

## UZBEKISTAN'S COOPERATION WITH KAZAKHSTAN IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION HAS REACHED A NEW LEVEL

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### Abstract

Uzbekistan's relations with Kazakhstan, mutual exchanges, historical and cultural dialogues, mutual agreements and treaties were covered and analyzed based on sources. Uzbekistan's mutual cooperation with Kazakhstan in the social, cultural, scientific, and educational spheres was touched upon. On the basis of mutual agreements, achievements were achieved in the social, cultural, scientific, and educational spheres.

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### Introduction

Diplomatic relations between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan have historically been strong, and in recent years, cooperation between the two countries in the field of science and education has expanded further. The mutual interests and similar goals of both countries have created a solid foundation for development in this area.

In July 1993, an agreement was signed between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan on measures to deepen economic integration in 1994-2000. In January 1994, an agreement was concluded on the establishment of a single economic zone, to which the Kyrgyz Republic joined in April 1994. An Executive Committee was established to coordinate cooperation between these countries, and the Central Asian Bank for Cooperation and Development was established.

The cooperation between our countries is developing on the basis of the Treaty on Eternal Friendship between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Republic of Kazakhstan, signed in 1998, and the Treaty on Strategic Partnership between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Republic of Kazakhstan, adopted in 2013, as well as a number of other documents. Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan have similar or close views on the international political arena and on topical issues of regional importance. Our countries have been supporting each other during their participation in international organizations such as the UN, SCO, and CIS.

The state visit of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev to the Republic of Kazakhstan on March 22, 2017, has significantly developed and expanded Kazakhstan-Uzbek relations. Over the years of independence, more than 600 citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan of Kazakh nationality have received high state awards and titles. This is a confirmation of their worthy contribution to the development of our country, earning respect and wide recognition among our people.[1]

It is not for nothing that President Sh. Mirziyoyev emphasized: "Uzbekistan has always been a reliable partner and friend of Kazakhstan. We consider the achievements of Kazakhstan as the



achievements of Uzbekistan."

On June 8-9, 2017, our President Shavkat Mirziyoyev participated in the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Astana, Kazakhstan. Speaking at the meeting of this council, he outlined 4 important tasks in his speech.

The President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, paid a state visit to our country on September 16-17, 2017. On October 31, 2017, an international conference on the topic "Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan: 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations" was also organized at the International Cooperation Center in Tashkent.[2]

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev paid a working visit to Astana on March 15, 2018, at the invitation of President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev. During this historic meeting, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev proposed to address the following key tasks as priority areas of cooperation:

firstly, to further expand regional cooperation in ensuring security and stability in Central Asia; secondly, to develop "road maps" based on cooperation in trade, economics, innovation, investment, transport and communications, finance, banking, water, energy and cultural spheres; thirdly, to exchange views on the most pressing international and regional issues and propose their promotion within the framework of the UN, CIS, SCO and many other international organizations.

On March 15, 2018, a working meeting of the heads of state of the Central Asian countries - Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan - was also held. [3]

Speaking about the historical past of the two countries, our President Sh. Mirziyoyev said: "The following thoughts of the great poet and thinker Abai are relevant to our aspirations today: "Kindness, compassion, treating others as you treat yourself - this is what a real heart should be like. This is what true heartless people, in Kazakh, are like."

On March 21, 2018, the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev visited the city of Samarkand to congratulate the people of Uzbekistan on Navruz. At the initiative of Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Nursultan Nazarbayev, cooperation between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan has reached a new level. Contacts between the ministries, departments, and regions of our countries have become more active. Transport corridors have been opened, and railway and bus services have been established.[4]

"Where there is friendship, there is success."

At the invitation of our President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev paid a state visit to our country on April 14-15, 2019.

The official opening ceremony of the Year of Kazakhstan in Uzbekistan took place on April 15, 2019 at the Uzbekistan International Conference Center.[5]

It was emphasized that the Uzbek and Kazakh peoples have always supported each other, overcoming difficulties, and today they are jointly building the common future of our peoples.

