

FOREIGN INVESTMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMY OF KASHKADARYA REGION

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Annotation

In the years of independence in Uzbekistan, the research of international relations has become one of the urgent issues. During this period, Uzbekistan's international relations developed in every way, enriched with new traditions, and our country took a worthy place in the world community. Cooperation with foreign countries is one of the main factors ensuring the success of economic reforms in Uzbekistan. In particular, during the years of independence, Kashkadarya region established extensive economic relations with foreign countries. In cities such as Karshi, Shakhrisabz, joint enterprises of Uzbekistan with a number of developed countries of the world were established and production of products was launched.

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In the Kashkadarya region, the first steps in this regard began in the first years of independence. For example, in the spring of 1993, the construction of the joint venture "Kashteks" in cooperation between Uzbekistan and Turkey began in the Qavali region of Karshi city. 15 hectares of land were allocated for construction, and its total cost was 28 million US dollars¹.

"Kharshiyog" joint venture started working in 1997 in cooperation between Uzbekistan and Singapore². The joint venture "Ma'danlisuv" launched the production of mineral water. The demand for the company's products has increased throughout the country. The joint venture had the capacity to produce 1,000 bottles of mineral water and 80 bottles of oil per hour. Also, experts from Japan and Thailand are participating in the organization of the enterprise. 19 mln. mineral and 31 million soums. Somlik vegetable oil was produced.

Not all of the joint ventures established in the city were fully operational, for example, in 1997, 18 joint ventures were operating in the city, but in 1998, 6 of them did not work. 1 of them was terminated. The activity of some joint ventures in the city has been revived year by year. In particular, the branch of "Ozdunrobita" and "Kashkadarya Telecom" enterprises were among the joint enterprises with a high service volume in the region. Among the joint ventures, only "Avantaj" exported its own products abroad. In January-October 1999, this enterprise produced products worth 50,500 soums and exported products worth 46,800 soums.

¹ Қашқадарё ҳақиқати. 1995 йил 22 апрель.

² Қашқадарё 1998 йил 12 август.

In 1998, there were 48 foreign-invested enterprises registered in the Kashkadarya region, of which only 21 were operating. Joint enterprises "Uzbekistan-Indonesia", "Kashkadarya Telekom", "Uzbekistan-Singapore", "Karshiyog" were working in Karshi city. "Avantaj" joint ventures in Karshi worked. "Avantaj" joint enterprise in Karshi city brought black metal from Russia, "Kashkadarya Telkom" enterprise brought telephone communication equipment from abroad³.

In 1999, another joint venture - the Uzbek-Russian joint venture "Karshi LTZ" - started working in the city of Karshi. This enterprise was established at the expense of the specialized construction repair and assembly department in Karshi and the open joint-stock company "Lipsk Tractor Plant" of Russia. The joint venture engaged in the assembly, sale and servicing of tractors from the Lepetsik Tractor Plant⁴.

On March 31, 1992, the "Nasaf" universal commodity raw material exchange was opened. The stock exchange traded more than 1 billion soums in a variety of goods. The opening ceremony of the exchange was attended by representatives from many cities of the CIS countries. For example, V. N. Vashina, the head of the brokerage department of the "Nika-91" firm in Kharkiv, and Yu. G. Ivanov, the director of the joint-stock company "Iendiasoft" in St. Petersburg, are among them. The exchange opened its representative offices in Moscow and Tashkent in order to establish cooperation with the best exchanges of the republic and foreign countries in the CIS and abroad. Also, this exchange established its trading house in Shahrisabz city⁵.

The marble enterprise in Kurgondara, Kitab district, Kashkadarya region was one of the first to establish cooperation with foreigners. On October 10-20, 1991, the representatives of this enterprise signed an agreement with the "Italmatek" company on the installation of a marble cutting line at the Kurgondara marble enterprise in the city of Carrara, which is recognized as the city of marble industry in Italy. The technology of stone cutting and processing produced in Carrara is one of the most modern equipment, and it was able to produce 15 thousand square meters of marble slabs per year. At the beginning of 1992, Italian textology equipment was imported and installed in this enterprise. In March of this year, the vice president of "Italmatek" company, Fabrizio Panteri, and engineers Zerbin and Enrico came to the Kurgondara marble enterprise and started the production of products⁶.

Initially, a joint venture was established in Kashkadarya region in cooperation with Turkish businessmen. In 1993, Turkish businessmen bought 130 tons of fiber from Kitab district, and in return, they brought and installed equipment, machine tools, and equipment necessary for a small enterprise. Under this small enterprise, a joint enterprise of Uzbekistan-Turkey cooperation was established. The products produced by this joint venture were purchased by representatives of the German company "Sillers En Co" and distributed to the European markets.

