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Implementation of the Global Soil Doctors Programme

The State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" together with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on April 17 this year held a training seminar on the topic "Implementation of the Global Soil Doctors Programme", within the framework of sub-component 3.2 of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project in the hall of the HILTON Hotel in Dushanbe.

24 specialists in the field of soil science and agrochemistry of the Ministry of Agriculture, Agrarian University of Tajikistan named after Shirinsho Shotemur, the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) participated in this seminar.

The participants of this seminar mastered modern methods of soil science and soil fertility management both in the laboratory and in the field. Their goal is to improve knowledge in this field of agriculture and transfer this knowledge to farmers in order to increase yields, improve the state of land reclamation and achieve the desired results.



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Training on digitalization of agriculture

On April 11-12 this year, within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project with the participation of representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security Committee, State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” and the Center for Digitalization of Agriculture, a training on digitalization of agriculture sector was held.

The training was held on the initiative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). This training was conducted for specialists of the agricultural sector to further improve knowledge and skills, to form strategic thinking within the framework of digitalization of the agricultural sector and to increase competitiveness in accordance with the requirements of the global market.



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Visit of the Leader of the Nation Emomali Rahmon to the Bobojon Gafurov district

On April 11, the Founder of Peace and National Unity – Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon visited the educational and practical zone “Palos” of the Khujand State University named after academician Bobojon Gafurov, where construction of intensive garden of apricots, cherries and grapevines began.

Respected Leader of the nation Emomali Rahmon wished success to the workers of the Khujand State University named after academician Bobojon Gafurov in the process of planting grapevine seedlings in the educational and practical zone “Palos”.

Also, here, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon was presented with new and modern machinery and equipment provided by the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”

and intended for processing garden and grape rows and agricultural crops. Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Daler Satori also took part in the event and presented the above-mentioned machinery and equipment.

Let us recall that, on behalf of the head of state, the institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" provided seed farms and vulnerable farms of all cities and districts of the Sughd region with various high-quality agricultural seeds, mineral fertilizers, as well as more than 920 agricultural machines and spare parts for them.

The exhibition featured mini tractors, as well as modern means for growing rice. The technical characteristics of industrial machines have been adapted to the needs of farmers.

<https://youtu.be/bLoPlyuKeeo>



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High-quality seeds – a guarantee of high yield

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the state institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”, in order to increase crop yields, ensure food security and develop seed production, within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, procured a number of high-quality certified seeds from abroad. These seeds were distributed to seed farms, dehkan households and vulnerable farms of the republic.

On April 4th of this year, in order to further improve the field of seed production, the institution provided 500 tons of high-quality potato seeds (varieties Evolution – 250 tons, Picasso – 100 tons, Arizona 150 tons) and 100 tons of cotton seeds (varieties Laser 30 tons, Pima 30 tons and Ramses 40 tons) imported from abroad. These seeds were distributed to 106 enterprises, including seed farms, private sector enterprises and scientific institutions in the field of agriculture.

All imported agricultural seeds belong to the elite group, are certified, high-yielding and suitable for the climatic conditions of Tajikistan.

The purpose of distributing these agricultural seeds is to promote sustainable development of the seed industry.



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Discussion on construction of agro-logistics centers and repair and construction works of the digitalization center

Today, on April 2, 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan held a working meeting on accelerating the construction of agro-logistic centers and repair and

construction works in the building of the SUE “Center for Digitalization and Professional Development of Human Resources in Agriculture”.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan Hakimzoda Qurbon, Deputy Ministers Zevarshoi Zevarsho and Nigina Anvari, Director of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Daler Sattori and other officials.

It is worth noting that within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” it is planned to build 3 agro-logistic centers in Dushanbe city, Sughd and Khatlon regions, and within the framework of additional financing – to construct 2 additional agro-logistic centers in Kulyab district of Khatlon region and GBAO.

Land plots have already been allocated for construction of 3 agro-logistic centers. In the meantime, international and national contractors “Sofreko” and “Bars Consulting” have been identified and selected in accordance with the established procedure. According to the plan construction will start in July 2024 in Dushanbe city, Sughd and Khatlon regions.

