

CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN UZBEKISTAN AND BELARUS

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Abstract

The visit of the President of Belarus to Uzbekistan in 2018 shows that our countries share a desire for cooperation, and that both sides are interested in further strengthening long-term mutual relations.

In August of this year, the meeting of the intergovernmental commission on bilateral cooperation was successfully held in Tashkent.

Joint projects are being implemented in such fields as mechanical engineering, pharmaceuticals, light and food industry, agriculture, and tourism. Relations between business circles and leading enterprises are strengthening.

In the next two months, representatives of all regions of our country visited Belarus and established close relations with their partners.

The parties exchanged views on the prospects of developing relations in the trade-economic, investment, transport-communication and cultural-humanitarian spheres.

The presidents noted that they are interested in expanding practical cooperation, that there are intellectual, technological and other resources for this, as well as, most importantly, mutual desire.

The intergovernmental commission on bilateral cooperation was entrusted with the task of increasing the volume of mutual trade and bringing it to one billion dollars in the coming years. It was agreed to further expand interregional relations, to develop cooperation in machine-building, textiles, food industry, animal husbandry, fruit and vegetable processing, pharmaceuticals, production of building materials and other sectors. The need to establish joint ventures and export their products to the market of third countries was emphasized.

The issue of cooperation in the implementation of the nuclear power plant construction project in Uzbekistan was considered.

The parties agreed to further strengthen partnership relations in the cultural and humanitarian sphere.

At the end of the negotiations, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and the President of the Republic of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko signed a joint statement. An important part of the wide reforms carried out in the education system in our country envisages international relations, and this principle provides an opportunity to train professional personnel who fully meet world standards in all respects.

In the last two years, the active development of trade and economic relations between Belarus and Uzbekistan requires cultural and humanitarian relations and, first of all, inter-university cooperation.

A cooperation agreement was signed between Belarusian State University and Tashkent State University of Uzbek Language and Literature named after Alisher Navoi.

The document was signed by university rectors Andrey Korol and Shuhrat Sirojiddinov. The agreement envisages academic exchange of students, organization of joint conferences, seminars, symposiums, cooperation in research, publishing, works, as well as exchange of scientific and methodological materials and literature.

The heads of the universities exchanged information on the priority directions of the activities of the institutions they lead. Shuhrat Sirojiddinov emphasized that popularization of Uzbek language and literature is one of the main tasks of ToshDO'TAU.

The parties supported the proposal to study the Uzbek language, and in the near future, negotiations were held to open a center of the Uzbek language and culture at the University of Belarus. This center allows you to get acquainted with the national culture, literature and traditions of Uzbekistan.

First Deputy Minister of Culture of Belarus Natalya Vladimirovna Karchevskaya visited the State Institute of Art and Culture of Uzbekistan. Under the leadership of the rector of the institute, professor Ibrahim Yuldashev, vice-rector Gozal Kholikulova, the guest got to know the environment of the institute. Educational theater building, "Sound directing and cameramanship" department, master class rooms, lesson processes of "Folk art" faculty were observed. Students demonstrated the practice of mastering the art of national dance and choreography. Information was given about the material and technical base of the institute.

A creative conversation was held with Natalya Vladimirovna in the conference hall of the institute with the participation of professors and future doctoral students. The guest spoke about the education system in the fields of art and culture in Belarus. They discussed the signing of mutual agreements, the further development of the pedagogical qualification system. Also, many plans were put forward for international festivals, news in the fields of science, art and culture, establishment of inter-faculty communication, further improvement of the fields of museology and librarianship. In the course of the interview, intense question-and-answer sessions were held with professors and future doctoral students. The most important thing is the further development of cooperation between the two countries, the principles of working on innovative projects at the master's and doctoral stages were put forward.

On August 5-9, 2019, the "I Belarus-Uzbekistan IT Forum" was held in Minsk, Belarus. In it, representatives of BRYoI and the Youth Union of Uzbekistan signed a roadmap for the development of cooperation in the field of information and communication.

In order to continue and develop cooperation between the youth organizations of the two countries, as well as to implement the plan approved by the Prime Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Republic of Belarus on November 2, 2018, on November 18-23, 2019, "II Uzbek" will be held in Uzbekistan "Belarus Youth IT Forum" is planned to be held.

Opinions were exchanged on issues of cooperation in the field of IT and innovation. Holding the 2nd meeting of the Belarus-Uzbekistan Commission on Science and Technology Cooperation in Belarus in the first half of 2023 with the direct participation of the participants, as well as the approved joint scientific-technical and innovative cooperation program in IT, digitization and high technologies an agreement was reached on enrichment with new initiatives and projects in the field.

Special attention was paid to cultural and humanitarian cooperation, in particular, relations in the field of education and tourism development. Willingness to organize special tourist services for citizens of Belarus, such as “Tourism for the family”, “Sunny vacation”, “Vitamin tour”, “Study and travel” was expressed. Belarusian colleagues were invited to participate in the Tashkent International Tourism Fair, which will be held in November of this year, and the 25th session of the General Assembly of the UN World Tourism Organization, which is scheduled to be held in Samarkand in 2023. In 2023-2026, the development and approval of the “Road Map” between the leading higher educational institutions of Uzbekistan and Belarus, as well as the “Days of Belarusian Cinema” in Uzbekistan and “Days of Uzbek Cinema” in Belarus agreed to transfer.

At the end of the meeting, the final protocol reflecting the main agreements reached during the events, as well as the “Road map” for the implementation of the agreements reached at the end of the mutual visits of the heads of government of the two countries were signed. On December 15, 2018, a memorandum of cooperation was signed between the Belarusian Republican Youth Union (BRYoI) and the Youth Union of Uzbekistan. The main goal of this memorandum is to establish and develop mutual relations between the youth of Belarus and Uzbekistan.

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