



Spiritual And Educational Sphere And National Values: Interaction And Impact On The Cultural Development Of The New Uzbekistan

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Annotation: This article explores the importance of preserving and promoting national values in the context of spiritual and educational sphere. The authors analyse the impact of national values on various aspects of cultural development, including literature, art, education and social values. The article also considers modern challenges and opportunities faced by national values in the context of globalization and cultural diversity. The results of the study underline the importance of dialogue and cooperation between different cultures for the sustainable development of the spiritual and educational sphere and the preservation of national values

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In the spiritual and educational sphere, culture and the arts, in our rapidly changing and contradictory time, attention is given to a particularly important area in the new, dynamic Uzbekistan. A striking example of this is the event of December 2023, in which the President of Uzbekistan personally participated.

The open and constructive dialogue was attended by representatives of the participants, the leadership of the Oliy Majlis and the Cabinet of Ministers, deputies and senators, ministers, khakims, as well as representatives of the spiritual and cultural spheres, literature and art. It is important to note that the President is the Chairman of the Republican Council, and that the first representatives of the regions head the local councils. This is explained by the priority of science, education, upbringing and spirituality in our country. The Head of State noted that for the



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development of these areas need solid economic foundations and listed the measures taken in this direction. In particular, this year the largest amount of funds was allocated to the social sector - 134 trillion sum, which is 5.6 times more than in 2016.

It is noted that the pace of development in the world has become rapid. The impact of adverse processes has not left our country aside. History testifies that in difficult times, when threats to the homeland and the destiny of the people became more acute, it is dedicated patriots of the nation, intellectuals, poets and writers, artists, as well as spirituality and enlightenment workers with an awakened heart and soul, courageously came to the forefront. " At a time when our country is entering a new and higher stage of its development, we need, like air and water, personalities such as the Jadids, mature cadres who, having mastered the achievements of Western science, are also brought up in the spirit of national values", said Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

It has been determined that a presidential resolution will be adopted to study and develop the ideas of our ancestors, the Jadids. In particular, the State Museum of Judith Heritage will be built in the historical area in Bukhara. Also, a new newspaper «Judith» will be published. In recent years, extensive work has been carried out in the spiritual and educational sphere. A trust fund had been set up to support spirituality and creativity, as well as the Institute of Social and Spiritual Research. The number of employees in the system of the Republican center of spirituality and enlightenment has doubled. Measures have been taken to provide financial incentives. The Law on Cultural Activities and Organization is of great importance in the development of the sphere. In order to preserve and enrich our national traditions, Makoma Centres, the Art of Bakshi and Askiya have been established. There are also more than 20 institutions, such as the Bahor Dance Ensemble, the State Philharmonic Society and the State Symphony Orchestra. Eleven new museums, 2 theatres, 28 children's music and art schools and 5 higher education institutions have been established. In general, the volume of state support for the sphere of culture and art increased fivefold compared to 2017. In 2023, more than 712 billion sum were allocated for this purpose. It has become a tradition to hold international festivals such as Macum, Bahshi Art, Craft Clanging. Uzbekistan held high-level cultural days in 24 foreign countries, particularly in neighbouring States.

In recent years, 9 more examples of our national heritage have been added to the UNESCO World Intangible Cultural Heritage List, and the city of Bukhara has been included in the network of creative cities. In September this year, the birthday of our great ancestor Abu Rayhan Beruni was widely celebrated at UNESCO headquarters.

In the international arena, the role of cultural diplomacy is increasing. It is known that sessions of the UNESCO General Conference have been held only in Paris for about 40 years. For the first time, the president noted, it is planned to hold a session of this conference in another city, namely in Samarkand in 2025. This authoritative forum will be attended by representatives of all member States of the organization. This is undoubtedly a great honour and a responsibility for Uzbekistan. They also talked about a new direction of development, including support for Uzbek film art. Historical films about our great generals and thinkers are being created. After almost a quarter century, the Tashkent International Film Festival has been revived. An alley of writers was created, a majestic building of the Writers' Union was erected in the capital, and new houses of creativity were built in the regions. Writers with fruitful creative activity have been provided with new housing under favourable conditions. The anniversaries of outstanding artists have been widely celebrated. The Zami Readings have been revived to ensure full support for young talents. For the first time,



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literary collections such as 100-volume collection of pearls of Turkic literature, 30-volume collection of innovations of the independence period, as well as pearls of Karakalpak literature were published. Gifts for brave soldiers became an important event in our spiritual life. During the meeting priority tasks in these areas were discussed.

The Head of State outlined his vision in nine areas of work and put forward important initiatives. It was stressed that it is necessary first of all to develop a separate policy document on the development of the national idea, which will serve as a methodological guide for our work in the field of spirituality and education.

It is noted with regret that there is a growing tendency among some groups to promote religious views that are contrary to our Constitution and laws and even place them above, considering secular values as sinful. The President quoted the great educator and brother Domle: "If the Ulama work, the nation will surely get better". It is noted that the intellectuals, the older generation of compatriots, who committed the Hajj and will die, should promote spirituality and encourage people to good works.

The focus will continue to be on education. Equality is also necessary in this area. In particular, girls' access to education and training is important for the development of society. This was noted at the meeting. The responsibility of khakims for spiritual and educational work will also be increased. Houses of spirituality and enlightenment will be opened in cities and districts.

Today the sphere of spirituality should be ahead of other spheres by 10 steps. Spirituality should turn into a new force, into a new movement, said the president. On the basis of a proposal made by intellectuals at a recent meeting in Surkhandari oblast, a spiritual sector will be established in addition to the four sectors working in the regions. It will act as a working structure, advice on spirituality and enlightenment.

