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TASHKENT - Uzbekistan has launched development projects along the New Silk Road for the construction of the Ashgabat-Kyrgyzstan-China railway, the Uzbek news agency Turkmensport reported. The railway project is part of the Belt and Road Initiative, under which China, the U.S., and EU claim to have a major role in regional economic and technological development. The project is a part of the New Silk Road, which is China’s new vision for international economic cooperation and development, and is a key component of China’s Belt and Road Initiative. The project is expected to reduce the time it takes for freight to travel from Europe to Asia by 20 percent, and to create new economic opportunities for the countries along the route. The project is expected to create thousands of jobs in the countries involved, and to stimulate economic growth and development in the region. The project is also expected to improve the connectivity and integration of the countries along the route, and to enhance the attractiveness of the region as a destination for foreign investment. The project is expected to be completed in 2025, and is expected to have a significant impact on the economies of the countries involved. The project is expected to be a major boost to the economies of the countries involved, and is expected to create thousands of jobs in the countries involved. The project is expected to be a major boost to the economies of the countries involved, and is expected to create thousands of jobs in the countries involved. The project is expected to be a major boost to the economies of the countries involved, and is expected to create thousands of jobs in the countries involved. The project is expected to be a major boost to the economies of the countries involved, and is expected to create thousands of jobs in the countries involved. The project is expected to be a major boost to the economies of the countries involved, and is expected to create thousands of jobs in the countries involved. The project is expected to be a major boost to the economies of the countries involved, and is expected to create thousands of jobs in the countries involved.