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**Congratulatory Message from the Director of the SI
“Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” on the occasion
of the State Language Day**

“Human history shows that nations and states remain strong and enduring only when they have their own national language. The language of every nation is the most important condition for its existence”.

The celebration of the State Language Day is one of the remarkable achievements of Tajikistan’s independence, which, like many of our ancient national traditions, is honored and celebrated each year with great respect.

On July 22, 1989, the Law on the State Language of the Republic of Tajikistan was adopted by the decision of the Supreme Council of the republic, and from that point on, this day was celebrated as Language Day.

This law remained in effect for 20 years; however, with the new demands of the time and the changing structure of society, the need arose for its revision and improvement. Thanks to the support of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, this law underwent a thorough review and renewal.

As the Head of State noted at one of the celebrations of the State Language Day: “The time has come for the Tajik language, as the state language, to meet the needs of modern society and to reflect all the political, economic, social, and cultural transformations of the country. The law, which was developed during the Soviet era, taking into account the political realities of that time, no longer fully corresponds to the needs of our society today, and the necessity of drafting a new version has long been evident.”

Following the President’s directives, a working group of experts was formed to develop a new draft of the Law on the State Language. Thus, on October 5, 2009, under number 553,

the updated Law of the Republic of Tajikistan “On the State Language of the Republic of Tajikistan” was adopted, consisting of 7 chapters and 28 articles. This day is now celebrated annually as a symbol of national pride, alongside other important state holidays and ceremonies.

State independence not only contributed to preserving the purity of the Tajik language but also created essential conditions for its development and elevation of its status. Of particular note is the invaluable contribution of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, the Leader of the Nation, the President of the country, respected Emomali Rahmon, in maintaining the state language in its original purity.

At every meeting and gathering, the Head of State speaks with great attention and responsibility about the importance of preserving the purity of the language and upholding a high culture of speech, offering valuable guidance and recommendations.

Today, there are approximately 7,100 different languages in the world, and only 100 of them have official state status. Although the Tajik language ranks 23rd among these languages, its significance and prestige continue to grow day by day.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon each of us to cherish this national treasure, which embodies our destiny, serves as a source of pride, and is the foundation of our nation’s eternal unity. We must be worthy custodians, proud inheritors, and vigilant protectors of our native language, the language of the great and ancient civilization of our beloved Tajikistan.

Taking this opportunity, I wholeheartedly congratulate all my esteemed colleagues, and in your person, the entire noble people of our country, on the State Language Day of the Republic of Tajikistan! I wish you prosperity, success in your work and new achievements!