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Sojitz Corporation

Chairman Fujimoto Awarded Uzbekistan's Dustlik (Friendship) Order

Chairman Masayoshi Fujimoto, Representative Director of Sojitz Corporation ("Sojitz"), received the Dustlik (Friendship) Order, a national award presented by the government of Uzbekistan through presidential decree in honor of the 35th anniversary of the country's independence.



[Ceremony of Uzbekistan's 35th National Day in Tokyo (September 16, 2026)
Pictured: Director of the Migration Agency (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Japan) Mukhsinkhuja Abdurakhmonov with Fujimoto(left)]

The Order of Dustlik is Uzbekistan's distinguished national award conferred on individuals who have made significant contributions to Uzbekistan's social and economic development, and advancement of bilateral cooperation and economic partnerships with Japan.

Sojitz has supported Uzbekistan's sustainable growth through the development of infrastructure projects in recent years, including the Syrdarya II thermal power plant, which will cover up to 10% of the country's electricity demand. In addition, Sojitz is currently developing a new airport project in the capital, Tashkent, a large-scale wind power plant in Navoi, and a multidisciplinary hospital in Samarkand. This award recognizes Sojitz's contributions to the development of economic partnerships and friendly relations with

Uzbekistan. Over the years, Sojitz has developed diverse business initiatives in Uzbekistan while strengthening bilateral ties and engaging in dialogue with the Uzbek government. This marks the first time the Dustlik Order has been presented to a member of the Japanese private sector.

Comment from Masayoshi Fujimoto:

It is a tremendous honor to receive this Dustlik Order, and I would like to reaffirm my commitment to living up to this great honor. We at Sojitz recognize the significant responsibility and high expectations that come with this esteemed award. In the years ahead, Sojitz will continue to contribute to the sustainable development of the country as a long-term partner, uniting Japan and Uzbekistan by furthering friendly relations and economic cooperation between both countries.

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