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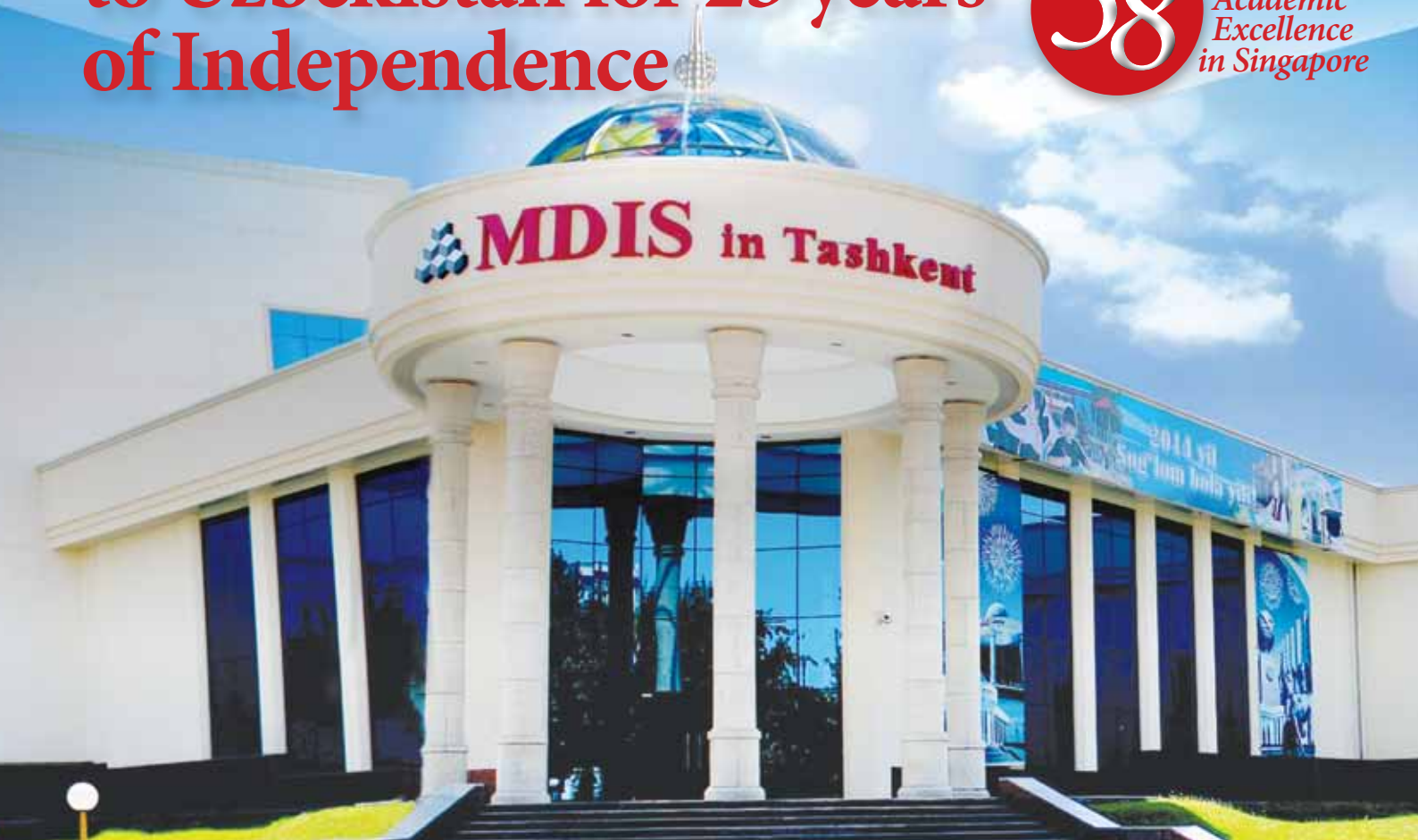
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Independence Means Taking Our Destiny in Our Own Hands

President H.E. Islam Karimov addressed the Nation on the 23rd anniversary of Independence. He highlighted the contribution of all the citizens and lauded the consistency in the economic growth rate in the past year. We bring you the excerpts

Today, our nation is celebrating with great happiness and delight the truly greatest, the dearest and unforgettable date in the glorious history of our country – the 23rd anniversary of the Independence Day of our homeland.

For us, independence means taking our destiny in our own hands, managing the natural resources of our country, realising our enormous material and spiritual potential and gaining a commendable place in the international arena.

Today, as we celebrate the 23rd anniversary of our independence and assess the work we have carried out in building a democratic state and civil society and joining the ranks of the developed countries of the world, I deem it my duty to definitely say the following: any person living in our country both young and old, irrespective of his nationality, language and religion, keeping his head high, has a right to say that there is also his worthy contribution to the world-famous work to make our homeland – Uzbekistan prosperous.

Indeed, we are profoundly proud that all our achievements in building the national statehood, the large-scale progressive reforms that resulted in stable growth rates of our economy, growth of living standards of our population and continuous improvement of the look of our country, are worthily recognised in the international arena and raise our authority and respect towards us.

In the years of independent development, our national economy grew about five times or per capita to 3.7 times, and the income per capita, which serves as a confirmation of growth of living standards of our population, grew 8.7 times. These indices prove that during the short period of time Uzbekistan – once a republic unable to sustain itself – has turned into a modern state with rapid growth rates.

Despite the ongoing global financial and economic crisis, during the last ten years the annual growth rate of Uzbekistan's economy has exceeded eight per cent and such a stable progress can now be observed in just few countries.

More than 180 billion dollars (including over 60 billion dollars of foreign investments) have been channelled into our economy to develop our country with such high growth rates, modernise it and implement the large-scale reforms. Certainly, there are many examples which show that thanks to these investments. We were able to radically change the structure of our economy, establish the modern enterprises with cutting-edge technologies, manufacture the commodities competitive in the world market, and raise Uzbekistan's potential to a new level.

During these years alone the number of our country's population grew 10.3 million, and today it makes up 31 million. This factor raises Uzbekistan's human potential and creates a firm foundation to secure the new level of development and new objectives.

We were not in rush in transiting from the obsolete system to a new one, in building a solid foundation for this purpose. We followed a wise truth which goes: “Do not destroy the old house until you build a new one”. We have chosen a gradual and evolutionary path to move towards our goals and objectives phase to phase and step by step. We found it right for us and put this principle to big test.

From the bottom of my heart I would like to share my idea with you – the representatives of our young generation who have gathered today in this sublime square, my children – the entire youth of Uzbekistan: each time I meet you and see you in the full bloom of youth, your sparkling eyes and witness your achievements, like many of us, I feel as if I also get my own wings.

Wherever and in whichever sphere you are – whether it is education or reaching the peaks of science, mastering the modern professions or developing the business sphere, celebrating the glory of Uzbekistan at international sport arenas and revealing yourselves to the world, you are surely making all of us happy.

Our 28 young sportsmen at the Second Summer Youth Olympic Games held in the city of Nanjing of the People’s Republic of China, where they have won four gold, three silver and three bronze, and in total, ten medals. And this was a great contribution of Uzbekistan’s youth to the 23rd anniversary of our Independence.

My dear children do not ever forget that I consider your accomplishments and victories as our people’s victories, and I will spare no effort and strength to make your today and future even brighter.

It is natural that growing extremism and terrorism, confrontation, bloodshed, threats and challenges in various areas and regions of the world, in the near and far neighbourhood, and in general, continuous escalation of situation raises alarm and concern in all of us.

Unfortunately, such bloody clashes, conflicts and contradictions are on the rise instead of being tackled and reduced.

In such an extremely turbulent and dangerous condition the most important issue is not to overlook the newly emerging standoffs and rising conflicts no matter in what part of the world occur, so that to keep the situation under constant

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SINGAPORE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN ON THE 23rd ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF UZBEKISTAN

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the people of Singapore, I am pleased to extend to Your Excellency and the people of Uzbekistan our congratulations on the joyous occasion of the 23rd Anniversary of the Day of Independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan.



Singapore and Uzbekistan enjoy warm and friendly relations. I am pleased that Uzbekistan Airways have launched direct flights between Tashkent and Singapore, the first by a Central Asian airline. This will boost people-to-people linkages and encourage more Singaporeans to experience for themselves the wonderful historical and cultural attractions in Uzbekistan such as Samarkand and Bukhara. I look forward to working with Your Excellency to further strengthen bilateral relations in the years ahead.

May I also take this opportunity to wish Your Excellency continued good health and happiness.

Tony Tan Keng Yam
President of Singapore

control of the world community to prevent them from escalating into a large-scale war.

The position of Uzbekistan is as follows: such situations, grave confrontations and clashes must be resolved only by political and peaceful means in compliance with the basic principles and international norms set by the Charter of the United Nations, by observing the principles of inviolability of state sovereignty and borders, prevention of violence and use of force.