In the southern regions of Uzbekistan, a number of positive results were achieved in the establishment of agricultural products processing enterprises together with foreign partners. For example, in 2001, 4 joint ventures of this type were established in Kashkadarya region. "Agros-AB" Uzbek-Italy, processing pomegranate juice in Kitab district, "Ermis" Uzbek-Greece, processing fruits and vegetables in Karshi, "Momiq" Uzbek-England, producing wool in Qamashi district, "Kashfarmteks" producing medical wool and gauze in Karshi Uzbek-UK joint ventures are one of them⁷.

According to the forecasts of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in 2018 the world demand for mineral fertilizers will reach 200.5 million tons. In turn, the need for potash fertilizers increases by an average of 2.6% annually. At the same time, Canada, Russia, Belarus and Germany took the lead in the production of this product. Uzbekistan joined the ranks of these countries in recent years. The average share of potassium in ore mined in Canada is 30%, in Russia it is 18-34%, in

³ Қашқадарё вилоят статистика бошқармаси жорий архиви.

⁴ Темиров Б., Янги қўшма корхона ишга тушди. // Қашқадарё. 2000 йил 19 январь

⁵ Қашқадарё ҳақиқати. 1992 йил 29 февраль.

⁶ Ғалаба, 1993, 16 июнь.

⁷ Ислоҳат талаби-изланиш, ташаббус ва масъулият.// Қашқадарё, 2002 йил 22 февраль.

Belarus it is 22-30%, and in our country this figure is 25-35%.⁸

In August 2010, the import of this type of product to our country was stopped as a result of the launch of a large industrial enterprise specializing in the production of potash fertilizers in Dehqonabad district, which is considered the only one in Central Asia. Thus, Uzbekistan became one of the few countries in the world that has the potential to produce three main elements - phosphorus, nitrogen and potassium mineral fertilizers, which are extremely important for the development of agriculture.

On November 17, 2011, the decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on measures to implement the investment project "Expanding the production capacity of the Dehqonabad potash fertilizer plant (II stage)" was adopted. CITIC International Cooperation Co. of the People's Republic of China Ltd" was built in the second part of the processing complex. Also, in cooperation with the company "ZUMK-Injiniring" of the Russian Federation, construction of a mining complex with an annual ore production capacity of 1 million 400 thousand tons and external electricity supply facilities was carried out.

Next year in Kashkadarya region, the joint venture "SAFIT CARB" produces hair dye products, "Barakali Kashkadarya trade" produces polyethylene products, "Gozalsavdoservis" LLC specializes in processing fruits and vegetables, and produces vegetable oil from fruit seeds and non-traditional oil crops. "Sevaz Natural Juices" subsidiary company, "Sevinch" private company (in Kitob district), "Alibobo Orsy" private company for milk processing (in Koson district), "Lola Jahon" producing ready-made clothes, tailoring products, "Likala furnitura" , "Sanam" LLCs (in Karshi city), "Sangzor industriya" enterprises (in Kitob district) producing bricks started their activities.

In January 2012, the representatives of Kashkadarya region took an active part in the international exhibition "China-Eurasia Expo-2012" held in Urumqi and signed many contracts. Modern technologies designed for the development of industrial and service sectors were brought from the People's Republic of China to various cities and villages of the region in the total amount of about 800,000 US dollars. For example, the representatives of the limited liability company "Agrokton" in the city of Karshi brought a technological line that allows the production of enameled copper wire from copper coils according to the agreement made with Chinese partners at the international exhibition. This equipment, designed for the production of more than 1 ton of enameled copper wire per day, is compatible with modern technologies. Most of the contracts signed with PRC businessmen at the international exhibition "China-Eurasia Expo" were related to the construction industry. Production and trade company "Umid" located in the village of Kyziltepa, Qamashi district, selects at the exhibition a small plant with a capacity of 10 tons of asphalt production per hour, as well as equipment designed for sorting and crushing 150 cubic meters of stone in one shift. As a result of the negotiations with the Chinese partners, a mutually beneficial agreement was signed, and the conditions for the implementation of mutual settlements and the transfer of modern technologies to the region were determined. Also, among the contracts aimed at the development of the service sector, the contract signed by the limited liability company "Jasur Invest Savdo" in Chirakchi district deserves special attention. In accordance with the agreement, it was envisaged to bring and install the equipment of the "Colliding Cars" attraction to the children's amusement park in this district.⁹

So, during the years of independence, joint ventures were established in all regions of Uzbekistan with foreign partners and were introduced to the world market. Kashkadarya businessmen also played a special role in these processes. Joint ventures formed in cooperation with developed countries such as England, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Japan, India, and Singapore were operating in this region.

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⁸Қашқадарё, 2015-йил 5-март.

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