

National tourist zone «Awaza»

Great opportunities for development of sanatorium rest and ecological tourism the Turkmen sector of Caspian sea possesses. The nature has taken care of a corner, having allocated with its soft climate, mineral, mud sources and many kilometer gold-sandy beaches, surprising on beauty sea landscapes, noisy «the bird's markets» on unique on a biological variety water-marsh grounds of national park “Hazar”.

In June, 2007 the presentation of the National tourist zone «Awaza» which became a reference point of essentially new approach to realization of enormous natural and economic potential of the country at the expense of powerful inflow of foreign investments to the rest and tourism industry became event really a world scale. Its overall objective - all-round realization of such prominent aspect of social policy of Turkmenistan as creation of necessary conditions for high-grade in every respect lives of the population of the country. The tourist zone of the international standards is supposed to be constructed on a 16-kilometre coastal plait.

Experience of many countries and cities shows, that free economic tourist zones pull together the people, promote inflow of foreign capitals, give powerful stimulus to development of territories and prosperity in the countries as a whole.

Tens civil-engineering designs of up-to-date hotels, children's health resorts, boarding houses and country houses, trading and business-centers will be executed by variety of foreign firms and the companies. At designing, placing, building, reconstruction and operation of objects in territory of a tourist zone all requirements of ecological safety and preservation of the environment should be fulfilled.

The important factor is presence in this region of transport communications: seaport, the airport, automobile and railway roads. New prospects for development in the Caspian region of the industry of tourism will be opened by building of a new international trunk-railway «the North - the South».

With development of a national tourist zone «Awaza» interest of foreign visitors will increase and to other centers of rest, and first of all, to known is far outside of Turkmenistan to sanatoria with mineral sources and a medical dirt.

In territory of the National tourist zone «Awaza» the favorable mode for investors and businessmen of the tourist industry is created. The complex of the given measures includes extensive privileges:

- The permission to transfer to foreign investors of abroad not used profit earned as a result of rendering of services and works to residents of Turkmenistan;
- Maintenance of converting of national currency in is hard currency;
- Simplifications of granting of entry visas and permissions, foreign to experts and the workers arriving to Turkmenistan for work in a national tourist zone;
- Simplifications of granting of entry visas to tourists at presence at them tourist permits;
- Carrying out of the state registration of legal bodies and the investment projects realized in territory of a tourist zone, certification and registration of transactions at a commodity-raw stock exchange without collection of registration and exchange gathering, and also a payment for certified services;
- Free granting of the earth in rent;

- During building clearing of payment of the tax to the added cost, the profit tax, the tax to property within the first 15 years.

Now the area «Awaza» - 1700 hectares is defined. The list and the sizes of 90 ground areas of a prime category of resort building is confirmed. In 2008 on the territory of the National tourist zone «Awaza» building of power station by capacity 254,2 MBt is planned.

The international experience of tourist zones testifies to rapid development, besides the tourism, many accompanying branches of adjoining regions and about splash activity business in state economy as a whole.

Resort “Mollakara” which is at several hours drive from «Awaza», offers mud cure from salty lake and other kinds of balneotherapy for people with backbone pathologies. After reconstruction within the limits of realization of the project of a national tourist zone at the Caspian coast, this unique resort becomes original continuation of this zone.

In the near future after cardinal reconstruction level of comfortableness of known sanatoria in Archman (treatment of diseases of a gastroenteric path) and Bayramali (treatment of heavy system diseases of kidneys, heart and nervous system) considerably will grow.

The basic directions of development of tourist services are:

- Creation of an infrastructure of entertainments, rest and improvement of quality of services, development of sphere of entertaining business;
- Tourism-improving sanatorium-health-resort treatment, the tourist rounds, allowing to be engaged in active kinds of sports, creation of various kinds of tourism in a rest zone (for example, sea walks, horse tourism, eko - and agro-tourism and other services, development of various excursion routes (moto-car, railway and by air) in noteworthy places and monuments of architecture of all Turkmenistan.