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# I Am Proud to Be an Uzbek

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**Abstract**: Drawing on the fundamental works and strategic concepts of our esteemed President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, this article reveals the strategic role and approaches of New Uzbekistan in forming the first foundation of human capital and digitalizing the preschool education ecosystem as part of building the foundation of the Third Renaissance.
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The Motherland is not simply the geographical territory where we were born and raised. The Motherland is the essence of a person's identity — a lofty spiritual space that draws strength from the echoes of one's ancestors and inspires the building of the foundation of the future. In today's age of rapid technology, the idea “I am proud to be an Uzbek” must become a living conviction in the heart of every young man and woman. In his works on the “New Uzbekistan Strategy,” our esteemed President Shavkat Mirziyoyev particularly emphasizes that the main driving force of the country's development is human capital and the intellectual potential of young people. The idea of the Third Renaissance put forward by the head of our state requires every citizen not only to take pride in the past, but also to possess the intellectual potential to keep pace with the modern world. Indeed, the formation of feelings of patriotism and national belonging is inseparably linked with preschool education — the starting point of the continuous education system.



The land of Uzbekistan is a homeland that has given the world of science and Islamic civilization an incomparable contribution, giving birth to great geniuses. The scientific foundation created by our ancestors — Al-Khwarizmi, Ibn Sina, Abu Rayhan Beruni, Mirzo Ulugbek, and Alisher Navoi — is today the pride of us, the youth.[1]

As our President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has emphasized, in order to build New Uzbekistan and take a step toward a new era of progress, the education system must be completely reformed. Most importantly, the very first foundation of these reforms begins with preschool education institutions. Thanks to the initiatives of the head of our state, a completely new approach has been introduced into the preschool education system of our country. The coverage of kindergartens has been sharply increased nationwide, and they have been equipped with modern educational tools.

Quality education that begins in childhood is a reserve of new generations hungry for intellectual knowledge, worthily continuing the path of learning laid down by our great ancestors. When a child acquires their first knowledge in an environment of values and national culture, boundless love for the Motherland and a sense of national pride naturally take shape within them.

At the center of the strategy for building New Uzbekistan lies the noble and people-centered principle of "For the Sake of Human Dignity." Within the preschool education system, this principle of "Human Dignity" can be seen above all in the conditions being created for our little children, allowing them to grow up in a healthy and safe environment. As a result of the introduction of a public-private partnership system, private and non-state kindergartens with all modern conditions and amenities are being established even in the most remote corners of our country. At the same time, the social prestige of the teachers and educators who train the young generation is being raised, and their labor is being worthily rewarded.[2]



Today's Uzbekistan is a country of digital technologies, artificial intelligence, and startups. As President Shavkat Mirziyoyev emphasized in his work "The Present Era and New Uzbekistan," it is difficult to be competitive in the global market without digitalizing every sector. In this regard, today preschool education institutions are conducting classes in the form of interactive games, through which educator-pedagogues introduce children from an early age to logical thinking, elements of mental arithmetic, and information technologies. The basics of robotics programming serve to enhance the thinking abilities of preschool-age children from an early age. In his meetings with young people, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has repeatedly stated: "A person who reads books and works on themselves gains wings. Their strength lies in their knowledge." Love for books is undoubtedly shaped in the environment of the family and the kindergarten. A child who grows up reading books knows the history of their homeland well, understands its greatness, values their national heritage, and takes genuine pride in being an Uzbek.[3] There are many countries in

the world, but for every person the soil where their umbilical blood was shed and where the ashes of their ancestors rest is singular and sacred. For me, such a sacred and hallowed land is Uzbekistan. Today, the highest feeling living in the heart of every compatriot is pride in being a citizen of an independent and great state — that is, pride in being an Uzbek.

We were born in such a great land that every inch of its soil is worth gold, and whose history has laid a cornerstone in world civilization. The great conqueror Amir Temur proudly declared, “We are the masters of Turan, the rulers of Turkestan — we are the most ancient and the most exalted of nations,” and these were not idle words. Within these words lies strength and pride enduring through the ages. Indeed, this sacred land has been the cradle of geniuses such as Imam al-Bukhari, the sultan of hadith scholarship, and Muhammad al-Khwarizmi, the founder of mathematics and algorithms recognized throughout world science. The teaching of our ancestor Imam al-Bukhari that “there is no salvation apart from knowledge, nor has there ever been,” together with the wisdom of our ancestor al-Khwarizmi that “the best among people is the one who leaves useful knowledge and good deeds to the generations that follow,” continue today to serve as a guiding light illuminating the path of life for us, the youth.[4]

As the head of our state Shavkat Mirziyoyev has noted regarding our forefather, today's youth are not mere observers but active builders of the Third Renaissance. His words — “In my vision, Uzbekistan is a beloved Motherland drawing strength from its ancient history, boldly striding toward digital technologies, science, and green energy, with the spirit of creation breathing in every corner” — reflect his trust in every young generation and the love and devotion that young people are showing toward the Motherland. Following this golden rule, Uzbek youth today are proving on international arenas, in science, technology, and sports, that they are capable of making their voice heard on the world stage. Today, as a student of the University of Innovative Technologies, mastering the pinnacle of modern knowledge and making a worthy contribution to the prosperity of my beloved Motherland has become the highest and most sacred goal of my life.



Today, as a student of the preschool education program, I am mastering the secrets of a most honorable and responsible profession — giving the first lessons to the little children who will be the masters of tomorrow, and awakening in their pure hearts a love for the Motherland and respect for the native language. Indeed, the foundation of any great state begins precisely with kindergarten, with preschool education and early upbringing. As our great astronomer and scholar Mirzo Ulugbek said: “The path of knowledge is the foundation of all good things, while ignorance is the

source of all evil." Likewise, the words of the sultan of the realm of poetry, His Excellency Alisher Navoi — "If you become learned, the world is yours" — and the teaching of Amir Temur — "Work carried out with determination and steadfastness is superior to a thousand undertakings" — place great responsibility upon us, future pedagogues. We must plant the seeds of determination, thirst for knowledge, justice, and high moral values in the minds of little children from early childhood.[5] Whether new geniuses and great scholars emerge from our land in the future depends precisely on such a strong and reliable foundation within the preschool education system.

In conclusion, the feeling of pride in being an Uzbek is not simply joy — it is my life motto, the source of strength and energy behind every step I take. It means feeling responsibility for the prosperity of the homeland, and participating in reforms through practical work and knowledge. The great attention given by the head of our state Shavkat Mirziyoyev to preschool education — the first link in the education system — is evidence that the future of New Uzbekistan is great and bright.[6]

I feel boundless pride that I live in such a peaceful, clear-skied, prosperous, and magnificent country, and that I am one of the young, educated individuals, a future educator, who will serve for its bright future. We are young people who build the foundation with our own hands, worthy of our ancestors, and we will always justify, in any circumstance, the great trust our nation and leader have placed in us. We fully support all the reforms put forward by our President. Our highest goal is to master modern innovative technologies to perfection and to develop the most advanced digital programs and intelligent systems for the preschool education system as well. Introducing our science to the world and raising the flag of New Uzbekistan high on the international stage is our devotion to the Motherland and our highest duty!

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