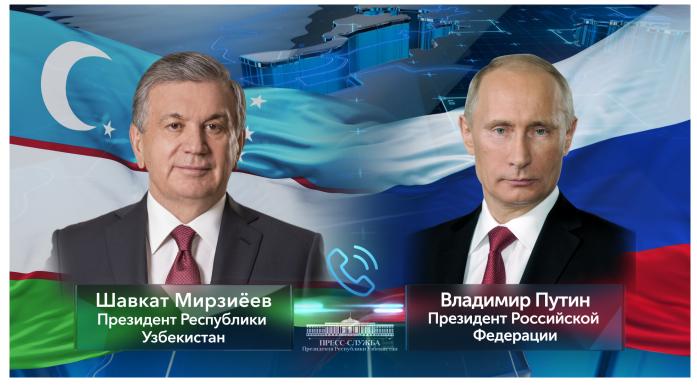
Presidents of Uzbekistan and Russia talk over the phone



Today, on February 12, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a telephone conversation with President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin.

The two leaders noted with deep satisfaction the dynamic development of the Uzbek-Russian multifaceted cooperation and the steadily consolidating strategic partnership and alliance relations.

The heads of state highlighted significant practical results of the bilateral interaction and a noticeable intensification of contacts at all levels in 2019.

Thus, the trade volumes have been growing consistently. 500 joint ventures were created during the year, priority investment projects are being implemented in key sectors of the economy with the participation of leading Russian companies and banks. Educational, cultural and humanitarian exchanges are expanding.

The telephone conversation also served to discuss a schedule of forthcoming events at the highest level. Special attention was paid to the preparation of an agenda for the state visit of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Russian Federation, including the organization of regular forums of regions and rectors, a media forum and other business events.

The prospects of interaction between Uzbekistan and Russia in the year of our country's presidency in the Commonwealth of Independent States were considered.

Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Vladimir Putin also exchanged views on pressing international and regional issues.