

## EDUCATION IS THE FOUNDATION OF DEVELOPMENT

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**Abstract.** This article highlights the role and importance of quality education in the development of society, explains the concept of quality education, analyzes the relationship between education and development, and discusses the educational reforms implemented in Uzbekistan in recent years. At the same time, it also discusses existing problems and their solutions.

**Keywords:** quality education, development, innovation, modern education, reforms, education system of Uzbekistan, teacher.

## ОБРАЗОВАНИЕ — ОСНОВА РАЗВИТИЯ

**Аннотация.** В статье освещаются роль и значение качественного образования в развитии общества, разъясняется понятие качественного образования, анализируется взаимосвязь образования и развития, обсуждаются образовательные реформы, реализованные в Узбекистане в последние годы. В то же время обсуждаются существующие проблемы и пути их решения.

**Ключевые слова:** качественное образование, развитие, инновации, современное образование, реформы, система образования Узбекистана, учитель.

XXI in the century human capital country development main to the factor It has become. and education system new approaches based on organization to reach requirement Education not only personal development, maybe society and state prosperity for also important is a factor. Especially, quality education through competitive, modern thinker and innovative to ideas has the youth upbringing possible. Quality education existence of the state economic power, science and technology development, healthy society formation and spiritual to rise directly effect shows. This because, every how in the country good quality education – sustainable of progress foundation as confession is being done.

Quality education this is the students deep knowledge, independent thinking, critical analysis, creative approach and modern from technologies use to take skills formative is a system. World bank, UNESCO, Uzbekistan Republic President's decisions and other in documents good quality education following criteria based on is evaluated:

- relevance of curricula;
- teacher qualifications;
- Educational infrastructure;
- Innovative approaches;
- Fairness and openness of the evaluation system.

Quality education is not just about imparting knowledge, but also includes nurturing, personal development, social responsibility, and civic awareness.

In today's era of globalization, it is important to invest in human capital to be competitive. Such capital is formed precisely through education. The example of developed countries (Finland, Singapore, South Korea, Canada) shows that their economic growth is based on a quality education system. The key to development is innovation. And the basis of innovation is modern knowledge. If there is quality education in a society, it leads to the development of science, economic stability and a stable political system.

At the initiative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, fundamental reforms have been implemented in the education system in recent years. Some of them are:

- New Uzbekistan Schools Project;
- Activities of the Agency for the Development of Science and Innovations;
- Reorganization of the professional education system;
- New centers for advanced training of pedagogical personnel;
- Digital education platforms;

Since 2022, the number of higher education institutions has exceeded 200. Branches of foreign universities have been opened, indicators in international rankings are improving. Social protection of teachers is being strengthened, their monthly salaries are being increased.

Analysis shows that in recent years, the rate of entry into higher education among school graduates has increased. This is evidenced by the improvement in the quality of education. Interest in education has increased, especially among girls. At the same time, there are the following problems:

- Lack of teachers in some schools;
- Low professional qualifications of existing teachers;
- Insufficient attention to practical knowledge;
- Outdated textbooks;
- Problems in the evaluation system.

These problems negatively affect the quality and efficiency of education. The quality of education can be improved by implementing the following measures:

- continuous professional development of teachers;
- Widespread implementation of the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) approach;
- Ensuring continuity between schools and universities;
- Implementation of international assessment systems (PISA, TIMSS);
- Creating modern, interactive textbooks;
- Providing students with innovative project-based education.

Also, providing social incentives (housing, loans, scholarships) to teaching staff will motivate them to perform qualitatively.

The new version of the Constitution, adopted by referendum on April 30, 2023, placed special emphasis on education. The following are some of the main changes:

1. The right to education is guaranteed

Article 39 clearly states that education is a constitutional right of every person:

"Everyone has the right to benefit from the achievements of science, technology, and culture. Everyone is guaranteed access to education."

2. Compulsory education period extended

According to Article 40 of the new edition:

The state provides free and compulsory general secondary education, secondary specialized and vocational education.

3. Free education and government assistance

The following new provisions appeared in the Constitution:

- The state has created opportunities for free education;
- Provides grants, scholarships, and benefits to talented students;
- Helps children from low-income families get an education.

4. The status of teachers has been strengthened

The new edition also includes an important clause about the role of teachers in society:

"The work of teachers is valued, and their legal and social protection is ensured."

In conclusion, constitutional changes will serve the sustainable development of the education system, the formation of human capital, and the strengthening of the foundation of development. These reforms serve as an important basis for educating a potential generation that is thirsty for knowledge. Quality education is the main factor of any development. The kind of people who are growing up in society today will be the generation that will lead the state tomorrow. Therefore, the future of Uzbekistan depends on how today's education system is formed. Investment in education is the most important and profitable investment for the future. If each of us acts responsibly to improve the quality of education, the prosperity of our country will be ensured.

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