Such an extremely tense situation requires from all of us to be alert, vigilant and shrewd.

Time itself requires that our priority must envisage finding a common language with our near and far neighbours, enhancing cooperation on the basis of common objectives that unite us and establishing the mutually beneficial relations.

On behalf of our nation I sincerely thank representatives of international organisations who have joined us on this special occasion I thank you for your continuous support and practical assistance rendered to Uzbekistan, and wish a sound health to all of you and prosperity to your countries.

In this luminous evening, embracing all of you and congratulating on the Independence Day, I wish you peace and tranquility, happiness and joy, as well as abundance and plenty to your households and our country!

Let our Homeland be peaceful and our skies be always clear!
Let our Independence be eternal!

Celebrating Freedom

Celebration of twenty three years of independence of Uzbekistan was marked by inspirational songs, dance and fireworks. Over 80 countries joined the festivities





Uzbekistan: Fact File

Uzbekistan is a country which is politically stable, with consistent reforms in all fields of public and political life and confidence in tomorrow. It's the land where representatives of more than a hundred ethnic groups and dozens of religions have been living in peace and harmony for thousands of years

Situated along the Silk Road, Uzbekistan has been the cradle of many ancient civilisations. Trade caravans from the East and the West passed through the cities of Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva, which became the symbols of Oriental beauty and mystery. Every year, millions of tourists come to this magic land to indulge in the beautiful architecture, rich cultural heritage and pristine nature of the country.

Modern day Uzbekistan is one of the fastest developing countries in the world, successfully withstanding the global economic calamities. During the independent development period, Uzbekistan's economy has grown almost fivefold, while it increased 3.7 times per capita. The per capita incomes of our people – as an indication of the growth in standards and quality of life – have multiplied 8.7 times. Despite the ongoing global financial and economic crisis, the annual economic growth rate of Uzbekistan has amounted to more than 8 percent in the last 10 years. In excess of 180 billions of dollars of investments, including more than 60 billion dollars of foreign investments, have been drawn in order for the country to move forward with such remarkable rates, to promote modernization and renewal, wide-scale reforms in the economy.

Uzbekistan offers the best transport connectivity and infrastructure in the region for passenger and cargo shipment. The state has been largely investing in building new highways and railroads, upgrading domestic and international airports, renewing the fleet of airplanes, trains and public buses. Today there are 12 airports in the country; six of them are international airports with direct flights to more than 40 cities across the world. Navoi International Air Cargo Terminal has been set up and linked to the major logistic hubs of Asia and Europe. Comfortable high-speed trains run from Tashkent to Samarkand and more cities will be connected in the next few years.

Official Name	Republic of Uzbekistan
Political System	Republic
Independence Day	September 1, 1991
Location	Central Asia
Territorial Organization	12 provinces, Tashkent City, and Republic of Karakalpakstan
Capital	Tashkent City
Area	Total – 448,900 km ²
Population	30.5 million people (as of 1 January 2014)
Main Cities	Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, Fergana, Andijan, Namangan, Karshi, etc.
Official Language	Uzbek
Main Airports	Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, Navoi, etc.

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

January 1	New Year
January 14	Day of Defenders of Homeland
March 8	Women's Day
March 21	Navruz (Traditional New Year)
May 9	Day of Memory and Honor
September 1	Independence Day
October 1	Teachers' Day
December 8	Constitution Day
Ramadan Hayit (lyd ul Fitri) and Qurbon Hayit (lyd ul Adha) are also national religious holidays. Dates of celebration differ each year depending on the Lunar Calendar.	

Uzbekistan climbing greater heights



There are no adjectives to describe the beauty and rich culture of Uzbekistan. In this fourth commemorative magazine by the Uzbekistan Embassy in Singapore, we have made an effort to capture the spirit and essence of this mystical land of ancient culture. Like the glorious mythical phoenix rising from its own ashes, Uzbekistan has shrugged off its soviet past and has captured greater heights. This message was clear as the world watched Uzbekistan celebrate with oneness, its 23rd Independence Day, where President Islam Karimov's address to the nation set the tone for the future of this extraordinary country.

The President also heralded the State Program the Year of the Healthy Child focused on intensified and extensive outreach aimed at raising the medical culture. The President's vision will be translated through the successful implementation of 125 projects initiated under the State Program. Last year, the Republic celebrated the Year of Prosperity which focused on improving the quality of life.

Uzbekistan is today a nation of peace and stability. This issue also focuses on its booming economy, which ensures the spirit of steadfast development and progressive reforms — political, economic and social policies, along the lines of the Uzbek Model of Development. Exclusively for our reader's delight, we have featured the transformation of Uzbekistan's highly proactive industrial policies which is providing sustainable, high economic growth and a shift from a dependence on the production of raw materials (from the Soviet period) to finished products with higher added value. Of note is the exponential growth in the auto industry which is identified as the major driving force of the nation.

Of special interest is also the news of Uzbekistan's Export Promotion Fund (EPF) signing of MoU with Singapore's JA International. The strategic partnership was formalized in March 2014 between the company and EPF. Just last year, the volume of trade turnover between Uzbekistan and Singapore stood at \$47.6 million dollars. This will surely take the relationship between Singapore and Uzbekistan to new heights.

In other exciting news, this issue also carries an exclusive feature on the prestigious conference on the International Commission on History, held at the ancient city of Samarkand from May 15-16, 2014. The forum discussed the issue of "The Historical Heritage of Scientists and Thinkers of the Medieval East, its role and significance for the modern civilization." Readers will be delighted to read about the role played by this ancient country in the evolution of modern human.

As we congratulate this great nation, we hope you enjoy this commemorative issue and join us in celebrating this wonderful country.

Nomita Dhar
Editor-in-Chief

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Upcoming Elections All Geared to Go

Over 20 million people will participate in the elections to be held in Uzbekistan on December 21, 2014

From classical Athens' walled democracy to modern society's free choice exercise, elections have remained as an integral part for strategic way forward. All the parties in the Republic of Uzbekistan have already kick-started political pre-election campaigns in the country in order to actively participate in the upcoming elections.

According to Central Election Commission (CEC) of Uzbekistan the elections to the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Jokarghy Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, to the representative bodies of state authority in regions, districts, cities and towns shall be held on December 21, 2014. The

elections shall be held on the basis of the general, equal and direct suffrage by secret ballot. Voter age is eighteen years.

BICAMERAL PARLIAMENT

The Republic of Uzbekistan has a multiparty parliamentary system. The bicameral parliament upholds the novel concepts of accountability, transparency and separation of power. It streamlines the functionalities of both the houses. It works for the betterment of common people by initiating different crucial amendments and protects the basic rights of the citizens. According to CEC, over 20 million citizens will be participating to vote in the forthcoming elections.

WAY FORWARD

The elections will be held amid the enhancement of powers of the parliament and further deepening of democratisation of electoral system. It will be yet another step towards

democracy in the country. H.E Islam Karimov, the President of Uzbekistan initiated 'The Concept of Further Deepening of Democratic Reforms and Establishing Civil Society in the Country' in November 2010. Furthermore several constitutional amendments were introduced in the years 2011, 2012 and 2014 to some articles of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan (Articles 32, 78, 80, 93, 96, 98, 103 and 117) and laws on elections, which serve as a legal basis for further democratisation of the activities of legislative and executive branches of power, as well as the electoral system.

CENTRAL ELECTION COMMISSION: UPHOLDING DEMOCRACY

In accordance with the Law "On Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan", CEC has become an independent body tasked with practical implementation of

democratic principles of the electoral system. Now in Uzbekistan, the CEC operates as independent constitutional body. The mechanism of its activities has been re-defined which provides for the preparation and holding of elections without interference of any other government body, and principles of its activities have also been approved.

The CEC further approved an action plan to prepare and hold elections to the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, regional, district and municipal Kengashes (Councils) of people's representatives in 2014. It includes a set of measures to ensure the legality, transparency, openness and publicity of all the election campaign.

CONSTITUTION OF UZBEKISTAN AND THE SYSTEM OF ELECTORAL LEGISLATION

The Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan is the foundation of the system of electoral legislation. Its Chapter 23 addresses the electoral system, and contains a range of fundamental principles that guarantee an actual political pluralism.

The process of national electoral legislation's evolution has been closely related with two principal phases of independent development of Uzbekistan. The main purpose has been to increase the effectiveness of legal mechanisms, reliable supply of electoral rights of citizens and their free will, introduction of new forms, methods and conditions for election campaigning.

INTRODUCTION OF QUOTAS IN DEPUTY SEATS

A new institution has been introduced into the electoral legislation namely, the assignment of quotas in deputy seats. Fifteen deputy seats in the Legislative Chamber are allocated to a public-social organisation - the Environmental Movement of Uzbekistan, to better address environmental issues.

