

POLITICAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN UZBEKISTAN AND TURKEY THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA

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Abstract:

This article focuses on issues related to the integration of Uzbekistan into the world community, taking a proper place in the system of international relations, and the political and cultural cooperation of Uzbekistan with Turkey.

In the article, information related to the new era of political and cultural relations between Uzbekistan and Turkey was studied on a scientific and creative basis and analytical conclusions were drawn. In addition, problematic situations that arose in the establishment of political and cultural relations between Uzbekistan and Turkey were also studied.

Taking this into account, this article serves as an important resource for researchers in the field of political and cultural relations between Uzbekistan and Turkey.

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Introduction

A new era of political and cultural relations between the Republics of Uzbekistan and Turkey In 2016 and the following years, regular meetings between the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh. Mirziyoyev and the President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan brought the relations of the two countries to a new level.

Acknowledging the beginning of a new era of political and cultural relations between the Republics of Uzbekistan and Turkey, President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said: "Imam Bukhari, Al-Khorazmi, Al - The works left by great thinkers and scholars such as Beruni, Mirzo Ulugbek, Ali Kushchi, Alisher Navoi are our common heritage that brings us closer to each other. [1.]

The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Sh.M. Mirziyoyev, put aside the old disagreements and accepted the policy of close cooperation with Turkey. Uzbekistan, which is considered an important country in the region, has taken a new level of cooperation with Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan.

The President of the Republic of Turkey R. Erdogan visited the city of Samarkand on November 17-18, 2016 and visited the grave of the first President of the Republic of Uzbekistan I. Karimov. Negotiations were held between the Acting President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Sh. Mirziyoyev, and the President of the Republic of Turkey, R. Erdogan, at the forum complex in Samarkand. It was agreed on the issues of trade and economic cooperation. At the end of 2015, the volume of mutual trade amounted to 1.2 billion US dollars.

In fact, since 2017, the rapid steps taken in the political sphere have been reflected in the sphere



of trade and investment in a short period of time. We are taking decisive steps towards reaching the milestone of 5 billion dollars in mutual trade. The trade volume of the two countries, which ended 2020 with positive indicators, when the negative consequences of the pandemic that engulfed the whole world were most strongly felt, exceeded 3.6 billion dollars in 2021. [2.]

The leaders of Uzbekistan and Turkey met in May 2017 at the "One Place, One Way" forum in China, in September of the same year in Astana, within the framework of the first summit of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on Science and Technology, at the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly, and discussed mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries. talked.

Relations between the two countries have been consistently praised in the world media. For example, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh. Mirziyoyev was recognized as the "foreign statesman of the year" in the annual rating of the prestigious "Turcomoney" publication in Turkey. This was announced in Istanbul at a ceremony attended by the chairman of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Binali Yildirim, the mayor of Istanbul, Mevlyut Uysal, representatives of the country's government parliament, the public and the business community. [3.]

From February 10, 2018, a visa-free regime was introduced for the arrival of Turkish citizens to Uzbekistan (Turkey has been supporting a visa-free regime for citizens of Uzbekistan since 2007). The national airline "Uzbekistan Airlines" launched direct flights on the Samarkand-Istanbul route in 2017, and the airline "Turkish Airlines" also started to increase direct flights in this direction this year.

The state visit of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to our country in the spring of 2018 also played an important role in deepening the now strategic relations between Uzbekistan and Turkey. During the visit, many documents were signed at the government level. Also, an agreement was reached on the creation of a high-level Uzbekistan-Turkey strategic partnership council led by the leaders of the two countries. The first meeting of the Council will be held in February 2020 in Ankara.

From April 31 to May 1, 2018, the President of Turkey paid a state visit to Uzbekistan. During the visit, the presidents of the two countries took part in a joint business forum of leaders of leading banks, companies and firms of Uzbekistan and Turkey.

In order to raise diplomatic relations between Uzbekistan and Turkey to a new level and further develop cooperation, the consulate general of Turkey was opened in the city of Samarkand on March 7, 2021. Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan Aziz Abduhakimov, Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdulaziz Kamilov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey Mavlud Chovushugli and Governor of Samarkand Region Erkin Turdimov took part in this ceremony. The head of the Consulate General of Turkey in Samarkand, Salih Janer, noted that the building of the Consulate General of Turkey will be opened in the city of Samarkand in order to further strengthen the strategic partnership between Uzbekistan and Turkey and develop multilateral cooperation. [4.]

Political and cultural relations between the two countries began to continue in various forms. In particular, one of the cultural figures of Turkey, the famous Turkish actor Burak Ozchivit, will come to Tashkent in 2019 to meet his fans. During this meeting, Burak Ozchivit said that he liked Uzbekistan very much, that he met many polite and hospitable people there. That is why he said



that he will definitely come to Uzbekistan again.

