On 3 April, President of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev paid an official visit to the Russian Federation. During a bilateral meeting with Vladimir Putin, President of Kazakhstan stated that along with maintaining comprehensive cooperation at all levels, he intended to strengthen the points of economic attraction throughout the Eurasian space. Keep the present and build the future, remembering the past. The President of Kazakhstan also focused on the issues of economic partnership between two countries, especially in the areas of energy, transport, transit, industry and space. “Russia remains the number one partner in the foreign trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan; its share in the trade turnover of Kazakhstan is 19 percent. Investment cooperation is progressively developing. More than 9 thousand enterprises with the participation of Russian capital carry out successful activities in Kazakhstan,” K. Tokayev emphasized.
UZBEKISTAN SUPPLIES CARS TO BELARUS

On April 3, GM Uzbekistan began exporting cars to Belarus.

The local media reported on this subject. Nexia R3 and R4 cars will be delivered to Belarus. However, the details of the agreements between countries on the export of Uzbek cars have not been disclosed.

This year, GM Uzbekistan has already exported cars to Afghanistan and Tajikistan. In addition, Uzbek cars were sent for sale to Kazakhstan.
The Central Bank of Turkey has announced that it intends to increase its reserves after the publication of data indicating a noticeable decrease in its reserves of foreign currency.

According to data published last week, the net reserves of the Central Bank of Turkey declined by 6.3 billion dollars in two weeks and amounting 28.5 billion dollars by March 15; in turn, this gave rise to rumors that the bank may be trying to support the lira using its reserves. Turkish citizens on the eve of the local elections, scheduled for March 31, exchange lira for dollars, which caused an increase of deposits in foreign currency and showed a weak lira. The Central Bank has promised to monitor the situation on the financial markets carefully and use all tools of monetary policy and liquidity management to ensure financial stability and slow down inflation, which has reached almost 20%.
MORE THAN 7 MILLION FOREIGNERS VISITED KYRGYZSTAN IN 2018

The number of foreign citizens crossing the border in 2018 amounted to more than 7 million people, exceeding the level of 2017 by one and a half times. Such data are cited by the National Statistical Committee of Kyrgyzstan.

It was noted that gross value added in tourism last year, according to preliminary estimates, amounted to more than 27 billion soms, or 5 percent of GDP, remaining at the level of the previous year. In 2018, reception and tourist services were carried out by 486 recreation facilities and tourism organizations. Among them are 187 specialized accommodation facilities, 185 hotels, 64 travel agencies and tour operators, travel agencies and excursions, nine natural parks and more than 40 other tourist sites. “The number of rested reached 1.4 million people (almost unchanged from the previous year). A significant part of them fell on the Issyk-Kul region, where the number of those who rested was more than 900 thousand people,” the message states.
In the first quarter of 2019, the State Employment Service of the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection employed 33,969 people, which is 13.2 percent more compared to the same period last year. Among those employed in January-March, 8,826 are young people, 281 people are people with disabilities, and 1,876 refugees. 29,404 people were also provided with paid public works under the “FRIEND of the unemployed” program. Each of them has an employment contract.