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# EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN IN THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

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The Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Republic of Turkey presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey and has the honor to inform about the following.

The Government of Khorezm region is planning to hold "the International investment forum and the National exhibition of manufacturers of Khorezm region" on April 5-6, 2019 aimed at promoting the investment potential of the region. The International Forum is going to present the following:

- the measures taken in Uzbekistan, including in the Khorezm region to improve the business and investment climate;
- perspective projects in the field of industry, agriculture and tourism development proposed for joint implementation with Uzbek companies;
- successfully operating foreign and joint ventures in the Khorezm region;
- developing proposals for the financing of joint projects, the study of opportunities for the development of investment cooperation.

Entrance to all Forum events is free of charge. Foreign participants are provided with meals and transport services within the Khorezm region. International travel and accommodation should be covered by the Forum participants.

In this regard, the Embassy has the honor to ask for assistance of the Ministry in disseminating the attached information/invitation about the Investment Forum among such organizations as the Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Turkey, Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), Turkish Exporters' Assembly (TIM), Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK) and others.

The Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey the assurances of its highest consideration.

Attachments: on 9 pages

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# CONCEPT THE KHOREZM INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT FORUM

#### Introduction

In accordance with the objectives defined in the "Strategy of action on five priority areas of development of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2017-2021", fundamentally and qualitatively new reforms are being implemented in Uzbekistan on the liberalization of the economy, as well as the development of foreign trade and economic relations with foreign countries and the comprehensive development of the country's regions as a whole.

In order to widely inform the business community of foreign countries with the ongoing large-scale reforms to ensure the openness of the economy and create a favorable investment climate in the Republic, the Ministry of investment and trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan together with the Khokimiyat of the Khorezm region initiated a forum dedicated to the investment, trade and economic potential of the Khorezm region.

Khorezm region has a convenient geographical location with a population of 1.8 million people. the formation of GRP is dominated by the production of agricultural products and their processing (30.7%), the provision of services (44.6%), industry (17.4%), and construction (7.3%).

A free economic zone "Hazarasp" has been created in the region today, for the participants of which tax and customs privileges are provided from 3 to 10 years.

Also, according to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

No:2731 from 18.01.2017, newly created micro-firms and small enterprises in the industry, are exempt from payment of the single tax payment, located in.:

- Yangiarik and Kushkupur districts of Khorezm region-until January 1, 2027;
- other areas of the Khorezm region-until January 1, 2022.

In accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No:2843 from 17.03.2017 for entrepreneurs of Khorezm region the following benefits and preferences are presented:

- until January 1, 2022 manufacturers of pharmaceutical products and preparations, electrical products (except cable and wire), as well as finishing construction materials are exempt from payment:
  - property tax;
  - land tax;
  - tax on improvement and development of social infrastructure;
  - mandatory contributions to the Republican road Fund under the Cabinet of Ministers.

Preferential tariffs for rail transportation for the delivery of goods to the state border of Uzbekistan (at the current rates of tariffs for domestic cargo transportation) are applied for legal entities of exporters registered and engaged in production activities in the Khorezm region.

Perspective industries are the production of building materials, electrical products, textile and pharmaceutical industry, processing of agricultural products and engineering.

Currently, there are 80 enterprises with foreign investments in the region. Including, such large as "Coca Cola", "GM Uzbekistan", "UzXCMG", "UzTexGroup", etc.

In addition, one of the fastest growing areas in Khorezm is tourism. In the area is located the city of Khiva, where can be viewed the unique open-air Museum "Ichan-Kala".

Khiva is one of the ancient cities located in Central Asia. According to archaeological data, the city was founded more than 2500 years ago. Its distinguishing feature from the rich monuments of the cities of Samarkand and Bukhara is that all its architectural monuments are located within the same fortress and have survived to the present day in a holistic form.

In this regard, in 1967 the complex "Ichan – Kala" of the city of Khiva was declared an architectural Museum – reserve, and in 1990 it was the first in Central Asia to be included in the UNESCO list as a world cultural heritage.

