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President Shavkat Mirziyoyev to address the Oliy Majlis

2020 is declared as the Year of Science, Enlightenment and the Digital Economy Development



President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in his Address made a special emphasis on the importance of scientific and technological development:

“The great thinkers of the East said:

“The greatest wealth is intelligence and science,

the biggest legacy is a good upbringing,

the greatest poverty is the lack of knowledge”.

The desire to acquire modern knowledge, to be enlightened and to have a high culture should become a vital need for all of us.

For sustainable development, we must deeply master digital knowledge and information technology, this will give us the opportunity to go along the shortest path to achieve progress.

In today's world, digital technology plays a crucial role in all areas. Despite the fact that in 2019, in the global ICT Development Index, Uzbekistan rose by eight positions, we are still very behind in this area.

It is no exaggeration to say that most of our ministries and agencies, enterprises are still far from the full implementation of digital technologies.

Of course, we all well understand that formation of a digital economy will require appropriate infrastructure, huge resources and labor resources.

Nevertheless, no matter how difficult it is, we must already begin this work today, otherwise tomorrow will be too late. Therefore, an accelerated transition to the digital economy will become our priority for the next five years.

It is known that digital technologies not only improve the quality of products and services, reduce costs, but are also an effective tool in the fight against corruption – the most serious problem that bothers me very much.

The widespread adoption of digital technologies contributes to the effectiveness of state and public administration, the development of social sphere, in a word, a radical improvement in people's lives.

In order to consistently continue and bring to a new, modern level the work we have begun on development of science and enlightenment, educating our youth as personalities with deep knowledge, high culture and spirituality, creating a competitive economy, I propose declaring 2020 in Uzbekistan as the Year of Science, Enlightenment and the Digital Economy Development.

Thank you all for supporting this proposal”.

The proposal of the Head of the state was warmly supported by the gathered.

Shavkat Mirziyoyev: “Democratic reforms – the only and the surest way for us”

The Head of the state noted that a democratic situation has formed in the country thanks to the elections held in 2019 under the slogan “New Uzbekistan – New Elections”.

He also emphasized that increasing the political activity of parties is and remains an urgent task. At the same time, it is necessary to further optimize the three-stage system of elections to local Councils, while increasing the role of district and city commissions.

“I want to appeal to all deputies and senators, and in their person to the whole people of Uzbekistan, democratic reforms are the only and the surest way for us”, the President said.

Thus, these elections, held under the motto “New Uzbekistan – New Elections”, became an important event not only in 2019, but also made a special page in the history of the innovated Uzbekistan. In his speech, the Head of the state noted that more than 825 representatives of reputable international organizations participated in the election process as observers. On behalf of people, the President thanked them for their objective assessment and recommendations.

He noted that **deputies should not relax after the election**, but should work.

“We have started to reform all levels of education. Where there is no knowledge, there is backwardness, ignorance and wrong way. We need science, enlightenment and high spirituality. The best legacy is education. I want to appeal to people: it is time to correct the mistakes made in education”, says Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

He noted that it is necessary to study ICT and modern knowledge. This is the imperative of our time.

“Most ministries, agencies and organizations are completely far from digital technologies, do not work on themselves, and do not strive for development. Such leaders have no future. Tomorrow we will draw our own conclusions”, says the President.

The President dwelled on preschool education institutions.

As it is known, today there are 13 500 preschool education institutions in Uzbekistan.

The Head of the state noted that in 2019, in the system of the Ministry of Preschool Education, the coverage of children increased to 52 percent compared to 38 percent in 2018, only 5 522 state, private and family preschool education institutions were established last year.

It was emphasized that in 2020 this indicator will reach 60 percent, almost two trillion soums will be allocated for this, and 130 billion soums to cover 6-year-old children with one-year preschool education.

The President of the country touches on the most pressing issues to date. In particular, **speaking about the education**, the Head of the state noted that in order to raise the quality of education to the level of international requirements, a number of measures will be developed. It was noted that 348 basic schools would be identified, and more than 6,000 teachers would increase their qualification. In addition, 340 professional schools, 147 colleges and 143 technical schools will be organized, which will serve the direct development of the system.

The President also noted that huge changes are expected in the higher education system in the future. The coverage of school graduates with higher education will be brought up to at least 25 percent in 2020 and up to 50-60 percent in the future. Most importantly, increased enrollment in higher education should not be achieved through paid-contracted education, the President emphasized. For this, the share of state grants for admission to universities will be doubled. Separate grants for girls will be allocated. These opinions of the Head of the state were followed by stormy applause.

