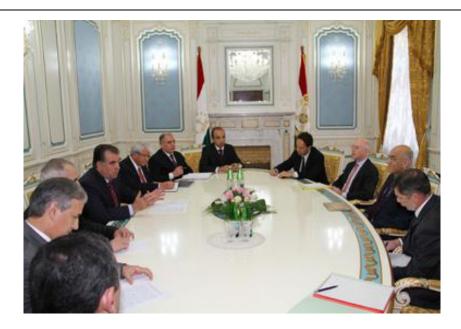
INTERNET ARTICLES ABOUT THE VISIT OF MR. MASOOD AHMED, IMF MCD DIRECTOR TO TAJIKISTAN DURING NOVEMBER 5-7, 2012

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Information Agency "Asia Plus" TAJIKISTAN ASKS IMF TO LAUNCH NEW SUPPORT PROGRAM Dushanbe, November 7, 2012 Author: Payrav Chorshanbiyev http://www.news.tj/en/news/tajikistan-asks-imf-launch-new-support-program

The Government of Tajikistan has applied to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) asking to consider the possibility of launching a new support program for Tajikistan.

Mr. Masood Ahmed, Director of the Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF told journalists this here on November 5 after a meeting with Tajik President Emonali Rahmon.

He expressed hope that an agreement on the next three-year program would be reached within the next few months.

Mr. Ahmed noted that the Fund would ready to continue to support Tajikistan through providing both technical assistance and financial resources.

According to him, they also discussed issues related to the financial and economic situation in the region and in the country itself.

"We discussed ways that would made economic growth of the country more sustainable so that it [economic growth] would promote creation of new jobs," IMF official said, noting that creation of new jobs will allow reducing the country's dependence on migrant remittances.

They reportedly also discussed ways to increase private investments in the country's economy.

On the same day, Masood Ahmed met with representatives of economic bloc ministries.

The IMF mission, led by Masood Ahmed, arrived in Dushanbe for a two-week visit on November 1.

National Information Agency of Tajikstan "Khovar"

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR OF IMF'S MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL ASIA DEPARTMENT MASOOD AHMED

Dushanbe, November 5, 2012

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Today, the President of the country Emomali Rahmon received the Director of IMF's Middle East and Central Asia Department Masood Ahmed.

The issues of fruitful cooperation of Tajikistan with the International Monetary Fund have been reviewed at the meeting.

It was noted with satisfaction that despite the complicated situation with the world economy and negative impact of regional difficulties, the Joint Programme of Tajikistan and IMF has been successfully finished within the framework of extended credit mechanism.

At the same time, both sides have expressed interest in the development and adoption of a new programme and continuation of effective cooperation. It was highlighted that the cooperation of Tajikistan with IMF in macroeconomic, fiscal and monetary spheres, as well as the realization of foreseen structural transformations aimed at the sustainable development of the country's economy in the period of increasing world and regional difficulties should be continued.

A constructive talk has also been held on the ways to ensure energy and food security of Tajikistan and to gradually improve well-being of the population, as well as other issues of mutual interest.

Information Agency "Avesta" E. RAHMON AND IMF REPRESENTATIVE DISCUSS COOPERATION PROSPECTS

Dushanbe, November 5, 2012

http://www.avesta.tj/eng/goverment/3142-e-rahmon-and-imf-representative-discusscooperation-prospects.html

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