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#### DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

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#### ABOUT ARTICLE

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**Abstract:** This article analyzes the development system of the state youth reform in the Republic of Uzbekistan, aimed at the harmonious upbringing of the younger generation, attention and care for young people, creating all the necessary conditions for them to take an independent step in life.

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#### INTRODUCTION

In the Republic of Uzbekistan, a strong legal framework has been created to protect the rights and interests of young people, to create the necessary conditions and opportunities for them, and comprehensive reforms are being implemented by the state. To date, more than 40 laws on youth have been adopted by the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and more than 30 international legal documents have been ratified. Today, in our country, paying attention and care to young people, who are the main support in achieving the great goal of building "New Uzbekistan", creating the necessary conditions and opportunities for them to fully demonstrate their talent and potential in all fields, is developing as a priority direction of state policy.

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoev said, "In the process of renewal in our society, our youth is becoming a decisive force. We will definitely build a new Uzbekistan, the foundation of the "Third Renaissance" together with the youth!" Indeed, strengthening the foundation of "New Uzbekistan" and contributing to its development as a patriotic person is one of the great dreams and hopes of all our young people, and it will be realized in the process of providing quality education. At this point, the role of all of us, especially our intellectuals engaged in education, in educating young people in the spirit of patriotism is of urgent importance. The number of higher education institutions

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in our country has increased by 2.5 times to 198, the level of coverage of school graduates in higher education has increased from 9% to 38%.

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The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, said that while increasing these indicators, attention should be paid to improving the quality of education, "improving the quality of education is the only correct way of development of New Uzbekistan." Therefore, first of all, we will focus on supporting education, which is the biggest investment for New Uzbekistan"[2].

If we educate our graduates to know the language, master the profession, think creatively, love the Motherland and at the same time use modern information technology, the society and the whole of Uzbekistan will definitely change.

The first legal document signed by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, is the Law "On State Policy Regarding Youth" of September 14, 2016. It is aimed at the consistent implementation of state policy for the further development of reforms related to youth, who make up the main part of the population, to make the young generation mature and well-rounded in all aspects. It should be noted that it is an important factor to educate people with intellectual potential, who have their own firm position, who are not indifferent to reforms, who are ready to be involved in the future of the country, who strive for the goal, and who are patriotic. Also, in the Strategy of Actions on the five priority directions of the development of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2017-2021, the issue of youth was separately reflected and priority tasks aimed at protecting the rights of young people were defined.

In 2018, according to the presidential decree, the State program "Youth is our future" was approved, and through this document, assistance and support for the implementation of youth entrepreneurship, startups, ideas and projects was raised to a new level. In 2020, another important step was taken in the direction of youth, and according to the decision of the President, a state organization implementing youth policy in the country - Youth Affairs Agency was established. In order to motivate young people at a high level, the state award "Brave Boy" and the medal "Builder of the Future" were established. In this regard, the promotion of 5 important initiatives by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, on the establishment of efforts in the social, spiritual and educational spheres on a systematic basis, started another new stage in the history of Uzbekistan in the field of youth education. In the framework of five important initiatives, broad involvement of the young generation in culture, art, physical education and sports, formation of skills in the proper use of information technologies. Important reforms have been implemented to promote reading among young people and ensure women's employment.

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Fundamental reforms are also being developed in the education system, which is considered the basis of youth reforms and changes in Uzbekistan. On September 23, 2020, the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Education" No. ORQ-637 was adopted. According to this law, the types of education are as follows:

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- preschool education and upbringing;
- general secondary and secondary special education;
- professional education;
- higher education;
- post-higher education;
- retraining of personnel and improvement of their qualifications;
- extracurricular education.

At the same time, the amount of expenses for education, including the social sphere, is more than half of the total cost of the state budget. Naturally, not every country can bear such huge costs, but no matter how difficult it is, the necessary funds and resources are being sought for this.