“Education institutions of a completely new type, 4 Presidential and 3 Creative Schools, have started operating. Along with this, 19 new higher education institutions have been established, including 9 branches of well-known foreign universities. In cooperation with leading foreign universities, training has been established for 141 joint educational programs. In 2019, 146 500 students were admitted to higher education institutions in Uzbekistan, which is 2 times more than in 2016.

Private sector is also developing rapidly in the healthcare system, along with state medical institutions. As a result of expansion of medical activities from 50 to 126 types and provision of a number of benefits, 634 private medical institutions were created last year.

At the same time, the work being carried out within the framework of State Programs was noted in the Message. Within the framework of Obod Qishloq (Prosperous village) and Obod Makhalla (Prosperous neighborhood) Programs, large-scale construction and improvement activities were carried out in 479 villages, as well as in 116 urban makhallas.

The number of affordable and comfortable housing, individual houses and apartments in multi-storey buildings totaled 34 700, including 17 100 in rural areas and 17 600 in urban areas, which is almost 3 times more than in 2016. More than 116 billion UZS have been allocated to five thousand low-income families who need to improve their living conditions, including women with disabilities, to pay initial mortgage payments for housing.

Speaking about this issue, the President noted that the reforms are yielding its results.

“The reforms are receiving a worthy assessment from international community. In particular, one of the world's most authoritative publications, the Economist, recognized Uzbekistan as the Country of the Year, the state where reforms were implemented at the fastest pace in 2019. I think you will agree with me that this assessment fills us with a sense of pride, gives us even more strength and inspires us to reach new heights”, says the President.

We will introduce a system of paying high salaries to teachers with pedagogical skills and qualifications who have achieved clear results in their field. It is necessary to improve school curricula based on international best

practices, to revise training loads and subjects, and to improve the quality of textbooks and literature.

To prepare for the upcoming international assessment system in 2020, 348 basic schools will be identified, and more than six thousand teachers will be trained. 240 professional schools, 147 colleges and 143 technical schools will be created.

The Cabinet of Ministers is instructed to take special control over the project for introduction of digital labeling and online cash registers, which is carried out through direct investment of 200 million USD.

This year, investments in the amount of 23 billion USD will be mastered with commissioning of 206 new large production facilities. In particular, on the basis of Shurtan Gas Chemical Complex, capacities for production of liquid synthetic fuel will be introduced, in Navoiyazot JSC – nitric acid, ammonia and urea. It is planned to put into operation Tashkent Metallurgical Plant, Sergeli Branch of Tashkent Metro and complete the first stage of aboveground metro construction.

In order to support investors, mechanisms are being introduced for paying taxes by installments and partially compensating the state for infrastructure costs.

"I think it is fair to say that the level of higher education provision and quality of teachers are extremely lagging behind. We must identify priority areas for the country's science. We support the development of several priority areas of science.

By combining fundamental research in areas such as mathematics, chemistry, and biology, we will create all conditions for scientists. Saying that everything is excellent, we have lost all scientific potential", says the President.

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"Young children delight any person, if today we do not create conditions for them, then another state will create them. Of course, they already began to leave to other countries, we have to stop this, create conditions for possessing knowledge of youth. Together with foreign partners, one million programmers will be trained for the sphere, not one thousand, I emphasize, one million programmers. There will be great results in 3-4 years. Whether we like it or not, this will be an impetus for accelerating reforms", says the Head of the state.

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This year, more than 700 scientists and teachers will be sent abroad through **EL-Yurt Umidi Foundation** under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan to conduct scientific research and improve their skills. This indicator will be doubled in the future.

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“While we will not eradicate the shadow economy that seriously impedes our reforms, there can be no talk of creating healthy competition and a favorable investment climate. Within two months, the Cabinet of Ministers, with the involvement of foreign experts, needs to deeply analyze the factors behind the emergence of the shadow economy and approve a program to counter it”.

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Shortcomings in development of exports were mentioned in the Message. The fact that no law that would serve the development of exports has worked so far has been criticized. The task of the Cabinet of Ministers is to develop a Concept for regulating foreign economic activity within a month.

In order to ensure timely delivery of our products to foreign and domestic markets and reduce their cost, we need to develop the transport and logistics sector, noted the President.

To do this, in the railway sector, it is necessary to distinguish between passenger and cargo transportation, operation and maintenance, that is, separately develop those areas where the private sector can be attracted.

