



The Role of Culture in the Integration of Uzbekistan into the World Community

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Annotation: The idea of the President of Uzbekistan that the development of states, in particular, many problems facing humanity, cannot be solved without involving youth in the process of reforms and modernization, is widely recognized in the world community. The article examines the role of culture in the development of cooperation between Uzbekistan and the world community.

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From the first days of gaining state sovereignty, the Republic of Uzbekistan has chosen the path of joining the world community and cooperation with authoritative international organizations. On March 2, 1992, the independent Republic of Uzbekistan became a member of the most influential international organization in the world - the United Nations. This meant that our country is a full member of the world community. After this historic event, a lot of practical work has been done in cooperation. Already, our esteemed President Shavkat Mirziyoyev is actively interacting with the world community and is jointly carrying out a number of effective works. Our country is not indifferent to the processes taking place in the world. Our main goal is to establish mutual cooperation, peace and friendly relations with all countries.

The head of our state, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, did not limit himself to the implementation of a number of reforms in domestic policy, but also radically changed the direction of the country's foreign policy. From the rostrum of the UN, he drew the attention of the world community to urgent problems, put forward initiatives that serve the development of the Central Asian region, and showed political will in problems that have not been resolved for years.

There was a hope that the President of the country should carry out reforms in all spheres of the country, do it together with the world community, study foreign experience and apply it in our country so that the new Uzbekistan takes its place among the developed countries. Since we have chosen the path of active cooperation with the world community, culture and art play a big role in this.

Various exhibitions and festivals, days of culture play an important role in the development of cultural ties between our country and other countries. Already in our basic vocabulary, respect for the languages, customs and traditions of all nations and peoples living in our country is guaranteed, and the creation of all conditions for their development. Every year in the capital and various regions of our republic, creative exhibitions of world fine art masters are organized, prestigious photo fairs are held, as well as creative works of artists of our country are exhibited in exhibition halls and museums around the world. Every year in our country, the "Days of Culture" of different countries are held at a high level. [1, p.147]

From the first steps of independence, it was determined to develop a culture of tolerance and humanism, strengthen inter-ethnic and inter-confessional solidarity, civil harmony in society, create

equal rights and opportunities for all citizens regardless of their nationality and religious beliefs, instill in the younger generation respect for patriotism, national and universal values, education in the spirit of love and loyalty to the Motherland, as one of the important priorities of the state policy of Uzbekistan.

On May 19, 2017, the decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to further improve international relations and friendly relations with foreign countries" was promulgated. According to this decree, the following important priorities were identified:

- consistent implementation of state policy aimed at ensuring interethnic harmony and tolerance in society, strengthening the atmosphere of friendship and feeling of a single multinational family, educating young people in the spirit of respect for national and universal values;
- establish friendly international relations, develop mutually beneficial cooperation, effectively coordinate efforts to strengthen friendship with civil communities of foreign countries, including our compatriots living abroad;
- widely promote the goals and objectives of Uzbekistan in building a peaceful policy of our country, a democratic rule of law and a strong civil society in foreign countries, as well as the successes achieved today in all spheres of the country's life;
- Assistance and direct participation in the organization of research and development work aimed at further development and harmonization of international relations and friendly relations with foreign countries. [2]

Much attention is paid to international relations in the modernizing Uzbekistan. Cooperation with many countries of the world in all areas, studying their experience and applying it in practice is one of the priorities of our country. The process of integration with the world community is actively developing, especially in the field of culture and art. A lot of practical work has been done in cooperation in recent years. In particular, on August 22-27, 2019, in Tashkent, Termez, Bukhara, Samarkand, the III International Conference was held on the theme "Uzbekistan - the Great Crossroads and Civilizations: Empires, Religions and Cultures".

Within the framework of the conference, an international conference "Preservation of tangible and intangible heritage: current problems and strategies for their solution" was held. During this meeting, conferences and round tables, many reports and presentations were prepared on the unique place of the historically important region of Uzbekistan in the culture of East and West.

Today, important measures are being taken in the republic to support young people, their education and enlightenment, as well as to expand opportunities for education and professional development at all levels. In particular, at the initiative of the head of our state, this year has been declared the year of "Support for Youth and Improving the Health of the Population". The idea of the President of Uzbekistan that the development of the country is impossible without the involvement of young people in the processes of reform and modernization, in particular, the solution of many problems facing humanity, has received wide recognition in the world community. Among them are ensuring peace and security, combating extremism and terrorism, mitigating the negative effects of climate change, combating pandemics and other natural disasters.

On December 18, 2020, the CIS summit was held under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. As we all know, there is currently a pandemic situation all over the world. In such a situation, all countries must work together. Today, the formation of an effective system for monitoring emergency sanitary and epidemiological situations and early response to them is of particular importance. In this regard, the preparation of an appropriate agreement within the CIS will be accelerated. In order to prevent diseases and promote a healthy lifestyle, it is proposed to hold an annual "CIS Health Marathon" with mass sports and cultural events.

Within the framework of the next forum of creative and scientific intelligentsia of the CIS, the idea of holding a conference "Cultural Heritage of the Commonwealth of Nations" in Uzbekistan was put forward. This serves to strengthen traditionally close humanitarian relations.[3] The purpose of this

conference is to make proposals for the development and implementation of state programs for the protection, conservation, promotion and use of cultural heritage sites, in-depth study of the cultural heritage of the Commonwealth of Nations, and conduct scientific research. I think that the implementation of these initiatives will have a positive impact on the process of integrating the modernizing Uzbekistan into the world community. Showing the great history of our country through its centuries-old heritage is one of our highest goals.

At the moment, if I pay serious attention to one issue, what is our main idea in the field of spirituality in modern Uzbekistan? Do our people and youth understand this idea? Do you know about the reforms carried out by the leader of our country for the future of our country? We cannot contribute to the revival without finding answers to these questions. According to the president, "with the old mindset, we will not be able to build a new Uzbekistan."

Times are changing fast. Today, each of us must be aware of and respond to the ongoing reforms with our active position! Each of us should regularly continue to work to improve the renewed diplomacy of Uzbekistan to the extent that it meets modern and international standards, responsibly and effectively protects the national-state interests of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the international arena.

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