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# Head Of The Asian Development Bank Praises The Present Condition Of Armenian Economy

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Armenian Prime Minister Tigran Sargsian received today the delegation headed by the head of Asian Development Bank (ADB) Haruhiko Kuroda. The head of ADB noted that this is his first visit to Armenia which has two main aims - to discuss the directions of further cooperation and to take part in the official opening ceremony of the Yerevan office of the Bank.

The public relations department of Armenian government told Armenpress that Haruhiko Kuroda praised the present condition of Armenian economy taking into consideration the high economic growth, limited increase of prices and the carried out smart macro-economic policy.

According to the head of ADB, today quality infrastructures are necessary for Armenian economy and the ADB and Armenian government already cooperate in this direction.

In connection with this Armenian prime minister Tigran Sargsian thanked for the Bank's support in the reconstruction of rural roads, the programs of water supply and sewage and in working out of strategy of development of transportation sphere and considered the above mentioned programs extremely important from the viewpoint of proportionate development of Armenian territories which is considered a priority for the Armenian government.

Tigran Sargsian presented to the guest the possible directions of further cooperation and the existing potential. He particularly underscored the importance of technical and financial support to the pension reforms, support directed to the smoothening of the results of global financial crises especially for the development of infrastructures as well as the support to the implementation of electronic management with the usage of rich experience of ADB and the crediting of small and medium-sized enterprises through providing loan recourses to Armenian banks.

The prime minister also expected the participation of ADB in the works of establishment of techno parks and free economic zones and development of transit transportation infrastructures.

The Armenian prime minister also asked Haruhiko Kuroda to support the representation of our country in the ADB council for presenting Armenian interests in the council.

The head of ADB considered all the suggestions of Armenian prime minister important and noted that the bank has a great experience in a number of spheres and is ready to support Armenia. To all the spheres mentioned by Tigran Sargsian Haruhiko Kuroda also added the information technology sphere where, according to him, Armenia has a serious potential.

The head of the Bank promised to discuss the presented suggestions circumstantially and to respond to them.

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