Thirdly, a programme for the development of theatre will be developed. It will provide for creative orders for the best plays, enhancement of the skills of creative and auxiliary workers abroad, establishment of the Maino New Gura Award for young directors and other measures. The importance of announcing one day a month "Day of Theatre" in the departments and institutions, as well as the organization of campaigns of teams in theaters was noted.

Fourthly, the activities of the existing 837 cultural centres are very important for the meaningful leisure activities of the population. There are about 4,000 clubs in which more than 120,000 young people are engaged. However, some centres do not have a building and require 8,000 musical instruments. The Hakim have been given instructions in this regard. From next year in each district will be organized activity of one cultural center, which has an audience hall, library, cinema hall and circle rooms. A programme will also be adopted to improve the material and technical base of more than 600 amateur artistic groups. We will spend 100 billion sum on this, - said the president.

Fifthly, the scientific study and development of the art of makoma and bakhsha will be strengthened. To date, the Gold Foundation has recorded 120 makomov, dastans of bakshi art, folk songs and melodies. The President recently signed a decree on the protection, scientific research and promotion of intangible cultural heritage. It specifies, inter alia, the tasks for the establishment of an institute of cultural studies and intangible cultural heritage, the study of ancient music and folklore. It is also planned to translate into modern format more than three thousand dastans, makomov and folklore works stored in the funds of our country. One more big news. Schools will be



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established that continue the tradition of unique cultural heritage specimens such as poppy, katashura, bakshi, atlas and adraz, pottery and jewelry.

Sixthly, the president noted, will receive further support for the development of music and dance. In particular, the collective "Bahor" will carry out its activities in the famous Palace of Arts, where formerly was a philharmonic. The tour of popular ensembles of song and dance "Abroad" will be increased. Scientific personnel in the sphere will be increased and research grants for scientific research will be introduced in order to study the issues of music and dance. In addition, the building of the Tashkent State Circus will be renovated.

Seventh, cultural diplomacy abroad will be expanded. Next year, a conference on the world creative economy will be held in Tashkent, and an international scientific conference "Culture of the Aral Sea" will be held in Nukus. A seven-year program to improve the activities of museums will be adopted. It is planned to build a new building of the Museum of History and Museum of Art. Exhibitions of museums of Timurid history and nature will also be renovated. The Museum of Literature named after Alisher Navoi has been completely renovated. In addition, new exhibits on the First and Second Renaissance, the history of statehood and the activities of great thinkers will be created in museums, in particular the Islamic Civilization Centre. The National Restoration Centre will be established jointly with France. The pages of the Ottoman Koran will also be preserved and restored. 18 archaeological monuments telling about the ancient history of our country, will be turned into an open-air museum. The gardens of Sahipkiran Amir Timur will be restored in Samarkand. Also, will be built museum "Great Silk Road" and restored complex Bibihanoun.

Eighth, the development of cinema will receive a powerful impulse. Currently, a programme is being developed to create 50 feature films on the glorious past of our Motherland in the series "Living History". This program will involve not only domestic, but also foreign artists, film companies and investors. There is also a need to envisage the creation of multi-episode animated films about the instructive life path of our great ancestors. In order to develop the cinema not only as an art, but also as an industry, the aim is to create free economic film zones in the Bukhara, Samarkand and Tashkent regions. There is a need to fundamentally reform the production system of national serials, bringing their ideological, artistic and technical performance to an attractive level for general consideration. To do this, it is proposed to organize a cinema park, similar to the free economic zone IT-park. Ninth, a separate programme for the further development of the visual and applied arts will be adopted. In particular, the central exhibition hall will be reconstructed and equipped on the basis of world standards. On the territory of the Art Fund will be built a modern gallery and a center of young artists, consisting of 40 creative workshops. In order to link the art of calligraphy and miniature art with practice, a national style paper production and training workshop will be established.

Initiatives had been taken to improve the quality of education in music and the arts, and there were plans to increase the salaries of teachers in those schools. There is also a discussion on the inclusion of public utilities in schools. Particular attention is paid to improving the teaching of the Uzbek language. It has been determined that teachers of the Uzbek language and literature, who hold a national certificate, will receive an allowance of 50 per cent from next year.

At the same time, measures will be taken to encourage fellow citizens with a different language of instruction to learn the State language. In addition, the teaching hours of the State language in specialized schools with a different language of instruction will be increased. Subject Olympiads on



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the Uzbek language will also be held. The work begun to improve the reading culture will continue, and the volume of book orders and fees for authors and translators will be increased. In order to increase the financial capacity of publishing and printing enterprises, they will be exempt from taxes for a period of 5 years. The President also touched upon the importance of the translation profession and proposed the establishment of an international Agahi Prize for the worthy promotion of their work.

The importance of the development of Internet literature has been noted, and the aim is to create a portal "Uzbek culture", which will cover the topics of literature, film, history, art and oral folk art. Then, an open dialogue was held with representatives of the sphere, on the development of which the future of the country largely depends, on how to implement together the state initiative announced by the head. The aim is to increase the effectiveness of spiritual and educational work and further develop the fields of culture, literature and art. It was said that this meeting will mark the beginning of a new period of reforms in the spiritual life of society. Uzbekistan has entered a new era of development, and it is very important that the representatives of the sector strengthen in the consciousness of the people, especially children, the sense of love for the motherland, belonging to the future of our country and the desire to preserve a peaceful, free and prosperous life.

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