

FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE YOUTH POLICY IN UZBEKISTAN

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ABSTRACT

The scientific article reveals the main aspects of the state youth policy in Uzbekistan. Analyzed practical work on the development of social activity, political thinking and skills of young people. The article also focuses on current problems in this area.

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INTRODUCTION

From the historical development of any country, it is known that the rapid development of the country, its achievements, the well-being of its people depend on the level of attention paid to education and the future of young people in this country. In this sense, the problem of youth in Uzbekistan is one of the priorities of state policy.

A solid legal base has been created in the country to protect the rights and interests of young people, create the necessary conditions and opportunities for them, and this system is being improved in accordance with modern requirements. In particular, to date, the Parliament has adopted more than 40 laws on youth and ratified more than 30 international legal acts.

The proposal of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev to adopt the UN Convention on the Rights of Youth was warmly received by the international community. Based on this, the Uzbek leader cited the fact that today the number of young people in the world has exceeded two billion, as well as the need to protect young people in the face of the rapid growth of international terrorism and extremism[1].

It should be noted that this issue is also reflected in the "Action Strategy for the five priority areas of development of the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2017-2021". In particular, the following priorities for protecting the rights of young people have been identified:

- To educate young people who are physically healthy, mentally and intellectually developed, independent-minded, loyal to the Fatherland, with firm views on life, deepen democratic reforms and increase their social activity in the process of developing civil society.
- Employment of graduates of secondary specialized, vocational and higher educational institutions and their involvement in the sphere of private entrepreneurship.
- To support and realize the creative and intellectual potential of the younger generation, to form a healthy lifestyle in children and youth, to involve them in physical culture and sports.

At the initiative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 5 laws and 55 by-laws on youth policy for 2016-2021 were adopted. The Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On State Youth Policy", adopted in 2016, emphasizes that the state youth policy serves to create conditions for the social development of young people and the development of their intellectual, creative and other potential[2].

A number of measures have been taken to fulfill the tasks set by this law. In particular, in order to consistently and effectively implement the state youth policy, comprehensively support young people, radically reform the system for protecting their rights and legitimate interests, develop effective solutions to problems in the youth field, and effectively organize and coordinate the competent authorities and the Agency for Youth Affairs. In addition, the Committee for Youth Affairs, Culture and Sports of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis, the Commission for Youth Affairs of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis, the Youth Parliament under the chambers of the Oliy Majlis have been established. At the same time, the Youth Academy was established under the Ministry of Innovative Development. "Project Factory" started work in the regions.

Since 2018, 25 Young Entrepreneurs co-working centers have been launched in the regions in order to ensure the employment of young people and finance their initiatives. Within the framework of the state program "Youth is our future", the practice of financing events in regions and cities of the country has been established.

The promotion and implementation of five important initiatives put forward by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan play an important role in the implementation of the state youth policy. To implement this idea, the "5 initiative project office" was created under the Youth Union of Uzbekistan. Relevant projects are being implemented, including Sports Caravan, One Million Programmers, and The Best Reading Family.

In order to encourage young people who work effectively in various fields, achieve high results and set an example for their peers, the state award "Mard oglon" and the medal "Kelajak bunyodkori" were established. Over the past period, 113 young people were awarded the state award "Mard uglon" and 75 were awarded the medal "Kelajak bunyodkori"[3].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The field of education has also undergone tremendous changes in recent years. The system was radically reformed. Many changes have been made in this area for the benefit of young people. We can classify them as follows:

First, the activities of preschool institutions and general education schools have been radically updated. Over the past five years, the coverage of early childhood education in pre-school education has doubled and reached 60 percent. To date, the number of kindergartens has exceeded 14 thousand. In order to improve the quality of lessons, an overtime payment system has been introduced for young teachers who go to a remote school in another area and teach.

In addition, in recent years, 98 specialized schools have been created for in-depth education of young people. The creation of Presidential schools in each region also serves to educate talented and harmoniously developed youth.

Secondly, the enrollment of young people in higher education has increased. In 2016, there were 65 higher education institutions in the country, and in 2021, the total number of higher education institutions in the country more than doubled to 127.

In the 2016/2017 academic year, admissions parameters were 57,907, and in the 2021/2022 academic year, admissions parameters almost tripled to 157,755. In particular, the admission parameters based on state grants have been increased by 1.5 times.

Thirdly, the state policy in the education system has been improved. In order to bring the education sector to a radically new level, a new version of the Law "On Education" was adopted. In order to ensure the continuous education of young people, this law introduced full-time, correspondence, correspondence and distance learning. Established dual training.

