

## Eldor Aripov outlined priority areas of cooperation between Uzbekistan and China



Today a conference was held in Tashkent on the topic “Comprehensive strategic partnership between China and Uzbekistan in a new era.”

The event, organized in preparation for important bilateral events expected this year, was attended by representatives of political and diplomatic circles and leading think tanks from China and Uzbekistan.



In his address to the conference participants, Eldor Aripov, director of the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of Uzbekistan (ISRS), outlined the priority areas of cooperation between Uzbekistan and China.

First, he emphasized, it is further strengthening of the bilateral strategic dialogue. This means strengthening interaction within regional and global structures to promote common positions and interests on the most pressing issues on the international agenda.

According to him, this step can play an important role in the formation of favorable external conditions for the sustainable development of our countries.

Secondly, the expert noted, there is an objective need to further develop trade, economic and investment interaction through the formation of a new economic dialog and strengthening of interconnectivity.

The expert is convinced that this can be achieved by strengthening industrial cooperation, balanced growth of mutual supplies of industrial goods and agricultural products, building an effective trade and logistics infrastructure.

In this regard, interest was expressed in attracting Chinese investment in high-tech sectors of the economy for the production of high value-added products and their sale in the markets of third countries.

Thirdly, according to Eldor Aripov, an important direction is the development of modern transport and logistics communications, promoting the openness of the economies of the countries to the world markets, their connection with the centers of economic activity.

Для этого подчеркнул эксперт, необходимо развитие действующих и открытие новых транспортных коридоров в том числе автомобильной и железной дороги Китай-Кыргызстан-Узбекистан, Трансафганского коридора, что особенно актуально в контексте практической реализации инициативы «Пояса и пути».

For this purpose, the expert emphasized, it is necessary to develop existing and open new transport corridors, including the road and railroad China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan, the Trans-Afghan corridor, which is especially important in the context of practical implementation of the "Belt and Road" initiative.

Finally, the ISRS representative believes that a balanced and consistent transition to "green energy" remains a top priority.

An important role in this regard, he believes, can be played by attracting China's rich experience and investments for the development of renewable energy sources, introduction of modern resource-saving and environmentally friendly technologies in such areas as agriculture and "green" economy.

-There is already a good basis for this. Last year in Bukhara and Kashkadarya regions the Chinese company in record time completed the construction of the first stage of two solar stations with a total capacity of 1000 megawatts, - Eldor Aripov concluded.

At the conference organized by ISRS in partnership with the Institute for Social Development of Europe and Asia of the Development Research Center of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, an exchange of views took place on a wide range of issues of the current state and future prospects for bilateral cooperation in the field of politics, security, trade and investment and cultural and humanitarian interaction.

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