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Compliance with Safety Requirements in Institutions of the Ministry of Agriculture

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development," as part of the third component of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project," for the first time since independence organized the disposal of outdated chemicals and pesticides, as well as containers that held chemical solutions, using safe methods.

This initiative was launched based on a contract between the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the public organization "Peshsaf." The first institution to undergo the disposal process was the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan. Currently, the disposal of outdated chemicals and pesticides is being carried out at the Department of Chemistry of the Tajik Agrarian University named after Sh. Shotemur and the State Institution "Locust Control Expedition."

Specialists in the field strictly adhere to safety requirements when transporting and packaging chemical materials. Using specialized protective clothing and vehicles, they transport the materials to the pesticide disposal site in the Vakhsh district.

The organization has also received a license from the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for the transportation of waste, in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan. During these activities, the organization strictly complies with the environmental and social standards of the World Bank and follows the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP).



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Harvesting of Cotton in the Khatlon Region is Ongoing

The cotton harvesting process is currently underway in the Khatlon region, where farmers (project beneficiaries) have received high-quality seeds of three elite cotton varieties—Lima, Laser, and Ramses—this year, with support from the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan under the “Enhancing Agricultural Resilience” project.

With this assistance, farmers have successfully planted cotton across 2,170 hectares using the aforementioned varieties. These high-yielding varieties, imported from abroad, are resilient to climate changes, making them particularly suitable for vulnerable farms and seed production enterprises. As of now, the first phase of the harvest has been completed, while the second phase is in full swing.

This year, by following agronomic practices, farmers have been able to significantly increase their cotton yield, achieving between 17 to 20 quintals per hectare during the first phase of harvesting.

Beneficiaries of the project are focused on effectively utilizing the favorable autumn weather conditions to ensure a timely and loss-free completion of the harvest, with the goal of increasing the yield to 50-55 quintals per hectare.



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Seed Potato Harvest in the Rasht District

With the support of the Government of the Republic of

Tajikistan, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” has provided vulnerable farms and seed production enterprises in the country (project beneficiaries) with high-quality certified elite seed potatoes of the “Evolution,” “Picasso,” and “Arizona” varieties as part of “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” in 2024.

Thanks to favorable weather conditions and the timely adherence to agrotechnical practices, the yield of agricultural crops, particularly potatoes, has been high across the regions of the country. Currently, the potato harvest is actively continuing in the mountainous areas.

On October 9, 2024, specialists in the field visited the farms “Abror,” “Parviz,” “Khost,” “Bakht,” and “Faiz” in the Rasht District. During their visit, it was observed that the potato yield has significantly increased compared to the previous year, much to the satisfaction of the farmers.

Based on the results of the yield approbation (appraisal), specialists confirmed that this year’s potato yield across the country is strong, contributing significantly to food security and the development of the seed sector.

During the working visit, specialists also provided farmers with practical recommendations on the timely and loss-free harvesting of potatoes, as well as on proper storage practices in warehouses.

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**Renovation and Restoration Work at the State Institution
“Plant Protection and Chemicalization” of the Ministry of
Agriculture**

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” as part of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector” Project, is carrying out repair and reconstruction of several scientific and educational buildings of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

As part of the third component of the project, high-quality painting and major repairs of the interior of the State Institution “Plant Protection and Chemicalization” of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan were completed, covering a total area of 1,605 square meters, along with external repairs covering 1,454 square meters.

In addition, the previously worn-out roof of the laboratory

building and storage facilities, with a total area of 785 square meters, was fully renovated. The entrance and canopy, covering 51 square meters, were also reconstructed with high standards of quality.

The conference hall and employee offices, covering an area of 1,605 square meters, underwent major renovations featuring modern design solutions. During the renovation, doors, windows, floors, ceilings were replaced, and new chandeliers were installed.

All construction work was carried out in full compliance with the environmental and social standards of the World Bank, ensuring high quality and the use of modern technologies. The building has already been put into operation.

Currently, the renovation of the laboratory section is nearing completion. The management of the State Institution "Plant Protection and Chemicalization" expressed their deep gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for its continuous support.



