



THE ROLE AND DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSLATORS IN UZBEKISTAN

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Abstract. *This article explores the current state, challenges, and future prospects of translators in Uzbekistan. It highlights the increasing demand for translation services due to globalization and the country's cultural and educational expansion. Additionally, the article touches on the importance of professional training, technological support, and government initiatives in enhancing the quality and recognition of translation as a respected profession.*

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Introduction. Uzbekistan, with its strategic location and rich cultural history, has always been a land of diverse languages and traditions. In today's globalized world, the role of translators has become more crucial than ever. As the country deepens its international relationships in areas such as education, business, and diplomacy, the demand for professional translators continues to grow.

The Increasing Demand for Translators. In recent years, there has been a surge in international collaboration in Uzbekistan. This includes student exchange programs, foreign investments, international conferences, and tourism. All these sectors require accurate and culturally sensitive translation. Languages like English, Russian, Chinese, Korean, and Turkish are especially popular, and skilled translators are essential for smooth communication.

Methods. Many Uzbek universities, such as the Uzbek State World Languages University and Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies, now offer specialized programs in translation and interpretation. Students are trained not only in language proficiency but also in ethics, cultural understanding, and the use of





translation tools. However, more efforts are needed to align local training with international standards.

Challenges Faced by Translators. Despite progress, translators in Uzbekistan face several obstacles. Limited access to advanced technology, such as computer-assisted translation (CAT) tools, remains a problem. Moreover, there is no unified certification system to evaluate translator competence. Freelance translators often struggle with inconsistent pay and lack of job security.

Government and Cultural Initiatives. The Uzbek government has made notable efforts to support the translation of Uzbek literature into other languages. Projects aimed at introducing Uzbek classics to international readers help promote national identity. At the same time, the translation of global scientific and academic materials into Uzbek is improving access to information for local scholars and students.

The Role of Translators in Cultural Exchange. Translators are not only language experts—they are cultural ambassadors. Their work ensures that ideas, values, and traditions can cross linguistic borders. In Uzbekistan, where preserving heritage and embracing modernization go hand in hand, translators play a key role in shaping mutual understanding between nations.

Conclusion. In conclusion, the profession of translation in Uzbekistan is gaining more importance as the country opens itself to the world. By investing in education, technology, and translator support systems, Uzbekistan can ensure that its translators are well-equipped to meet international demands. As the country continues to evolve, translators will remain at the heart of communication, knowledge-sharing, and cultural dialogue.

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