They present candidates for the membership of precinct electoral



commissions to the relevant district election commissions during the presidential elections as well as elections to the Legislative Chamber of Oliy Majlis, regional, district and municipal Kengashes of People's Representatives.

HELPING CITIZENS EXERCISE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

A comprehensive state registration of voters has been put in place in the country. The number of women should not be less than thirty percent of the total number of candidates nominated from political parties to the deputyship of representative bodies of government.

A special role in the preparations and holding of elections is assigned to citizens' self-governing bodies (mahalla) as a traditional democratic system of local self-government. In contrast to other institutions of civil society, the citizens' self-governing bodies are entitled with such rights as to nominate candidates to deputyship in district and municipal Kengashes of People's Representatives.

A wide ranging reform has been in progress under the leadership of H.E. President Islam Karimov across all walks of life, including the electoral system.

The Concept of Intensification of Democratic Reforms and Formation of Civil Society in the Country contribute as a beginning of a new stage in the perfection of nation building, legal-

normative system and electoral legislation in Uzbekistan.

It is assessed that the forthcoming elections in Uzbekistan are to be held in favourable conditions and environment created in accordance with the principles of advanced democratic country and civil society. Thorough pre-election preparations have been undertaken throughout the country.

MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES OF UZBEKISTAN

- Uzbekistan People's Democratic Party (O'zbekiston Xalq Demokratik Partiyasi) It has 27 members the Legislative Chamber
- Justice Social Democratic Party (Adolat Sotsial Demokratik Partiyasi) It has 10 members at the Legislative Chamber
- National Revival Democratic Party (Milliy Tiklanish Demokratik Partiyasi) It has 29 members at the Legislative Chamber, after unification with Fidokorlar National Democratic party in June 2008
- The Movement of Entrepreneurs and Businessmen- Liberal-Democratic Party (O'zbekiston Liberal Demokratik Partiyasi) It has 39 representatives as deputies of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis

Source: Central Election Commission (CEC) of Uzbekistan



The Year of Healthy Child

Children are the future of a happy healthy nation

President Islam Karimov, on the 21st anniversary of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, set the sights of the Republic on 'The Year of the Healthy Child.'

The focus of this programme is an intensified and extensive outreach to raise the nation's medical culture.

Nurturing a sound generation can be pivotal in laying the foundation for a great nation and is the bedrock of a prosperous life.

The new chapter in the life of the Uzbek nation heralded the tasking of a long-term health policy to ensure that children — the hope for a bright future - will be smarter, stronger, wiser and certainly happier.

This is backed by a huge mobilization of strength and capacities to enhance the system of fostering a healthy and advanced generation.

This vision will be translated through the successful implementation of 125

projects initiated by the government to this end.

The 125 projects under the State Program are aimed at nurturing a healthy, spiritually mature and harmoniously sophisticated generation which would exhibit an independent thinking, advanced intellectual potential, extensive knowledge and modern worldview.

The government has generously set aside four and a half trillion Uzbek soums and \$302.9 million in equivalent, apart from extra-budgetary funds and loans from commercial banks, for the implementation of these initiatives.

The Year of the Healthy Child programme will underpin, a wide set of measures which will address the need to enhance the state's healthcare system. All these will be backed by the enhancement of the twelve-year compulsory education system, where includes a vocation and extended support in employment.

It is not just the public authorities and their partners who will participate in the implementation of these tasks. The new policy envisages the active participation of the neighborhood communities (mahallas) and other social structures. Simultaneously their responsibility will increase in consolidating peace and accord in families and society, rendering timely and targeted assistance to low-income families.

To mark these important initiatives by the government the coming year will offer competitions, contests, exhibitions and festivals for young people to participate in and enjoy to the fullest.

To ensure the practical implementation of its dreams for its children the government is stepping up its infrastructural development targeted at making this a hard reality. Zeroing on the World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines for healthcare, Uzbekistan has specific programmes aimed at timely

and quality nutrition for pregnant women and infants.

For children the National Immunization Schedule has proven to be a reliable measure against a slew of communicable diseases. The second half of 2014 saw the expansion of the list of mandatory vaccination of children against certain diseases—in particular rotavirus, which can lead to infant death.

The stage is also set for the early detection of congenital and hereditary diseases, to prevent the birth of disabled children. This programme, already underway, is pressing into service many rural medical units and clinics which constantly monitor women in their place of domicile.

One of the most important inputs has been the feasibility of modern ultrasound diagnostic examinations for those in the early stages of pregnancy. The government is set to launch another regional screening center (expected to contribute to revealing congenital and hereditary diseases) in the Tashkent region, one of the biggest in the country. Specialists in these fields will continue to enjoy access to the latest developments in terms of the methods of diagnosis and prevention of various diseases.

The Ministry of Health has also prioritized the development of specialized pediatric services, advanced diagnostic and treatment technologies.

Last year it saw the setting up of a spanking new department of congenital and acquired ENT organs. Uzbekistan has also developed a surgery service for children with hearing defects. A wide range of free services (even operations such as the highly expensive cochlear implantation) are available at the new department.

What is heartening is that several other medical centres have become part of the development of specialized pediatric services. The launch of cardiac surgery block at the Republican Specialized Center of Surgery for example was

pivotal in empowering heart surgery for children less than three years old.

Also being addressed are situations involving frequently occurring diseases. Critically dependent on very high quality high-tech treatment, this service will now be available in the regions as well — a clear indication that across the nation, the regions are strengthening the logistical capacity of their medical centres as well.

Another very important area for development under the programme, will come from the specially set up Children's Sports Development Fund. The government had set aside 210 billion and 400 million soums for this development.

The past year has already seen the setting up of a slew of sports facilities — 113 of them which include swimming pools largely outfitted with locally manufactured equipment and hardware tools. Also erected were 55 children's music and arts schools.

The growing number of school children opting for sports has been the most import offshoot of the setting up of sports complexes with modern sporting equipment, hardware and highly qualified coaches.

Today over 842,000 girls participate in sports around the country. Integral

to the process of getting young girls to regularly participate in sports activities the government has encouraged mahallas and women's committees as well as the family units themselves.

The government welcomes the change in the youth, which has witnessed a spurt in interest in the field of sports which will also embark them on a healthy lifestyle.

The nation's performance in 2013 during the 4th Weightlifting World Championship (held in Tashkent) in the Juniors, the International Grand-Prix Judo Tournament and the Artistic Gymnastics Asian Championship, bore witness to the positive impact of the government's three-tier system of sports games on its children and youth.

Additionally the six-year-old chess player Islombek Sindorov took home three gold medals at the Asian championship in Iran, while Nafisa Muminova was first among Uzbek girls to earn the title of FIDE international grandmaster. Uzbekistan's weightlifter Ruslan Nurudinov was second to none in the world championship in Poland, while the judoka Yahyo Imamov was victorious at the Grand Slam International Tournament in France. All eyes are now on preparations for the 31st Olympics to take place in Brazil in 2016.





Golden Opportunities: Industry's New Building Blocks for a Brighter Future

According to the United Nations, since Uzbekistan gained independence and became a Republic in 1991, the country has created numerous trade and investment opportunities, many of which have met with significant success

The major industries set up by the government of the Republic of Uzbekistan are enjoying considerable success in their many endeavours and opened up a host of business opportunities for investment from home and abroad.

TOURISM INDUSTRY

Tourism sector in the country presents tremendous potential for foreign investments.

In 2005, close to a quarter of a million

tourists from over 100 countries visited Uzbekistan, earning the country US\$30 million. In 2013, the number of foreign tourists who visited Uzbekistan exceeded 2 million people. For over the last two years, this indicator increased by 43 per cent.

However, Uzbekistan's tourist potential has yet to be fully realised. Apart from strengthening the country's infrastructure, Uzbekistan will also be promoting sports tourism. The 3309m high Chimgan Mountains with "Bolshoy" ("Greater") Chimgan peak is perfect for mountain-climbing, mountaineering and rock-climbing fans. For skiing fans, the Chimgan and Beldersay resorts in the "warm" Uzbek mountains (where temperatures rarely fall below 20 degrees), are a perfect winter getaway.

OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

Uzbekistan is now one of the largest energy-resources suppliers to foreign markets. This industry is represented by the National holding Company (NHC) — "Uzbekneftegaz", which consists of six

major joint stock companies, comprising over 120 enterprises.

With the state as the major stakeholder of the company, the main oil and gas bearing region of the country is divided into five districts — Ustyurtsky, Bukhara-Khiva, Hissar, Surkhandarya and Fergana. To date over 232 deposits of oil, gas and gas condensate have been discovered. Out of these, 103 are being developed, 60 are ready for development, and 69 are in the process of study.

CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

The chemical industry of Uzbekistan includes enterprises producing mineral fertilizers, plant protection chemicals, chemical fibers and yarns, synthetic resins, polymer products, and other products.

