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THE YOUTH AND THEIR ACHIEVMENTS. YOUTH POLICY IN UZBEKISTAN

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**Abstract:** This article explores the evolving landscape of youth empowerment and government policy in Uzbekistan. It highlights the significant contributions made by the country's youthful population across various sectors, including entrepreneurship, arts and culture, social activism, and education. The article underscores the importance of harnessing the potential of Uzbekistan's youth demographic and emphasizes the role of government policies in facilitating their development and participation in nation-building. The article acknowledges Uzbekistan's predominantly young population and discusses how this demographic presents both opportunities and challenges for the country's socio-economic development. It identifies specific achievements of Uzbekistan's youth, showcasing their endeavors in entrepreneurship, arts, social activism, and education, demonstrating their impact on the country's cultural and economic landscape. The article explores the evolution of Uzbekistan's youth policy, emphasizing key areas such as education, employment, civic engagement, and health, underscoring the government's commitment to supporting youth development. It concludes by highlighting the potential of Uzbekistan's youth in shaping the nation's future and stresses the importance of continued investment in youth-oriented policies and initiatives to realize sustainable development goals. Overall, this annotation provides a concise summary of the article's main themes and highlights its relevance in understanding the role of youth empowerment and policy frameworks in the context of Uzbekistan's socio-economic landscape.

**Key words:** Key words: youth, empowerment, achievements, Uzbekistan, entrepreneurship, arts, culture, social activism, education, government policy, development, employment, civic engagement, health, sustainability.

Uzbekistan, a country rich in history and culture, is making significant strides in empowering its youth and shaping policies that support their development. The youth of



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Uzbekistan, representing a substantial portion of the population, are increasingly becoming a driving force in various sectors, from technology and entrepreneurship to social activism and arts. This article explores the achievements of Uzbekistan's youth and delves into the country's evolving youth policy. Uzbekistan boasts a youthful population, with around 60% of its citizens under the age of 30. This demographic dividend presents both opportunities and challenges. On one hand, it signifies a large pool of energetic and talented individuals capable of propelling the nation forward. On the other hand, effective policies and initiatives are required to harness this potential and ensure inclusive growth and development.

In recent years, Uzbekistan's youth have made notable achievements across various fields:

- Entrepreneurship and Innovation:** Many young Uzbek entrepreneurs are establishing startups and innovative businesses, leveraging technology to solve local and global challenges. The government has supported this trend through initiatives like grants, mentorship programs, and the establishment of innovation centers.
- Arts and Culture:** Uzbekistan has a rich cultural heritage, and the youth are playing a vital role in preserving and modernizing traditional arts such as music, dance, and crafts. They are also contributing to contemporary art movements, showcasing Uzbekistan's creative talent on a global stage.
- Social Activism:** Youth-led movements are advocating for social change and civic engagement. Issues such as environmental sustainability, gender equality, and human rights are gaining traction due to the activism of young Uzbek citizens.
- Education and Skills Development:** The youth of Uzbekistan are actively pursuing education and skill-building opportunities both domestically and internationally. This emphasis on education is crucial for preparing the workforce of tomorrow and fostering a knowledge-based economy.

Recognizing the importance of investing in youth, Uzbekistan has implemented comprehensive youth policies aimed at empowering and supporting young people. Key aspects of these policies include:

- Education and Training:** Enhancing access to quality education and vocational training to equip youth with relevant skills for employment and entrepreneurship.
- Youth Employment:** Promoting job creation and economic opportunities for youth through targeted programs and incentives for youth-led businesses.
- Civic Engagement:** Encouraging youth participation in decision-making processes at local and national levels, fostering a sense of responsibility and ownership.
- Health and Well-being:** Ensuring access to healthcare services, promoting healthy lifestyles, and addressing mental health issues among young people.

As Uzbekistan continues on its path of modernization and development, the role of youth in shaping the country's future becomes increasingly significant. By nurturing talent, fostering innovation, and providing meaningful



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opportunities, Uzbekistan's youth policy aims to create an inclusive society where young people can thrive and contribute to nation-building.

In conclusion, the achievements and youth policy landscape in Uzbekistan reflect a dynamic environment where young people are making significant contributions across various sectors. The country's youthful demographic, coupled with supportive government policies focused on education, entrepreneurship, civic engagement, and health, underscores a commitment to empowering youth and harnessing their potential for national development. Moving forward, sustained investment in youth-oriented initiatives will be crucial for ensuring continued progress, fostering innovation, and creating a more inclusive and prosperous society in Uzbekistan. The future outlook remains promising, with Uzbekistan's youth poised to play an instrumental role in shaping the nation's trajectory and realizing its aspirations for sustainable growth and social advancement. Uzbekistan's youth are emerging as catalysts for positive change, driving innovation, and advocating for a more inclusive and prosperous society. With supportive policies and investments, the potential of Uzbekistan's young population can be fully realized, leading to sustainable development and greater social cohesion.

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