scheduled for September 14. This was announced at a briefing by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan Sodik Imomi.

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Serdar Berdimuhamedov: Turkmenistan always stands for joint solution of environmental issues 01/09/2023

During a government meeting on Thursday, the President of Turkmenistan heard

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proposals for the implementation of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Paris Agreement and other documents on environmental issues, presented by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Foreign Affairs Rashid Meredov.

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Four Kazakh ministers, including Ecology Minister, relieved of their duties 01/09/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM Four ministers of Kazakhstan were relieved of their duties, Kazinform cites the Akorda press service.
The Head of State decreed to relieve Industry and Infrastructure Development Minister Marat Karabayev, Information and Social Development Minister Darkhan Kydyrali, Culture and Sports Minister Askhat Oralov, and Ecology and Natural Resources Minister Zulfiya Suleimenov of their duties.

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Kazakhstan to establish National Hydrogeological Service 01/09/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM Water access and water resources quality remain as one of the country's main problems, the Head of State said addressing the joint session of the Parliament Chambers.

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Startup Ecosystem 2023 Launched in Turkmenistan: Call for Applications Announced 03/09/2023

The National Public Association "Union of Economists of Turkmenistan" and the USAID Project for the Development of Modern Professional Skills (YDA) are launching a joint implementation of the "Startup Ecosystem - 2023" program. The goal of the Program is to develop in Turkmenistan a market for services in the field of business incubation and acceleration of start-ups (new implemented innovative business ideas), which will lead to improved conditions for the development of youth entrepreneurship and the creation of new jobs.

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Water resources

The law “On the safety of hydraulic structures” was adopted 31/08/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev signed the Law “On the safety of hydraulic structures”.

The specially authorized state body in this area is the Inspectorate for Control over the Safety of Water Management Facilities and Water Use under the Ministry of Water Resources. Among other things, it has the right to prohibit, suspend or restrict the economic activities of organizations that use water management facilities or engage in economic or other activities in the channels of rivers, sais, above and below the junction with hydraulic structures, if this activity adversely affects their safety.

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Kazakhstan to build Water Resources and Irrigation Ministry 01/09/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM Problems of water accessibility and water resources quality remain an urgent challenge, the Head of State addressing the joint session of the Parliament Chambers.

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EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF TRANSBOUNDARY RIVER BASINS. AMU DARYA. TURKMENISTAN 01/09/2023

The workshop is a part of the USAID Regional Water and Environment Project (WAVE), implemented in Turkmenistan by the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) with the assistance of the Center of the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI). It convened representatives of the Turkmenistan relevant ministries and departments, the WAVE and CAREC team, and regional experts.

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Energy sector

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electricity 28/08/2023

Ameeting of representatives from the energy and water management authorities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan took place in Astana, during which the parties discussed issues of water and energy cooperation.

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Tajikistan loses up to quarter of generated electricity 30/08/2023

Electricity losses in Tajikistan remain at a high level despite various efforts to reduce losses, involving significant expenditures, Asiaplus reports.

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Natural gas reserves in Uzbekistan estimated at 1.8 trillion cubic meters 31/08/2023

Natural gas reserves in Uzbekistan amount to 1 trillion 854 billion cubic meters, Uzbekneftegaz experts said, Podrobno.uz reports.

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We must rely on our own resources - President on energy security 01/09/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM Energy security is another issue raised by President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev at today's joint session of the Parliament chambers, Kazinform reports.

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Kazakhstan to hold nationwide referendum on nuclear power plant construction – President 01/09/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM At today's joint session of the Kazakh Parliament chambers, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev spoke about nuclear energy development in the country, Kazinform reports.

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Foreign media on Kazakhstan: nuclear referendum, oil tankers,

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electricity in Central Asia 02/09/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – From the decision to hold a national referendum on nuclear power plant construction, and purchase of oil tankers to electricity supplies in Central Asia, Kazinform presents a review of foreign media coverage about Kazakhstan this week.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Uzbekistan may reach Indian Ocean through Afghanistan and Pakistan 28/08/2023

Uzbekistan's Minister of Transport, Ilhom Makhkamov, and the Special Representative of the President of Uzbekistan for Afghanistan, Ismatulla Irgashev, conducted negotiations with official representatives of Afghanistan on the issue of freight transportation and cargo transit in Afghanistan, Nova24.uz reports.

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Up to 6 thousand militants. The UN is concerned about the activation of "ISIL-Khorasan" in Afghanistan 28/08/2023

The UN is concerned about the activities of the Khorasan wing of ISIL and regards the Khorasan group "as the most serious current terrorist threat in Afghanistan and neighboring Central Asian countries."

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Serdar Berdimuhamedov expressed his condolences to President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon 28/08/2023

President Serdar Berdimuhamedov sent his deep condolences to President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon in connection with the natural disasters that occurred in the country, which led to human casualties, injuries and destruction.

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Businessmen of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan establish mutually

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beneficial contacts 28/08/2023

Last week, a business delegation of the Republic of Uzbekistan headed by Nozira Ibragimova, assistant governor of the Samarkand region, visited Turkmenistan to discuss issues of expanding cooperation in the production and sale of construction materials.

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Over 900 thsd tourists from Kyrgyzstan visit Uzbekistan in 7 months 29/08/2023

Bishkek, Aug. 29, 2023. /Kabar/. In January-July 2023, more than 900 thousand citizens of Kyrgyzstan visited Uzbekistan for tourism purposes, according to the Agency on Statistics under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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Turkmenistan brought trade with Uzbekistan to $1 bln 01/09/2023

Since the signing of the Strategic Partnership Agreement in 2017, the trade turnover between Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan has grown fivefold. By the end of 2022, the volume of mutual trade approached the $1 billion mark. This information was reported by Akmaljon Kuchkarov, the Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Turkmenistan, Orient.tm reports.

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