KYRGYZ PRESIDENT PAYS OFFICIAL VISIT TO TURKEY

On June 9-11, President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Zhaparov paid an official visit to the Republic of Turkey. During the visit, a number of documents were signed aimed at strengthening and developing cooperation in various fields, such as:

• Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan and the Government of Turkey in the field of plant protection and quarantine;
• Memorandum of Understanding between the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan and the Government of Turkey in the field of copyright and related rights;
• Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan and the Government of Turkey on cooperation in the field of culture;
• Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan and the Government of Turkey on the establishment and operation of cultural centers;
• Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of youth policy between the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of Kyrgyzstan and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey;
• Protocol on the approval of the interdepartmental action plan for the implementation of the Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Physical Culture and Sports between the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan and the Government of Turkey dated April 9, 2018;
• Memorandum between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey on cooperation in the protocol sphere;
• Joint statement on the results of the 5th meeting of the Supreme Council for Strategic Cooperation between Kyrgyzstan and Turkey.

In addition, the next, V meeting of the Supreme Council of Strategic Cooperation between Kyrgyzstan and Turkey was held.
The VI meeting of the ministers on tourism of the Turkic Council will be held in the city of Qoqand on 23-24 June.

According to the final protocol of the 5th meeting of the ministers of tourism of the Turkic Council, held in 2020, the next 6th meeting and the 15th meeting of the working group on tourism are scheduled to be held on 23-24 June in the city of Qoqand.

During the meeting, it is planned to discuss such important issues as the restoration of the tourism sector after the pandemic, the implementation of the «Pilgrimage Tourism» project, as well as the restoration of international flights between major cities of the member countries.

Until today, the participation of the Secretary General of the Turkic Council Baghdad Amreev, Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Turkish Republic Mehmet Nuri Ersoy, Minister of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan Aktoti Raimkulova, Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic Akilbek Zhaparov, Fuad Nagiyev, Chairman of the State Tourism Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan has been approved in this event.
GERMANY EXCLUDES AZERBAIJAN FROM LIST OF HIGH RISK COUNTRIES

Germany excluded Azerbaijan from the list of the areas that are at particularly high risk due to widespread occurrence of variants of the COVID-19 virus, Trend reports citing the Robert Koch Institute, which is a Federal Institute within the portfolio of the German Federal Ministry of Health.

Thus, Azerbaijan was excluded from the list and is no longer considered a risk area. The updated list was published June 11, 2021.

The list of countries that are no longer considered to be of a risk are also includes countries such as Canada, Croatia, Norway, Switzerland, the US.
The achievements and legacy of Alash Orda (Alash Autonomy) became the key topic at the Cambridge video conference dedicated to the history of Central Asia at the beginning of the 20th century. The event was hosted by the Silk Roads Programme at King’s College, University of Cambridge, with the participation of the Embassy of Kazakhstan in the UK.

Delivering introductory remarks, Peter Frankopan, Professor of Global History at the University of Oxford and author of the global bestseller, The Silk Roads: A New History of the World, stressed the importance of studying the history of Central Asia and enhancing research cooperation with the countries of the region.

Erlan Idrissov, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to the UK, noted it is especially relevant that the event is taking place in the year of the 30th anniversary of independence of Kazakhstan and other Central Asian states.

Professor Tomohiko Uyama of Hokkaido University, who specialises in the history of Kazakh intellectuals from the 19th century to the early Soviet period, provided a brief history of Alash Orda.

Dr Alun Thomas, Lecturer at Staffordshire University, presented a paper on his new research in collaboration with Harvard University on mapping border attestations within early Soviet Central Asia.

Niccolo Pianciola, Associate Professor of History at Nazarbayev University, focused on the social history of cross-border interregional exchanges based on the study of trade exchanges between the Russian Empire and the early Soviet Union with China.

During the session, participating scientists were particularly interested in the significance of geographical borders for Alash Orda, the process and consequences of centralisation in early Soviet Central Asia, as well as the availability and state of exploration of archives located in the region.
On the 10th of June 2021, an official event took place in the Conference Hall of the UN House in Ashgabat which was dedicated to the opening of the Representation of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in Turkmenistan.

The event was attended by the heads and representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, Office of UN Resident Coordinator in Turkmenistan, and the country agencies of the Organization, as well as the journalists of local and foreign mass media. The representatives of the Embassy of Japan in Turkmenistan also participated in the event.

In his speech at the opening of the event, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Vepa Hajiyev noted the importance of the opening of the UNOPS Office in Ashgabat from the perspective of further strengthening of international cooperation for the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals under the UN auspices.

The speech of the Acting UN Resident Coordinator in Turkmenistan, UNICEF Representative in Turkmenistan Ms. Christine Weigand was also heard. She underlined that the opening of the UNOPS Representation in the country is expected to make a valuable input into the implementation of the projects carried out jointly with all the UN agencies on the national and regional levels.

The Director of the UNOPS Multi-Country Office in Austria Ms. Freya von Groote addressed via videoconferencing. She told to the participants about the priority directions of UNOPS activities and expressed hope for close cooperation with the Government of Turkmenistan and the UN Country Team in the process of implementing the projects, including those in the area of healthcare and struggle with climate change. Ms. Freya von Groote also briefly informed about the goals and stages of implementation of the new grant project aimed at strengthening the healthcare system of Turkmenistan carried out in cooperation with Japan.

Opening of the Representation of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) is an important stage in the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework between the Government of Turkmenistan and the United Nations for 2021-2025.
The European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (EUROCONTROL) has published flight data for the first quarter of 2021. Accordingly, Istanbul Airport became the leading airport in Europe with 63,064 flights between January and April.

According to EUROCONTROL, 686 flights were served at Istanbul Airport on June 10. This is followed by Frankfurt Airport – 640 flights, and Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam – 623 flights. Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport took the fourth place – 616 flights, Madrid-Barajas Airport – the fifth place – 562 flights, Istanbul Sabiha Gökçen Airport – the sixth place – 503 flights.

According to the report, on June 10, 16,777 flights were made in Europe, which was a record daily figure since September 3, 2020.
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