

A NEW STAGE AND PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN UZBEKISTAN AND TAJIKISTAN IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE AND ARTS

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ABSTRACT

This article highlights the prospects for promoting cooperation between Uzbekistan and Tajikistan to a new level in the culture and art of the fraternal peoples.

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Relations between Uzbekistan and Tajikistan have a very long history. These are brothers who for centuries drank water from the same source, breathed the same air and were creative under the same sky. In Central Asia, relations between states began to form; cultural, economic, and diplomatic relations were established between these two peoples. Our peoples are united by a common history, culture and spiritual values, mutual respect and centuries-old traditions of good neighborliness. This closeness serves as a solid foundation and main principle of relations between Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. The warming of relations between the two neighboring countries has had a positive impact on the lives of ordinary people. As confirmation of this, the opening of checkpoints and the restoration of railway and air communications between our countries were greeted with joy by our peoples. Over the past five years, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have systematically strengthened bilateral relations [1].

Mutual cultural dialogue and the establishment of friendly relations between our country and Tajikistan are of great importance in ensuring the security of the Central Asian region and strengthening relations between our fraternal peoples. In particular, our country cooperates with Tajikistan in the socio-economic, cultural and educational spheres in order to ensure regional stability and develop large-scale cooperation.

For example, during the visit of the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon to our country on August 17-18, 2018, according to President Shavkat Mirziyoyev: "Thanks to our joint efforts, in a very short time we were able to give a powerful impetus to cooperation in all areas." [2]. During the negotiations, issues of expanding cooperation in political, trade, economic, investment, transport and communications, energy, agriculture and water management, tourism and other areas, and improving the comfort of people's lives were discussed. We agreed to use additional opportunities in

this regard, strengthen ties between regions, large enterprises and entrepreneurs, and intensify cultural and humanitarian exchanges. As a result of high-level negotiations held in Koksaroy, an agreement on interstate strategic partnership was signed between the two countries. The Strategic Partnership Agreement defines the goal of establishing long-term and stable partnerships, as well as the strategic directions of mutual cooperation.

Also, on June 2, 2022, during the visit of the President of Tajikistan to our country, the signing of the Declaration “On Strengthening Eternal Friendship and Alliance” between the two fraternal countries marked the beginning of a new stage in the field of interethnic relations. Today’s cooperation between these two countries serves to improve friendly and good neighborly relations. “The people of Uzbekistan value friendship and good neighborliness with the fraternal Tajik people, based on a common history, cultural and spiritual heritage and noble traditions of our ancestors. We have always stood shoulder to shoulder and supported each other in good and difficult times,” said Shavkat Mirziyoyev. The fact that the Uzbek and Tajik peoples are close partners and very similar peoples can be explained by the fact that they dress almost identically, cook the same food and have established cultural ties between the two peoples over the centuries. The strong friendship between the two countries is associated with the rich scientific heritage of Firdavsi, Rudaki, Abdurakhman Jami, Sadriddin Ayni, which is in every Uzbek family and has a place in their hearts. In addition, the fact that there are more than 1 million Uzbeks living in Tajikistan and 1.5 million Tajiks in Uzbekistan shows that friendly relations between the two peoples are closely linked.

In addition, in 2017, the Days of Culture of the Republic of Tajikistan were held in Uzbekistan, and in 2017, the Days of Culture of Uzbekistan were held in Tajikistan. People’s Artists of Uzbekistan Gulomjon Yagubov and Mahmud Nomozov, Honored Artist of Uzbekistan Sobirjon Mominov, singer Sevinch Mominova, laureates of the Nihol Prize and the State Song and Dance Ensemble “Uzbekistan” presented the art and culture of Uzbekistan. A photo exhibition “Modern Uzbekistan” was organized at the State Academic Opera and Ballet Theater named after Ayni. The films “Father” and “The fairy tale of the Oygiz” were shown to the Tajik audience. Concert programs were held in the cities of Dushanbe, Korgontepa and Tursunzade as the central events of the Days of Culture of Uzbekistan. Uzbek artists performed songs in Uzbek and Tajik languages.

The celebration of the Days of Culture of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Tajikistan in 2019 is a practical expression of friendship and broad social cooperation between our fraternal peoples. As part of the Days of Culture, an exhibition of cultural heritage and folk crafts of Uzbekistan was organized in the foyer of the Tajik State

Academic Opera and Ballet Theater named after S. Ayni. Then a large concert program was shown. Sherali Joraev, Gulomjon Yakubov, Abduhoshim Ismailov, Ozoda Nursaidova, Yulduz Turdieva, Umid Israilov, ensembles “Makom”, “Tashkent Zebolari” and other talented people performed their songs. As part of the events, the delegation of Uzbekistan visited Dangara State University. There are 86 students from Uzbekistan studying at this university. Also, the concert program was presented by Uzbek artists at the Kasri Fakhrang Palace of Culture in Dangara. The delegation of Uzbekistan was headed by the Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Tajikistan E. Shoismatov.

Currently, closely good-neighborly and friendly relations between the Republic of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan have entered a new stage and are developing. In particular, this bilateral cooperation is expressed in various festivals, exhibitions and forums held by representatives of the culture and art of the fraternal peoples of the two countries.

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