

Japan Signs Agreement with Uzbekistan Relating to Investments

On August 15, the Japanese government concluded an agreement -- the so-called Japan-Uzbekistan Investment Agreement -- with the government of Uzbekistan relating to the liberalization, promotion and protection of investments by Japanese interests in that country. The document was signed in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, by Japanese Ambassador Tsutomu Hiraoka and the Uzbek Foreign Minister Vladimir Norov.

Uzbekistan, with the world's tenth largest confirmed reserves of uranium, has increasingly drawn the attention of Japanese corporations. Mitsui & Co., Ltd. has already initiated detailed consultations aimed at establishing a joint venture there to undertake geological surveys.

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