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CLIMATE DIPLOMACY AND SECURITY PROJECT LAUNCHED FOR KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, UZBEKISTAN

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On December 17, a presentation of a project on climate diplomacy and security in Central Asia was held in Bishkek. The project is being implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in cooperation with relevant government agencies in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan with the support of the UK Government.

Kyrgyzstan, like the UK and all countries of the world, cannot deal with environmental threats alone. That is why the whole world will gather for the UN Climate Change Conference COP26 in Glasgow in November 2021. I believe this conference provides an excellent opportunity for Kyrgyzstan to draw attention to the unique challenges that Central Asia is facing and propose a plan to contribute to global efforts to combat climate change, British Ambassador Charles Garrett said in his welcoming speech. The British Embassy in Bishkek launched this project as part of our bilateral cooperation with Kyrgyzstan and in partnership with UNDP. We hope to raise awareness not only of citizens of Kyrgyzstan, but also citizens of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan about the problems of climate change, and to support the efforts of Central Asian governments to prepare for COP26. I hope that together we can change the situation.

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