
HONG KONG'S GROWING INTEREST IN UZBEKISTAN: BUILDING A NEW GATEWAY TO CENTRAL ASIA

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Relations between Uzbekistan and Hong Kong have entered a new stage of development, characterized by expanding cooperation in trade, investment, innovation, and technology. The recent visit of Hong Kong Chief Executive John Lee Ka-chiu to Uzbekistan, accompanied by representatives of more than 70 companies and organizations, underscored the growing importance both sides attach to strengthening bilateral ties.

For Hong Kong, Uzbekistan has emerged as one of the most attractive destinations in Central Asia. As the region's most populous country and one of its fastest-growing economies, Uzbekistan offers a rapidly expanding market, an improving business environment, and a strategic location linking East Asia, South Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. These factors position the country as a key gateway to the wider Central Asian region.

At the same time, Hong Kong provides Uzbekistan with access to global capital markets, financial services, investment networks, and innovation ecosystems. Beyond its role as a financial hub, Hong Kong's experience in digital transformation, startup development, and technology commercialization can support Uzbekistan's modernization agenda and economic diversification.

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