

## Termez hosts a meeting on the integrated development of the region



Termez hosted a meeting with the participation of Surkhandarya regional council deputies, entrepreneurs and farmers, representatives of the older generation, youth and public activists.

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev outlined the priorities for the integrated development of the region, improving the lives of the population according to the “mahallabay” system.

“We came here to meet with you and solve problems. We have been preparing for this visit for a long time. There are no issues left depending on Tashkent. Now it is necessary to use the allocated means and the system wisely, to work in a targeted manner. No matter how hard I try, if you yourself do not act with full dedication, the welfare of people will not increase. If you use the internal resources of Surkhandarya, there will be all conditions for solving problems concerning people. The sector leaders must show dedication and work according to the “mahallabay” system”, Shavkat Mirziyoyev said.

The development of entrepreneurship and the provision of employment are identified as priority areas.

The Head of the state proposed to exempt newly created enterprises from taxes on land, property, from the turnover of small enterprises and a fixed income tax from individual entrepreneurs until January 1, 2024, to stimulate the development of Bandikhan, Qiziriq, Muzrabat and Sherabad districts.

It was noted that 1,177 investment projects worth 16 trillion 900 billion UZS will be implemented in Surkhandarya region in 2021-2022. It is planned to employ 25 thousand people.

“It is necessary to accelerate the development of such driving industries as the construction materials industry, light, leather, food, electrical, local industries and increase the number of new projects in the region”, the President said.

Proposals were made to compensate part of the transportation costs and interest on loans when exporting building materials, providing benefits to local industrial enterprises that produce import-substituting household goods when importing raw materials and semi-finished products.

The need for organizing clusters was indicated, specializing the Boysun, Sariasiya, Sherabad districts for the production of building materials, the Qiziriq district for the light industry, the Oltinsoy district for the food industry, the Bandikhan and Muzrabat districts for the local industry. An innovative industrial zone for the production of building materials will be created in Sariasiya district.

It is planned to implement investment projects for 3 trillion 121 billion UZS in agriculture. 950 billion UZS will be allocated to create greenhouses with an area of 1,000 hectares. Olive plantations will be organized in Oltinsoy, Uzun, Bandikhan, Denau, Jarkurgan, Muzrabat, Termez and Sariasiya districts, and pomegranate orchards in Sherabad, Muzrabat and Qiziriq.

The task has been set to create, based on the example of Surkhandarya, an integral system for the effective use of household land, which will link owners, procurement enterprises, processors and exporters.

Instructions were given to employ 50 thousand people this year through public works, create cooperatives and household plots. It was determined that 32 billion UZS will be allocated for these purposes from the Employment Promotion Fund and the Public Works Fund.

The Head of the state also dwelled on social infrastructure development.

This year, 483 villages and mahallas are being improved in the region within the framework of “Obod Qishloq” (Prosperous Village) and “Obod Mahalla” (Prosperous Neighborhood) programs. 1.6 trillion UZS have been allocated for this purpose.

It was noted that 1,230 kilometers of roads will be repaired and 1,000 kilometers of power lines will be laid.

The President noted the need for completely solving the problem of providing drinking water to 1.5 million residents of the region in the next 2-3 years, for which it is necessary to develop a project for laying 400 kilometers of trunk networks from the Tupalang Reservoir.

The Ministry of Finance was instructed to allocate an additional 200 billion UZS for the development of social, communication and road infrastructure in the region in 2021.

An open dialogue with citizens took place in city and district studios.





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