– I believe that today, as a new, historic day in the relations between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, will create a solid foundation for the development of fraternal ties between our peoples, – said the head of our state.

As you know, 2018 was declared the Year of Uzbekistan in Kazakhstan. Within the framework of this year, more than 100 events were organized in the fields of art and culture, literature, science, tourism and other areas. Creative tours of theater, folklore groups and pop singers were held. Days



of Uzbek literature were held in Almaty, and Days of Uzbek cinema were held in the cities of Taraz, Shymkent, Kyzylorda, and Turkestan.

In accordance with the resolution of the Head of our state dated March 13, 2018, a study of the creative heritage of the Kazakh poet and thinker Abay Kunanbayev was organized. The 577th anniversary of the birth of Alisher Navoi was widely celebrated in Kazakhstan.

President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev expressed gratitude for the attention paid to the development of the Kazakh language and culture in Uzbekistan. He noted that the events held within the framework of the Year of Kazakhstan will further strengthen the cultural ties of our fraternal peoples.

Great preparations have been made in our country for the Year of Kazakhstan, new opportunities have opened up for representatives of the arts, science and education, and business to establish cooperation, exchange knowledge and experience. Our cultures will enrich each other, and our peoples will become closer.

There are ongoing scientific exchanges between several universities and research centers in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. For example, many seminars, conferences, and educational programs are organized between Tashkent State Law University in Uzbekistan and Al-Farabi Kazakh National University in Kazakhstan. This creates opportunities for students of these universities to study through exchange programs.

Cooperation is not limited to education, but has also achieved strong growth in scientific research. Joint scientific projects and research are being carried out between scientists from Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. Scientists from both countries are working together to develop new technologies and innovative solutions. Such cooperation is mutually beneficial, as scientific achievements are quickly disseminated and made available to a wide audience.

Expanded negotiations between the heads of state of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan were held on December 23, 2022. At the end of the negotiations, an agreement on cooperation in higher education and further education was signed between the two countries, along with agreements and contracts in various fields.

The document was signed by the heads of the higher education systems of the two countries, and it was agreed to continue this cooperation in the future. The agreement provides for the training of 20 citizens of the two countries in higher education institutions each year, the establishment of teaching of the Kazakh language and literature in Uzbekistan and the Uzbek language and literature in Kazakhstan, the implementation of projects in the field of education and science, the organization of programs, conferences, seminars, master classes, Olympiads, scientific research, and the publication of articles in scientific journals of the two countries.

It should be noted that today inter-university relations between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan are expanding further. Today, there are more than 230 agreements and memorandums of understanding on cooperation between higher education institutions of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan (more than 70 universities of Kazakhstan).

6 higher education institutions of our country are training personnel in the Kazakh language and literature. Also, exhibitions and fairs of Kazakh higher education institutions "Kazakhstan Education Days" are held annually in Uzbekistan.

The heads of state of the two countries supported the continuation of the Central Asian Rectors' Forum as a tradition. The first Central Asian Rectors' Forum, held in Almaty on May 12-13, 2022,



was attended by a delegation of more than 15 rectors of higher education institutions and ministerial officials from our country.[6]

Various training courses and master classes held in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan are creating great opportunities for young scientists and students. Through these training programs, students are provided not only with theoretical knowledge, but also with practical experience, which helps them in their professional development.

Cooperation between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan in the field of science and education is expected to expand further in the future. The leaders of both countries plan to continue implementing joint programs in this area and more effectively manage scientific and educational resources. This, in turn, will create great opportunities for knowledge exchange and innovative development between the two countries.

In conclusion, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, considering science and education as an important factor in their development, attach great importance to continuing cooperation in providing modern knowledge and technologies. Innovative development, rapid adaptation to innovations in the field of science and technology are very important for both countries. Joint projects are also being implemented to improve the quality of the education system and scientific research. In the future, further strengthening and development of cooperation in this area through new ideas is expected.

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