According to international experts, by improving infrastructure, ensuring transparency of tariffs and opening new routes, transit potential of Uzbekistan can be increased from the current 7 million tons to 16 million tons. At one time, we closed borders of the whole of Uzbekistan for 20 years, and goods passing through us began to pass through other countries and pay them money for transit. Now 7 million tons of cargo passes through us. But our capabilities are enough for 16 million tons. Imagine how much money for transit will remain in Uzbekistan from so many tons. Who thinks about it? Ministry of Transport, First Deputy Prime Minister?! We are all asleep, says the Head of the state.

“Production of competitive products, search for new international markets and increasing exports, full use of transit potential are key to sustainable economic growth.

Export Support Fund will be established this year to provide exporters with a guarantee and compensate part of their expenses, as well as Export Credit Agency that will organize pre-export financing”, says the President in his Message.

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the President noted that a national test system for assessing knowledge of the native language should be created. At the same time, the student will have the opportunity to take this exam at any time and receive a certificate. As a result there will be no need to re-pass tests in their native language upon admission to the higher education institution.

Based on foreign experience, higher education standards will be improved, its directions and the structure of the studied disciplines will be reviewed. The number

of disciplines not related to the acquired specialty will be halved. We must move on to a credit-modular system in higher education. Starting from this year, a three-year period of study is defined for six areas of teacher education.

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The Head of the state gave a critical assessment to the work carried out last year and outlined his conclusions.

“First, managers at all levels should not relax and indulge in euphoria from the first positive achieved results. Main goal of new Parliament and government for the next five years is to improve living standards of our multi-ethnic people. In this regard, I would like to appeal to the distinguished deputies: it is necessary to develop and implement specific programs and roadmaps together with responsible departments to address current issues raised by population during the pre-election meetings. Otherwise, deputies may lose trust of their constituents and parties may lose their credibility. After all, today thinking, worldview, and needs of our people have changed dramatically. Our people are great and wise”.

Shavkat Mirziyoyev also focused on management system and noted that we have a lot to do to improve the quality of management system and fully approve fundamental principle in society “not people should serve the state bodies, but state bodies should serve people”.

Words of the Head of the state “Distribution of additional revenues of local budgets, fair assignment of benefits and assessment of the work of heads of executive bodies will now be carried out on the basis of an analysis of appeals to People's Reception Offices. Each Deputy should constantly interact with People's Reception Offices and actively participate in solving problems of population of their constituencies, live by concerns and problems of people. Only in this way, deputies will be able to fulfill their promises, justify people's trust and win their respect. Then I, not only as President, but also as an ordinary voter, will be deeply grateful to you” were received with applause.

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the President, dwelling on the potential of leaders, forwarded his proposals for their improvement, the rejection of formalism.

“If the head does not have knowledge, what instructions will he give to his deputies? In this case, the manager will waste his time in office in vain. In the future, separate posts of deputies will be established in each ministry and agency, khokimiyats. The Parliament for the development of science, enlightenment and the digital economy should organize regular hearings of government reports and leaders on this issue.

Especially the leaders themselves must change. Red tape will not lead to anything good. Tomorrow we cannot work like that. Time and money are wasted. Managers, responsible persons, keep this in mind. If we organize courses, we will learn, we

can meet the requirements of the time. We must create a large control system in parliament”, the President said.

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In his Address, the Head of the state noted that in the future, the scale of systematic work on increasing the country's export potential will be further expanded. In particular, Export Support Fund and Export Credit Agency will be established. In order to strengthen the rights and interests of entrepreneurs-exporters and business entities in 2020, about 3 thousand standards will be adopted, thus their number will be increased to 10 thousand. “10 thousand standards – this means that the level of compliance with international standards is only 40 percent, so we have yet to increase this figure by another 60 percent”, says the President.

“In the near future, Angren, Termez, and Kungrad FEZs activities will become even more active. To achieve these goals, we need to develop a significant package of laws that will include not 2-3, but dozens of laws that coordinate trade activities. Main responsibility and task in this direction will be assigned to you, that is, deputies”, noted the Head of the state.

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The issue of Uzbekistan's entry into the Eurasian Economic Union is currently being actively discussed in the analytical circles of the country and abroad.

The President in his Address focused on this issue.

“This issue is discussed throughout the year. The Cabinet of Ministers should draw analytical and comprehensive conclusions on this issue and present it to the Oliy Majlis”, the President said. “The issue of cooperation with the Eurasian Economic Union should be discussed by deputies of the Oliy Majlis and senators, taking responsibility and give their opinion”.