The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan considers these costs to be the most effective investment for the future, and emphasizes that the level and quality of education is an important factor that determines the prospects of any country. In the process of today's globalization, one of the main goals is to strengthen the ideological immunity of young people, to protect them from various foreign ideas and ideological threats, to educate them as independent, selfless, selfless and patriotic people. Based on the principle of "from national revival to national rise", it is of urgent importance to carefully develop the national idea and its ideological foundations, to educate the young generation in the spirit of national pride and patriotism from childhood.

The decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev on measures to further improve the preschool education system in 2017-2021 was adopted. According to this decision, further improvement of the preschool education system, strengthening of the material and technical base, expansion of the network of preschool educational institutions, provision of qualified pedagogic personnel, radical improvement of the level of preparation of children for school education, implementation of modern educational programs and technologies in the educational process, children

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in all aspects creation of conditions for intellectual, moral, aesthetic and physical development. The Ministry of Preschool Education was established in the country. Also, as President Shavkat Mirziyoyev noted, "education and upbringing cannot be separated from each other, these two processes are organized on a harmonious, continuous basis only when they are polite, highly moral, at the same time knowledgeable, intelligent, mentally and physically healthy, broad worldview, thinking and educates patriotic young people who have modern professions. If we look at the history of developed countries in the world, we can see that the reforms aimed at changing the life of the society started with the education system, kindergarten, school, education. Because it is impossible to change a person and society without changing the school. The basis of education and training is the school. The power that makes a school a school is teachers" [3]. In fact, in our country, special attention is being paid to the issues of training innovative and creative thinkers, educating young people in the spirit of patriotism and high spirituality, and improving the education system for this purpose. The school education system was fundamentally reformed, and 11-year general secondary education was re-introduced. In recent years, great work is being done in our country to effectively solve these problems and fundamentally improve the personnel training system. 6 decrees and decisions on the public education system, 21 decisions of the Cabinet of Ministers were adopted by the President, and the legal and regulatory foundations of reforms in this field were strengthened.

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To ensure the implementation of the tasks defined in the "Concept for the development of the higher education system of the Republic of Uzbekistan until 2030"[4] approved by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PF-5847 of October 8, 2019, as well as to expand the independence of higher education institutions and sharply reduce state administrative control in their activities and thus the formation of state higher education institutions that prepare highly qualified personnel that can meet the requirements of the changing labor market has become important. The initial reforms in the field of higher education focused primarily on increasing admission quotas and coverage, improving the financial status of institutes and universities, and providing financial support to professors and teachers. Today, day, part-time and evening forms of distance higher education are being developed. In the following years, branches of a number of prestigious universities of developed countries were established in our country. At the same time, 2021 was declared as the year of "Youth support and population health promotion" and the State program for the development of this sector was adopted, and a 5-year strategy for the development of youth policy was developed. The goals of supporting young people, improving the protection system for students in need of social protection, and ensuring the principle of social justice were set.

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Resolution No. 132 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated March 11, 2021 "On additional measures for social support of youth" was adopted. On the basis of this decision, permanent financial resources and the procedure for their use were determined to bring the system of working with young people to a new level, to provide them with socio-legal and psychological support, to provide them with professional training and employment. Only in the last period of 2021, 300 billion soums were allocated to solve the life problems of 430 thousand young men and women on the basis of "Youth Directory" and "Youth Programs", which are considered a completely new system of working with young people [5].

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On June 16, 2021, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoev, at a video selector meeting on the priority tasks in the higher education system, 4 priority tasks in the field of higher education were shown:

- increasing the role of management boards of higher education institutions and expanding the powers of departments.
- to adapt the educational process to market requirements, to ensure coherence with production and to create an environment for the student to work on himself.
- increasing the scientific potential of higher education institutions, developing science and innovation.
- reducing red tape for professors and students, drastically reducing bureaucracy and corruption by digitizing the industry [6].

In order to effectively fulfill these tasks, it was emphasized that higher education institutions should be empowered to make independent decisions on academic and organizational management.

