

**Meeting with H.E Mr. Mansurbek Kilichev,
Ambassador of Uzbekistan
Tuesday the 18th of July 2023, EBA Premises**

EBA has held a meeting with H.E Mr. Mansurbek Kilichev, Ambassador of Uzbekistan and Mr. Otabek Alimov, Head of Cultural & Protocol sectors. The Meeting was attended by Dr. Mohamed Youssef, Executive Director of EBA and Mrs. Dalia Youssef, Division Director of International Relations & Membership Affairs at EBA.

Main points of discussion:

➤ **H.E Mr. Mansurbek Kilichev**

- The Embassy supports the signature of a Business Council between EBA and Chamber of commerce and industry of Uzbekistan.
- In order to boost the trade and economic cooperation between the two friendly countries.
- H.E also added that a lot of mega Egyptian companies are investing in Uzbekistan (El Sewedy, Hassan Allam, Sawiris, Academia)
- Uzbekistan welcomes new investors to bring technology and know-how and investment fund will be provided by the Uzbek government.
- Uzbekistan is planning to establish an export / train center in Port said and he asked for the support of EBA in facilitating the contacts to materialize this project as they are still waiting for Egyptian endorsement from ministry of trade, and he also added that Uzbekistan is keen to invest in Egypt in order to make use of FTAs.
- One of the main obstacles of trade is not having a regular direct flight to Uzbekistan.
- Tourism is one of the major sectors of cooperation between the two countries that has tripled its tourism to Egypt during pandemic.

➤ **Dr. Mohamed Youssef**

- Proposed a working plan:
 1. Online business ceremony in end of July
 2. Organizing an awareness meeting on International Day of Uzbekistan attended by H.E the Ambassador in September
 3. Organize first joint business meeting online in September.
 4. Study the feasibility of organizing business delegation from Egypt to Uzbekistan
- In order for EBA to assist facilitating the project in Port said, we need to receive a small concept note about the project.