Turkish film stars Dilan Chichak Dinez, Melisa Asli Pamuk, Selim Bayraktar, Erjan Kesal and Nazan Kesal also participated in the opening ceremony of the Tashkent International Film Festival "Masterpiece of the Silk Road" held by the Cinematography Agency of Uzbekistan in 2021 at the Alisher Navoi Cinema Palace.

On September 13-18, 2022, the XIV Tashkent International Film Festival "Masterpiece of the Silk Road" was held in Tashkent. During this film festival, new films of various genres will be shown, world-famous filmmakers, actors and actresses will visit. Turkish actor Burak Ozchivit, who has a place in the hearts of millions of fans, will also participate in this film conference.

He will visit Tashkent as part of the Turkish delegation and will participate in the main events of the film festival together with other Turkish actors. Burak Ozchivit will also take an active part in the cultural event "Turkish Cinema Days", which will be solemnly opened on September 15, 2022 at the Palace of Forums. [5.] After screening a series of films in Tashkent, the Turkish delegation will go to Urganch on September 16, 2022, where Turkish films will be shown for two days.

It should be noted that one of the events aimed at bringing the cultural relations between Uzbekistan and Turkey to a new level is the embassy of our country in Ankara and the Consulate General in Istanbul, the Ministry of Culture of Uzbekistan, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey in Ankara and Istanbul on December 14-17, 2021. Days of Uzbekistan culture will be held.

The main purpose of organizing this event was to develop all forms of cultural cooperation and communication between peoples, to exchange cultural achievements, to encourage joint creative activities and art, and to actively support the mutual enrichment of national cultures.

A concert program with the participation of Uzbek artists was organized in Ankara on the occasion of the opening of the Culture Days of Uzbekistan. Especially in the city of Istanbul, the performances of Uzbek artists were warmly and enthusiastically received by the audience and left an unforgettable impression on them. Also, the participants of the event got acquainted with the photo exhibition "Uzbekistan - "Heart of the Great Pak Road".

The event was attended by the Deputy Minister of Culture of Uzbekistan Olimjon Mirzaev, Ambassador of our country to Turkey Alisher Azamkhoshaev, Deputy Minister of Culture of Turkey Özgül Özkan Yavuz, representatives of Turkish state and public organizations, foreign diplomatic missions and consular institutions, international organizations and our compatriots studying and working in Ankara.

The Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism of Turkey Özgül Özkan Yavuz spoke about the cultural relations of the two nations whose history, culture and art are harmonious, and the results of the projects implemented in cooperation. At the same time, "such events will strengthen the cultural ties and enhance the fraternal relations between the two nations." [6.] pointed out that.

Also, within the framework of the cultural conference, meetings were held with the members of the delegation of Uzbekistan, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey, the international organization "TURKSOY", the National Library of Turkey, the Presidential Symphony Orchestra, and the management of the Anatolian Museum.

It is noted that the members of the delegation of Uzbekistan visited the National Library of Turkey within the framework of these organized days. According to information, there are more than 19 million members of this library, of which 4300 are readers of Ankara city. It is noted that readers



who visit every day are treated to hot tea and coffee every hour. "In general, although no campaigning activities have been carried out regarding membership in the library, we can see from the crowding of the library that the Turkish people, especially young people, have a strong interest in learning and reading." [7.] - says the deputy minister.

"While getting acquainted with the existing conditions in the National Library of Turkey, we realized that if we can implement some aspects in our libraries, we will achieve good results in expanding the coverage of readers and increasing the enthusiasm of our young people for reading," says Olimjon Mirzaev.

On July 13, 2023, the Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis Nuriddin Ismailov met with the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Commission of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Fuat Oktay, in order to exchange ideas in the field of state and community management. In turn, the Turkish guest noted that the presidential election held in our country was held in accordance with international election standards, and highly appreciated the comprehensive reforms carried out in Uzbekistan in recent years.

At the meeting held in the spirit of constructive and mutual trust, issues of expanding inter-parliamentary relations between Uzbekistan and Turkey, enriching it with new content, and exchanging experience in the field of law-making were also discussed.

During the meeting, the activities of the "Uzbekistan-Turkey" inter-parliamentary friendship group and a number of positive works carried out within it were recognized, and issues of bringing its activities to a new level and strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation were also discussed. During the meeting, which took place in a sincere spirit, the parties agreed to further develop mutual relations and continue practical cooperation in every way.

