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The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India presents its compliments to the Embassy of Turkey in India, and has the honour to inform that India assumed the Chairmanship of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of State on 17 September 2022. Under its Chairmanship, India proposes to hold several technical conferences and socio-cultural events with the aim to foster greater cooperation and to uncover opportunities in the field of trade, tourism and technology.

2. As the current Chair of SCO, India would like to invite representatives from Turkey to take part in these events. The list of events to which India looks forward to host participants from Turkey is enclosed. A short Information Note on each of the event as well as contact details of its nodal officers are also enclosed. It may be noted that from the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Division of Ministry of External Affairs, the following officers may be contacted for further queries if any:

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3. The Ministry of External Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Turkey in India, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**Concept Note on 'Week of SCO Textile Traditions 'at Dilli Haat  
(1-15 April 2023, Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi)**

Designed to invoke the ambience of a traditional village fair, **DILLI HAAT** is a forum to bring together rural art and folk culture. It is one of the major tourist attractions of New Delhi. The word HAAT in Hindi refers to a weekly market in rural India. DILLI HAAT transports you to the magical world of Indian art and heritage presented through a fascinating panorama of craft, cuisine and cultural activities.

It has an open-air theatre where cultural events are performed on a daily basis. Delhi Haat INA is located in the commercial centre of South Delhi, opposite the INA Market. Run by Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation (DTTDC), the market offers a plethora of traditional crafts and handloom products including rosewood and sandalwood carvings, embellished camel hide footwear, sophisticated fabric and drapery, gems, beads, brassware, metal crafts, and silk and wool fabrics, copperware, chandeliers, cane & jute products etc. In addition to this, the market has savoury lip smacking food cuisines from varied parts of India - momos from Himachal Pradesh, Bamboo hot chicken from Nagaland, Kahwa & Kebabs from Jammu, Pooranpoli from Maharastra etc.

Sprawling over a vast 6 acres of land, the area was converted into a food plaza cum cultural market in 1994. The DILLI HAAT provides the ambience of a traditional Rural Haat or village market, but one suited for more contemporary needs. Here one can see the beautiful synthesis of crafts, food and cultural activity. This Food and Craft Bazar is a treasure house of Indian culture, handicrafts and ethnic cuisine, A unique bazaar, in the heart of the city, it displays the richness of Indian culture on a permanent basis.

Under India's Chairmanship of the SCO Council of Heads of State in 2023, we would like to invite Member States to showcase their unique national textile traditions to an Indian audience. It is remarkable that the SCO Member States have several shared textile traditions that have moved from one country to the other and have influenced and enriched each other Ikkat textiles from Central Asia and Suzni threadwork and embroidery are some of the many such instances . Traditions of weaving in cotton and silk textiles in SCO Member States have a unique history and cultural relevance . Each country has its own prints, designs and patterns is has unique designs and patterns in each country. The Indian side would like to invite textile and handloom craftspersons from each Member State to showcase their unique traditions in India. The event will be hosted by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. with this intention, the 'Week of SCO Textile Traditions' therefore, proposed to be held from **1-15 April 2023** in New Delhi.

**Hospitality :**

The Indian side will provide three stalls free of cost to each Member State of SCO to showcase and exhibit their textiles at the Dilli Haat INA. The expenses for international travel and accommodation at Delhi will be borne by the Member States themselves. In addition, the Indian side also proposes to host a Cultural Evening at Dilli Haat, exclusively for SCO Member States, Observers and Dialogue Partners.

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