#### I. Date and venue.

The investment forum will be held in the conference hall of Khokimiyat of Khorezm region on April 5-6, 2019 (the program of the forum is attached).

#### II. Organizers.

The Forum is organized by the ministries of investment and trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the state Committee for tourism development, the Khorezm region Khokimiyat, the Ministry of foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan abroad.

#### III. Purpose of the event.

- familiarization of the business community and representatives of international organizations, potential investors with the socio-economic development of the Khorezm region, the measures taken to improve the investment climate, as well as the created favorable conditions and preferences for foreign investors and local businesses;
- establishment of comprehensive mutually beneficial relations in the field of attracting investments, development of interregional trade and industrial cooperation, development of specific areas for the exchange of tourists.

# I. Main objectives.

- wide informing of business entities of foreign countries, potential investors about the measures taken in Uzbekistan, including in the Khorezm region to improve the business and investment climate;
- providing information potential investors on perspective projects in the field of industry, agriculture and tourism development proposed for joint implementation with Uzbek companies;
- presentation of successfully operating foreign and joint ventures in the Khorezm region and study of the possibility of expanding their activities;
- together with representatives of donor and international financial organizations to develop proposals for the financing of joint projects, the study of opportunities for the development of investment cooperation, on the basis of selected sectors of the economy;
- achieving concrete results and agreements between enterprises of Uzbekistan and foreign countries to attract foreign direct investment in the Khorezm region.

#### II.Main events.

The forum consists of:

- plenary session, during which the first Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Minister of investments and foreign trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Chairman of the state Committee for tourism development, khokim of Khorezm region, as well as the chamber of Commerce and industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan are planned to speak;
- thematic sectional sessions, within the framework of which the presentations of the heads and experts of the sectoral ministries and departments of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the state of

development of (1) industrial and energy, (2) agricultural, (3) tourism, (4) innovation, as well as the presentation of promising investment projects in these areas are planned.

Cooperation exchange (in the format "B2G" and "B2B") and exhibition of domestic products and tourism potential of the Khorezm region.

The expected result is the development of partnership relations between the business entities of the Republic and foreign countries, the signing of mutually beneficial contracts and agreements.

**Visits to enterprises.** For potential investors in accordance with their activities will be organized routes of visits to joint ventures with foreign capital, as well as companies offering investment projects for joint implementation.

### I. Participants.

The total number -375 people, foreign guests -300 people.

- profile ministries and departments of the Republic of Uzbekistan and foreign States;
- potential foreign investors and donors, business entities of foreign countries;
- representatives of the Khokimiyat of Khorezm region;
- representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited in Uzbekistan;
- representatives of international organizations and financial institutions;
- leading regional and foreign mass media;

#### VII. The language of the event.

Working Language-Russian and English (with simultaneous translation).

#### VII. Financing.

Entrance to all Forum events is free of charge. Foreign participants are provided with transport services. Meals are organized at the expense of the inviting party. Travel and accommodation – at the expense of own funds of the Forum participants.

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To register for the event, please follow the link http://bit.do/forumkhorezm

# **PROGRAM**

# of the International investment forum and the National exhibition of manufacturers of Khorezm region, in the cities of Urgench and Khiva from 5 to 6 April 2019

Foreign participants of the International investment forum come to Tashkent on an individual schedule.

Registration of visa and customs documents of foreign participants is carried out in the arrival hall of the international airport of Tashkent named after I. Karimov on the basis of the list provided by the organizing Committee, without charging consular fees and customs duties.

If necessary, a Charter flight on the Tashkent-Urgench-Tashkent route will be organized for the participants of the event (payment for the flight at the expense of the forum participants).

