

Presidential Election Results Announced

Today, December 9, the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan convened for a meeting to review the results of the presidential elections that took place on 4 December.

The CEC chief Mirza-Ulugbek Abdusalomov stated that the country's citizens have taken active part in the vote, showing a high level of political and civic stance, as well as a sense of belonging to the fate of the Motherland.

By their participation in the presidential ballot, citizens expressed once again their support for the policy of reforms in the country.

The Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on the basis of received protocols of district election commissions, determined that out of 20 million 461 thousand 805 voters included in the register of voters 17,951,667 people cast their ballot on 4 December 2016. This represents 87.73 percent of the total turnout of voters.

As the results of the elections demonstrate, 421,55 citizens or 2.35 percent of those who participated in the elections have voted for candidate from the Milly Tiklanish Democratic Party of Uzbekistan Sarvar Sadullayevich Otamuratov, 15,906,724 voters or 88.61 percent of those who took part in the presidential polls have voted for candidate from the Movement of Entrepreneurs and Businesspeople – the Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan Shavkat Miromonovich Mirziyoyev, while candidate from the People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan Hatamjon Abdurahmonovich Ketmonov gathered the votes of 669,187 citizens or 3.73 percent of voters taken part in the elections, and the candidate of Adolat Social Democratic Party Narimon Majitovich Umarov received the votes of 619,972 citizens or 3.46 percent of those who took part in the vote.

Thus, in accordance with the results of the elections of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, held on 4 December 2016, the nominee of the Movement of Entrepreneurs and Businesspeople – the Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan Shavkat Miromonovich Mirziyoyev claims victory.

In accordance with Articles 90, 117 of the Constitution, Articles 14, 35, 36 of the Law on Elections of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Articles 5 and 9 of the Law on the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan has resolved to consider Shavkat Miromonovich Mirziyoyev as elected to the post of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

It was noted during the meeting that the elections were held in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, laws on Guarantees of Electoral Rights of Citizens, and on Elections of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan while ensuring the rights of citizens to freedom of expression of will and respect for the principles of universal, equal and direct suffrage by secret voting.

As evidence of democratic and transparent nature of the electoral season, it was monitored by some 600 observers from 46 countries of America, Europe, Asia and Africa, as well as five international organizations – the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the World Association of Electoral Bodies and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. More than 37,000 observers from political parties also took part in monitoring the electoral process.

Tremendous role in ensuring the openness and transparency of the elections has been played by media. Presidential elections were covered by 615 national and 272 foreign outlets, including 315 foreign and national internet publications. The Republican Press Center for Covering the Elections of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the press centers of district election commissions with the participation of more than 1 thousand 400 national and foreign journalists held 180 press conferences, briefings and online

briefings on important stages of the election campaign. More than 22 thousand 700 articles and information materials relating to the presidential elections in Uzbekistan have been published in the foreign and national media, and aired on television and radio channels.

At the meeting it was noted that the election of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan was another important step in furthering the country's gracious goal of securing a well-deserved place among the advanced democratic nations of the world, of modernizing the political and economic systems that provide for a free, peaceful and prosperous life of our people, confirming the transition of the country to a new stage of independent development.