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President of Turkmenistan receives OSCE Secretary General

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, Secretary General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, who had arrived on a working visit to the Turkmen capital to participate in the energy security forum "Strengthening regional co-operation in Central Asia for promoting stable and reliable energy within Eurasia" organized in collaboration with Turkmen partners and the Regional Heads of Mission meeting in Central Asia.

Expressing gratitude for the opportunity to discuss the prospects for traditional cooperation during a personal meeting, the head of the authoritative international organisation congratulated the leader of the Turkmen state on the success of the state visit to the People's Republic of China that had aroused intense interest all over the world.

Greeting the honorary guest and thanking him for the heartfelt congratulations Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov focused with satisfaction on the high effectiveness of the Turkmen-Chinese summit in Shanghai that had symbolically coincided with the opening of the World Expo 2010 at which Turkmenistan showcased its achievements for the first time. The Turkmen leader said that the top-level talks had confirmed the intention of the two countries to steadily intensify long-term effective collaboration that had the assets of number of important joint projects including construction of the gas pipeline that had started to supply Turkmen natural gas to China in late 2009.

The OSCE Secretary General said that Turkmenistan's geopolitical location made to view it as a key link between Europe and Asia that opened up vast opportunities to foster the long-term dialogue that had received new incentives through the Turkmen leader's active, innovative policy. Welcoming Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov's new international initiatives on global energy security and disarmament in particular, the OSCE Secretary General sad that his organisation was keenly interested in implementing new joint projects n these critical fields.

President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov reaffirmed Turkmenistan's readiness to strengthen contacts with the OSCE as an internationally recognized and authoritative organisation that aimed its activity at ensuring and maintaining global stability and security. In this regard the Turkmen leader emphasized that Turkmenistan http://www.turkmenistan.gov.tm/_en/?idr=1&id=100505a attached paramount significance to the summit which was scheduled in collaboration with the OSCE for the second half of 2010.

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President of Turkmenistan visits heliport of Turkmenhowayollary Service

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov arrived to the heliport located at the foothills of the Kopetdag Mountains. There Chairman of the Tukmenhowayollary State National Service B. Kakalyev greeted the Turkmen leader and reported on the readiness of two new Mi 17-1B helicopters, which had been recently delivered in Turkmenistan and passed the first tests, for service.

Commenting on the report Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov expressed the willingness to see the rotorcraft. The President came on board of one of the helicopters. In the cabin the Turkmen leader showed keen interest in equipment and devices, in particular high-precision instruments.

As is known, state-of-the-art equipment and machines are purchased on a regular basis in the framework of the civil aviation development programme initiated by the leader of the Turkmen state to modernize and renew the air fleet of the Turkmenhowayollary State National Service, which has been recently replenished with new rotorcrafts produced by the world's leading aircraft builders.

The helicopters that replenished the air fleet of Turkmenistan had been purchased in accordance with the Resolution of the President of Turkmenistan under the contract with the Public Corporation Kazansliy Vertolyotny Zavod. The opportunities to establish direct business contacts with this largest aircraft builder of the Russian Federation were discussed during the visit of President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov to the Republic of Tatarstan in June 2008.

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Turkmen leader's state visit to China – a landmark in the history of bilateral relations

Turkmen-Chinese top-level talks in Shanghai

On the last day of the state visit of President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov to the People's Republic of China the Turkmen-Chinese top-level took place in Shanghai marking a new critical step to further intensify the traditional dialogue of friendship and mutually advantageous cooperation between the two countries and peoples.

In the morning the President's cortege headed for the Shanghai International Convention Centre where the official ceremony of meeting the distinguished guest took place.

President of the People's Republic of China Hu Jintao greeted heartily the Turkmen leader Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov in the Mandarin Hall. The leader of Turkmenistan and the head of the PRC entered the Hall introduced the members of the government delegations of Turkmenistan and China.

Upon concluding the official ceremony the Chinese leader invited Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov to hold the talks in the Shanghai Hall. The official delegations took part in the talks.

Greeting heartily the honorary guest, PRC President Hu Jintao thanked the Turkmen leader for accepting the invitation to pay a state visit to China and attend the Expo-2010 opening ceremony. Taking an opportunity Hu Jintao expressed profound gratitude to President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov for the heartfelt welcome extended to the Chinese official delegation during the visit to Turkmenistan last December when the ceremony of putting the Turkmenistan-China gas pipeline into operation had taken place. The Chinese leader expressed gratitude to the Turkmen leader for his condolences over the devastating earthquake which had caused numerous human casualties and damage in Qinghai Province in the west of China.