This sector is represented by the State Joint Stock Company (SJSC) — "Uzkimyosanoat". It brings together 12 major industrial enterprises, 13 regional distribution organizations. Currently, the "Uzkimyosanoat" enterprises are producing mineral fertilizers and inorganic

products (nitrogen, phosphate potash fertilizers, ammonia, caustic soda and soda ash). They also produce organic chemistry, synthetic fibres and polymer materials (cellulose and cellulose acetate, fibre acetate yarns, polyethylene products)

Through diversification of the production and development of foreign markets, the enterprises were also able to organize the production of new products, such as methanol, ammonium chloride, mono ammonium phosphate, amongst others chemicals.

AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

Uzbekistan's auto-engineering industry is also represented by the Joint Stock Company — "Uzavtosanoat". It includes 21 enterprises and organizations, including a higher education institution, which is a branch of the Turin Polytechnic University in Tashkent City.

Currently, major "Uzavtosanoat" JSC enterprises produce Chevrolet cars such as Malibu, Captiva, Lacetti, Nexia, Spark, Matiz and Damas models, all manufactured by GM Uzbekistan CJSC. They also produce light trucks and medium trucks and Isuzu buses which are manufactured by Samauto. The heavy trucks "MaN" — are manufactured by "JV MaN auto - Uzbekistan JV LLC.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

The electrical Industry in Uzbekistan is represented by the Association "Uzeltekhsanoat". It brings together about 30 companies of various forms of ownership, including some with foreign investment. They are focused on: the processing of copper resources (production of cables and wires); the production of transformers, substations, distribution panels, elevators, various accessories and key components for other industries); production of complex household and radio technical equipment including TV sets, household and industrial refrigerators, air conditioners, electric kettles and irons); maintenance and repair services.

LIGHT INDUSTRY

Uzbekistan's light industry is represented by State Joint Stock Company "O'zbekyengilsanoat". It currently includes 285 enterprises which specialize in the textile, silk and knitting industries. At present 75% of Uzbek textile products is produced by joint ventures and international enterprises equipped with tools sourced from the world's leading textile machinery companies.

Major foreign investors such as Daewoo International, Daishin Textile, Shindong Enerkom, Bayteks Tigaret, Tekfen, Bo Group, Alcimus Textile, Mert Iplik, Vayreks, Osborne Trading and Tagus are operating in the country.

PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

The pharmaceutical Industry of Uzbekistan is represented by State Joint Stock Concern "Uzfarmsanoat" and 126 enterprises, including 22 joint ventures. Mainly, they specialize in the production of pharmaceuticals, medical devices, diagnostic aids and other items. At least 70 pharmacological groups of medicines are being manufactured in Uzbekistan.

LEATHER AND FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY

Leather and footwear industry in Uzbekistan is represented by the "Uzbekcharimpoyabzal" Association, which unites 53 production enterprises operating in the leather processing, footwear, leather haberdashery goods and imitation leather production fields.

FOOD INDUSTRY

The food industry in Uzbekistan is represented by the association of food industry enterprises of the country. More than 350 food manufacture companies operate in Uzbekistan.

They specialise in the production of confectionery, canned foods and beverages, meat and dairy products, vegetable oils, margarines and soaps, also provision of services to other companies in the industry.

Currently, 17 joint ventures operate within the food industry. These include enterprises established with global giants such as Nestle Uzbekistan JV, Coca-Cola Bottlers Uzbekistan JV, International Beverages Tashkent" LLC (Pepsi-Cola), British American Tobacco Uzbekistan JV.

BUILDING MATERIALS INDUSTRY

The building materials industry is represented by "Uzstroyaterial" Joint Stock Company, which brings together more than 110 enterprises (except for branches and subsidiary enterprises). They produce construction-related products including cement, slate, asbestos-cement pipes, concrete mixtures and mortars, lime, reinforced concrete and structures, gypsum, mineral-cotton products, etc.

For more information on investment opportunities, please visit:

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Uzbek Economic Zones Beckons Investors Worldwide

Since the setup of Special Economic Zones (SEZ) in Uzbekistan, investors across the globe are queuing up to establish businesses



Functioning as a 'growth pole' boosting economic development and stimulating higher growth rate, the Free Economic Zones (FEZ) established by Uzbekistan has been much sought-after across the world. The FEZ developed by the Republic of Uzbekistan offers foreign investors a wide range of opportunities for conducting business and at the same time, help develop the economic region. In this exclusive feature, we bring you the success stories of FEZ set up by the Government of Uzbekistan namely – Navoi Free Industrial Economic Zone (FIEZ), Angren Special Industrial Zone (ASIZ) and Jizzakh Special Industrial Zone (JSIZ).

NAVOI FREE INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIC ZONE (NAVOI FIEZ)

It was on December 02, 2008 that the Navoi FIEZ was established by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Navoi region, one of the most developed industrial centres of Uzbekistan, Navoi FIEZ provides all the necessary conditions for establishment of industrial complexes with full production cycle from raw materials to manufacturing

finished goods. Endowing investors with significant competitive advantages, the Navoi FIEZ has been beckoning foreign investors from across the world. The FIEZ is advantageous for the set up of wide range of manufacturing units, with special priority given to production of high-tech and globally competitive products in the following industries and sectors:

- production of electrical goods and telecommunication equipment;
- production of machinery and instrument-making
- products and component parts for cars;
- production of pharmaceutical products and medical equipment;
- foodstuff processing and packaging;
- production of plastic and polymeric goods

With an area of the of 564 thousand hectares, industries setting up at the FIEZ can operate for a period of 30 years with an option to extend the term in future.

Business setting up manufacturing units at the Navoi FIEZ can enjoy several tax exemptions including relief from land tax, property tax, income tax, social

infrastructure development tax, unified tax payment (for small enterprises), as well as compulsory contributions to the Republican Road Fund and off-budget Republican School Fund.

The businesses are further exempted from customs payments for imported equipment, as well as for raw materials, materials and component parts for the production of exportable goods for the entire period of operation.

Furthermore, business entities registered in the Navoi FIEZ can make payments in foreign currencies within the zone in accordance with the agreements and contracts concluded between them, as well as to pay in hard currency for the supply of goods, works and services, performed by other business entities – residents of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Navoi Intermodal Logistics Center

Placed in the center of the country and on the crossroads of international land and air transport corridors, the "Navoi" airport represents an ideal regional centre for international freight flows management.

The first phase of modernization of "Navoi" airport has been accomplished, including creation of international intermodal logistic center (iilC) and construction of cargo terminal with capacity of cargo handling 300 ton in 24 hours. In the future it is planned to increase capacities of the terminal up to 1000 tons subject to increase of freight flows.

The launch of the terminal allowed to bring the iilC to the maximum capacity, increase the volume of services, improve the productivity and profitability, as well as to ensure that the quality of logistics



services meets the highest international standards.

Currently, regular flights to Delhi, Mumbai, Istanbul, Doha, Dubai, Hanoi, Moscow, Bishkek, Seoul, Milan, Brussels, Shanghai, Paris, Zaragoza, Vienna and Basel are made from the Navoi airport.

The use of air corridors and landing in Uzbekistan provides considerable saving of time and shipping costs.

A one stop multifunctioning zone for businesses and enterprises, Navoi FIEZ offers all the services necessary to establish and conduct a business. Within the premise of the economic zone enterprises can enjoy easy access to financial and banking services, tax services and consulting, customs services, logistics and transportation etc.

Navoi FIEZ has attracted investors from many large companies of the republic of Korea, China, India, the United Arab Emirates as well as Singapore, thanks to the many exemptions and privileges which promote ease of doing business. Over the short period of time since its establishment, about 12 projects have been launched including several joint ventures such as Telecom Innovations (Singapore and China), Navoi Hunan Pulp (China), AgroFresh (UAE), Navoi Beauty Cosmetics (Korea) and many more.

ANGREN SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL ZONE (ASIZ)

The Angren Special Industrial Zone (ASIZ) established in the Tashkent region on

December 13, 2012 has been another feather added the glorious cap of the business atmosphere in Uzbekistan. With attractive economic policies and tax exemptions, foreign and local investors find ASIZ favourable to set up various enterprises and participate in mutual growth of the region as well as reap the numerous benefits provided by the government. The wide range of opportunities include special tax regime and customs preferences and many other exclusive benefits. With the added advantage of being near the capital of Uzbekistan - Tashkent, it a very attractive destination for investors. The area of the ASIZ is 187.5 hectares with an operational period of 30 years with an option to extend in future.

While the project is relatively new, several agreements to set up large industries have already been signed. For example, Singaporean companies Welton International Enterprises, Kito Investment and Austrian Seid Nandelsgesellschaft m.b.H. will become the partners of Uzbek businesses in building a 1000-tons capacity sugar plant per day in the zone. The total estimated project cost exceeds US\$ 108.45 million.