#### DAY 1

# 5 April - Friday

09.00-10.00	-	Registration of participants of the International investment forum in The building of the "Doma Sovetov" of the Khokimiyat of the region
10.00-12.30	-	The opening and conducting of International investment forum (the script is attached)
13.00-14.00	-	Lunch (The place will be confirmed later)
14.30-15.30	-	Visit to the national exhibition of Khorezm region producers, acquaintance with the presentation of new proposals of investment projects and empty buildings .
15.30-16.00	-	Briefing of heads of Khorezm region Khokimiyat with the participation of local and foreign media.
16.00-18.00	-	Conducting a meeting in the format of "B2G" and "B2B"
19.00-20.30	-	Dinner on behalf of the Khokimiyat of the Khorezm region for forum participants ( <i>The place will be confirmed later</i> )

#### DAY 2

#### 6 April - Saturday

09.00-13.00	- Getting acquainted with the sights of Khiva
13.00-14.30	- Lunch (The place will be confirmed later)
13.00-17.00	- Visits to local enterprises in the sphere of industry.
18.30-19.30	- Dinner (The place will be confirmed later)
20.00	- Completion of the visit according to individual schedules

**Note.** The program can be changed in accordance with the decision of the organizing Committee.

# **International Investment forum**

Attachment to the program

#### **International Investment forum**

(5-6 April, 2019 year)

Date: 5 April,	2019y.	Place:
Language: Russian-English		Khokimiyat of Khorezm region
(with simultaneous translation)		Building «Dom Sovetov»
09:00-10:00	Registration of the participants of the Forum	
10:00-11:00	Opening the Forum	
	Moderator:First Deputy Minister of investme	ent and trade
	C.X.Bekenov (by agreement)	
10:00-10:10	welcoming speech of the First Deputy Prin Uzbekistan - <b>A.Ramatov</b>	me Minister of the Republic of
10:10-10:20	welcoming speech of Governor of Khorezm	region, <b>F.Ermanov</b>
10:20–10:25	presentation of a video about the social a investment potential of the Khorezm region	and economic development and
10:25–10:40	welcoming speech of the Chairman of the industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan A.Iki	
10:40–10:50	welcoming speech by the head of the representation and developm A.Drakinos (by agreement)	•
	Welcome speech by the permanent repres development Program (UNDP) in Uzbekistan	
10:50-11:00	Coffee Break	

# **Program of sectional sessions**

1-Section: «Prospects of industry development and use of alternative energy sources in Khorezm region»

Moderator: **Sh.A.Tulyaganov** - Deputy governor of Khorezm region for investments, innovations, assistance to privatized enterprises, development of free economic and small industrial zones

11:00-11:10 the performance of the chairman of Association of «Uztekstilprom»,

- **I.U.Haydarov** on the topic of «opportunities in the field of light industry and investment projects proposed for the creation of clusters in the Khorezm region »
- 11:10–11:20 The performance of the chairman of Association «Узбекипаксаноат», **B.K.Sharipov** on the topic of «the prospects of development of silk clusters and project proposals planned for the implementation in Khorezm region»
- 11:20–11:30 The performance of the chairman of Stock Company «Uzavtosanoat» Sh.B.Umurzakov on the topic of «prospects of development of machine building industry and project offers planned for implementation in Khorezm region»
- 11:30–11:35 The performance of the chairman of Stock Company «Uzagrotexsanoat» M.A.Karimov, on the topic of «investment projects on production of agricultural machinery in Khorezm region»
- 11:35–11:40 The performance of the chairman of Association «Uzcharmsanoat»----- on the topic of «prospects of development of the leather industry and the proposals of investment projects in Khorezm region»
- 11:40–11:50 The performance of the chairman of JSC «Uzbekenergo» ------- on the topic of «the role of the energy sector in the development of the regional economy, the implementation of energy supply measures and prospects for the effective use of alternative energy sources, as well as the development of modern technologies in the field of energy efficiency»
- 11:50–12:00 the performance of the chairman of Stock Commercial Bank «Asakabank», N.N.Saydullaev on the topic of «the credit lines offered by Bank for financing investment projects in the industry»
- 12:00–12:05 comments by representatives of international financial institutions and foreign investors
- 12:05–12:20 Questions and answers
- 12:20–12:30 Summing up the ceremony of signing documents

2-Section: «Investment opportunities in the agricultural sector, prospects for effective use of land and development of agricultural products in Khorezm region»

Moderator: **U.Qurbanov**—Deputy governor of Khorezm region on agriculture and water management