Emphasizing that China attached paramount significance to traditionally friendly, constructive relationships with Turkmenistan and stood ready to discuss all aspects of further bilateral cooperation, the leader of the People's Republic of China gave the floor to the honorary Turkmen guest.

Thanking President Hu Jintao for inviting to visit China, extending hospitality and heartfelt welcome to the Turkmen delegation in China, creating the enabling environment for effective

joint work, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov emphasized that this visit was viewed in Turkmenistan as a landmark in the history of relationships between the two countries that actively developed cooperation in the whole spectrum of fields.

The Turkmen leader said that a critical factor in further enhancing the intergovernmental dialogue was a high level of mutual understanding and assistance that was always inherent in Turkmenistan and China. The views of the two countries on many important aspects of international relationships, first of all in the political sphere, were close or similar. In this regard President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov underscored the importance of close cooperation to establish reliable security system in Central Asia on a basis of a multilateral balance of interests and commitment to the political and diplomatic instruments to address emerging problems.

"Both Turkmenistan and China take the approaches to these issues as a responsible members of the world community making a profound practical contribution to building the regional mechanisms for collaboration and promoting the positive tendencies that are observed in the region," the leader of the Turkmen state said.

Emphasizing with satisfaction the dynamic development of trade and economic contacts, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov said that bilateral trade had risen 40 times as compared to 2000 and made up about US\$1.5 billion in 2008. Today, 37 enterprises with the Chinese capital share operated in Turkmenistan and about 60 joint investment projects totally amounted to over US\$ 4 billion and about 2.5 billion of Chinese Yuan had been registered. The Chinese companies operate in the oil and gas, textile, chemical and food industries, transport, agricultural and telecommunications sectors. The Turkmen leader noted that Chinese partners hit their strides in all joint undertakings.

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President of Turkmenistan receives CEO of CNPC

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, who is on the three-day state visit to the People's Republic of China, received Jiang Jiemin, President of the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) in his residence in the Sofitel Hotel in Shanghai.

Thanking heartily the Turkmen leader for granting a personal audience, which had been included in the very busy schedule of the Turkmen leader's visit to China, the President of CNPC congratulated Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on the opening of the Turkmenistan Pavilion at the World Expo-2010 that vividly illustrated the outstanding achievements of the country which resolutely moved forward along the path of fundamental reforms and changes. It was noted that intense interest shown by the Expo-2010 visitors in Turkmenistan's exposition indisputably evidenced an increasing international prestige of Turkmenistan which had earned the reputation of a dependable partner.

Jiang Jiemin emphasized that this factor conditioned to a larger extent a keen interest of the Chinese business community in expanding on the very promising market and establishing full-scale partnership in the interests of the two countries that had dozens of important joint projects at the national and international levels in its arsenal. In this regard the top manager of the largest petroleum company underscored the significance of the XXI century project - the Turkmenistan-Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan-China gas pipeline. The ceremony of putting the gas pipeline into operation late last year was recognized by the international community as a historical global-scale event.

During the meeting the President of CNPC reported on the progress in implementing of the projects on extraction of 'blue fuel' in Turkmenistan and construction of production

infrastructure in the gas fields on the right bank of the Amu Darya River under the Production Sharing Agreement concluded with Turkmen partners. The Chinese businessmen said that the necessary work was carried out in a proper and timely manner that was a major requirement made by Turkmenistan to foreign partners.

Focusing on an enhanced role of natural gas in achieving global energy security Jiang Jiemin said that China, the rapidly growing economy was in urgent need for energy, was greatly interested in establishing in full-scale partnership with Turkmenistan as a world's gas producer with the profound hydrocarbon potential.

In conclusion Jiang Jiemin expressed gratitude for taking a constructive approach to cooperation and assured President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov that CNPC would justify confidence granted and work more effectively in Turkmenistan where all favourable conditions for foreign businesses were created.

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President of Turkmenistan receives Deputy General Manager of LENOVO

In the framework of the state visit to the People's Republic of China Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Jack Lee, Deputy General Manager of the LENOVO Company. The meeting took place in the Turkmen leader's residence in the Sofitel Hotel.

Thanking President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov for the opportunity of a personal meeting Jack Le expressed belief that the Turkmen leader's visit would give a new impetus to develop the traditional intergovernmental dialogue. Underscoring a keen interest of the LENOVO Company specializing in the field of computer and information technologies in enhancing mutually advantageous cooperation, the businessmen reaffirmed the company's intention to expand on the very promising Turkmen market.

Greeting the top manager of the largest Chinese company that had been successfully operating in Turkmenistan for many years, the Turkmen leader expressed gratitude for taking a responsible approach to the implementation of projects and the willingness to maintain fruitful partnership.

