

## Advisor to the Prime Minister: “Digitalization provides an unprecedented opportunity to find new growth points”



Addressing the CIS International Expert Forum on Information Security, Advisor to the Prime Minister, Head of the Department of the Cabinet of Ministers for the Development of IT Technologies, Telecommunications and Innovation Activities Olimjon Umarov noted that for Uzbekistan, as a rapidly developing country, digitalization provides an unprecedented opportunity to find new growth points and modernize sectors of the economy.

According to the government representative, the development of the digital economy and the introduction of new technologies cannot be considered separately from the issues of ensuring information security and data protection in the virtual space.

In this regard, Uzbekistan pays main attention to strengthen information security at the national level. In June 2020, a strategic action plan was adopted in the country to strengthen cyber and information security. A draft law “On cybersecurity” is being developed. The directions of ensuring the cybersecurity of information systems and critical information infrastructure have also been determined.

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*At the forum, representatives of international organizations, governments and experts from leading analytical centers of the Commonwealth countries will exchange experience in the development of the sphere and develop recommendations for the participating states.*

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