Fourth, the necessary conditions have been created for young people to receive education. Starting

from the 2021/2022 academic year, a new system for issuing educational loans by commercial banks at the base rate of the Central Bank has been introduced. According to him, the student plans to repay the bulk of the student loan within 7 years from the seventh month after graduation. It was noted that children from families included in the Unified Register of Social Protection are not required to provide collateral and guarantees for educational loans.

Undoubtedly, one of the most welcome news is the introduction of a grant from the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, funded from the state budget, for 200 young people who scored top marks in the entrance exams for full-time undergraduate studies in public higher education.

In previous years, there were cases when an applicant who scored the highest score when entering some higher education institutions was admitted on a paid basis. Such injustice caused a great protest of the population, especially young people. The introduction of the Presidential Grant will help create more educational opportunities for young people. The awarding of the state scholarship of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the recipients of these grants for excellent studies, achievements in the field of spiritual, educational and research activities also testifies to the great opportunities provided to young people.

In order to provide comprehensive assistance to women in obtaining education and professional skills and employment, the Ministry of Mahalla and Family Support issued state grant indicators for the admission of women, as well as higher education for women from low-income families. It is commendable that the number of allocated state grants has doubled to 2000. The creation of such opportunities will serve to increase the social and political activity of girls and youth, and support them.

Fifthly, attention is paid to the training of personnel that meets international standards. In order to ensure the education and scientific activities of our youth in prestigious foreign universities, the El-Yurt Umidi Foundation was established, scholarships were allocated for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral studies abroad. In 2018-2020, the foundation sent 54 people abroad to master's programs, 42 to doctoral studies, 191 to internships, and 698 people to advanced training. In 2021, the foundation will allocate 69 places for undergraduate, 112 places for graduate and 91 places for doctoral studies. The training of personnel abroad, educated at the most prestigious universities and research centers in the world, possessing advanced knowledge and skills thanks to internships in innovative companies, ready to work tirelessly for the benefit of the development of their country, will certainly have a positive impact on the development of the country.

In this regard, the promotion of 5 important initiatives by Shavkat Mirziyoyev to systematize efforts in the social, spiritual and educational spheres marked the beginning of another new stage in the history of Uzbekistan in the field of youth education.

This noble idea of the head of state was met with great interest by the people of Uzbekistan, especially the youth, and spread throughout the country in a short time.

In accordance with these five initiatives, which will be widely implemented in the future, the material and technical base of cultural centers, music and art schools in the regions will be significantly improved, and an additional 1,500 youth clubs will be created. Even in the cultural centers of the most remote villages, amateur art circles, youth theater studios and Youth Clubs will be created.



In addition, measures will be taken to ensure the maximum coverage of youth with more than 12,000 sports facilities throughout the country, and all secondary schools will be fully equipped with sports equipment. At the same time, small gyms and artificial turf fields will be built with lightweight sandwich panels in remote areas. In the future, the number of sports schools for children and adolescents will be increased.

DISCUSSION

In all regions, digital technology training centers will be created based on international best practices in protecting young people from malicious attacks on the Internet, teaching them how to use information technologies effectively. These centers provide free training in e-commerce and programming, develop innovative business skills in the field of information technology, and support start-up projects. Also, by 2021, an action plan will be developed and implemented in stages to provide computer classes in all schools with modern technologies and high-speed Internet. The new computer game centers will be equipped with tests, quizzes, developing strategies and other useful programs aimed at expanding the knowledge and horizons of the younger generation.

In order to strengthen reading skills among young people, the new initiative will deliver at least 1 million copies of books to the Republic of Karakalpakstan and all regions. At the same time, one exemplary bookstore will be created in each city and district center, mobile book pavilions will be installed, and library services will be provided to the population of villages and auls through Bibliobus.

In order to ensure the employment of women in 2019-2020, densely populated, labor-intensive areas have been selected to create 195 sewing and knitting enterprises in all areas. As a result, it is planned to create more than 24 thousand permanent jobs.

In general, Uzbekistan is doing everything possible to create modern, advanced and innovative conditions so that young people can get an education, acquire a profession and grow up as mature people. Because the more attention is paid to the comprehensive support of the younger generation, raising it as spiritually mature, physically healthy, patriotic and selfless, protecting its

rights and interests, the higher its effectiveness[4]. Therefore, in Uzbekistan, youth, which is recognized as an active stratum of society, is seen not as a "problem", but as a major force in the development of the country, a strategic resource of the state. As a result, today highly educated, modern-minded, strong-willed youth is becoming an increasingly decisive force in the future development of the country.

CONCLUSION

In a word, over the past five years, the comprehensive support of young people has laid the foundation for them to become full-fledged people. Such attention to youth eventually bears fruit. This is evidenced by the achievements of our youth at the international and national levels. As a result of these reforms, there is no doubt that our future will be bright in the hands of such young people. Because today's youth is the basis of our future, New Uzbekistan, the Third Renaissance.

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