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The President said, “...We will seriously change the system that often complicates entrepreneurial activity – the procedure for licensing and issuing permits.”

“It must be openly acknowledged that among almost 280 licenses and permits there are those that exist only to account for activities, collection of fees, or simply to control. This causes fair complaints from entrepreneurs. In this regard, the Ministry of Justice, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Business Ombudsman, before March 1, 2020, are instructed to radically review the basis for issuing licenses and permits and make proposals for their reduction by at least two, or even three times”, emphasized President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

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Special attention in the President's Address is also paid to issues of privatization, attracting foreign investment, reducing debt, reforming organizations that are under state administration, developing transport, energy, construction, including roads and education.

"We need to take decisive measures to develop science and capital market", says Shavkat Mirziyoyev. "If we do not develop these areas, we will not be able to achieve our goal. Unfortunately, banking system is 10-15 years behind the current requirements for development of digital technologies, introduction of new banking products and software. Some may not like it, but the fact is that the banking system is lagging behind. We use the old system. There are no laws, no progress, and no personnel. If new types of services are not introduced in the banking sector, how will we achieve economic stability?"

It was noted that starting from 2020, each Bank will implement a large-scale transformation program, with the focus on improving the resource base and profitability.

"If banks can't provide customers with any services, why do we need them?" asked the President.

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The President in his Address expressed his opinion on the reforms to be implemented in the banking sector.

"Banks must acquire available and long-term resources from abroad. It is advisable that the National Bank and Ipoteka Bank issue their Eurobonds this year. State-owned banks will be gradually sold to strategic investors", said Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

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the President noted that during the year, salaries of public sector employees, pensions, scholarships and allowances will increase ahead of inflation. It is also necessary to introduce a perfect system for paying social benefits, including expanding the coverage of low-income families and ensuring targeted spending of budget funds. At the same time, it is necessary to review criteria and move to a transparent and fair system of assigning benefits, give a critical assessment of makhalla's participation in this.

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Successively continuing aspirations towards **reforming agriculture** are mentioned in the Address.

Many were pleased with the words of the President of the country about a phased transition to a system of purchasing cotton and grain based on market principles, canceling the practice of state orders for the procurement of these products. As a

result, there will be big changes in the activities of farmers. In turn, the leaders of local khokimiyats will have to radically change their methods of work.

“In all areas of the agricultural system, experience will be introduced in providing loans at a reduced rate”, the Head of the state said. “At the moment, loans at a reduced rate are provided only for cotton and grain. The cultivation of cotton and grain will be gradually transferred to the cluster system. At the same time, fruit and vegetable, beekeeping, fish farming and other areas of agriculture will accelerate. This year, the volume of cultivation and export of agricultural products will reach 2 billion USD, and in the near future this figure will grow by 2-3 times.

The President noted that the rapid adoption of the law on cooperation and the cluster system will bring work in this direction to a new level.

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President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev forwarded a proposal to develop Small and Medium-Sized Business Project aimed at development of business entities.

In accordance with it, from now on, open and reliable data on land plots and empty areas will be provided to entrepreneurs. From the first quarter of 2020, a modern system based on best practices will be implemented. According to the results of this control, heads of responsible departments will submit a report on a quarterly basis.

It's time to stop making accusations about creating a criminal community. Hundreds of entrepreneurs have suffered from such accusations. They need to be given opportunities and conditions. Inspections should be a last resort, says the Head of the state.

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The Head of the state expressed **his opinion on poverty, income, and creation of new jobs**, and spoke about new projects being implemented to reduce poverty.

“I have been working on this issue for a year and a half in 22 rural districts of Fergana region”, says the Head of the state. “We must gradually implement a project to develop modern business skills among the population in all regions. We knew about this, but we could not speak openly, because there was no land, project, or proposal.

From a cooperative point of view, 200 million USD has been allocated to districts and villages of valley through each bank, we study what people should do, how they work, change people's outlook with low incomes and give them appropriate loans, says Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

The President noted that this practice is well received by people. There are sufficient funds to apply this experience in other regions.

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As it was noted in the Message, according to the new Tax Code, many innovations have been introduced since this year. In particular, types of taxes are reduced from 13 to 9. Simplified tax payment mechanisms have been introduced with possibility of deferred or installment payments.