- 11:00–11:10 Statement by the Minister of agriculture **J.Xujaev** on the topic of «creation of hydroponic greenhouses, development of animal husbandry, poultry farming and other spheres of agriculture using the existing potential of the Khorezm region and new project proposals»
- 11:10–11:20 statement by the Chairman of Holding company «Uzbekoziqovqatholding» **T.A.Jalilova**in the topic of «About activity in the sphere of processing of agricultural production in Khorezm region of new project offers»

- 11:20–11:30 statement by Minister on water resourcesSh.R.Xamraevin the topic of «Prospects of development of irrigation and reclamation systems in the Khorezm region»
- 11:30–11:45 Statement by the chairman of Association «Uzbekbaliqsanoat» **O.M.Musayev** on the topic of «measures for effective use of the existing opportunities of fishery and wide introduction of innovations in this sphere and new project proposals of Khorezm region»
- 11:45–12:00 Statement by the rector of Urgench State University (UrSU) **B.Abdullaev** on the topic of «measures for effective use of the existing lands, especially the saline lands and opportunities of placement of new types of crops according to natural-climatic conditions of the region»
- 12:00–12:05 comments by representatives of international financial institutions or foreign investors
- 12:05–12:15 questions and answers
- 12:15–12:30 Summing up the ceremony of signing documents

3rd section: «Opportunities in the field of tourism, development prospects along with cultural and historical tourism of new tourist destinations, such as ecological, gastronomic, cultural and entertainment tourism in Khorezm region»

Moderator: **T.I.Davletov**—Deputy governor of Khorezm region on the tourism development

- 11:00–11:20 speech by the Chairman of the state Committee for tourism development **A.U.Akkulov** on the topic of «the possibilities of tourism industry development and tourism infrastructure using the existing potential of the Khorezm region, as well as the development of ecological, cultural and entertainment tourism and new project proposals»
- 11:20–11:30 Presentation of a video about the tourism potential of the Khorezm region
- 11:30–11:45 Speech by the Minister of health **A.Q.Shadmanov** on the topic of «the development of the private sector in health care and investment projects proposed for implementation in public-private partnerships, as well as the prospects for the development of medical tourism in Khorezm region»
- 11:45–12:00 Speech by the Deputy Minister of culture **K.B.Akilov o**n the topic of «lease of objects of cultural heritage with the condition of investment in Khorezm region and proposals on implementation of new investment projects on the basis of these objects»
- 12:00–12:05 comments by representatives of international financial institutions or foreign investors
- 12:05–12:15 Question and answers

4th section: «Wide attraction of investments in the sphere of development and implementation of innovative ideas and technologies, prospects of expansion of cooperation with foreign scientific and educational institutions in Khorezm region»

Moderator: **S.K.Salaev** -Deputy khokim of Khorezm region for youth policy, social development and spiritual and educational Affairs

- 11:00–11:15 Statement by Minister of innovative development **I.Y.Abdurahmonov** on the topic of «opportunities for wide introduction of innovations in the spheres of economy and new innovative investment projects offered to investors in Khorezm region»
- 11:15–11:30 Statement by Minister for development of information technologies and communications **Sh.M.Sodiqov** on the topic of «stimulation, creation of conditions and attraction of investments for development of domestic production of modern competitive and export-oriented software products and services by the organization of activity of technoparks, including on the basis of public-private partnership»
- 11:30–11:45 Statement by Minister of High and Secondary education **I.U.Majidov** on the topic of «further development and improvement of training of highly qualified personnel and new investment proposals to expand international cooperation in the field of higher education»
- 11:45–12:00 Statement by the director of Innovation and technology transfer center of Khorezm region **B.Ruzmetov** on the topic of «comprehensive support and stimulation of research and innovative activity, first of all, creative ideas and developments of young generation, and also creation of favorable conditions for active participation of talented youth in this activity»
- 12:00–12:05 comments by representatives of international financial institutions or foreign investors
- 12:05–12:15 Questions and answers
- 12:15–12:30 Summing up the ceremony of signing documents

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