

# ISRS Director: “Samarkand has become a venue for making historical decisions, signing important agreements”



Tashkent hosts an international conference on the results of the Samarkand SCO Summit.

Addressing the event, the Director of the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Eldor Aripov emphasized that the Samarkand site has become not only the venue for the SCO Summit, but also the most important bilateral and trilateral negotiations of heads of state and heads of international organizations.

Key issues of global and regional development were discussed at the event. As a result of the negotiations, historical decisions were made in many respects.

In this context, the ISRS representative highlighted the signing of a trilateral agreement on the Uzbekistan – Kyrgyzstan – China railway construction project. “The project has been waiting for its decision for 20 years. The road is of strategic importance for increasing the transit potential of Central Asia, the development of the industrial infrastructure of the region”, he noted.

“In addition, the Samarkand Summit once again demonstrated that the SCO remains firmly committed to its fundamental principles – non-aligned status, non-targeting against third countries, mutual respect, consensus. Those principles that are the key and condition for the successful development of the SCO, increasing the authority and attractiveness of the Organization in the international arena”, concluded Eldor Aripov.

As previously reported, the event, organized by the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the International Institute for Central Asia, with the assistance of the Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the SCO, brought together more than 30 prominent representatives from among the expert and analytical circles of the SCO member states, as well as several foreign countries, including the United States, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Hungary and other countries.

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