

## **Appeal to President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh.M. to Mirziyoyev**

### **On behalf of the participants of the VI International Congress of the World Society for the Preservation, Study and Promotion of the Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan**

Dear Mr. President!

We, the participants of the VI International Congress, express our deep gratitude for the great attention and care that is being paid to the development of science, culture and education in the way of building a new Uzbekistan.

Unprecedented changes in the field of science and culture began to take place during six years under your direct leadership. As a country with an incomparable heritage and high scientific potential, Uzbekistan confidently strengthened its position in the international arena.

The fact that Uzbekistan was elected as a member of the Convention "On the Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage" at the eighth session of the General Assembly of the Member States of the Committee for the Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO, held in Paris, is our country's past. It was a very important recognition and respect given to the efforts to preserve the unique artistic heritage of the centuries.

This event was announced in all international mass media on July 7 of this year. This step is a high recognition of the efforts being made in our country to convey the heritage of our ancestors to future generations around the world.

We are sure that the new status of Uzbekistan will serve as an impetus for the emergence of new important programs and projects for the preservation of intangible heritage, architectural and artistic monuments, such as the project "Cultural heritage of Uzbekistan in the world collections".

At the VI International Congress held in Samarkand on July 22-24, we had the opportunity to get acquainted with the bright results of the work carried out under your leadership in the direction of fundamental reforms in the development of fundamental science and culture in Uzbekistan. In particular, we, scientists from different countries, representatives of different cultures and continents, are well aware of your concept of enlightened Islam as a religion of peace and support your efforts to implement it. The Center of Islamic Civilization, Imam al-Bukhari, Imam al-Tirmizi, Imam Moturudi scientific research centers established in Tashkent will increase the educational and humanistic importance of Islam, and will allow a deeper study of the work of Uzbek thinkers in this regard.

We believe that the international project "Uzbekistan's cultural heritage in world collections", which has been uniting us all for the past six years, is the result of your direct attention and support. It is known that the project envisages the collection, study and publication of art objects, manuscripts and documents related to the history and art of the peoples of Uzbekistan. It strengthens mutual understanding between peoples and countries,

It will raise the cultural image of Uzbekistan to a new level.

Six years of work was very fruitful for all of us: as a result of joint efforts, 60 books-albums of the "Cultural heritage of Uzbekistan" series were published, covering Uzbek collections from Russian, German, and Italian libraries and museums. Dozens of documentaries were shot in France, Poland, Czech Republic, Great Britain, USA, Malaysia, Japan and other countries. The unification of all scientists participating in the project under the auspices of the World Society for the Study, Preservation and Popularization of the Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan was an important step. Today, the World Society has six international forums, which were held in Tashkent and Samarkand, Termiz and Nukus, Bukhara and Khiva, as well as St. Petersburg (Russia). In addition to forums, presentations and media events are regularly held in the countries participating in the project. It would not be possible to implement this comprehensive and effective program of measures to ensure the communication of scientists and their progress in the study of the cultural heritage of Uzbekistan without the support of the state. It is gratifying that under your leadership, Uzbekistan has risen to a completely new stage of development of relations with near and far abroad in recent years. In this regard, we would like to emphasize that starting from 2022, the World Society has begun to create a series of books and albums dedicated to highlighting the common cultural heritage of Uzbekistan with neighboring countries in Central Asia. We believe that such publications will serve to strengthen friendly and scientific relations between scientists of the region.

The 6th Congress held in Samarkand was another bright event, important not only for us, the scientific community engaged in studying the heritage of Uzbekistan, but also for the whole world. For three days, this forum united all of us - about 300 scientists and specialists from different continents around one goal. New facts and hypotheses are stated, different scientific positions are expressed. As a result of all the presentations, science was enriched with new information about the cultural heritage of Uzbekistan. Ensuring such a scientific dialogue is, first of all, the result of your policy aimed at supporting the development of science.

Once again, we are deeply grateful for your appreciation of our efforts in this regard.

We, members of the World Society for the Preservation, Study and Promotion of the Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan, will continue to try to be reliable supporters of your important programs for the promotion of the cultural heritage of Uzbekistan.

We wish you good health and further prosperity of New Uzbekistan.