During the meeting the sides exchanged views on the prospects for and ways to expand mutually advantageous cooperation in compliance with ongoing large-scale reforms. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov noted that Turkmenistan implemented the strategy for technology modernization of all sectors of the national economy through applying scientific and technological advances and innovations in all sectors, and the Chinese company's expertise could be of great use in this regard. In this context the Chinese businessmen said that LENOVO stood ready to offer its expertise and potential to Turkmen partners and put forward a number of proposals to enhance mutually advantageous partnership.

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President of Turkmenistan receives top manager of Chinese ZTE

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, who is on a state visit to the People's Republic of China, received Shi Li Zhun, General Manager of the largest Chinese telecommunications company ZTE in his residence in the Sofitel Hotel.

Greeting the Turkmen leader and thanking for the opportunity of a personal meeting, the businessmen expressed keen interest in establishing closer partnership built on the mutually advantageous long-term basis. Shi Lee Zhen noted that the representations of the largest Chinese companies intended to establish business cooperation with Turkmenistan that was conditioned by the profound potential of the Turkmen market.

Underscoring Turkmenistan's willingness to establish effective collaboration with foreign partners, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov focused on the existing vast opportunities to develop cooperation in various fields. The Turkmen leader said that advanced technologies and expertise of the leading Chinese companies could be of great use for Turkmenistan where large-scale programmes for technology modernization of all sectors of the national economy had been launched.

Exchanging views on the prospects for fruitful cooperation the top manager of ZTE reported on the progress in implementing joint projects and put forward a number of new proposals for modernization of telecommunications systems.

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Global energy security principles to be developed

Ashgabat hosts international energy forum

The Conference on Enhancing Regional Cooperation in Central Asia to Ensure Sustainable and Reliable Energy in Eurasia is opened in the Turkmen capital. The representative forum organized by the Ministry of Oil and Gas Industry and Mineral Resources and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe has brought together more than 120 participants from over 20 countries representing the world's leading oil and gas companies, the sectoral departments of our country and the diplomatic missions and international organisations accredited to Turkmenistan, Turkmen and foreign news agencies.

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov noted in his welcoming statement to forum participants that Turkmenistan's energy approach involved the guarantees of stable and reliable energy transit to the world markets and this policy was based on the need to concert efforts of nations of the world to ensure security of energy transit. Abiding by the open door policy Turkmenistan stood for stability and progress across the world and the region.

An interest in the conference is apparent and natural. As the issues of global energy security that Turkmenistan's international initiatives are aimed at and the need for international safeguards of reliable transit of energy are of particular concern for all - energy producers, energy transit countries and consumers.

As is known, our country put forward the initiative of the Resolution on the Reliable and Stable Transit of Energy and Its Role in Ensuring Sustainable Development and International Cooperation that was unanimously adopted at the 63rd session of the UN General Assembly. This critical document, in fact, urged the world community to develop the international regulatory framework that would ensure reliable energy transit. For this purpose in view the Turkmen capital hosted a number of the international forums aimed at designing the action plan to ensure reliable and stable energy transport process. The conference, which started its work in the conference hall of the President Hotel, is a new step on this path.

Turkmenistan's commitment to diversification of energy transit is supported all over the world because expansion of energy export infrastructure and achievement of stability of energy transit are a key to global sustainable development and international cooperation. Today, our country has launched development of large natural gas deposits including the Southern Yoloten-Osman field that is known all over the world for its huge reserves and serves as another evidence of the existence of substantial hydrocarbon resources in Turkmenistan that enable to meet the old needs as well as develop new markets.

Starting to supply energy along two new export routes in the past six months our country created new realities of the geography of energy flows on the Eurasian continent. These include the XXI century project - Turkmenistan-China gas pipeline and the second branch of the gas pipeline to Iran (Dovletabat-Hangeran). These projects that were implemented in the shortest period of time supplemented the existing configurations of energy transit to the world markets. At present, the possibilities for construction several gas arteries are under study for Turkmenistan and its partners are interested in expanding the geography of energy flows.

Through implementing large-scale projects Turkmenistan gains strength as an exporter of energy to the world markets. The conference participants were unanimous that the activities aimed at diversifying energy transit and employing the profound potential of the country contributed to achieving global energy security.

Addressing the forum Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, OSCE Secretary-General emphasized that the Ashgabat conference was a new step towards reliability and stability of energy transit on the continent that the OSCE intended to contribute further and Turkmenistan as one of the largest oil and gas producers in the world appeared on the global arena as an initiator of concerted efforts to ensure sustainable energy transit.