At the meeting, the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, respected Hakimzoda Qurbon, gave instructions and advice to officials on the implementation of the provisions of the Project, timeliness of repair and construction works, allocation of financial resources and other issues.



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Progress of field works in Sughd region

This year, farmers in Sughd province, who are beneficiaries of the project, express their gratitude for the support provided by the state institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” and make efforts to achieve high yields through the use of quality seeds.

Dehkan farms of the region successfully took advantage of favorable weather in the last autumn season. Promptly purchased from the institution high-quality seeds of elite group wheat varieties such as “Alikseich”, “Temiryazevka-150” and “Grom” were planted on a plot with a total area of 720 hectares.

This year, thanks to favorable spring weather, the growth of all cultivated crops, especially cereals such as wheat, is going well. At the same time, agrotechnical works are already underway in the fields.

Farmers completed the first fertilization of grain fields and began protective work to prevent fungal diseases and control

pests.

Currently, some of the farmers are clearing the wheat fields from weeds with the help of various herbicides and the other part is engaged in digging ditches.

During the monitoring it was noticed that the growth condition of grain crops, especially wheat, on seed farms is very favorable, which leads to abundant harvest.

At the meeting, experts presented useful science-based recommendations to farmers on further increasing crop yields and efficient utilization of each plot of land.



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Quality seeds – guarantee of high yields

The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project for the development of the sector, successfully cooperates with dekhkan and seed farms, as well as with other agricultural organizations and institutions.

Farmers in Khatlon province, who are beneficiaries of the project, received from the institution three types of elite group wheat seeds of varieties “Grom”, “Alikseich” and “Temiryazevka-150” among other high-quality crop seeds. Last fall farmers planted these seeds on an area exceeding 1,128 hectares.

Thanks to spring rains, the sown seeds are actively germinating, and some farmers have been clearing the wheat fields of weeds.

Farmers have been applying the first top dressing (mineral phosphorus fertilizer) to the sown area, mostly before or during sowing, at a rate of 150-170 kg/ha.

Currently, farmers are applying the second top dressing, which is 200-220 kg of nitrogen fertilizer per hectare.

During the monitoring it was noted that the condition of wheat germination in seed farms looks very favorable. Farmers were recommended to provide sowing areas with irrigation water in due time and apply herbicides “Grand Stop” and “Topik” for more effective destruction of weeds.



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“Navruz reflects the rich heritage of our people, their spiritual values, moral principles, dreams and aspirations, customs and traditions, worldview and ideas about national life. Since its inception, this holiday carefully preserves and transmits to us our cultural and national values.”

Emomali Rahmon

Navruz celebration in the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”

In honor of the national holiday “Nowruz” on March 20, 2024, a gala event was held with the participation of all employees at the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”.

Daler Satori, director of the institution, opened the solemn meeting and wished the colleagues health, happiness and great achievements in their work in honor of “Navruz”.

He also noted: “Navruz is considered one of the most ancient

and beautiful holidays, which brings renewal to both nature and people. It unites people's hearts and inspires them to create, to do good deeds, to be kind, and also carries cultural heritage that spreads knowledge and, more importantly, promotes unity and integration.

It is also a matter of great pride that on the initiative of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, the ancient holiday Nowruz has gained a new life and global status, presented our national history and values to the world civilization.

Navruz is a holiday that fills the hearts with inspiration, creation and creativity. It has been bestowed upon all people as a bright page of our happiness and recognized as a world holiday of unity and solidarity of mankind.

May Navruz with its unique traditions, rich customs, and abundance of happiness bring prosperity and safeguard you from suffering. May this holiday be remembered by the entire world community as an example of the great wisdom of our ancestors and the most beautiful among all holidays."

Afterwards, several staff members delivered speeches on "Nowruz and its constructive contribution in the context of globalization".

During the celebration, the director of the institution awarded some colleagues with certificates of appreciation.

At the end of the event, a documentary film was presented which was a reflection of the globally recognized Navruz holiday.

