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## RUSSIAN FM LAVROV VISITS NUR-SULTAN, REAFFIRMS STRATEGIC COOPERATION WITH KAZAKHSTAN

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov paid an official visit to Kazakhstan and met with President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev focusing on the new ways to boost the strong ties between the two countries, reported the Akorda press service.

The meeting focused on key aspects of bilateral cooperation, including trade, economy, culture and humanitarian fields as well as the space industry.

In 2020, the two countries traded US\$19 billion, a slight 4.7 percent decrease compared to 2019. Despite the coronavirus outbreak last year, Kazakhstan and Russia gave start to several important projects together, including the construction of Kamaz factories in Kostanai, the launch of Eurochem chemical facilities in the Zhambyl Region and a tire production project with Russias Tatneft in the Karaganda Region.

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