For the first time, procedure for returning part of value-added tax to entrepreneurs in selling products is being implemented. Previously, this procedure was applied only in exporting products. This will leave 3.4 trillion UZS at the disposal of entrepreneurs or 2.5 times more than the last year.

From now on, if entrepreneur does not return excessively paid taxes within the prescribed period, he will be paid funds from the budget based on the main refinancing rate of the Central Bank.

I think entrepreneurs understand the significance of this innovation better than anyone else, and this will undoubtedly make them happy, says Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

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This year, work on supporting women and youth will be taken to a new level

As noted, in 2020, 100 billion soums of soft loans will be allocated for the implementation of business projects of 5.5 thousand women. Necessary resources for this will be directed to banks from the State budget.

In addition, the state compensates 1,576 women for a down payment on new housing.

“Within the framework of Five Initiatives program, it is necessary to organize short-term training courses for women in the centers of women’s entrepreneurship”, the Head of the state said.

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Public Chamber of the Republic of Uzbekistan to be created

“It is necessary to clearly establish the obligation to consult with public in making decisions on the most important issues of socio-economic life of the country that are of particular interest to the population. Such decisions will only be made with the approval of public.

To strengthen public control and establish closer interaction between the state and society, I propose creating a Public Chamber of the Republic of Uzbekistan” says the President.

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We will develop the Concept “Youth of Uzbekistan 2025”

The President’s Address notes the need for introducing common criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of work with young people, and a national index for evaluating youth policy.

Uzbekistan Youth Union will develop the Concept “Youth of Uzbekistan 2025” and determine practical measures to educate the spiritually and physically developed younger generation.

“New initiatives launched in the Republic of Karakalpakstan are now spread throughout the country. I urge the regional leaders and the local community to pay serious attention to solving this important issue”, said Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

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A system to be created in which citizens will only need to present their passport to get a pension

As it was noted, it is also necessary to introduce a new system for paying social benefits, including expanding coverage of low-income families and ensuring targeted spending of budget funds.

At the same time, we should review criteria and move to a transparent system for assigning benefits and give a critical assessment to makhalla’s participation in this.

In general, new system should work so that citizens can apply for social benefits in one department, which will prepare all the necessary documents and solve the issue on the same day. A system to be created in which citizens will only need to present their passport to apply for a pension. For this purpose, it is necessary to transfer the state Archive Fund to an electronic data bank.

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“We need to raise reforms on early warning of offenses to a new level”

As noted in the Address, serious reforms are being implemented to improve the activities of internal affairs bodies.

“However, the system does not define specific criteria for activities to protect public order, the fight against crime, and provision of public services. It is necessary to continue reforms and turn the internal affairs bodies into real defenders of citizens”, the President said. “The new composition of the parliament, in particular, the Senate, will have to create all the necessary organizational and legal foundations for this over the next five years and take practical measures. It is necessary to develop a system of advanced and targeted training for heads of internal affairs bodies at all levels”.

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From now on, khokims will not perform work that is not within their authority

It is noted in the Address that the legislation provides for khokimiyats to perform about 300 tasks and functions, 175 of them, in fact, are not included in the main competence of khokims and duplicate other departments' functions.

The fact that this negatively affects the quality of work and performance discipline has been criticized.

In this regard, President instructed the Senate of the Oliy Majlis, with involvement of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan to review the authority of khokims in the first half of this year and prepare proposals for transferring non-traditional and duplicate functions to relevant departments.

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President Shavkat Mirziyoyev also focused on the upcoming work for creating decent conditions for youth to engage in physical education and sports

"This year, 50 million USD has been allocated for the construction of new sports facilities throughout the country – sports halls and playgrounds, tennis courts and other complexes. These funds were used for facilities designed and ready for construction. In fact, 200 million dollars will be allocated specifically for the construction of sports complexes. Only at the present time, there are no ready-made projects. If concrete and reliable projects are presented, whether it is a region or district, a local khokimiyat, then please, we will allocate additional funds", the Head of the state said.

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President noted that he will support journalists and bloggers

Shavkat Mirziyoyev noted that over the past three years, Uzbekistan has created legal foundations and broad opportunities to ensure freedom of speech, comprehensive development of mass media and free activity of journalists and bloggers.

"We will continue to create all conditions for free and objective activities of representatives of the fourth power, for open coverage of intensive reforms being implemented in the country to our people and international community.

I am always ready to support professional journalists, so that they reveal problems and shortcomings at places and objectively cover them, says the Head of the state.

