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### ARCHIVAL SYSTEM IN UZBEKISTAN

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### ABOUT ARTICLE

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**Received:** 30.01.2024 **Accepted**: 04.02.2024 Published: 09.02.2024 Abstract: This article provides information about the archival system in the Republic of Uzbekistan, the activities of archives in it and its management, documents stored in archives and significance, improving the quality of archival services and converting them into electronic format, form, international cooperation and

agreements in the field of archives.

#### INTRODUCTION

The activity of the archive system in Uzbekistan began in 1919. In particular, in accordance with the decision No. 62 of the Central Executive Committee of the Turkestan ASSR dated November 5, 1919 "On the reorganization and centralization of archive work", the archive service was founded in our republic. The adoption of this document began with the maintenance of archival documents by a special institution, the collection and storage of documents.

In 1980, the republican archive administration was transferred to the General Archive Department under the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan. converted.

On June 19, 1992, the General Archives Department under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan ("Uzbosharkhiv") was renamed the agency "Uzbosharkhiv" on December 9, 2003. In accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PF-5834 of September 20, 2019, the Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Ozarxiv" was established.

During the years of independence, the focus on the archive changed radically. New buildings and warehouses were built for the archives, and they were provided with qualified specialists. In the archives, a number of practical works were carried out on new ways of storing and using documents, including keeping documents in electronic form and providing archival services.

During the past period, the necessary infrastructure was created in the field of archival work and administration, positive results were achieved in the collection, accounting, storage and use of archival documents, and certain intellectual and technological potential was formed. The National Archive Fund was enriched with archival documents of historical, scientific and cultural significance, reflecting the material and spiritual life of the people of Uzbekistan.

**VOLUME04 ISSUE02** 11 In the 1990s, the total number of documents in the state archives of the republic was 5.4 million storage units, and now the total number of documents in the state archives is more than 16 million, of which about 9 million storage units contain documents of the National Archive Fund (MAF).

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On October 24-27, 2017, the documents of the "Archive Documents of the Khanate of Khiva" fund (from the beginning of the 17th century to the beginning of the 20th century) stored in the National Archives of Uzbekistan were included in the international list of UNESCOs' "Memory of the World" program and an international certificate was handed over.

Also, at the 216th meeting of the UNESCO Executive Board held in Paris on May 10-24, 2023, the I-126 fund "Kushbegi Cabinet of the Emirate of Bukhara" (1718-1918) was included in the "Memory of the World" program and 64 new ones were included in the international register. was included in the list of documentary heritage objects.

The above-mentioned documents are of particular interest not only because of their antiquity, but also because of their structure (length and width), base (leather, tracing paper, paper, etc.), design (design, colors).

"Ozarkhiv" agency signed a number of memorandums on international cooperation in the field of archival work with the Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Ukraine, the Republic of Korea, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Turkey, Hungary and Israel. On the basis of these international agreements, more than 10,000 copies of documents related to the history of Uzbekistan were brought from the central archives of Russia, more than 100 from Turkey, and from Hungary.

On June 15, 2010, the adoption of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Archive Work" (ORQ-252) served as a real legal basis for the development of the field. This law was subsequently amended and supplemented (04.19.2018; 01.09.2019; 12.04.2020; 04.21.2021) and further improved.

In accordance with Decree No. PF-5834 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated September 20, 2019 "On measures to improve archive work and administration in the Republic of Uzbekistan" and Decision No. PQ-4463 "On improving the activities of the Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Ozarxiv", Archive comprehensive reforms were carried out in the field.

of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan

No. 706 dated November 10, 2020, a number of foreign countries such as the Russian Federation, the Republic of Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, the Czech Republic, Poland, Sweden, the United States, Germany, France, annually participate in the activities of using the classrooms of the State Archives. more than 50 appeals have been received from citizens (users), and these foreign users are given appropriate permits to visit the study halls of the state archives and use the archival materials there in the established order.

In 2020, the unified information system "Archive work" (my.archive.uz) was developed and put into practice. Practical work was also carried out on establishing the integration of inter-departmental systems in obtaining archival information on court decisions.

At the same time, 5 types of services provided by the State Archives were transferred to an interactive online view. Including, confirmation of salary and length of service, issuance of archival certificate of confirmation of studies at a higher and secondary special educational institution, issuance of annotation information on information in Turkish, Persian and Arabic language documents created in the Arabic alphabet, digitization of archival documents, books and manuscripts (electronic copying) administrative regulations were approved and their use was transferred to the State Services Center and the Unified Interactive State Services Portal.

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Among the archives of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the National Archive of Scientific, Technical and Medical Documents of Uzbekistan was the first to receive a single ISO 9001:2008(2015) quality management system certificate, as well as an ISO 37001:2016 anti-corruption management system certificate. At the moment, it is operating under the motto "Provision of high-quality and timely archival services".

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Also, in 2022, the management of the agency "Ozarkhiv". integrated management system based on the requirements of international standards ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management System) and ISO 37001:2016 (Anti-Corruption Management System) was introduced into its activities.

Regarding the compliance of these standards, an external audit was conducted in April 2023, in which the management of the archival work of the "Ozarkhiv" agency was found to be in accordance with the requirements of international standards, and international and national certificates were handed over. [https://uza.uz/uz/posts/ozarxiv-agentliga-korrupciyaga-koruash-boyyache-iso-sertifikati-berildi\_491963]

"Ozarxiv" agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan signed a number of important cooperation documents in order to establish international cooperation relations, and appropriate measures were implemented based on them. For example, on May 21, 2003, the "Agreement on cooperation in the field of archives between the General Archive Department under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Federal Archive Service of Russia" was signed in Tashkent.