Angren International Logistics Center

Angren International Logistic Centre (Angren ILC) located at Abylk Railway Station in Angren is one of the largest transshipment centres in Uzbekistan. Established in 2009, it is located

strategically in transport network node with a large cargo turnover, having hundred hectares of area, at the place where several transport types paths are intersected. Wide range of services can be availed to companies in the logistic park for companies such as faster and more efficient process of goods turnover, improved processing quality and reduced shipping component cost. The transit-cargo terminal covers area of 8.6 hectares and has railway track for loading and unloading. Simultaneously it serves volume is 22 containers with 60 containers storage and up to 1,500 tons processing at storage spaces.

JIZZAKH SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL ZONE (JIZZAKH SIZ)

The Jizzakh SIZ was set up in March 2013 aimed to offer favourable environment for both foreign and local investments. With a branch in Sirdarya district of Sirdarya region, it is also aimed to promote complex and efficient use of productive and resource capacity of Jizzakh and Sirdarya regions, as well as creation of new jobs and improving standards of living. Businesses can enjoy special tax treatment and customs benefits along with resident status granted by the administrative board. The primary objective of the establishment of SIZ includes - attraction of FDI in order to create high-end and innovative production of value-added Jizzakh goods, providing priority development and efficient use of the transport, engineering-communication and social infrastructure etc. Similar to other economic zone, the Jizzakh SIZ offers operational period of 30 years with an option to extend the term in future.





Auto Industry: Accelerating Fast

The auto industry has been identified as a major driving force. Its high degree of technological sophistication puts the auto industry in the driver's seat as it is in an excellent position to stimulate the development of areas impacted by it.

The auto industry's contribution to the processes of structural transformation has been identified to be greater than other sectors. Uzbekistan is the only Central Asian country to make automobiles. Its exports of automobiles are considerably higher than, say, the share of goods from the machine-building industry or the chemical industry — both of which are also amongst its high

priority sectors. A report by the European Association of Auto Manufacturers shows Russia to be Uzbekistan's premier export market with an increase in Russian imports by 45 per cent.

In 2013, Uzbekistan exported 90.8 thousand cars. According to UzAvtoSanoat, the joint-stock largely government-owned company manufactured products worth about 7.5 billion soums. Thus, the rate of growth in 2013 was 121.8 per cent (compared to 2012). The GM Uzbekistan (a Chevrolet brand), MAN Uzbekistan (heavy goods vehicles) and SamAuto (Isuzu) are the top auto operators in Uzbekistan. The automobile industry has also created an important niche for itself within the country for other sectors that can manufacture components and materials for auto production. This has a ripple effect in growth in the markets for industrial goods within Uzbekistan. It has the potential to accelerate growth

in oil refining, the chemical industry, the energy industry, machine building and metalworking, construction, the transport sector and nonferrous metallurgy, with an indirect multiplier effect.

The government's industrial policy is aimed at activating this estimated potential and transforming the auto industry into a driver of growth for its priority sectors and ultimately, Uzbekistan's economy as a whole. The auto industry has already shown its teeth in driving growth for enterprises inside the automaking cluster. To cite an excellent example, the auto industry complex today has more than 200 local enterprises, has set up processes for more than 260 new components, and the level of localisation exceeds 50 per cent for new models and 80 per cent for the Nexia and Matiz models.

The silver lining is that the boundaries of the sector's future growth are expanding. Already the system of

vocational education is responding to the heat and is adjusting to the rise in demand for more skilled labour by the auto sector.

The targets for development of the key sectors in the economy up to 2020 are expected to show at least a 30 per cent increase in production by the auto complex (the auto industry and satellite enterprises) by the due date. To do so, it will need to ramp up measures to make production significantly more competitive and develop inter-sectoral cooperation between the auto industry and other priority sectors such as the metals industry for manufacture of intermediate goods for the production of engines, chassis and in time to come — braking-system components.

Uzbekistan's automotive industry is dominated by over 40 modern enterprises that comprise the stock company Uzavtosanoat.

The GM Uzbekistan site is known today

as a joint venture between the Uzbek firm Uzavtosanoat and the American General Motors Company (GM). The original JV (UzDaewoo Auto) in 1996 was between the Uzbek government and South Korea's based Daewoo.

Cars and trucks, buses, specialised vehicles, a wide range of components and spare parts are produced in the manufacturing platforms by GM Uzbekistan, SamAuto, JV MAN Auto-Uzbekistan, General Motors Powertrain Uzbekistan and other enterprises.

Samarkand Automobile Plant produces mid-size trucks and buses with the technical assistance of Isuzu (Japan). JV MAN Auto Uzbekistan, created by MAN Truck & Bus (Germany) and Uzavtosanoat, produces commercial trucks.


In 2014, GM Uzbekistan launched the full-scale production of the family minivan, the Chevrolet Orlando. The

cutting-edge design and safety system, the high technical characteristics of the Chevrolet Orlando, combined with the latest General Motors achievements will facilitate increase in the company's sales in Uzbekistan and abroad. The specialists of the Uzavtosanoat stock company say that the emergence of a new model in the lineup of light vehicles is indicative of the consolidating and steadily growing local automotive industry. Uzavtosanoat, the joint stock company stepped up plans to increase the level of sales up to US\$3.7 billion in 2014. Sale volumes of Uzavtosanoat were US\$2.6 billion in 2011 and over US\$3.3 billion in 2013, despite the global crisis.

PRODUCTS: AT A GLANCE

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Business Interactions on the Move

The last few years have witnessed an increase in investment and business activities between Uzbekistan and Singapore



The Republic of Uzbekistan has been making waves in the international scene by expanding its business prowess to various corners of the business world. Part of this expansion includes its recent foray into Southeast Asia. We bring you some of the highlights of strategic tie-ups.

UZBEKISTAN-SINGAPORE BUSINESS FORUM AND COOPERATION EXCHANGE

This year, Uzbekistan-Singapore Business Forum was a great success and was very well attended. The event was sought-after both in Uzbekistan and Singapore as a gateway to new business opportunities.

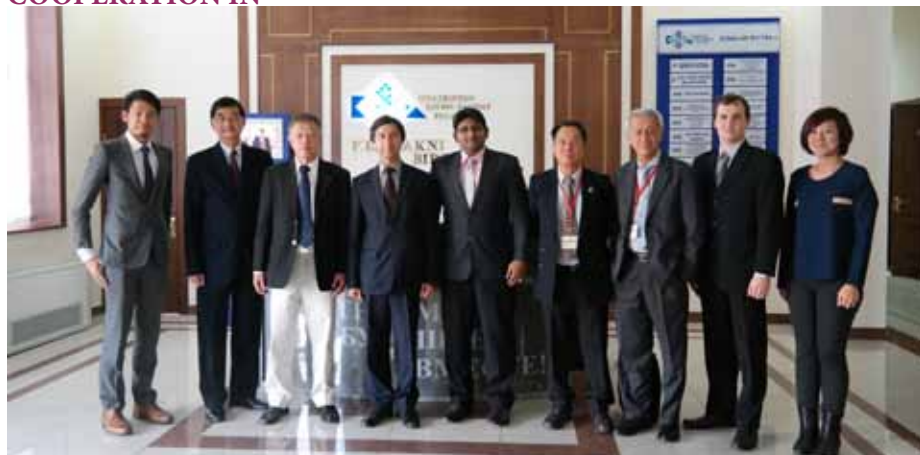
Investment into the country has been steadily increasing. Presently, there are 33 Uzbek-Singaporean joint ventures operating in Uzbekistan, including seven purely foreign-owned enterprises. The volume of trade turnover between Uzbekistan and Singapore stood at \$47.6 million dollars in 2013.

COOPERATION IN HIGH-TECH INDUSTRY

The government in Uzbekistan has initiated a new field of development in high-tech industry.

Singapore-based firm, Prescient Systems & Technologies Pte Ltd is keen on cashing out on this opportunity. The production plant will be sited in Uzbekistan's Sirdaryo region. This is the perfect place for setting up this joint venture as its geographic setting and potential as a transit point makes it very viable for its smooth running. The Singapore delegation has visited and approved the active branch of the SIZ Jizzakh, where the Chinese ZTE launched the assembly of mobile phones. Now both the Singaporean and Uzbek partners are working out the final details before signing the relevant bilateral agreements. The total project cost is valued at US\$8.4m.

COOPERATION IN



TEXTILE INDUSTRY

The biggest breakthrough, however has been the bilateral cooperation of projects with Singapore's Indorama Group in Uzbekistan, whose areas of operation are in hydrocarbons and textiles — two industries of paramount importance for the Republic. Since 2011, a project has been underway on the construction of a gas chemical complex on Unitary Subsidiary Enterprise "Muborak Gas Processing Plant" which is valued at over US\$1.6b. The new facility is expected to be commissioned in 2016.