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High-Quality Seeds as a Guarantee of Increased Yield

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” has ensured the timely distribution of high-quality onion seeds to vulnerable farms across the country. The distribution of wheat seeds is also approaching completion.

Farmers in the Khatlon region, who are the beneficiaries of the project, have expressed their gratitude for the continued support from the Government and have already commenced the sowing of grain crops (wheat). High-quality seeds are a guarantee of increased yields, and when agricultural techniques are properly followed, farmers can anticipate excellent harvests.

It is noteworthy that, this year, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the institution has successfully provided more than 7,000 small, vulnerable farms across the country with high-quality onion and wheat seeds



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CONSULTATIVE SEMINAR “FIELD DAY” DEDICATED TO THE PRESENTATION OF A RICE HARVESTER COMBINE

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” as part of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, aimed at strengthening the material and technical base and facilitating the work of farmers, imported a rice harvester combine from the company “FMWORLD” this year, along with other modern agricultural machinery.

This combine is one of the most advanced machines of the modern era, capable of performing multiple tasks in a single operation. It is designed for harvesting grain crops, particularly rice and wheat. The machine has a working width of 2 meters, weighs 3.5 tons, has a power output of 88 to 90 horsepower, and a grain tank capacity of 850 kg to 950 kg for rice, and from 1 to 1.2 tons for wheat. The combine is intended to meet the needs of the country’s farming enterprises.

At the same time, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, together with the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development," organized a consultative seminar "Field Day" on October 5, 2024, dedicated to the presentation of the rice harvester combine at the "Samir" farm in Tursunzade.

The seminar was attended by rice growers and machine operators from various regions of the country, who observed the combine's operation and gave it high praise for its efficiency.

During the seminar, Deputy Minister of Agriculture Zevarshoi Zevarsho and the company's engineer provided detailed explanations on the proper and long-term operation of the equipment, as well as its safe use during work, offering valuable recommendations to the attendees.

This initiative is being carried out by industry specialists in preparation for the upcoming rice harvest at farming enterprises across the republic.

As of October 6, 2024, according to the plan, specialists are currently at the "Shamshod – 05" farm in the Farkhor district, where they are demonstrating the combine's functionality to local rice growers.

Farmers expressed their gratitude for the ongoing support from the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, which continues to inspire them in their work.

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**Celebration of State Language Day at the State Institution
“Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”**

On October 4, 2024, a solemn gathering was held in the central hall of the institution to celebrate State Language Day of the Republic of Tajikistan.

The event was opened by representatives of the institution’s leadership, who warmly congratulated all attendees on State Language Day. In their speeches, they highlighted the achievements of independent Tajikistan and the importance of preserving its cultural values. The representatives remarked:

“We are all well aware from the history of civilization of the great efforts and sacrifices made by our enlightened ancestors to preserve our nation and its cultural values, particularly to ensure that our beautiful and noble Tajik language would continue to thrive and endure.

The celebration of Language Day is one of the significant traditions of independent Tajikistan, which, along with other ancient national customs, is observed annually. Our national

independence has not only safeguarded the purity of the Tajik language but also provided the conditions for its development, refinement, and elevation of its status.

It is especially important to acknowledge the exceptional contribution of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, the esteemed President of the country, Emomali Rahmon, in preserving the state language in its original purity. In his meetings and assemblies, the Head of State consistently speaks with great care and responsibility about the importance of maintaining the purity of the language and the high standards of speech culture, offering valuable guidance and recommendations”.

Following this, several employees of the institution gave speeches on topics such as “Language – The Foundation of a Nation” and “Preserving the Purity and Nobility of the Tajik Language”.

A documentary film was also presented, narrating the history of the Tajik language’s development and preservation through challenging periods.

At the close of the event, all employees and guests were once again congratulated on this important occasion. They were wished good health, success, and prosperity. It was emphasized that each of us must carefully protect our national treasure – our native language, which is a symbol of our history, a source of pride, and the foundation of our nation’s unity. We must safeguard it with honor, take pride in this heritage, and remain vigilant guardians of our great language – the language of the ancient civilization of Tajikistan.



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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!