It should also be mentioned that cooperation has been established between Turkey and Uzbekistan in the fields of science and education. In particular, Samarkand State University has established cooperative relations with about 15 higher educational institutions of Turkey. Also, a Turkish cultural center was opened at Samarkand State University. The center has been doing significant work in the promotion of Turkish culture, history and literature.

In particular, scientists and students of Samarkand State University are doing internships in Istanbul, Ankara Yildirim Boyazid, Mugla Sitki Kochman, Ankara, Kavkaz, Ankara Humanities, Ostim Technics, Khoji Bayram Vali, Eshkashahar Osmangazi, Marmara, Inonu, Afyon Kochatepa, Firat universities, in cooperation it is worthy of recognition that he is conducting projects and that student exchange has been established.

Relations between Turkish higher education institutions and SamDU University are built on the basis of sincere friendship and historical brotherhood. Not only the sending of Uzbek scientists to Turkey, but also issues such as Turkish doctoral students conducting scientific research in Uzbekistan, Turkish scientists giving lectures to university students were taken into account.

As a result, efforts are ongoing on both sides to promote proposals and initiatives, to achieve innovation and change. The presence of prestigious delegations of Istanbul and Ankara Yildirim Bayazid Universities, which are considered the most prestigious higher educational institutions of Turkey, and the organization of return visits, organization of international conferences and symposia can be a clear proof of our opinion.

The visit of Aziz Sanjar, the most famous scientist of the whole Turkic world, laureate of the Nobel Prize, to SamDU in the following years is one of the great events in the cultural and



educational life of our country. During these visits, a number of agreements were reached with Aziz Sanjar. Today, the fact that this great scientist is teaching online to the students of the Faculty of Chemistry of SamSU is a very big historical event.

On September 21, 2021, Aziz Sanjar, who visited the university on the occasion of the "Day of Samarkand State University", held an open dialogue with the students and scientists of SamDU. SamDU invited young people to America to the University of North Carolina, where he works. He agreed to give them scientific guidance. Similarly, in November 2021, scientists of Samarkand State University participated in the symposium "Uzbekistan's Past and Present" organized by the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency - TIKA at Ankara Yildirim Bayazid University.

In January 2022, the arrival of the delegation led by the chairman of the Higher Education Council of Turkey to Samarkand and the meeting with rectors of higher education institutions opened a new page in the field of cultural relations between Turkey and Uzbekistan. Let's pay attention to these thoughts of Erol Ozvar, the chairman of the Higher Education Council of Turkey: - We are very pleased with the great reforms in our homeland, Uzbekistan. I think that we should be shoulder to shoulder and work together in this. Higher education, as one of the main areas that ensure the development of any country, is closely related to all areas of society. In particular, the most important task of human resources, i.e. the training of qualified personnel, places a huge responsibility on the shoulders of higher educational institutions. Samarkand State University occupies a special place in our mutual relations. Today, I would like to show as an example that SamSU has practical cooperation with about 20 higher educational institutions of Turkey. [8.]

In the development of cultural relations of Uzbekistan with foreign countries, higher educational institutions have a worthy role. In particular, the National University of Uzbekistan has been active in the field of science from the first days of independence, as well as establishing cultural relations. For example, in 1994, more than 30 foreign countries concluded cooperation, scientific and cultural cooperation agreements with educational institutions and scientific centers. The National University of Uzbekistan became a member of the Eurasian Association of Universities. The university has established scientific and cultural cooperation with Russia, Japan, Germany, Turkey, Israel, Belgian Environmental Association, Russian Academy of Sciences, University of Belgrade, Stamboul University and Birmingham University of Great Britain. In 2008 alone, the National University of Uzbekistan benefited from economic contracts in the amount of 305 million soums and foreign grants in the amount of 327,905 USD.[9.]

It should be noted that the cooperation between Turkey and Uzbekistan in the field of higher education has a number of advantages and advantages. This is the close blood and brotherhood of our language, religion and peoples. These factors play a very important role in understanding each other. We were convinced of this several times during our trip to Turkey. This was also evident during the visit of our Turkish friends to Samarkand. The integration of Turkish science into European science is very important for Uzbekistan. It can be said that Turkish science acts as a bridge to our country's approach to advanced European science.

To sum up, it can be said that after 2016, mutually beneficial cooperation between Uzbekistan and Turkey in the political and cultural spheres has reached a new level. Because, in the last 6-7 years, at the meetings of the heads of state of Uzbekistan and Turkey, the most pressing issues of the state and society were discussed, agreements and contracts were signed and put into practice on the basis of specific strategic goals. Political and cultural cooperation between Uzbekistan and



Turkey is gaining importance in ensuring political and economic stability in Central Asia.

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