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CONGRATULATION FROM DALER SATORI ABDUMANSUR, DIRECTOR OF THE STATE INSTITUTION “AGRICULTURE ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT” ON THE OCCASION OF OUR ANCESTORS’ HOLIDAY, “MEHRGON”

The Mehrgon holiday is among the most glorious of our ancestors' festivals, dating back to ancient times. Along with Sada, Nowruz and Tirgan, this holiday is part of festivals associated with the agrarian civilization of our ancestors and celebrated by farmers to summarize their hard-earned harvest.

Despite political, cultural and religious conflicts, the Mehrgon holiday of our ancestors has managed to maintain its social prestige and status from the distant past to the present day. After all, Mehrgon, like Nowruz, Sada and Tirgan embodies the traditions of a stage in the development of human civilization that all humanity has experienced at various times. So, many traditions of these holidays have been accepted by all mankind in a spirit of goodwill and are considered an integral part of universal civilization.

The origin, spread and glorification of Mehrgon have been discussed by prominent thinkers of the East and West. According to their writings, Mehrgon is a holiday that brings people purity and abundance, sustenance, a rich and blessed home, satisfaction and joy; it is the shining glory of our ancestors. The works of the great scholars and cultural figures of our ancestors – Abu Abdullah Rudaki, Abu al-Qasim Ferdowsi, Abu Rayhan al-Biruni, Omar Khayyam, Borbadi Marvazi, and Unsuri – contain valuable facts about Mehrgon, conveying to us unique information with the utmost reverence and inspiration, with admiration and respect for the customs and traditions, their greatness and glory.

Tajikistan independence ushered in a new era for revival of national customs and traditions, including the Mehrgon holiday, and breathed new life into them. The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan continually strives to celebrate

the rich cultural heritage, customs and traditions of our ancestors through state events.

In the modern world, along with other threats to humanity, the threat of food shortages is increasing, making ensuring food security in our country of paramount importance. This compels us to take concrete measures in this direction and implement them as soon as possible.

As the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, our President Emomali Rahmon noted in one of his speeches: "The Tajik people, with their ancient traditions, customs and rich culture, have made a worthy contribution to world civilization. Good customs and traditions, as well as national holidays such as Nowruz, Mehrgon, and Sada, have throughout history made a valuable contribution to the moral and spiritual development of society."

Mehrgon is a festival celebrating the harvest, abundance, joy and triumph, friendship and camaraderie, unity, affection and loyalty. Considering that Mehrgon is one of the three most famous and celebrated holidays of the Tajik and Persian peoples, and its origin, development, and subsequent evolution are primarily linked to agricultural activities and the daily lives of people of that culture and era, by order of the country President, this ancient holiday is celebrated annually in October with particular pomp and splendor as a national public holiday.

According to the ancient historical sources, on this day, our ancestors wore festive purple garments and congratulated each other with best wishes.

The Mehrgon festive table was also set with a purple tablecloth. It was adorned with candles, sweets and local delicacies; pleasant aromas such as rose, mint, amber and saffron filled the air, all testifying to the noble virtues, refined taste and rich spiritual culture of the Tajik people.

In short, Mehrgon emerged with development of agriculture and introduction of the agricultural calendar and is a harvest festival and a manifestation of the farmers' hard work. According to the Head of State, the holiday has a deeper meaning than just fun, and celebrating each important date in life should encourage us to reflect and draw conclusions for the future.

So, holding regular events to improve the situation in the agricultural sector, find solutions to problems and ensure its sustainable development is considered one of the strategic national goals – achieving food security and, most importantly, self-sufficiency in Tajikistan's food supply.

Happy Mehrgon, dear compatriots!

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SUPPORT FOR NATIONWIDE ACTIVITIES TO PROVIDE MICRONUTRIENTS AND VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS IN PHC IN TAJIKISTAN

A roundtable discussion on "Support for nationwide activities to provide micronutrients and vitamin supplements in PHC in Tajikistan" was held at the SI "National Library of Tajikistan" as part of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project". Participants included Zohir Nabiev, Head of the Department for Maternal and Child Health Services and Family Planning at the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan, Khayriniso Yusufi, Goodwill Ambassador for Women's Cancer, Boymurod Kurbonzoda, Deputy Director of the "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" State Institution, heads of reproductive health centers, and representatives from medical facilities focused on maternal and child health.

Opening the roundtable, Zohir Nabiev, Head of the Department for Maternal and Child Health Services and Family Planning at

the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan, noted that improving nutrition is crucial for improving public health.

It was noted that failure to comply with nutritional rules and requirements leads to increased maternal and child mortality. Hundreds of thousands of people die every year worldwide as a result of malnutrition.

It should be noted that the World Bank-financed “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” is being implemented within the framework of the “Support for nationwide activities to provide micronutrients and vitamin supplements in PHC in Tajikistan” program, which is based on food support for development of the “Population Health Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan until 2030,” including Section 3 “Food Security and Access to Quality Nutrition.”

As part of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”, micronutrients for pregnant women and vitamin supplements for children aged 6 to 59 months were procured and distributed based on clinical recommendations.

