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CHINESE RUHNAMA

In 2003, the first copy of the Ruhnama's Chinese translation was given to the author of the book by the Chinese ambassador in Turkmenistan, Gao Yuysen. The accompanying message read: "Henceforth many Chinese readers can get acquainted with the book and receive more exact, authentic and all-round data on historical destiny of the Turkmen nation, on ancient great civilizations in territory of Turkmenistan".

More information:

Chinese can read Ruhnama on their native language

http://www.turkmenistan.ru/?page_id=3&lang_id=en&elem_id=4314&type=event&highlight_words=chinese&sort=date_desc

THE TURKMEN GAS COMMITMENT TO CHINA

China is Turkmenistan's fifth largest trade partner and the Turkmen-China natural-gas pipeline is the most significant business collaboration between the two states. The foundations for this were laid in 2006 by Niyazov who pledged to supply annually 30 billion cubic metres of natural gas to China beginning in 2009.

It should also be noted that China is the only one of Turkmenistan's international partners to have a production sharing agreement concerning Turkmen gas reserves, covering field exploration and development. The China National Petroleum Corp. has invested in production in the town of Iolotan in collaboration with the Turkish company Chalik Energy, headed by Niyazov's close colleague Ahmet Chalik. The two organisations shared the \$292 million investment required for the drilling of 12 oil wells in the region's newly-discovered oil and gas fields.

More information:

Massive Gas Reserves: Dangers Ahead for Turkmenistan

<http://www.newscentralasia.net/Articles-and-Reports/379.html>

Turkmenistan signs agreement with Turkish company to explore new gas and oil fields

http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2006/12/10/asia/AS_FIN_COM_Turkmenistan_Energy.php

TURKMENISTAN'S SUPPORT OF THE ONE-CHINA POLICY

Turkmenistan under Niyazov repeatedly declared its support of the One-China policy and it was a feature of the joint declaration signed by Niyazov during his visit to China in April 2006.

More information:

Turkmenistan once again confirms its adherence to one China policy

http://www.turkmenistan.ru/?page_id=3&lang_id=en&elem_id=7818&type=event&highlight_words=chinese&sort=date_desc

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BERDYMUHAMMEDOV'S 2007 VISIT TO CHINA

In July 2007, Berdymuhammedov made his first official visit to China and a Turkmenistan-China summit was hosted in the Eastern Hall of the People's Conventions Palace in Beijing. Bilateral agreements and a joint declaration were signed. Agreements were also made concerning technical and economic cooperation, lax credit from China to Turkmenistan, education, and fossil fuels (the latter with the Chinese National Petroleum Corporation). Berdymuhammedov invited Hu Jintao to Turkmenistan, a visit which would eventually take place in 2008.

More information:

China, Turkmenistan Sign Landmark Gas Deal

<http://www.newscentralasia.net/Regional-News/129.html>

BERDYMUHAMMEDOV ATTENDS THE 2008 BEIJING OLYMPIC GAMES

Berdymuhammedov returned to China for the Beijing Olympics in August 2008. According to his press service, the purpose of this mission was to have "talks with heads of foreign states and leaders of big companies in Beijing".

During the trip, Berdymuhammedov also met Cheng Shaopen, head of the Chinese company Levono, who were responsible for engineering- and IT-related preparations for the Beijing Olympics. The two men reportedly discussed cooperation in the fields of education, information technology, healthcare, transport, including railways, and the decoration of Ashgabat. The installation of giant screens in Ashgabat and the preparation of an Olympic town in the Turkmen capital were at the top of the agenda. To conclude the meeting, Cheng Shaopen "handed over to Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov the midget Olympic torch."

More information:

Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov meets with Hu Jintao

http://www.turkmenistan.ru/?page_id=3&lang_id=en&elem_id=13360&type=event&highlight_words=chinese&sort=date_desc

Turkmen President invites Lenovo to cooperate

http://www.turkmenistan.ru/?page_id=3&lang_id=en&elem_id=13361&type=event&highlight_words=chinese&sort=date_desc