Another firm, Verigrow too has been successfully operating in this sector. In 2012, the Singaporean end of the project bought up a dormant industrial complex and translated it into a modern enterprise under the name Verigrow Ipagi, which started specialising in the production of high quality silk. Over US\$5m was invested with more than half of this amount going into the purchase of new equipment and technology, modernisation and technological re-equipment. Today, the firm employs over 180 people. Last year its production was worth over one billion soums, 80 per cent of which was directed to the export market and contributes to the economy by directly exporting 80 per cent of its production.



Reaching Above and Beyond

Reaching beyond Singapore's shores, MDIS Tashkent records a number of monumental achievements, and continues to uphold the MDIS Values

The US\$20 million MDIS Tashkent Campus, with a land area of 12.8-acres in Tashkent is the first campus set up by a Singapore private educational institution in the Central Asian country.

MDIS Tashkent is also the first overseas campus set up by MDIS in 2008. It is a joint venture between the Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS) and the Uzbekistan Banking Association under a special resolution granted by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Since then – the student population there has snowballed from just 200 to over 2,300 today. Dr R. Theyvendran, Secretary General of MDIS said: “Our first mover advantage in setting up a world-class educational institution in Tashkent has given us significant

leverage in one of the world's fastest growing regions. With an annual GDP growth of more than 7% since 2007 - already higher than the IMF's projected growth rate in Central Asia of 6% and 6.5% in 2014 and 2015 respectively - Uzbekistan looks set to become a regional and global powerhouse in the near future.”

“This strong growth reflects the expansion of oil and gas production and other extractive industries as well as firm growth in both domestic and external demand. The favourable outlook presents a great opportunity for MDIS as the region continues to require professional talent and a higher educated workforce to support the structural transformation that is driving these dynamic emerging economies.”

“MDIS Tashkent has established a solid reputation in Central Asia, which

is reflected in the 10-fold increase of our student intake in just six years. We are therefore well-poised to grow our presence and extend our reach in the Central Asian region to strengthen our leadership position as a strong global educational institution,” said Dr Theyvendran.

Emerging economies will form the cornerstone of MDIS' expansion plans in the medium term. These economies present exceptional growth opportunities driven by rising population numbers and a surging thirst for higher education and a more educated workforce to fuel socio-economic transformations.

To meet the increasing demand for higher education in Uzbekistan and Central Asia, MDIS Tashkent has in its pipeline a slew of new business and tourism degree courses.



Uzbekistan Airways Promoting the Ties that Bind

Connecting the hubs of Central Asia and Southeast Asia, Uzbekistan Airways introduced its debut flight between its capital city Tashkent and Singapore in April

Bringing Southeast Asia and Central Asia closer, the national flag carrier of Uzbekistan launched its weekly direct flight services to Singapore on April 4, 2014. As part of its agenda to strengthen the mutually beneficial ties between the two countries, Uzbekistan Airways has opened up a new destination for intrepid travellers, businessmen and investors from Singapore.

With its newly introduced route, Uzbekistan Airways has thrown its doors wide open offering the ASEAN region excellent connectivity to prominent Russian and European cities such as Moscow, Saint-Petersburg, London, Paris, Rome, Milano, Frankfurt, Istanbul, Vienna, Riga and Tel-Aviv.

In this issue of Uzbekistan – Jewel of the Silk Road, we bring you the exclusive excerpts of our interview with Mr. Utkur Alimov, GM of Uzbekistan Airways, Singapore, on its debut here.

When was Uzbekistan airlines launched in Singapore and what were the reasons behind its launch?

Uzbekistan Airways started its regular flights to Singapore on April 4, 2014. The national carrier is always looking to



widen its footprint in the international skies and develop mutually beneficial ties with attractive destinations. Since 2013 we have been thinking about launching a direct flight to Singapore in order to satisfy bilaterally growing interests between the two countries mainly in the spheres of tourism, economy and culture.

Uzbekistan Airlines has been serving the Asian market through Kuala Lumpur for many years — what led to this expansion?

Yes, our first flight to Asia was to Kuala Lumpur and we have been fulfilling our commitment to this since 1992. But now we have direct flights not only to Malaysia, but also

to Tokyo, Seoul, Beijing, Bangkok and finally to beautiful Singapore! This expansion primarily reflects the growing importance of Asia on a global level and we in Uzbekistan would like to develop our ties of friendship with our Asian partners.

What response have you received from Singapore on the newly launched route?

Uzbekistan is a really new and exotic destination for Singaporean tourists. They are very keen to visit the Pearl of the East – especially the ancient cities of Great Silk Road like Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva which are all located in Uzbekistan. And we have evidence of this growing interest – as we already



have more than 2,000 Singaporean tourists on our flights during six months of operations here.

What is the frequency of the flights and the capacity of the aircraft?

For our winter schedule 2014, we are flying to Singapore twice a week on a modern and new Boeing 767 aircraft with 15 seats in business class and 232 seats in economy class.

Does your aircraft also provide in-flight entertainment?

Yes, of course – Passengers travelling in the economy class can enjoy TV system which provides unlimited entertainment with good selection of games, music and movies. Our business class passengers are treated to individual iPads with huge entertainment content.

What kind of cuisine do you serve on board?

From the Singapore route, it is traditional Singaporean cuisine, prepared by SATS, our food catering servicing partner. And from Tashkent route, we serve delicious world-renowned Uzbek cuisine. We have very positive comments from our passengers on our on-board food service.

What is the total flight time?

Our Singapore to Tashkent flight takes about seven hours, and from Tashkent to Singapore – about eight hours. Of course, it is not so close to reach the heartland

of Eurasia, but our onboard comforts and the friendliness of our crew members will make you feel at home.

What are the other countries and routes that are connected by Uzbekistan Airways? How are you planning to facilitate connections between Singapore and other countries?

We are signing interline agreements with Australian and Indonesian air companies which will allow our passengers to fly freely to these countries. On the other hand, people from this region can use the comfortable connectivity of Uzbekistan Airways to main Russian and European cities such as Moscow, Saint-Petersburg, London, Paris, Rome, Milano, Frankfurt, Istanbul, Vienna, Riga and Tel-Aviv.

Which is the best period to go in Uzbekistan, and do you have any recommendations?

The best periods are – Spring and Autumn. Starting from the middle of March we have a very beautiful spring season when nature thrives after harsh winter and the whole ground is covered with beautiful flowers, unbelievably green grass and the clear blue sky. It is a period of traditional holidays such as Navruz – ancient Central Asian New Year, which is celebrated on the day of Vernal Equinox on March 21.

In Autumn – from September to October we have a very pleasant, warm period, with even the trees in full fruit. It's a period of national weddings and traditional harvest holidays.

Recently you had a familiarisation trip for travel agents. What feedback did you receive from them?

It was a very successful Fam trip for travel agents from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan. We also have a second info tour group from these countries here in Singapore. They have already started selling tourist packages to Singapore in their countries – and we are sure that Singaporean destinations will become very popular among Central Asia's tourists in the coming months and the future as well.





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STB & CAG APPRECIATE OUR EFFORTS!

AX Exotic Travels was selected by Singapore Tourism Board (STB) and Changi Airport Group (CAG) to organise and host the Central Asia Trade Familiarization Trip to Singapore/Bali from 4th-10th July 2014, involving 10 travel agents from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

To acknowledge our efforts and the overwhelming 'kudos' we received from the participants for a very well-organized, eventful and fact-finding trip, we were presented with a wonderful testimonial by both STB and CAG.



AX Exotic Travels at NATAS Travel Fair 2014, where its entire booth was devoted to promoting Uzbekistan



25 August 2014

Mr. Ryan Ramas
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Dear Ryan,

CENTRAL ASIA TRADE FAM TRIP TO SINGAPORE/BALI (4-10 JULY 2014)

This is to acknowledge that AX Exotic Travels Pte Ltd was the appointed ground handler to organise and execute the Central Asia Trade FAM trip to Singapore/Bali on 4th to 10th July 2014 for 10 travel agents from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

AX Exotic Pte Ltd was jointly selected as the ground handler for this assignment by Changi Airport Group, Singapore Tourism Board and Uzbekistan Airways.

We thank you for investing valuable resources and the good work done in delivering a successful and insightful trip for the 10 participants.

Yours sincerely,

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AX Exotic Travels participates in Tashkent International Tourism Fair (TITF) once again!

Invitation to partner along STB/CAG booth underscores its reputation in Uzbekistan

For the second time, AX Exotic Travels (Uzbekistan) was invited to participate in this prestigious travel event from 6th-8th October 2014 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Themed "Tourism on the Silk Road", the event targets inbound/outbound travel agents from around the Central Asia region.