On the basis of the Agreement on cooperation between the Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Ozarkhiv" and the American Holocaust Memorial Council and its Museum in Washington, signed on June 6, 2003, confirming the importance of continuing joint research in the field of archives, at the same time, the Presidential Decree of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated October 10, 2019 - Pursuant to the Decree No. 5848 (Plan of measures to attract foreign aid funds in 2020), on July 29, 2020, "Cooperation Agreement between the Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Ozarkhiv" and the USA Holocaust Memorial Museum" and the Technical Agreement according to it (14.01. 2021 in the cities of Washington and Tashkent) was signed. Today, on the basis of these agreements, cataloging of open archival documents (selected archival materials) containing information related to the fate of those evacuated to the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan during the Second World War and compilation of thematic reviews, digital reproduction of open selected archival materials related to this topic stored in state archives. things like creating (reproducible materials) are being done.

Also, international agreements with several foreign countries, including "Agreement on cooperation in the field of archival work between the "Ozarkhiv" agency under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Kazakhstan" (Tashkent, 07.26.2007), "Ozarkhiv" "Memorandum of Understanding between the agency and the National Library and Archives of Egypt" (05.05.2009, Cairo), "Agreement on cooperation in the field of archival work" between "Ozarkhiv" agency and the State Archives Committee of Ukraine (October 29, 2009, Yerevan), "Ozarkhiv" agency and the National Archives of the Republic of Korea on cooperation in the field of archival work" (Tashkent, 17.08.2016), Protocol on cooperation in the field of archives between the agency "Ozarkhiv" and the Directorate General of State Archives under the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey (Tashkent, 30.04.2018 city), the "Practical action plan for ensuring the implementation of agreements on the further development of cultural and humanitarian cooperation between the agency "Ozarkhiv" and the Department of State Archives under the President of the Republic of Turkey" (Tashkent city, March 11, 2019) was signed.

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of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PQ-4067 of December 19, 2018, the development of project documents for the construction of a new building of the National Archives of Uzbekistan has begun. As a continuation of these works, determining the place of implementation of the project within the framework of the "Memorandum of Understanding between the Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Ozarkhiv" and the National Archives of the United Arab Emirates" signed on March 25, 2019, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated April 2, 2019 "Between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the United Arab Emirates on measures to further strengthen and expand bilateral cooperation" based on the relevant clause of the Roadmap approved by decision PQ-4256, the issues of providing state archives with modern equipment were resolved. Currently, work is being carried out on the plan for the completion of the construction project of this building and the implementation of construction works.

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On November 6, 2019, the "Declaration on Cooperation between the Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Ozarxiv" and the National Archives of Hungary" was signed in the city of Termiz, aiming to develop cooperation in the field of archives based on mutual interest. In particular, the parties were determined to conduct research in accordance with the current national legislation of their countries, to exchange samples of archival documents and to exchange published manuals, inventories and similar research tools for the purpose of enriching archival documents. In addition, it was agreed to exchange experience with experts in the archival field in order to share knowledge on electronic information and modern technologies, as well as on the restoration of documents in the archives of the parties.

During 2020-2021, cooperation documents were signed with several local organizations in the field, including "Memorandum of Understanding between the Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Ozarxiv" and the Fund for the Development of Culture and Art under the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Uzbekistan" on March 2, 2020; On August 4, 2020, "Memorandum of mutual cooperation between the agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Ozarxiv" and "Master Media Production and Broadcast" LLC ("Sevimli" TV); ¬Agreement on cooperation between the "Ozarkhiv" agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Institute of History of the Academy of Sciences on October 7, 2020"; "Memorandum of Understanding between the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Ozarkhiv"" on November 4, 2020; On January 25, 2021, "Agreement on cooperation between the Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Ozarxiv" and the Coordinating Methodological Center on the Latest History of Uzbekistan under the Academy of Sciences"; March 18, 2021 "Memorandum of Understanding between the Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Ozarkhiv" and the National Library of Uzbekistan named after Alisher Navoi"; May 18, 2021 "Memorandum on cooperation between the Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Ozarkhiv" and the Center for Public Diplomacy of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Uzbekistan"; On June 24, 2021, the "Memorandum of cooperation between the Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Ozarxiv" and the Inkha University in Tashkent" was signed, and a lot of work on archival work was carried out in mutual cooperation.

In 2021, the "Ozarkhiv" agency became an equal member of the "Advisory Council of the heads of archival services of the participating states of the Commonwealth of Independent States". The Advisory Council of Heads of Archive Services of the CIS Participating States was established by the decision of the Council of Heads of Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Economic Council of the CIS on December 3, 2004 to jointly consider current issues related to archival work.

On September 20-21, 2023, the 19th meeting of the Advisory Council of the heads of archive services of the CIS member states and the international scientific-practical conference on "Archives and electronic

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documents: requirements of the era" were held for the first time in Uzbekistan. It was hosted by the USA, Hungary, Turkey, Russia, China, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. Current issues such as organization of electronic document circulation, collection, archiving, accounting, storage and use of electronic documents in modern conditions, artificial intelligence, electronic archives, digitization, wide introduction of advanced technologies in the field were discussed by the participants of the meeting.

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At the same time, on October 9-13, 2023, the "Ozarkhiv" agency participated in the next meeting of the "General Assembly of the International Council of Archives-2023" held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (ICA CONGRESS ABU DHABI-2023). "Ozarkhiv" agency has been a full member of the International Council of Archives since 2009. The main mission of the International Council on Archives is to preserve, protect and expand the world's archival heritage and to help realize the rights of peoples to study and know their history. U. Yusupov, director of the "Ozarxiv" agency, made a presentation on the subject of "Transfer of archive services to online service mode in Uzbekistan" at this Council meeting. In the presentation, issues related to the provision of archival services based on the requirements of the times, wide opportunities created for citizens' use and its advantages were covered.

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