On January 30, the International Turkic Academy held important events in the capital of Azerbaijan, Baku.

First of all, the regular III meeting of the Scientific Council of the International Turkic Academy took place. Minister of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ceyhun Bairamov, Head of the International Turkic Academy Darkhan Kydyrali, Executive Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kanat Sarsembayev, Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic Zhaiparkul Tashiyev, Chairman of the Council on Education and Training of the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Turkey Burhanettin Donmez, and President of the Azerbaijani Academy of Sciences Ramiz Mehdiyev took part in the meeting.

In addition, heads of institutional structures of the Turkic world, in particular Secretary General of the Turkic Council Bagdat Amreev, TURKPA Secretary General Altynbek Mamaiusupov, Head of the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation Gunay Efendiyeva, Deputy Secretary General of TURKSOY Bilal Çakici, as well as Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey and Hungary in Azerbaijan were the guests of the event. Members of the Scientific Council praised the work done in 2019, approved the Academy's Action plan for 2020 and agreed to hold the next meeting in Turkey.

During the meeting, the Kyrgyz side transferred the Chairmanship in the Scientific Council of the International Turkic Academy to Azerbaijan.

In addition, members of the Council made specific decisions on a number of other issues.

On the same day in Baku, International Turkic Academy held the opening ceremony of the Year of Abay.
The event, organized in accordance with the Decree of the President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, was hosted by Baku State University with the support of the L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University.

The ceremony was attended by Minister of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ceyhun Bairamov, Secretary General of the Turkic Council Bagdat Amreev, President of the International Turkic Academy Darkhan Kydyrali, TURKPA Secretary General Altynbek Mamiusupov, Head of the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation Gunay Efendiyeva, and Deputy Secretary General of TURKSOY Bilal Çakıcı, President of the National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan Ramiz Mehdiyev, Rector of Baku State University Elchin Babayev, Chairman of the Eurasian Union of Writers Yakub Omeroglu, Chairman of the Union of Writers of Azerbaijan Anar Rzaev, Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey and Hungary to Azerbaijan, official representatives of the Ministries of Education of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey, as well as prominent scholars and public figures.

During the ceremony, a presentation of the monograph by research fellow at Nizami Institute of Literature of the Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan Turan Teymur on “Writer’s mastery in Mukhtar Auezov's novel “Abay” (Turan Teymur. Muxtar Auezovun «Abay» romanında sanatkarlıq məsələləri) took place. The edition, published by the Academy, is the first scientific publication in Azerbaijani devoted to the work of Mukhtar Auezov.

Moreover, a special Book Fair of the International Turkic Academy's editions was organized and more than 50 books were donated to the newly opened Abay Center in Baku.
On January 29, the VI meeting of official representatives of Caspian states to discuss the draft Protocol on Cooperation in the Field of Safety of Navigation on the Caspian Sea was held in Ashgabat, the capital of Turkmenistan. Delegations of Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkmenistan attended the event.

The meeting was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, the Institute of the Caspian Sea and the Türkmen deñiz derýa ýollary Agency of the Ministry of Industry and Communication.

Strengthening constructive cooperation in the Caspian region is one of the priorities of Turkmenistan’s foreign policy based on the principles of positive neutrality, good neighborliness and “open doors”.

The regulatory framework created by coastal states is designed to contribute to realization of the multilateral potential of the Caspian region, recognized as one of the dynamically developing geopolitical and economic centers of Eurasia.
Two brotherly countries of Central Asia concluded a deal within the framework of an agreement to increase the export of cars from Kazakhstan to Uzbekistan, according to which Kazakhstan will supply cars to Uzbekistan worth almost $12 million.

The parties agreed to increase the export of cars jointly produced at the SaryarkaAvtoProm facility. The corresponding agreement on cooperation was signed by chairman of the KazakhExport Ruslan Iskakov and head of Uzavtosanoat Shavkat Umurzakov during the presentation of the Chevrolet model range in the National Pavilion with participation of Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Askar Mamin.

The document provides for the use of financial and insurance instruments to finance the export of Kazakhstan cars to Uzbekistan. As part of the agreement, the first $11.8 million deal on supply of 766 JAC S3 and JAC S5 vehicles was made.
ANTALYA BECAME THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS RESTING PLACE IN THE WORLD

According to Manchester Evening News report dated January 27, southern Turkish resort Antalya has become the most economical vacation spot.

“Despite the popularity among tourists who arrive to the Turkish province from around the world, prices remain quite low, making the resort the cheapest city in the world,” the report states. In 2019, Antalya was visited by a record number of tourists - more than 15 million people.

Earlier, Turkish Airlines decided to add new routes to this province, the last of which connects British Birmingham with Antalya Airport. Flights on the new route will begin on June 3 and will be operated twice a week.

Note that Turkey seeks to increase tourism revenues to stimulate economic growth. In addition, the government reduced taxes for tour operators to stimulate industry growth, and spent more on promoting the country abroad.

It should also be noted that in summer 2019, Antalya broke the record for the number of tourists arriving in one day.

“Congratulations, Antalya. This is a record for all time. The number of passengers arriving on June 8, 2019 amounted to 85 thousand 205,” Antalya Governor Munir Karaloglu wrote on Twitter on June 9.
Uzbekistan will make feature films about outstanding figures

Uzbekkino national agency and the administration of Samarkand region reached an agreement on making films dedicated to the outstanding historical figures of Uzbekistan.

One of them is a series about Chirac - a shepherd from Saka tribe who lured and killed in the desert a significant part of Persian army of King Darius.

Another project is the creation of a feature film about Mahmudhoja Behbudi, a famous educator, one of the prominent figures of Jadidism, an outstanding writer and playwright. It is worth noting that this year Uzbekistan will widely celebrate the 145th anniversary of Mahmudhoji Behbudi.

Commenting on the agreement, the head of Uzbekkino Firdavs Abdahalikov emphasized that the initiatives on importance of preserving the memory of national heroes expressed by the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev during the Address to the Oliy Majlis (Parliament of Uzbekistan) began to be realized.

In addition, he expressed gratitude to the administration of Samarkand region for their initiative and assistance in creating the films.

The screenwriter of the television series about Chirac became Nazar Kholikulov, known under the pseudonym Nazar Eshonkul - writer, screenwriter, author of scenes from more than 20 series and feature films. Uzbekkino plans to select directors of the above films on a tender basis.
SNOW LEOPARD WAS SAVED IN KYRGYZSTAN

A leopard was rescued in Kyrgyzstan, in which poachers shot more than 70 bullets. The animal with gunshot wounds was found by residents of Kok-Oi village and managed to help him.

The rescued snow leopard is recovering. In Kyrgyzstan, a leopard is considered a kind of hero, an example of courage and patience. Veterinarians removed a lot of bullets from the head of the animal that was blind in one eye, but dozens remained. Now it is recovering in a rehabilitation center.

The Red Book predator received the name Jabars, and the story gained wide public resonance. Many citizens call the center, ask about the health of the leopard, and bring him food.

According to the World Wildlife Fund, the population of this species of wild cats does not exceed seven thousand individuals.