Among the key issues addressed by the Conference were the role of the Eurasian continent in the global system of energy security, the principles and guidelines for developing stable energy market. During two days conference participants will be searching for the ways to ensure reliable and stable energy transport process and develop cooperation in this field as well as designing the relevant international regulatory framework.

Undoubtedly, Turkmenistan's international initiatives are welcomed across the world, and the fact that Ashgabat again became the venue for the international forum on energy security proves that to the full extent. By standing steadfast to its international commitments, our country has earned an established reputation of a dependable partner on energy market.

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Turkmenistan-UN: cooperation in legal sector

"The International Election Standards and Best Practice of Development of the Unified Election Code was the theme of the roundtable which was conducted in the Turkmen capital. The forum was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, the Turkmen National Institute for Democracy and Human Rights under President of Turkmenistan and the UN Development Programme (UNDP) under the joint project "Cooperation on Enhancing Electoral System and Processes in Turkmenistan".

The deputies of the Mejlis, the representatives of the Central Commission for Elections and Referenda, the MFA, the Ministry of Justice, the Institute of State and Law under the President of Turkmenistan, the Turkmen National Institute for Democracy and Human Rights under President of Turkmenistan, the Institute of International Relations, the public organisations and the media agencies took part in the meeting, which was conducted in the conference hall of the Grand Turkmen Hotel in Ashgabat. UNDP International Consultant in Turkmenistan, Mr. Daniel Patrick Finn was among the experts invited to participate in the roundtable.

The organizers noted that the major aim of the forum was to provide consultations to Turkmen specialists on monitoring legal and statutory acts and developing the recommendations to further modernize the national legislation, in particular draft the Unified Election Code.

As is known, Turkmenistan successfully implements the legal reforms in the framework the large-scale social and economic and democratic reforms initiated by President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov. The comprehensive programme for updating and developing the national regulatory framework provides for the implementation of universally recognized norms of international legal and the study of the best international experience. The critical steps to foster progressive reforms included the adoption of the new Constitution of Turkmenistan that set forth the democratic principles of the national electoral system. This fundamental document brought the key norms of the electoral processes in Turkmenistan in compliance with international standards.

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Expo-2010: Turkmenistan showcases its achievements to world community

The Turkmenistan Pavilion at the World Expo-2010, which has opened today in Shanghai, the People's Republic of China has the area of over 1,000 square metres. For our country that participates in the universal forum for the first time this is a new opportunity to showcase its achievements and accomplishments to the world community as well as study the best international practices in various fields and expand the geography of cooperation with foreign partners.

It should be noted that the opening of the World Exhibition Expo-2010 coincides with the state visit of President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov to the People's Republic of China. This visit will certainly offer new incentives to develop traditionally friendly Turkmen-Chinese relations. As is known, in accordance with the relevant Resolutions of the President of Turkmenistan the Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Union of Manufactures and Entrepreneurs concluded the contracts with the Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination and cosponsored the Turkmenistan exposition at the Expo-2010. Certainly, the participation of the national leader Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov in the World Expo opening ceremony will enhance the prestige of the national exposition that showcases the products, potential and prospects for cooperation of about thirty sectoral ministries and departments

and the private sector of our country. The main theme of the Shanghai World Exhibition is "Better City, Better Life". In this regard Turkmenistan where grandiose changes have been launched on the initiative of President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has what to demonstrate. The symbol of the changes taking place in the country is the white-marble Turkmen capital which has turned into one of the most beautiful and comfortable cities of in the world through implementing the large-scale urban development programme. Therefore, it is quite natural that Ashgabat will be a major focus of the national exposition and represented as the largest administrative and business, scientific, educational, cultural and transport centre of the country.

Today, fundamental reforms aimed at guaranteeing the high standards of living to citizens have embraced all regions of Turkmenistan including the most remote areas. Thus, the organizers of the national exposition have to achieve the complex goal - to reflect the main idea of the forum and at the same time create a bright, impressive image of Turkmenistan in the epoch of new Revival at the Expo-2010.

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Blowout hit in Altyguyi field

Prospecting works carried out by the specialists of the Turkmennebit State Concern in Altyguyi field in Balkan Velayat resulted in discovering new oil pools. Recently, an oil and gas blowout with the high output was received at a depth of 3,728-3,740 metres while prospecting exploratory well 4. According to preliminary estimate, its output is 75 tons of oil and 100,000 cubic metres of gas a day.

According to the Turkmennebit State Concern, Altyguyi field where the prospecting work started in 2008 ranked among gas deposits. The first gas stream was received there in September 2008. Subsequent drilling activities revealed large reserves of 'blue fuel' in this deposit.

