

PRIORITIES OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION

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ANNOTATION

The paper considers the issues of modernization in the country in the context of on going changes in the system of higher education in the country. Particular emphasis in the article is placed on the modernization of higher medical education.

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At the present stage of development, Uzbekistan faces strategic tasks, including the further development of the higher education system as the most important factor in the country's prosperity, sustainable economic growth, and employment.

Building a comprehensively developed state and society in the new Uzbekistan and creating the foundation of New Uzbekistan and the Third Renaissance require further strengthening of work on the formation in the country of an innovative system for training highly qualified, independently thinking, patriotic personnel with high intellectual potential, competitive in the international labor market, deeply mastered modern knowledge and technologies at the level of generally recognized international standards.

The higher school system of the republic trains qualified specialists for various spheres of public life and sectors of the economy - scientific, economic, technical and others. The educational process systematizes knowledge and acquired skills, orienting students towards solving theoretical and practical problems in the vector of the chosen specialization with the creative use of the achievements of modern scientific thought and technology.

Aimed at active entry into the international educational space, the system of higher education of the republic is undergoing a process of long-term transformation.

It is gratifying that reforms in the field of higher education in Uzbekistan are being implemented in cooperation with many international organizations, including Erasmus + (European Union program), JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency), KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency). As a result of the joint programs being implemented, hundreds of teachers and students of Uzbekistan have the opportunity to get acquainted with the best international experience in the education system, acquire new knowledge and skills, improve their skills in the world's leading universities.

Samarkand State Medical University was founded by the decision of the government of the republic more than 90 years ago, far from us in 1930. During its glorious history, our university has come a long way of becoming one of the leading medical universities not only in Uzbekistan, but also in the entire Central Asian region.

In 1930, by the Decree of the Council of People's Commissars of Uzbekistan No. 80 dated May 7, 1930, the State Uzbek Medical Institute (GUZMI) was founded in the city of Samarkand. This was a great event for the population of the Central Asian region, since there was no independent medical higher educational institution in this region.

The Samarkand State Medical Institute (since April 2022 - the University) received special development after the independence of the republic. In 1997, the country adopted the "National Program for the Training of Personnel", and in 1998 the state program for reforming health care, the results of which were the creation in 1999 of the Faculty of Higher Nursing. In 2001, a department was opened, and since 2005, the faculty of medical pedagogy, and in subsequent years, the faculties of dentistry, preventive medicine, medical biology, pharmacy, and since 2020, students have been studying in the new direction "Traditional Medicine".

In 2020, the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has fundamentally affected all areas of life in almost all countries of the world. There are even suggestions that the changes are so profound that we will have to adapt to them, in the sense of constantly complying with sanitary and epidemiological requirements.

This pandemic has also had a strong impact on education and training. Our University, like all educational institutions of the republic, has switched to distance learning since the first days of the pandemic. Since 2013, its own electronic learning platform has been created and successfully operated, and the entire learning process from April until the end of the academic year took place on it.

The University has established cooperation with such well-known foreign universities as the Volga Research Medical University, Chuvash National University named after I.N. Ulyanova (RF), Ternopil National Medical University named after Ya.B. Gorbachevsky (Ukraine), Higher School of Business National Louis University

(Poland), Belarusian State Medical University (Republic of Belarus) for training in undergraduate and graduate programs in several specialties under the double degree program. The training of personnel under the program of the second higher education is being actively carried out together with the Korean side. Also, from the 2020-2021 academic year, the admission of students from the IRP and India, who also intend to receive higher medical education within the walls of the university, has begun.

On December 24, 2021, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan signed two important documents regarding fundamental changes in the higher education system “On additional measures to ensure the academic, organizational and managerial independence of state higher educational institutions” and “On measures to ensure the financial independence of state higher educational institutions”.

According to these documents, a list of state higher educational institutions has been approved, which includes Samarkand State Medical University, which will be granted financial independence from January 1, 2022. Universities will be empowered to independently make decisions on the issues of determining the cost of education on a paid-contract basis, establishing and extending the terms of payment for a paid contract by students, attracting domestic and foreign professors and specialists on a contractual basis who are able to apply modern pedagogical technologies in the educational process and conduct scientific research. research, setting the wages of foreign highly qualified specialists involved in educational and scientific processes, developing standards for the introduction of full-time positions of professors-teachers, the allocation of scholarships and grants for students at their own expense, direct purchase of educational and scientific literature, textbooks and teaching aids from foreign states from manufacturers with copyrights, determining the procedure for the provision of paid services in empty buildings and structures, determining the annual mileage limit for vehicles and requirements for their maintenance.

Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev dated April 1, 2022 "On the establishment of the Samarkand State Medical University and the further improvement of the training system in this area" to create a modern medical university in ancient Samarkand on the basis of the Samarkand State Medical Institute, embodying the most advanced achievements of the domestic and international experience, is, in our opinion, of strategic importance. Our university has everything necessary for this, including a powerful scientific and pedagogical potential, a rich material and technical base, and a long tradition of training qualified medical personnel. According to the presidential decree, the orientation of the educational process towards the formation of practical skills, the widespread introduction of advanced pedagogical technologies, curricula and innovative materials based on international educational standards, the creation of the necessary conditions to ensure

the combination of theoretical knowledge and practice in the clinic and the educational base, the development of academic mobility programs for students, teachers and researchers in the framework of cooperation with foreign medical universities, conducting fundamental, applied and innovative research to solve existing problems in medical practice, the gradual introduction of the concept of "University 3.0", which provides an integral connection of medical education, science, practical healthcare with real sectors of the economy .

Particular attention in the Decree is also paid to the development of the practical orientation of the University, in particular, on the basis of the Samarkand Regional Hospital for Rehabilitation of Health, it is planned to create a Research Institute of Rehabilitology and Sports Medicine, a multidisciplinary clinic of the University and a Specialized Children's Surgical Clinic on the basis of the first and second clinics of the Samarkand State Medical Institute, Research Institute of Microbiology, Virology, Infectious and Parasitic Diseases named after L. M. Isaev on the basis of the branch named after L. M. Isaev of the Republican Specialized Scientific and Practical Medical Center for Epidemiology, Microbiology, Infectious and Parasitic Diseases and its clinic, Specialized Scientific and Practical Center for Neurosurgery and Neurorehabilitation, Scientific Center for Immunology, Allergology and Human Genomics.

Summing up, we note that the coronavirus pandemic has shown the importance of medical workers, their fatefulness in matters of social security in the country. Of course, the development of medical education is determined by the country's needs for medical personnel of a new formation and is truly nationwide in nature, which in turn is closely related to medical science and healthcare practice.

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