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In 2020, the 75th Anniversary of the Victory in World War II will be widely celebrated internationally

More than 1.5 million men and women of Uzbekistan fought for peace and freedom in this bloody war, every third of them did not return home, to their families and relatives. Our people will never forget their feat, as well as dedication of those who worked in the rear. This year, attention to the issue will be further strengthened.

We will create conditions for veterans to improve their health in the best health resorts of the country.

Large-scale work is being carried out to perpetuate the heroism and steadfastness of our people during the war through art of cinema, theater, in artistic-publicistic works, as well as organization of scientific research, bringing to the public, especially youth, enduring significance of great feat of our fathers and grandfathers.

In particular, a new Victory Park to be built in Almazar district of Tashkent, says the President.

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“Yesterday’s success and results no longer satisfy us”

The President noted that three years ago, colossal work began on deep modernization and renewal of the country at a new stage of national development, along this path, relying on huge intellectual potential, strengths and opportunities of our people, very important and significant results have been achieved.

“Now we have to consolidate this success, decisively move forward to achieve even higher milestones, since today the reforms and transformations in the country have become irreversible and are entering a decisive phase. The main requirement, the main criterion for all our activities is the real result. In this regard, 2020 will be a special exam for all of us, a year of testing”, the President said.

Our knowledge has grown so much that yesterday’s success and results no longer satisfy us. Reforms giving real benefits are supported and approved by people. Moreover, no one can stop such transformations, such a dynamic process. But the most important thing is that every family, all our compatriots should feel the results of the reforms in their daily lives”, the Head of the state added.

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Activities of the Ministry of Agriculture to be modernized

In his Address, President of Uzbekistan noted that agriculture, which is an important area of economic development, employment and income growth, should be developed based on a strategic approach.

The current growth rates in the sector do not satisfy us at all, so until we widely implement market mechanisms in agriculture and increase the interest of farmers and dehkans themselves, expected breakthrough will not happen.

In this regard, we will gradually switch to a system of purchasing cotton and grain based on market principles, eliminating the practice of state orders for procurement of these products. If we do not follow this path, then our farmers and dehkans will not be able to grow products freely, and principles of khokims' works will remain the same.

The State Support Fund for Agriculture will also provide affordable loans to other agricultural sectors. In the future, the Ministry of Agriculture should completely abandon such outdated methods of work as coordinating the activities of enterprises, allocating resources, and setting planned tasks. On the contrary, it should turn into a service organization, providing services to private agro-industrial enterprises to assess the state of land, optimal choice of crop varieties and seeds.

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Problems of almost 50 thousand of our compatriots related to citizenship that have been waiting for the solution for many years to be solved

Life itself requires us to take another important step in ensuring human rights and improving legislation on citizenship.

I think that it is time to take organizational-legal measures to solve this problem in accordance with the law of our compatriots who have been living in the country for many years, but have not received the status of citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

In particular, persons who arrived in Uzbekistan before 1995 and have been living in the country since then must automatically become citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

This will solve the vital problem of almost 50 thousand compatriots, says the President.

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President proposes anti-corruption "vaccine of honesty"

the President emphasized that corruption in various forms hinders the development of the country, if this vicious phenomenon is not eliminated, we will not be able to create a truly favorable business and investment climate, and no sphere of our society will develop.

It was also noted that entrepreneurs are still faced with corruption in such areas as provision of land, cadastral, construction, customs, banking services, licensing,

public procurement. This is evidenced by numerous appeals addressed to the President, messages in the press and social networks.

Until all sectors of the population and the best specialists are not involved in the fight against corruption, until our whole society is not, figuratively speaking, vaccinated with a “vaccine of honesty”, we will not be able to achieve our goals. However, where to get this vaccine? the President raised a question.

“Do you think we do not know who takes bribes? Of course, we know. Such people should be vaccinated with a “vaccine of honesty”, said Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

To this end, it was proposed to create a separate anti-corruption body, accountable to parliament and the President.

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President suggested holding International Friendship Forum

President of the country proposed to hold Friendship Week and International Forum and Festival dedicated to this day for the first time in Uzbekistan.

Promotion of humane essence of the Islamic religion, based on the noble idea of “Enlightenment against ignorance”, that it serves such noble goals as peace and friendship remains in Uzbekistan as one of the permanent issues of the agenda. This year, international scientific and practical conferences will be organized on life and scientific heritage of great hadith scholar Imam Bukhari, founder of Kalam Maturidism School Abu Mansur Maturidi and his follower Abu Muin Nasafi, as well as other events, says the President.