Oil pools discovered in Altyguyi field allow speaking about their high output. The thickness of the deep-seated seam will allow increasing extraction of liquid hydrocarbons. Today, the work is carried on to identify the oil and gas pool boundaries in this region. Even today Altyguyi field contributes profoundly to increasing oil and gas production in Turkmenistan. The specialists of the Korpeje Department of the Turkmennebit State Concern are engaged in operating gas wells in this field. 'Blue fuel' produced in Altyguyi field is transported via the pipeline network to the Korpeje-Kurtkuyi pipeline that supplies Turkmen gas to Iran. Oil industry workers of the Kamyshlyjanebit Department will start to extract oil. They have already connected the first oil well to the pipeline which supplies 'black gold' to the Turkmenbashi complex of oil refineries.

Construction of new oil and gas fields is a priority aspect of the activity of the Turkmennebit State Concern. At present, Turkmen oil and gas industry operate about 30 fields including 600 oil, oil and gas and gas pools at different stages of reservoir development. The fields that have been recently developed and put on production include Chekishler, Garadurun, South Kamyshlyja, Nebitlije and others.

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Meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov chaired a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers to review the economic performance and social progress of Turkmenistan in January-April of 2010 and the other priority issues of the national policy.

Vice Premier T. Japarov reported on the major macroeconomic indicators achieved in January-April of 2010. The Vice Premier emphasized that the large-scale reforms launched throughout the country had enabled to dynamically develop all sectors of the national economy and steadily raise the standards of living of citizens of the country.

The high GDP growth rate was maintained particularly through the dynamic development of such sectors as construction, transportation, communications, trade, service industries and, agriculture. The foreign trade turnover, export of liquefied gas, oil and oil products, polypropylene, ginned cotton, yarn, cotton fabrics and textiles. The volume of investments including all sources of finance increased to 157.6 percent as compared to the same period of 2009. According to the preliminary results achieved in four months, an increase in retail turnover was expected.

Vice Premier M. Yazmammedova reported on the preparations for the celebrations to honour the 65th anniversary of the Victory in the 1941-1945 Great Patriotic War. Emphasizing the special role of this remarkable date in patriotic education of youth and maintaining the humanistic traditions and customs in the society, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov demanded that the anniversary celebrations be held in a proper manner and marked with bright concerts with the participation of art groups and workers of culture and art of Turkmenistan.

Vice Premier B. Hojamammedov reported on the work done by the oil and gas enterprises, the volumes of natural gas exports in the reporting period and the progress of construction of children's health improvement centres in Geokdere commissioned at the request of the oil and gas ministries and departments. The Vice Premier reported on the success of drilling operations in Altyguyi field in Balkan Velayat that had resulted in discovering large 'black gold' deposits.

Evaluating highly the this labour achievements of Turkmen oil and gas industry workers, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov focused on the need to steadily enhance the resource and production potential of the fuel and energy sector. Touching upon the aspects of the national energy strategy including diversification of transit of Turkmen energy to world markets in this context, the President focused on the fact that one billion cubic metres of natural gas had been exported via the Turkmenistan-China pipeline put into operation last December.

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Foundation for future 'white gold' harvests laid

The cotton sowing campaign is completed in the country. Turkmen cotton growers used effectively every fine spring day and hour to conduct the sowing campaign in a timely manner. This year it is planned to harvest 1.05 million tons of the strategic crops on the 550,000-hectare sown areas

The cotton growing associations throughout the country carried out the preparatory work. Agricultural workers ploughed up and laid out fields in a proper manner to sow the valuable industrial crop and stored 66,000 tons of high-quality seed grain. John Deere, Case, Belarus-1221, MTZ-80X tractors, sowing machines and other equipment were engaged in sowing

cotton. It should be noted that different cotton varieties were sown in each region depending on local soil and climatic conditions. For example, Yoloten-7 middle staple cotton variety is sown in Ahal, Lebap and Mary Velayats, 133 - in all the velayats except for Dashoguz. 14C-4727, Dashoguz-120 and Serdar middle staple cotton varieties are sown in the northern region. Cotton growers of Lebap and Balkan Velayats sowed C-2606 middle-staple cotton variety along with other varieties. 9871-Y, 9946-Y, Yoloten-14, Yoloten-32 fine staple cotton varieties were sown in Ahal and Mary Velayats.

Cotton sprouts have appeared on the majority of plantations. It should be noted that seeds were treated with P-4 agent to prevent plants from diseases that allowed shortening the sprouting period.

Picture of the Week