Resolution No. PQ-60 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated December 24, 2021 "On additional measures to ensure the academic and organizational-management independence of state higher education institutions" and "On measures to provide financial independence to state higher education institutions" According to Resolution No. 61, academic and financial independence was granted to 35 leading state higher education institutions from January 1, 2022. As a result of this, it was determined that from the 2022/2023 academic year, the following additional powers will be granted to the state higher education institutions granted financial independence:

1) In the field of academic independence:

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- approval of educational plans, educational programs, qualification requirements on the basis of professional standards, determining the form of education taking into account the language of education and the characteristics of educational directions and specialties;

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- determination of duration of studies for bachelor's education courses and master's specialties;
- determination of the cost of study in doctoral studies on the basis of a fee-contract, admission to doctoral studies based on selection in addition to the quota by allocating grants from extra-budgetary funds;
- approval of the procedure for scientific supervision of doctoral students and independent researchers;
- introduction of part-time, distance and evening forms of education at the master's level, introduction of the system of providing double qualifications, including practical qualifications, in educational areas and specialties;
- implementation of academic mobility with higher education institutions on the basis of mutual agreements;
- creation and publication of textbooks and other educational and scientific literature for the higher educational institution and educational institutions within its structure;
- establishment and implementation of mechanisms for internal control of the quality of education;
- 2) In the field of organizational-management independence:
- organization of structural structures, commercial and non-commercial organizations whose main activity is related to education, science, introduction and commercialization of its results, not financed from the state budget funds;
- approval of the structure of the institution and determination of the number of staff units regardless of the regulations established for higher education institutions;
- based on the needs of the labor market, opening of new educational areas and specialties, completion of current educational areas and specialties;
- determining the procedure for recruitment, dismissal and internal rotation of pedagogues and other employees;

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- organization of training in the form of distance education and admission of citizens of foreign countries on a fee-contract basis.

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From January 1, 2022, the state higher education institutions granted financial independence were given the authority to make independent decisions on the following issues:

- determining the cost of training on a fee-contract basis, taking into account the demand in the educational services market;
- determining and extending the terms of payment of student payment-contract funds;
- attracting local and foreign professors and specialists who can apply modern pedagogical technologies and conduct scientific research to the educational process on the basis of a contract;
- making decisions on determining the amount of remuneration for the work of foreign highly qualified specialists involved in educational and scientific processes based on market conditions;
- development of the standards for the inclusion of professors-teachers' state units;

allocation of scholarships and grants for students at the expense of own funds;

- direct purchase of educational and scientific literature, textbooks and training manuals from foreign countries from producers who own the copyright;
- determining the procedure for providing paid services in vacant buildings and structures;
- determining the annual limit of motor vehicles and their service requirements.

The essence of these reforms is to increase the coverage of young people in higher education institutions, to create conditions for their training, to increase the scientific potential of higher education institutions, the quality of personnel training, and to increase the competitiveness of higher education institutions. The conditions created today, the reforms implemented in the field of education, allow to increase the quality of education, to increase the competitiveness of higher education institutions, to take their place in the international educational arena.

Also, for the further development of youth reforms, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh.M. On January 19, 2022, Mirziyoev's Resolution "On measures to radically improve the system of working with youth in neighborhoods" was adopted [7]. Based on this decision, it was determined to introduce new management mechanisms for working with young people, to create a vertical system of working

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with them, to solve youth problems directly in neighborhoods, and to further increase the effectiveness of spiritual, educational and educational work in educational institutions. As a result, it was decided to introduce the position of youth leader in every town, village, village, as well as in every neighborhood in cities, towns, villages and villages. The main tasks of the youth leader in the neighborhood are as follows:

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- Formation of the "Youth Balance", entering the necessary information about the youth into the "Youth Register" and "Youth Portal" electronic platforms, organizing effective work with them;
- meaningful organization of free time of young people in neighborhoods, popularization of national folk games and sports among young people, implementation of five important initiative projects, youth festivals and other cultural and educational events:
- to increase the social activity of young people, encourage their talents, talents and initiatives and help them find their place in life;
- educating young people in the spirit of patriotism and ensuring their intellectual maturity and spiritual development;
- systematic work with young people who have a tendency to commit crimes, support social-pedagogical rehabilitation and adaptation of young people released from penal institutions, returning from specialized educational institutions.