This event was planned to increase the knowledge of primary health care specialists and engage the media.

In 2019, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan adopted the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan “On Providing the Population with Fortified Food Products” to protect public health and prevent nutrition-related diseases by food fortification. As part of this law implementation, the “Program for Prevention of Micronutrient Deficiency and Related Diseases among the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan for 2022-2027” was approved by Government Resolution No. 415 dated September 30, 2021.

Following the roundtable discussion, several participants expressed their views on the implementation of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”

subcomponent and “Support for nationwide activities to provide micronutrients and vitamin supplements in PHC in Tajikistan”.



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PROGRESS OF REPAIR WORK AT THE VAKHSH STATE VARIETY TESTING STATION

Currently, with the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan support, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship

Development" gradually renovates and restores a number of scientific and educational buildings, laboratories of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, and other essential facilities, using modern design and commissioning them, as part of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project".

All these construction, restoration, landscaping and site improvement works are the result of national independence, peace and unity; the government constantly takes the necessary measures to develop the country various sectors.

Our next facility is the Vakhsh State Variety Testing Station. Due to its existence since Soviet times, this facility was in need of major renovation.

This year, as part of the project, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" repaired and renovated the building roof, walls, interior finishing, floors and ceilings replacing windows and doors with high-quality ones. The building entrance, small electrical appliances and chandeliers were also completely replaced; a storage facility for seeds of various agricultural crops was built next to the building.

Currently, interior renovation and restoration work is fully completed, and the exterior finishing is nearing completion.

All nuances were considered during the renovation, and the building repair with modern design will be completed shortly.

The Vakhsh State Variety Testing Station management and staff are satisfied with the ongoing Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" support and express their gratitude for this building high-quality renovation.



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ASSESSMENT AND FEASIBILITY STUDY PHASE FOR AN AGROLOGISTIC CENTER CONSTRUCTION IN KHOROG TOWN, GBAO

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan annually pays great attention to the sustainable development of the country various sectors and continuously takes the necessary measures to implement their plans.

The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” is conducting an assessment and feasibility study in collaboration with Sofreco (France) and by involving the international consultants for an agrologistic center construction in Khorog town, GBAO.

It is worth noting that, with the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan support, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” will build and commission five agrologistic centers in the country (Dushanbe, Sughd, Khatlon and GBAO regions) according to the international standards.



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PROGRESS OF REPAIR AND RESTORATION WORKS AT THE STATE INSTITUTION “PLANT PROTECTION AND AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALIZATION”, B. GAFUROV DISTRICT, SUGHD REGION

The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” annually takes the necessary measures to implement the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” and constantly works to develop the agricultural sector.

With the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan support, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” has begun a major renovation of the State Institution “Plant Protection and Agriculture Chemicalization” building in the Sughd region B. Gafurov district as part of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”.

The building of the State Institution “Plant Protection and Agriculture Chemicalization” has been in operation since Soviet times (since 1985) and contributes to the agricultural crops’ protection in the region.

As this building has been in need of major repairs for many years, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" began renovation work in September this year. Within the project, the building will be repainted, the walls leveled, the interior, the floors and ceilings refinished, the doors and windows will be replaced with high-quality ones.

The building entrance, small electrical appliances and chandeliers will be completely replaced and renovated as well with quality and modern design.

Repair and restoration work is currently underway inside, outside and on the roof. Every detail is being considered during the renovation to ensure the long-term operation of the building and high-quality completion within the specified timeframe.

During the renovation, the Institution engineers, social and environmental specialists provided the workers involved in the work with detailed information on the environmental management plan, ecology impact assessment results, compliance with sanitary and hygienic standards, safety precautions, the requirements and standards of the Republic of Tajikistan current legislation and the World Bank, the grievance redress mechanism and compliance with other applicable laws.



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Congratulatory message from Daler Satori Abdumansur, Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", on the National Language Day

Language is the essence of every nation and a vital foundation of every country. Throughout all epochs, it has been a source of national independence and a crucial factor in its formation.

The history of humankind testifies that peoples, nations and countries maintain their stability and resilience precisely through the possession of their own national language. That is to say, every nation language is considered the most important condition for its stability.

The Tajik language is one of the most beautiful and rich languages, holding a worthy place among other world languages. It is the language in which, for millennia, the poets, thinkers, scientists and sages of our past—such as Rudaki and Avicenna, Ferdowsi and Saadi, Hafez and Bedil, Aini and Lahuti, Mirsaid and Tursunzade, Bozor Sobir and Loiq

Sherali—as well as other now-living great minds, have spoken, creating their works and inscribing them in history. The native language of every people is the source and foundation of its existence, the most powerful testimony to the viability of any nation. Our Tajik language, having survived the winding path of history, the horrors and oppression of foreign rulers, became the source of the nation's survival. We, the bearers of this language, are proud of this and will continue to strive to preserve its purity and integrity, and to uphold its spirituality.

