

Agency for Presidential Educational Institutions
International Forum “New Uzbekistan through Education: Reforms and
Partnerships for Success”

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On November 24-25 this year, the Agency for Presidential Educational Institutions an international forum "**New Uzbekistan Education: Successful Partnerships for Educational Reforms** "

The aim of the forum:

- development of global education,
- to take the quality of teaching to a new level,
- to discuss issues and topics of mutual interest in a direct and open dialogue;
- to create opportunities for students to study and practice on the basis of joint programs,
- teacher professional development,
- exchange of educational and scientific literature,
- establishing the ground for new partnerships.

Within the framework of the forum, the following results are expected:

1. Participants of the forum will be more aware of the ongoing reforms in the education system in New Uzbekistan.
2. They will have detailed information about the educational structure of the Presidential, Creativity and Specialized Schools under the Agency for Presidential Educational Institutions.
3. Memorandums of cooperation will be signed with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Turkish Ministry of Education, the Nottingham Trent University, Portsmouth University and TeamCoach

International. Expected outcomes, specific areas of cooperation in the activities of educational institutions under the Agency will be identified, as well as the solutions to existing problems in the field of education and the effectiveness of ongoing work will be evaluated.

4. The participants of the event will get acquainted with the New Uzbekistan University, its activities, goals and objectives, as well as the milestones achieved so far. It will be the building blocks of new partnerships and involvement of foreign and local professors, qualified teachers and other staff members, including international students to the university.

All such efforts will make a contribution into the development of a positive image of the Republic of Uzbekistan in a global scale.

The international forum "**New Uzbekistan Education: Successful Partnerships for Educational Reforms**" was held at the Palace of International Forums. International and local experts in the field of education, as well as and statesmen, including, Advisor of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Youth, Science, Education, Health and Sports - Abdujabbar Abduvakhidov, Director of the Agency for Presidential Educational Institutions - Khilola Umarova, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, J-Well - Vijay MS Kumar, Honorary President of Munich Technical University - Wolfgang Herrmann, UNESCO Deputy Director for Education Stefania Giannini ([video address](#)), General Advisor on Education of the Cambridge Assessment International Educational Organization - Steve King, Cambridge Assessment International Relations Director - Megan Thomas and CEO of Times Higher Education - Nick Davis were participants of the forum.

For information, **Wolfgang Anton Herrmann** is a famous German chemist who has been the Honorary President of the Technical University of Munich since 2019. Previously, W. Herrmann has also worked at the Universities of Regensburg

and Frankfurt am Main in Germany. Presently, W. Herrmann is the Honorary **President** of the New Uzbekistan University under the Agency for Presidential Educational Institutions.

Prof. Herrmann conducts research in the field of inorganic and organometallic chemistry. The goal of this research is the chemical synthesis of efficient molecularly-defined catalysts for industrial processes in particular, in order to achieve an understanding of their mechanisms and support their technical implementation.

Prof. Herrmann is a member of numerous academic societies (Leopoldina, Acatech, Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, Mainz Academy of Letters and Sciences) and holds honorary doctorates from thirteen universities in Germany and abroad. He is one of the most highly cited German chemists (ISI), with more than 800 scientific publications and around 80 patents

Vijay MS Kumar is the Director of MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) J-Well. Mr. Vijay has worked in several prestigious organizations around the world. Including:

- Learning Strategy Advisor at the World Health Organization (WHO);
- Advisor for Digital Futures at the Smithsonian Institution, USA;
- Honorary Advisor of the India National Knowledge Commission;
- Developed strategies for open educational resources, open technology and policy at UNESCO.

Steve King is the Senior Education Advisor of the Cambridge Assessment Organization. He has been cooperating with the Republic of Uzbekistan in the field of education since 2018.

Cambridge Assessment is one of the main foreign partners of the Agency for Presidential Educational Institutions.

In September 2020, Steve King was awarded the badge of the Republic of Uzbekistan "**Xalq ta'limi fidoyisi**"

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The first day – on **November 24** the opening ceremony of the forum took place and a presentation meeting was held on the same day.

A roundtable discussion was organized with the participation of high-level guests.

The main topic of the meeting was “the current problems in global education and their solutions: foreign experience and integration”, in particular:

- Topics such as education requirements in accordance with the future labor market;
- Creating quality educational conditions for talented youth;
- Introduction of global educational innovations in the local conditions;
- In the afternoon, the Agency also signed a memorandum with the organizations and embassies with which the Agency has established cooperation.

The second day, on **November 25th**, the Agency for Presidential Educational Institutions and the Ministry of Public Education organized **trainings workshops** for teachers with the participation of qualified foreign experts.

The forum was followed by a **plenary session** for the forum participants to discuss current issues and future strategies for the introduction of foreign language teaching skills and STEM subjects in the digital age.

During the day, parallel seminars and interactive games were organized for participants. Forum participants were awarded certificates. At the end of the day, a concert dedicated to the closing ceremony of the conference was held.

For information, the forum was held in **Uzbek, English** and **Russian**.

The forum program is being attached.