

# Turkmen president's visit

## 2015: Year of neutrality and peace

Turkmenistan is a permanently neutral country, with its neutrality recognized by the global community through a U.N. General Assembly resolution passed on Dec. 12, 1995.

The peace-loving and peace-oriented foreign policy of Turkmenistan, conforming to the generally recognized principles of the world community and safeguarding the supreme national interests of Turkmenistan, embodies the unity of domestic and foreign policy, implemented under the leadership of President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov. The foreign policy doctrine encompasses the strengthening of the country's independence, preservation and promotion of peace, dynamic development of the national economy and implementation of market reforms. On the basis of these principles, Turkmenistan engages actively in international relations and global economic interaction.

The following are the conceptual parameters of Turkmenistan's foreign policy:

- Preserving and strengthening the state sovereignty of Turkmenistan and enhancing its role and standing in international relations;

- Creating favorable foreign policy conditions for the international development of the state;

- Upholding and implementing the national interests of Turkmenistan through all forms of diplomatic contacts, as prevalent in international diplomatic practice;

- Ensuring security through political and diplomatic means;



**Monument of Neutrality in Ashgabat, the capital of Turkmenistan** EMBASSY OF TURKMENISTAN

- Developing constructive and mutually advantageous cooperation with all foreign partners on the basis of equality and mutual respect;

- Ensuring full compliance of foreign policy actions in accordance with international law and the U.N. charter.

Steadily following a commitment to international obligations,

### Enhancing academic, bilateral relationships

From March 13 to 14, President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov is paying a working visit to Japan.

During his visit, the president is scheduled to attend the UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, which is being held in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture.

Also, the president will visit

tions, Turkmenistan is an active global participant, making worthy contributions to the cause of preserving and strengthening peace and security and pursuing the development of bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the international arena.

Turkmenistan has been actively involved in the fields of international relations, taking a respectable and worthy place in international politics, while enhancing mutually beneficial and equal cooperation with international organizations. Turkmenistan practices close and multifaceted cooperation with the U.N. as its main partner.

One of the main directions of the foreign policy of Turkmenistan is to build mutually beneficial multilateral and friendly relations with the countries of the world. In this regard, Turkmenistan maintains friendly and well-meaning relations with the Asia-Pacific region, which play an important role in geopolitics.

The concept of the foreign policy of Turkmenistan for the years 2013 to 2017 stressed that Turkmenistan pursue strategic

benefits with Asia-Pacific countries and develop mutual cooperation and beneficial relations with these countries.

As is known, the visit of the president of Turkmenistan to Japan from Sept. 11 to 13, 2013 was successful as agreements signed during the visit opened the way for the development of our relations and provided impetus to the strengthening of our bilateral cooperation.

Over the years of cooperation, Japan and Turkmenistan have signed 46 international agreements on the intergovernmental and inter-sector levels, covering a large scope of bilateral relations.

Showing relatively similar or overlapping approaches to urgent global development issues, Japan and Turkmenistan are also enjoying good cooperation on a multilateral basis.

Based on past successes, Turkmen-Japanese relations are expected to further develop in the future.

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President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov

### Brief biography of President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov

Gurbanguly Malikgulyevich Berdimuhamedov was born in June 29, 1957 in the village of Babarap in the Geok-tepe district of Turkmenistan's Ashgabat province.

In 1979 Berdimuhamedov graduated from the Turkmen State Medical Institute in Ashgabat, successfully defending his doctoral thesis and obtaining his doctorate.

From 1979 to 1997, Berdimuhamedov worked in different posts in Turkmenistan's Ministry of Healthcare and Medical Industry. He worked as a teacher, associate professor in the faculty of preventive dentistry and was later dean of the Dentistry Faculty of the Turkmen State Medical Institute and director of the Stomatological Center of the Ministry of Healthcare and Medical Institute of Turkmenistan.

In December 1997 he was appointed Minister of Healthcare and Medical Industry. At the same time Berdimuhamedov was holding the posts of Executive Director of the Healthcare Development Foundation of Turkmenistan and Acting Rector of the Turkmen State Medical Institute.

In April 2001, he was appointed deputy chairman of the Cabinet of ministers of Turkmenistan.

On December 21, 2006 by the decision of the State Security Council of Turkmenistan he was appointed acting president of Turkmenistan and supreme commander-in-chief of the armed forces of Turkmenistan.

In national elections on Feb. 11, 2007, he was chosen from among six candidates as president of Turkmenistan.

On Feb. 14, 2007 in the XIX session of Halk Maslahaty (Peoples council) – the supreme authority of Turkmenistan – Berdimuhamedov officially assumed the post of president of Turkmenistan.

Berdimuhamedov has received many honorary doctorates and is recognized as an academician at several universities and academies around the world. He speaks Russian and German, is married and has a son and two daughters.

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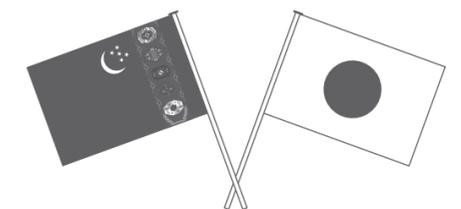
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