The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, esteemed Emomali Rahmon, in his previous Address to the Majlisi Oli of the country, reminded mothers of their mission to preserve the purity and integrity of their native language: "Our women and mothers must, first and foremost, strive to preserve the purity and integrity of the Tajik language, which we commonly call our mother tongue, and teach future generations the manners of communication and speech in this pleasant and poetic language."

For every speaker of the language, it is a matter of pride that today, in our beloved country, the native language is an object of comprehensive care and support from the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, and especially from the great Leader of the Nation. After all, the care and support for the native language is, first and foremost, the support of one's own people and nation. It is precisely on the initiative of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, esteemed Emomali Rahmon, that our native language – Tajik – is now heard from the podiums of influential international organizations, and the prestige of the Tajik language on the international stage is steadily growing.

Celebrating the Language Day is one of the blessed fruits of Tajikistan National Independence, which, like other ancient national traditions, is observed every year with particular

grandeur.

National Independence has not only promoted the distinct identity of the noble Tajik language but has also created the necessary conditions for its development, refinement, expansion and elevation. Particularly unique are the merits and efforts of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the country, esteemed Emomali Rahmon, in preserving the purity and correctness of the national language.

In many of his meetings and addresses, the Head of State, with care and a profound sense of responsibility, speaks about the language purity, preservation of a high culture and provides valuable instructions and directives.

Each of us must also strive to be a worthy master, a careful guardian and a diligent protector of this our national heritage, which is the expresser of our destiny, foundation of our honor and pride, and the bedrock of our nation eternal unity – our native language, the language of the creative people and ancient civilization of beloved Tajikistan.

We must always cherish it as the apple of our eye and constantly strive for its purity and correctness. We must not allow the diminishment of respect for this great language and its pure speech.

So, each of us, while proficient in various foreign languages, must not forget the tender and elegant Tajik language. We must communicate and work in the national (Tajik) language and constantly contribute to its protection and preservation. After all, in the past, many Tajik scholars and thinkers suffered and even sacrificed their lives to keep this rich language resilient and stable. As the poet said:

“Remember your people and your language,
Rejoice in the spirit of your ancestors.
So that your child may speak in Tajik,

Build your world in the Tajik language.”

On these joyous days, I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely congratulate all of you, dear colleagues, and through you, all the noble people of our country, on the National Language Day. I wish you robust health and well-being, productive work, happiness and exceptional success in your future activity.

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**NATIONAL LANGUAGE DAY CELEBRATION AT THE STATE INSTITUTION
“AGRICULTURE ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT”**

On October 3, 2025, a ceremonial meeting dedicated to the National Language day celebration was held in the Institution.

The Institution management opened the meeting with a welcoming speech and sincerely congratulated those present with the national language day. It was also noted that we all know the history of civilization and the labor and sacrifices our enlightened ancestors made for the stability of their people and preservation of their cultural values, especially in preserving and perpetuating the beautiful and noble Tajik language.

The celebration of Language Day is one of the sacred events of Tajikistan National independence, which, like other ancient national traditions, is celebrated annually. National independence not only fostered the distinctiveness of the noble Tajik language but also created the necessary conditions for its development, improvement, expansion and advancement. In particular, the merits and efforts of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, the Leader of the Nation, the President of the country, the esteemed Emomali Rahmon, in preserving the purity and inviolability of the national language are unique. In most of his meetings and conversations, the Head of the

State speaks with care and a sense of great responsibility about the language purity, preservation of high culture and gives useful instructions and directives.

Afterwards, the Deputy Director and the chairperson of the institution trade union spoke on the topics "Language is a Nation Essence" and "Let's Preserve the Pure and Elegant Tajik Language," and recited poems about the language.

A documentary film was also shown, chronicling the language development and preservation during difficult times.

In conclusion, all employees and guests were once again congratulated on this glorious day, wished health and prosperity, a peaceful life and outstanding achievements. They noted: "These days, each of us must become a worthy custodian, proud heir and vigilant defender of our national treasure—our native language. It is the expression of our destiny, foundation of our honor and pride, and the solid foundation of the nation eternal unity, the creative people and the ancient country—our beloved Tajikistan".



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POTATO HARVESTING IN THE SUGHD REGION DISTRICTS

Every year, as part of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” supplies high-quality, certified, high-yielding and climate-adapted seeds of various agricultural crops, both local and produced abroad, to seed producers and vulnerable farms (project beneficiaries) of the country to develop the seed sector.

Farmers in the country effectively use these high-quality seeds and achieve high yields every season.

This year, as part of the project, the institution provided the region vulnerable farms (beneficiaries) with 620 tons of high-quality potato seeds of the Evolution, Picasso and Arizona varieties. Favorable weather conditions and timely implementation of agrotechnical measures ensured good growth and increased yields.

During the biological yield assessment (testing), the sector specialists stated that this year harvest was very good, and

serious steps are being taken to develop the seed sector.

Potato harvesting has now begun in the districts of Kuhiston-i Mastchoh (Mountain Matchoh), Devashtich and Shahristan of the Sughd region, and farmers are striving to harvest a rich yield on time and without losses.

