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## DEAR READERS!

We are pleased to present Uzbekistan Almanac 2011 - a special edition devoted to the 20th anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan. This is the third edition of Almanac series and as you remember the previous two editions were published in 2008 and 2010.

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