The neighborhood leader carries out his activities in the neighborhoods attached to him in the following main directions:

- in the promotion of culture and art organizes the "Art Buds" pageant, the "Voice of Youth", "Young Artists" contests and the "Rainbow Stars" children's creative festival, as well as organizes youth and children's theater groups. reaches;
- in terms of popularizing healthy lifestyle and sports organizes mini-football, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, cycling, running, chess, checkers, badminton, archery competitions, 5000 steps walking marathon for health and "Young environmentalist" campaign;
- on the organization of effective use of information technologies implements the projects "One million programmers", "The first step to programming", holds the cyber sports championship and the competition "Connoisseur of information technologies";

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- in terms of promotion of spirituality and reading - "Zakovat" competition, "Kuvnog va zukkolar", "Smart book", "Young book", "Young book family", "Knower of foreign languages" and "Young polyglot" contests and "Discussion" organizes intellectual and national folk games;

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- on education in the spirit of patriotism and increasing legal literacy "Young border guard", "Young rescuer", "Happy starts", "Temurbeks", "Princess of Tomaris", "Shunqorlar", "Young lawyer", "Young voter", "Young organizes "deputy" contests and "I will be a soldier" campaigns and trips to military units;
- in support of entrepreneurial ideas "100 ideas for Uzbekistan" and "Business entrepreneur of the neighborhood" contests, "First step to business" grant project and organizes meetings with successful entrepreneurs.

Therefore, extensive systematic work is being carried out in our country aimed at educating the young generation and creating all the necessary conditions for them to take an independent step into life. At the same time, a number of problems remain in terms of forming modern entrepreneurial skills in young people and ensuring their employment by creating new jobs, effectively organizing the prevention of delinquency and crime among minors, preventing family disputes, and forming a firm civil position in the young generation.

Based on the above, it is appropriate to make the following suggestions:

- continuous improvement of legal documents aimed at supporting young people in our country, protecting their legal rights and interests;
- educating young people in the spirit of loyalty to the Motherland, respect for national and universal values, determining measures aimed at wide involvement of the growing young generation in science and innovation;
- to protect the rights and freedoms, legal interests of young people, to implement comprehensive preventive measures to prevent offenses and crimes among young people;
- effective cooperation with non-governmental organizations and other institutions of civil society in the process of implementing the state policy on youth;
- distribution of state grants and subsidies allocated in the form of a social order for financing youth programs, projects and scientific research works, ensuring their purposeful and effective use;

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- organization of socio-legal protection and employment of orphans who have graduated from educational institutions and young people deprived of their parents' care;

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- to send talented young people for education to leading foreign higher education institutions, to ensure their participation in international competitions, to widely involve the young generation in culture, art, physical education and sports, to increase their literacy in information technologies, to promote reading among young people, to increase the employment of women coordination of work aimed at the wide implementation of five important initiatives covering the tasks of provision, development of their intellectual potential and talent;
- wide involvement of young people in small business and private entrepreneurship, creation of additional conditions for them to master modern professions, digital economy skills, and assistance in the processes of providing them with work;
- development of international cooperation in the field of youth policy, taking necessary measures to increase the position of our country in the international rankings in the field of youth, systematic implementation of work with young people studying abroad.

To sum up, reforms related to youth education in the Republic of Uzbekistan are being consistently developed based on specific goals, step by step, and based on comprehensive measures. Also, the education sector is the basis of the welfare of the society and the state. In Uzbekistan, practical work is being developed in many directions, such as ensuring youth employment, their education, vocational training, entrepreneurship, higher education, creative ideas, encouraging the implementation of start-up projects, bringing children to a healthy adulthood.

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