

*On January 11, 2019, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan Abdulaziz Kamilov held negotiations with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Chingiz Aidarbekov.*

At the meeting, the parties noted with satisfaction that thanks to establishment of regular interaction between Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan at various levels, primarily between Heads of states, an unprecedented friendly atmosphere was created in bilateral relations, which allowed to consistently solve the accumulated problems and reach a new stage of cooperation.

The ministers focused on priority areas for further deepening relations between the two countries in 2019 and for the future in political, trade-economic, transport-communication, cultural-humanitarian and other fields.

The interest of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan in development of cooperation on a long-term and mutually beneficial basis was confirmed. As it was noted, over the 11 months of 2018, the trade turnover grew by 55% compared to the same period in 2017 and amounted to 363 million USD.

Regular meetings of the Council of Khokims of the Border Regions of Uzbekistan and plenipotentiaries of the Government of Kyrgyzstan in the Border Regions, chaired by the Prime Ministers of the two countries play an important role in bilateral relations.

The ministers also exchanged views on issues of the agenda of the first meeting of India – Central Asia Dialogue with participation of Afghanistan, which will be held in Samarkand on January 12-13.

The confidence was expressed that the forum in this format would allow expanding regional cooperation in various areas.

Following the negotiations, the ministers reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening and expanding cooperation both bilaterally and in the Central Asian format.

Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to Uzbekistan Ibrahim Junusov attended the meeting.

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