

## Turkmenistan and China confirm their loyalty to the historical traditions of friendship and mutual trust

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Turkmenistan and China always emphasize their loyalty to the historical traditions of friendship and mutual trust, noting the fact that the current level of mutual understanding is based on a deep, thousand-year foundation of good neighborliness and respectful communication and knowledge.

It is known that throughout the formation of the unified Chinese empire, it was invariably in close contact with the ancient ancestors of the Turkmen - the Oghuz, as well as the Huns, Massagets, Parthians, Geok-Turks and other peoples. The two largest civilizations of Asia (Turkic and Chinese) were always in contact with each other, concluded dynastic marriages and alliance treaties, traded and exchanged military and cultural achievements. During palace ceremonies, Oghuz ambassadors sat next to the Chinese emperor. A Chinese-Turkic dictionary was compiled, which, unfortunately, has not survived to this day. More than 10 thousand Oghuz families moved to China. Under the influence of the Oghuz, a fashion for everything Turkic - music, clothing, etc. - arose in China in the 8th century.

The fact of sending the Emperor of China "heavenly horses" - the famous Akhal-Teke horses - is also well known.

These are just a few examples that testify to the process of synthesis of political cultures that has been taking place over the centuries. In many ways, it predetermined the essence of Turkmen-Chinese interstate economic and humanitarian ties in the modern era. In this context, the President of Turkmenistan rightly stated that Turkmenistan and China today are true friends, strategic partners and like-minded people, the relations between which cannot be considered in isolation from the deep historical context formed over centuries of a special, unique type of relationship.