



WELCOMING SPEECH
by the President of the
Republic of Tajikistan
H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon
at the official reception in honor
of participants of the 38th
Annual Meeting of the
Islamic Development Bank Group

Dushanbe, "Palace of Independence",
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Excellency, Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Ali,
President of the Islamic Development Bank,
Excellencies, Ministers, Governors,
Distinguished participants of the Annual
Meeting of the Islamic Development Bank Group,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honor and distinct pleasure to welcome all of you, honorable guests to the ancient land of Tajikistan.

We are extremely delighted to host high-ranking delegations of the member-states of the main financial institution of the Islamic world, and the senior management of the Islamic Development Bank.

I am confident that the meeting, scheduled to take place in the city of Dushanbe, will serve as an important milestone in the further intensification of our cooperation aimed at promotion of continued economic prosperity of our nations and creation of a life of dignity for our peoples.

Tajikistan considers Islamic Development Bank as a trustworthy and reliable international partner.

Projects and programs implemented in Tajikistan so far by means or by the support of the Islamic Development Bank are essential for our country.

15 public investment projects worth of more than 64 million U.S. dollars have been fully implemented in Tajikistan up to date in a close cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank.

Our fruitful cooperation with IDB continues and we remain strongly committed to bolster our bilateral connections for the good of further socio-economic growth of our country and the wellbeing of entire Islamic world.

I have no doubt that the results of today's meetings and negotiations will give a new, powerful impetus to the deepening of our relations in the spirit of brotherhood and friendship of the peoples of the Muslim Ummah.

I am honored to once again sincerely welcome all of you to Tajikistan and wish you good health, prosperity and every success.

May the Almighty Allah's help and blessing be with us.