Since it was the 20th Anniversary of TITF, the AX Exotic Travels' Uzbekistan team commemorated the grand occasion by having a booth presence promoting Singapore.

Our booth design and interesting posters created were indeed well received by guests and visitors who actually thought that AX Exotic Travels was the official tourism authority representing Singapore Tourism Board (STB).

Even Mr Raymond Lim, STB's Area Director for Russia & Eastern Europe, was impressed with our efforts in promoting Singapore at TITF.

During the fair, AX Exotic Travels also officially launched the Swipe & Travel Debit Card, a new innovative way to make hassle-free payments for

all travel bookings specially for the convenience of her customers.

TITF was not just a good opportunity to establish new contacts but also to strengthen existing business relationships within the region, with the AX team looking forward to

offering more exciting tour packages between Singapore and Central Asia in the near future.

Mr Raymond Lim, Singapore Tourism Board's Area Director for Russia & Eastern Europe, was impressed with our efforts in marketing Singapore during the fair.



AX Exotic Travels' Uzbekistan team



AX Travels' Uzbek staff busy promoting the various packages to Singapore to their fellow counterparts during the fair.



AX Exotic Travels (Uzbekistan) also launch its innovative Swipe & Travel card service during TITF.



Direct from Uzbekistan to Singapore

Changi Airport Group participates in TITF to promote Singapore as a destination



For the first time, Changi Airport Group (CAG) organised a Singapore pavilion at the annual Tashkent International Travel Fair 2014 (TITF) from October 6-7, 2014. At the fair, CAG promoted Changi Airport as well as Uzbekistan Airways' new direct flights from Tashkent to Singapore. The Singapore pavilion was joined by Singapore Tourism Board (STB) and 6 other Singapore inbound tour operators - Apple World Travel, Asia Tour Deals, Embassy Alliance, JTB Asia, Look Asia Holidays and Tour East Singapore.

TITF not only provided an excellent platform for the Singapore consortium to showcase Singapore as a destination to the Uzbekistan travel trade, but also created opportunities for the local inbound tour operators to network with the Uzbekistan travel trade partners to further promote tourism flows between the two countries.

In conjunction with TITF, CAG also held the inaugural "I Love Singapore" travel trade networking dinner reception at the International Tashkent Hotel on October 6, 2014. The event saw an excellent turnout of more than 150 travel trade representatives.



Samarkand Hosts Successful Conservation Forum

The ancient city of Samarkand, renowned as one of Central Asia's most stimulating cultural centres of the ancient world, was the venue for the prestigious Conference on the International Commission on History

Held from May 15-16, 2014, the forum focused on the subject of "The Historical Heritage of Scientists and Thinkers of the Medieval East, its role and significance for the modern civilization."

The cause is very dear to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Islam Karimov. Since the country's independence, he has directed his administration to give importance to the study and popularisation of the country's rich scientific heritage, the restoration and perpetuation of the memory of Imam Bukhari, Mirzo Ulugbek, Ahmad Farghoni, Abu Mansur Moturudi, Hakim Termizi, Burkhoniddin Marghinon and other Eastern thinkers and scholars who have been celebrated for their deep contributions.

He reminded the gathering of the significance of Samarkand, which 'during its almost three-thousand-year history was and remains a crossroad of world

civilization and cultures of nations.'

Hubert Gijzen, Deputy Director General of UNESCO who attended the event noted "It is symbolic that the conference on 'The Historical Legacy of Scientists and Thinkers of the Medieval East, its Role and Importance for Modern Civilization' is held here in Samarkand". 'Samarkand is where cultures meet', says the UNESCO's World Heritage List.

The relevance of the past to the future of the East's historical vision was richly highlighted by the speakers who cited many observations of the past contributions in the sciences and the arts — and the need to keep this heritage alive by the generations to come.

The conference proved an excellent forum for promoting the priceless heritage of medieval Eastern scientists and thinkers. It was proof of the Uzbek leadership's commitment to the development of science and education, thereby continuing the glorious traditions of the medieval East.



Cultural Kalidescope

Out of the world's most ancient crafting traditions, Uzbekistan's glorious range of decorative and utilitarian art remain of the highest quality and artistry

For centuries, historical conditions helped shape the cultural richness of Uzbekistan. The natural creativity of her people further added an astonishing dimension, translating those outpourings into works of exquisite arts and crafts — even touching everyday things.

Technical traditions, honed to perfection from generation to generation have added their own magic to the applied arts. Centuries-old decorative art traditions which have come down to us speak of an amazing range and depth of the artists' knowledge, vision and skills when they set their hands upon even the most rudimentary materials.

From clay to gold embroideries on velvet and silk the artistry will transport you to another realm of beauty altogether. Uzbekistan's artistic traditions have been further enriched by the dazzling contributions of the varied skills and knowledge of various ethnic groups that eventually came together to constitute the Uzbek nation.

HANDICRAFT

After years of weak patronage in the past, Uzbekistan's handicraft traditions are ready for a boost. The government has taken serious measures for the handicraft revival, with the incorporation of several laws. At the research and production centre “Musavvir” (artist) the association of the national artists “Khunarmand” (skillful

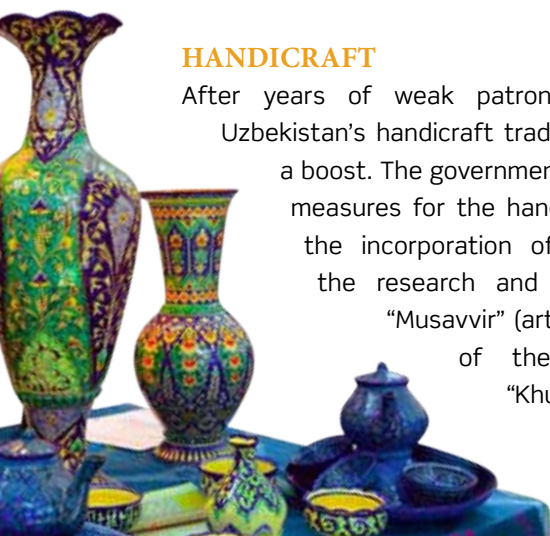
craftsman) was formed. A number of the national artists have also been elected to the Academy of Applied Arts of Uzbekistan.

ARCHITECTURAL DECORATIVE ART

Dating back to the medieval times, the fine art of wall painting and sculptural carving, along with ornamental carving are some of the most precious elements of our architectural-decorative art. The ancient principles of ornamental construction combined with a deep understanding of the plastic and artistic properties of local building materials, such as ghanch (a sort of alabaster), wood, stone and ceramic, were familiar territory for the region's artisans. In Uzbekistan's ancient crafting centres at Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva, one will discover astonishing architectural delights featuring these ornamentations. Particularly note-worthy are those dating to the 9th and 10th century which witnessed an intensive development of ornamental, floral-vegetal polychromatic paintings and relief carving. The Bukhara nakkoshi is legendary as are the works of master artisans from Samarkand, Tashkent, and Khiva.

CARVED WOOD

Some fabulous work has emerged in the ancient traditions of carved wood. You can find ornamental works as well as chests for blankets, drawers, caskets, pencil-boxes...even elegant little ottomans, and decorative bedside tables loved by urban Europeans in the late 19th and early 20th century.



Ornamental flat-relief carving is distinguished in three groups —Baghdadi, Islimi, and Pargori. Favoured woods for this kind of work were walnut, chinara karagach archa (juniper), mulberry, poplar and apricot.

PAPIER MACHE

In the beginning of the 15th century Samarkhand built her reputation as an important centre for the intricate art of papier mache and lacquer painting. Fantastic examples have been discovered in the interior of Gur-Emir and in the Bibi-Khanym mosque where astonishingly well-preserved ornamental papier mache medallions have been. The painstakingly restored gold-blue dome of the main hall in Gur-Emir comprises 998 papier mache elements, of which 112 are original. Tourists can pick up affordable pencil-boxes, book-covers and chess sets, richly decorated with miniature vegetative patterns.

CERAMICS

The decorative art of ceramics in Uzbekistan has enjoyed a great popularity since ancient times. This is apparent both in its decorative items as well as the more utilitarian works of everyday use. The two varieties of decorative ceramics are baked terracotta and slip glaze ceramics. In the last century or so, top ceramic-producing centres emerged in Ghizhduvan, Shakhrisabz, Samarkand, Tashkent, Rishtan and Khorezm.

EMBOSSSED COPPER

Embossed copper works have been traditionally held in high accord as decorative household items. Uzbek embossing features different engraving techniques. The deeper engraving is called kandakori, the more shallow straight engraving is chizma. Along with embossing, Uzbek masters use the element of punching – shabaka in the copper embellishment. The best work comes from Bukhara and Khiva, whose distinguishing features are the beauty and plasticity of form, amazing attention to detail and harmonized setting of ornamental motifs— and deep embossing.

