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**UZBEKISTAN UNDERTAKES FURTHER MEASURES TO DEVELOP ITS  
THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM**

On April 20, 2017, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Mr Shavkat Mirziyoyev signed the Resolution «On Measures for the further development of the Higher Education System» in Uzbekistan.

This document was adopted with the purpose of improving the higher education system, revision of the content of training of specialists in higher education in accordance with priority objectives in socio-economic development of the country, and providing the necessary conditions for the training of specialists in the higher education system in line with the international standards.

In accordance with the adopted resolution, the most important objectives of further comprehensive development of the higher education system include:

- establishing close prospective partnerships with leading specialized foreign research and HE institutions, implementation of advanced pedagogical technologies, educational programmes and educational materials based on the international educational standards in the educational process, involvement of the foreign highly qualified specialists and scientists in the research and pedagogical activities;
- introduction of modern forms of organization of the research and academic process of master programmes;
- ensuring the higher education institutions with modern educational, methodological and scientific literature, including the translation of the latest foreign literature, improving the librarian funds of information and resource centers;
- increasing the level and quality of professional skills of teachers, ensuring the retraining and advanced training of teachers and specialists, education of graduates of higher educational institutions in PhD and Master programmes abroad;
- strengthening the research capacity of higher education institutions, further development of the university research programmes, increasing the

effectiveness of the research activity of the academic staff and enhancement attractiveness of research for young generation ;

- strengthening the spiritual and moral content of the higher education, loyalty to national traditions of humanity and high spirituality, critical thinking of students;
- strengthening the facilities and technical resources of higher education institutions through the construction and reconstruction of educational and research facilities, equipping the educational and research laboratories with modern equipment;
- equipping the higher education institutions with modern information and communication technologies, expanding the access of students, teachers and young researchers to the world's educational resources.

In order to ensure a targeted, full and effective implementation of the abovementioned objectives, the Comprehensive Development Programme of the Higher Education System for 2017-2021 has been approved. This Programme includes the measures on cardinal and quality improvement of the higher education system, strengthening and modernization of the facilities and technical resources of higher educational institutions, and equipping them with modern information and communication technologies.

For the first time the targeted development programmes have been approved separately for each higher educational institution that provide the specific parameters and indicators, including:

- new specializations of bachelor and master programmes in the period of 2017-2021; increasing the common indicators of admission up to 18% until 2021;
- new student places in educational facilities, dormitories, information and resources centers, as well as new laboratories and ICT equipment;
- increased professional level of professors and teachers through professional development courses, trainings, internships, master and doctoral programmes for teachers in foreign partner universities as well as retraining and advanced training courses in the methodological universities of the country.