

Plans for 2013

On 1 January the 20th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Uzbekistan and the Czech Republic was marked. On this occasion, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic Ginek Peyha, who took office in October last year, shared his plans for 2013.

"Despite the fact that I recently led a diplomatic mission in Uzbekistan, I already had a very warm impression of the country. From the first days of work, I felt a great interest in and support of the Uzbek side to promote cooperation. It is encouraging that over 20 years in the Czech Republic and Uzbekistan formed a solid foundation for bilateral relations, which gives me the confidence to look at their future with plenty of optimism. In general, two decades is an age, when you can draw conclusions and build particular plans. I will start with the plans related to the celebration of the anniversary of our diplomatic relations. A number of events planned for the occasion will open the concert at the State Conservatory of Uzbekistan with the participation of artists and a Czech guitarist Vojtech Gledika. The evening is scheduled for 15 January. Next, we plan to hold in Uzbekistan a project Czech Fairy Tale, in the summer we are going to take an active part in the remarkable international festival Sharq Taronalari in Samarqand and want to attract the masters of traditional Czech art and folklore. It's about the cultural and humanitarian ties. In relation to the events in the political life, I note that we have planned for 2013 ministerial

political consultations with the full agenda."

Next, one of the most important direction is the economic, trade and investment cooperation. Their condition, according to the Czech side, has improved, so for the first nine months of 2012 the volume of trade amounted to about US\$66m, a 33% increase compared to last year's one-year allocation. This means that, most likely, by the end of 2012 we will have a record in the history of our bilateral trade. However, this does not exhaust the available potential of trade and economic relations between the two countries in this field, which is very promising. This was clearly demonstrated during the Sixth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission on Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation held in December last year in Prague. The participants discussed specific projects and business plans that reflect the perspectives for the development of trade and economic cooperation. Czech investor showed a special interest in projects in the chemical industry, which will be implemented in the Navoi free industrial economic zone. Another very important area is pharmaceuticals. Here cooperation can develop not only at the level of the supply of drugs, today a project to create a company for the production of vaccines and serums have been developed between Uzbekistan and the Czech Republic. I think that its implementation will not have to wait long. Also between the two countries projects are scheduled in food industry. Already, Czech producers supply to Uzbekistan, including small and private enterprises, equipment for bakery, processing of agricultural



products, meat and dairy industries. This is a good segment to expand partnerships.

It must be noted that there are excellent prospects in tourism. Interest on both sides is growing annually, as Czech citizens are particularly interested in individual tourism. Of course, the development of this sector is promoted by the availability of direct flights between Prague and Tashkent, which the Czech Airlines perform. Air service is activated, this year, the first time it happens in the winter timetable. A summer schedule will be even more intense.

As you can see, the plans are big, and the willingness of the parties to implement them, in my opinion, will be provided.

10 Years of Cooperation

In Prague, the Institute of Classical Archaeology, Faculty of Philosophy Charles University held a meeting dedicated to the 10th anniversary of cooperation between Uzbek and Czech archaeologists conducting joint excavations on the territory of Uzbek

The beginning of the joint work was a study of the Uzbek and Czech scientists on the Jandavlattepa hill, 10 km away south of the town of Sherabad. The results of the excavations discovered previously unknown pages in the history of Central Asia.

For 10 years the expedition spent five seasons of work, during which has collected extensive archaeological materials and scientific data. The purpose of the study was to determine the chronology and cultural richness of settlements from different periods of settlements in the area of Jandavlattepa to explore the territory of the settlement, to strengthen it, to find graves, objects inside buildings. As a result of the works a book was published by head of the Czech expedition Ladislav Stancho "In the Heart of Asia. 10 Years of Czech Archeology of Central Asia". The author brings to the public the results of excavations talks in detail about findings and discoveries.

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