

Teaching Chinese language in the higher education system of Uzbekistan (In the example of The Uzbek State World Languages University)

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Annotation: the article deals with the issue of teaching the Chinese language in the higher education system of Uzbekistan and author analyzed the process of teaching this language in the educational establishments of our country. Also, the need for learning foreign languages and the process of great motivation for learning this language among the students is described

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Today we need for people who can communicate in multiple languages. Using common languages become more important in areas such as trade, tourism, international relations, technology, media, and science. Today in our country, we have great changes in both language learning and teaching process.

As the first president of the Republic of Uzbekistan I.A. Karimov mentioned that in his report: «The main objective of all our reforms in the field of economic policy is the individual. Therefore the task of education, the task of rising up a new generation capable of national renaissance will remain the prerogative of the state and constitute a priority».¹

Very useful and actual phrase is written in the National Program of Personnel training: «The National Program of Personnel Training corresponds to provisions of the Decree of the Republic of Uzbekistan about Education». This program is enlarged on the bases of analysis of national experience, proceeding from the world achievements in the system of education and oriented on building

¹ Karimov I.A of harmoniously developed generation - the foundation of the development of the T.: 1997.

of new staff generation with high common. Under the guidance of the first President Islam Karimov a special attention is paid to formation of harmoniously developed, highly educated, modern thinking generation, able to take responsibility for the fate of the Homeland. On December 10, 2012 the first President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov signed the resolution «On measures to further improvement of the foreign language learning system».²

It is noted that in the framework of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan «On education» and The National Program of Personnel Training in the country, a comprehensive foreign languages' teaching system, aimed at creating harmoniously developed, highly educated, modern-thinking young generation, further integration of the country to the world community has been created.

However, analysis of the current system of organizing language learning shows that learning standards, curriculum and textbooks do not fully meet the current requirements, particularly in the use of advanced information and media technologies. Education was mainly conducted in traditional methods. That's why, on April 20, 2017, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh. M. Mirziyoyev signed a decree PR 2909 «On measures to further development of «higher educational system». In this decree he mentioned about using and learning new and effective methods of teaching FL and in order to improve this process sending teachers for foreign countries for improving their professional skills.

Further development of a continuum of foreign languages learning at all levels of education; improving skills of teachers and provision of modern teaching materials are required. Also it is envisaged that university modules, especially in technical and international areas, will be offered in English and other foreign languages at higher education institutions. This document serves as an important guideline in development of new textbooks for teaching foreign languages, introduction of advanced teaching methods using modern pedagogical and

² I.A "Karimov" On measures to further improve the learning of foreign languages No. PR-1875. (The newspaper "Khalk suzi" . 11.12.2012., issue 240 (5660))

information-communication technologies, education of a new generation to foreign languages, cardinal improvement of the system of training of specialists, fluent in these languages, creation of conditions and opportunities for wide use of information resources by learners.

The study of Chinese in Uzbekistan has a long history due to our country's being as an important economic, transport, communication and logistics center that connects the East with the West through the Great Silk Road. Established mutual beneficial relations with China and other countries by trade, science, culture, literature and promoted interregional trade and humanitarian relations.

Many aspects of Uzbek-Chinese relations are systematically studied by scholars and specialists from Uzbek, Chinese and other foreign countries in the fields of history, linguistics, literature, archeology, Islamic studies, political science and others.

Diplomatic relations between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Uzbekistan began on January 2, 1992. The relations between the two countries are rapidly developing and strengthening in economic, political, cultural and educational spheres. Indeed, the first President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, I.A.Karimov, said: "Uzbekistan sees China as a reliable, great neighbor and partner that support us from the very first days of our independence."³

Over the past 20 years, learning Chinese has been developing rapidly with great interest in our country especially among youngsters. According to the Chinese Ministry of Education, the number of Chinese language learners in foreign countries is about 30 million. Every year in Chinese universities 90.00 foreigners study Chinese language⁴. Nowadays, Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies, Uzbekistan state World Languages University, the National University of Uzbekistan named after Mirzo Ulugbek, the Uzbek State University

³Karimov I.A. Human, its rights and freedoms-High Value. -T.: Sharq, 2006. P. 14.-242

⁴ According to the Chinese Ministry of Education, a semester education at institutes and universities of the country is about \$ 1,000 to \$ 2,500, depending on the location and the place of residence of the institution.

of World Economy and Diplomacy, Samarkand, Fergana Universities and many other educational institutions and centers are preparing specialists in the field of Chinese language and Chinese studies.

In 1994, the Republic of Uzbekistan and the People's Republic of China have established a student exchange on Uzbek and Chinese languages and other fields. Over the last years, more than 1000 Uzbek bachelors and masters have been trained and retrained in Chinese higher educational institutions. Since 2006, students have been admitted to the University of Nations (Beijing) in the specialty "Uzbek language". At the moment, in Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies, National University of Uzbekistan and many other higher education institutions are studying Chinese students and graduate students in the fields of Uzbek language, literature, history, agricultural and technical sciences.

The above factors play an important role in the formation and development of the school of translation, as it is important for the skilled translator to have a profound knowledge of one's own language, and then having particular knowledge on characteristics and traditions of that foreign language are primary and important.

It is not a secret that Chinese language learners are expected to form pedagogical cadres and translators in the future, so they need a good knowledge and skills to thoroughly master the grammatical aspects of the Chinese language and to carry out a comparative analysis with their native language.

Nowadays, teachers of Chinese Philology Department in Tashkent state institute of oriental studies publish various textbooks, study guides, dictionaries in the Uzbek language for studying Chinese.

In particular, M.H.Makhmudhodzhaev, A.A.Karimov, M.T.Kaunbaev, J.T.Ziyamuhamedov, S.A.Nosirova, S.A.Hashimova, L.A. Sultanova and others have created a number of scientific publications.

In particular, there are schools and educational institutions specialized for teaching Chinese language. Also, the Chinese language is taught in the higher

education system, including the faculties of Uzbek State world Languages University:

1. Teaching for philology and languages: Chinese Language and
2. Foreign Language and Literature: the English language (especially, third English language faculty) and other faculties of the university.

In one of these faculties is trained the specialist of Chinese language, and in the second, this language is taught to students as a second foreign language. Students are trained by skilled teachers. Also, interest for learning this language is growing among university students. The university holds competitions in Chinese. In addition, students of the faculty Foreign Language and Literature of the University have the opportunity to study the culture of this country through celebrations. Each year, in order to study Culture and Identity of Countries 3rd students present their presentations from the subject “Developing Intercultural Competence”. At this celebration, students can present interesting facts about Chinese culture and customs through their scenes.

Moreover, in 2018, most university gradulators became masters at Chinese universities.

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