TEXTILES

Ancient traditions in the art of hand weaving have been honed to a fine skill that has been elevated to level of folk art. Down the centuries, tradition and individual talent have harmonized the past and present in a stunning display of folk art.

In the late 19th century, cities and settlements such as Marghilan, Namangan, Bukhara, Andizhan, Samarkand, Kitab, Ghizhduvan, Urghut, Besharyk became traditional centres for plain and patterned hand-made cotton, silk, half-silk fabrics of simple and complex texture for decorative and utilitarian needs. Ferghana and Smarkand were famed for their delicate coverlets and patterns.



EMBROIDERIES

Embroidered articles would be used alongside other architectural-decorative arts, such as ghanch, wood-engraving and painting, for ornamental use in the house. Embroidery traditions are beautifully showcased in the national costumes that are worn at festive occasions or for everyday use. In the 19th century, the large centres of art embroidery in Bukhara, Nurata, Shakhrisabz, Samarkand, Dzhizak, Tashkent, Pskent, and Fergana produced exceptional work - primarily done by women. Gold and silver threads were also used to embellish men's robes, turbans, trousers and footwear. Even palace interiors were used as a canvas for these excellent traditions - evident from the gold thread embroidery incorporating gems and small metallic dome-like pieces called kubbas; it was also used on horsecloths of the rich.

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Cradle of Culture

Members of the press and travel trade were taken on a familiarisation trip to Uzbekistan and they came back mesmerised by the exotic culture and rich history

Home to spellbinding architectural marvels, mesmerising ancient cities steeped with old-world charm and exotic culture that is inspirational as well as profound, Uzbekistan is a fascinating country to visit. Fourteen lucky press and travel trade members experienced the other-worldly beauty of this Pearl of the East first hand. Organised by Aeeroworld Aviation and Uzbekistan Airways, the familiarisation trip offered an opportunity to get a better understanding of Uzbekistan.

This Central Asian country has been the cradle of culture for over two millennia and being at the crossroads of the Great Silk Road has deeply infused all aspects of daily life. The country is dotted with enthralling and awe-inspiring architectural wonders that are a photographer's delight. Deeply entrenched in culture, history and religion, cities such as Samarkand,

Bukhara, Tashkent, Khiva and Urgench will surely elicit goose bumps in sheer beauty and magnificence.

Custom designed for the intrepid travellers, Uzbekistan travel agencies can offer an itinerary of seven days that not only introduced this exotic country, but also helped understand its history and soak in its beauty. With the newly introduced direct flight from Singapore to Tashkent, travelling to Uzbekistan from Singapore is just a seven hour trip.

The week-long visit from November 7-14, 2014 took the 14 visitors to places such as Itchan-Kala, a world heritage site dating back to over two millennia, Ismail Khodja Mausoleum, Muhammad Amin Khan Madrasah, and Citadel Kunya-Ark (16-17th cc.), Kalta Minor Tower, Tash-Khovli Palace (19th c.) and Djuma Mosque (10th cc). Located in Khiva, these wonders can be enjoyed at leisure and offer plenty of photo opportunities.

From Khiva, a road trip of 550 km to Bukhara via Kyzyl-Kum desert



along the Caravan road will be one of the highlights of the trip. The exotic landscapes of the undulating desert with roaming camels, nomadic yurts and Amudarya (Oxus) River is a sight to behold. Once in Bukhara, tourists can soak in the old-worldly charm of this ancient city. Bukhara is widely-acclaimed as one of the best places in Central Asia for a glimpse of pre-Russian Turkestan. Dotted with madrasahs, minarets, huge royal fortress and the remnants of a once-vast market complex, tourists can visit centuries old Citadel Ark, Samanides Mausoleum, Chashma Ayub, Bolo-Khauz Mosque, Nodir Devanbeghi Madrasah, Lyabi-Khauz Complex, Poyi Kalon Ensemble (Pedestal of the Great) – religious

heart of sacred Bukhara that consists of Minaret Kalon, Kalon Mosque and Miri Arab Madrasah.

From Bukhara, a short three hour drive will take tourists to the Uzbekistan's glorious city of Samarkand, one of the most breath-taking places to visit in the world. At Samarkand, Guri Emir Mausoleum - Tamerlane's Tomb (14-15th cc.), Afrosiyab Museum, Ulugbek Observatory (15th c.), Architectural Complex Shakhi-Zinda (11-15th cc.), Bibi-Khanum Mosque are on the list of must-see places. The city's long, rich history work their magic on visitors and keep them mesmerised, giving visitors a feeling of going back in time.

Back to Tashkent by high speed train Afrosiyab, the capital city is the power seat of Uzbekistan. A jumble

of contradictions that's well worth exploring, Tashkent has some of best places in the country for letting hair down and enjoying a carefree night. From some of the best multi-cuisine restaurants, museums and nightlife, Tashkent also has places in the old part of town that can be explored.

Khazrati Imam Complex consisting of Kaffal Shashi Mausoleum, Muiy-Mubarak Mosque - storehouse of the well-known Koran of Khalif Osman and gold hair of Prophet Muhammad; Djuma Mosque of Khodja Akhrar Vali are well worth a visit. The new part of town built in the last few decades has other delights which give deep insight into modern Uzbekistan such as the Independence Square, Museum of Applied Arts of Uzbekistan and Alisher Navoi Theatre Square.

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Everlasting Impressions

Dr Mikael Hartman, prominent breast surgeon at National University Hospital narrates his experience of touring Uzbekistan on motorbike. He remains spellbound by the charming towns and the friendly people of this Central Asian country. It was an experience he would always treasure



Dr Mikael Hartman

“I visited Uzbekistan around five years ago and toured Tashkent, Samarkand and Bukhara. The people and history of Uzbekistan left a wonderful impression on me and I was looking for a chance to go back again.”

On the second visit, our impressions exceeded our expectations the moment we arrived. At the Uzbek border, we received tremendous help from the authorities including an escort to our hotel.

Riding on motorcycles got us closer to the ground and the common people more than we would have had on other forms of transportation. We found Uzbeks to be hospitable, often refusing payment for drinks when they discovered how far we had come from.

Midday-travel through some of the hotter areas was difficult because of the heat and dust, but this hospitality always made up for it. What we appreciated most was the restoration of the ancient city of Registan and the madrassas in Samarkand.

The successful restoration of the structures and the experience of actually travelling on the Silk Route from Xian really gave us a feeling of being back in time.

Among all the people we met along the 23,000km Silk Route, I found Uzbeks to be the most welcoming and friendly. They made us feel very much at home and safe.

In Uzbekistan itself, we found the visit was a bit short. Part of this is because of the excellent inter-city

road system. In many other countries, traffic congestion or lack of good roads made our travel much longer.

However, in Uzbekistan, we found it extremely easy to cover the miles.

One memorable moment was when the team had a haircut in Bukhara. This was in the old part of town, right next to the Lyab-i Hauz. There were a lot of locals enjoying the evening with their families. One father came up with his shy two-year old daughter. I think her name was Katijah or Hatijah. She was the prettiest little girl and we wanted to take a picture but this took some persuading. When we finally got a picture of her we ran down to the printer's shop and had the picture printed and gave a nice glossy photo to her father.

The look of appreciation from her father, as well as the sheer excitement of the child seeing her own image in the photo is one of the treasured memories I have of this trip.

After giving a talk to a few hundred medical students and trainees in the



Centre for Specialized Surgery, we had the chance to speak with the students. Their aspirations, keenness to learn and their intelligence spoke well of the country and its people. Uzbekistan has a great future with young people like those we had met.

We then met the Deputy Minister of Health, senior people from the Ministry of Health, as well as the director and senior staff of the Centre for Specialized Surgery. I also met my old friend Dr. Hakim Abrollov a heart surgeon.

There is definitely great potential for health professionals, academics of Uzbekistan and Singapore to interact, collaborate and learn from each other. Potential areas would be in research, databases, technology development, the training of specialists and exchange of students.

We had read the history of Uzbekistan and the role she played in science, arts and the exchanges between East and West. Being able to finally explore the country has

been fabulous. We strongly encourage people to visit and see for themselves this very historical place and interact with her people. The whole experience was like living ancient history and I don't think anyone can leave unchanged. In many ways Uzbekistan was the unsung jewel of our trip. I don't think many people from our part of the world, except perhaps for carpet enthusiasts, actually go to Uzbekistan. This is their great loss.

Along the 10,000km route to Uzbekistan, we saw many very beautiful places. But to walk among the bazaars and minarets in Bukhara around sunset was a unique experience. There was beauty at almost every turn, and this made it difficult for us to leave."

Thankfully, we have been invited to give lectures on heart surgery and can look forward to another visit to Tashkent. We hope to visit the Fergana valley, a place we have read much about but did not have time to visit on this trip."

Dr Mikael Hartman

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