FOSTERING INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (ISID) IN THE NEW SILK ROAD ECONOMIC BELT:

Leveraging potentials of industrial parks, zones and cities in Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
GOALS

- Establishment of a unique knowledge sharing platform for regional cooperation and assistance on leveraging potentials of science, industrial and technology parks, zones and cities
- Promotion of the economic corridor approach to enable low-cost trade in goods and services, as well as flows of capital, knowledge and labour between China, Central Asian countries and Europe
- Preparation of diagnostic studies and policy framework recommendations on industrial park planning, development and upgrading, taking advantage of the economic, social and environmental comparative advantages of Central Asia

DONOR:
GOVERNMENT OF CHINA (USD 500,000)

DURATION:
2016-2018

PARTNER:
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

RECIPIENT COUNTRIES:
AZERBAIJAN, TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Two regional conferences with participation of over 300 people, bringing together regional stakeholders and raising awareness of the role of industrial and economic corridors in balanced, inclusive and sustainable economic development
- Site visits organized to industrial parks and special economic zones in Azerbaijan and Tajikistan
- National experts hired and guided by leading specialists in industrial park development
- Check lists aimed at policy makers and practitioners on establishing industrial parks and special economic zones prepared

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