

Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure

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Annotation: This article provides information on the development of tourism infrastructures of ancient shrines and the role of this tourism in the state economy.

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INTRODUCTION

Along with ancient monuments, holy shrines, historical and cultural monuments, the efforts made in this direction in our country, which attracts tourists with its unique culture and traditions, beautiful nature and beautiful corners, are the tourism industry. and is gaining importance in the further development of its infrastructure. We can clearly see this in the example of the research conducted by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) on "Economic results of the travel and tourism industry" in which our republic is listed as one of the five countries where the tourism sector is rapidly developing. In fact, tourism has a great impact not only on economic development and the increase of the gross domestic product, but also on ensuring the employment of the population, increasing the standard and quality of life, and increasing the welfare and development of the country. According to experts' calculations, every 30 tourists will stimulate the creation of one new job in the country's tourism sector, and two in related systems. About two million tourists from 70 countries of the world visit our country every year. Cultural and historical tourism remains the most popular for them. In addition, more than 110 of the existing 500 tourism companies are consistently operating in international destinations, which is an important factor in attracting tourists to our country.

MAIN BODY

Tourism is one of the most important economic sectors today. Therefore, a number of measures are being implemented by many countries of the world to further develop this industry, to create relevant infrastructure at the level of world standards, and to increase the flow of tourists. In particular, according to the World Tourism Organization under the UN, the number of tourists traveling in 2018 was 1.4 billion, which is a 6% increase compared to 2017. In 2019, the number of tourists reached 1.5 billion. In 2019, the total contribution of tourism and tourism to the world GDP is about 9,170 billion. made up the dollar. The above numbers are a clear example of the increasing interest and demand of people in travel from year to year. In general, tourism, in addition to bringing economic benefits, plays an important role in expanding the worldview of the population, sustainable development of the economy, and the development of close relations between representatives of different countries and regions of the world. The world practice of tourism development shows that it is necessary to consolidate and strengthen the efforts of all participants in the public and private sectors in order to turn this industry into a highly profitable sector. In this, the role of the government is to ensure coordination and planning of tourism development policies at the international, governmental and private sector levels. In this regard, on April 26, 2022, a video selector meeting was held under the chairmanship of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev on measures to expand the scope of tourism services and develop their infrastructure. Special emphasis was placed on issues aimed at developing the tourism industry, expanding the scope of services in

the field, creating new jobs, increasing the incomes, living standards and quality of the population, and improving the country's investment attractiveness and prestige. Major tourism development projects are being implemented in every region of the country. "Valley of Legends" in Namangan and "Amirsoy" complexes in Bostonliq are clear examples of this. It is certainly commendable that these complexes are visited by thousands of foreign and local tourists per day. During the meeting, the President visited the "Caravansaray", which includes services such as parking, camping, car service, catering, refueling, along the "Uzbekistan tourism highway", along the roads passing through 31 districts and urban areas. also offered to establish . Of course, the implementation of these proposals will serve to create new jobs, ensure the employment of the population and increase the well-being of the population, as well as significantly increase the share of the tourism industry in the country's economy, increase the flow of tourists. It should be noted that the private sector also has its place in the rapid development of domestic tourism. Currently, many businessmen and artisans are involved in the field of tourism, they are engaged in the production of souvenir products, hotel management, and providing services to tourists. In this regard, it is worth noting that the state provides loans, subsidies, credits and other various benefits to entrepreneurs. In order to further develop the tourism sector, it is necessary to improve the necessary infrastructure first. The first is transportation, and the second is logistics. Today, the Government is paying serious attention to the issues of reducing transportation costs, effectively establishing low-cost carriers on international and local routes, and improving mechanisms for purchasing tickets for modern high-speed trains in order to meet the demand of tourists for air travel. In this regard, at the meeting, the Ministry of Transport of the President was given a number of tasks to improve the transport infrastructure in the field of tourism. In particular, from July 1, up to 50 percent discounts will be introduced on services provided to foreign airlines within the framework of the "Pilgrimage Tourism" program. By October 1, a new company "Silk avia" will be established for domestic air travel. In order to reduce costs, 9 planes will be fully upgraded to economy class.

One of the most important events in the field of tourism - the first international forum on pilgrimage tourism - was held in Bukhara, one of the oldest cities of our country. It is noted that the purpose of the forum held at the initiative of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev is to increase the tourism potential of the country and to achieve international recognition of Uzbekistan as one of the centers of pilgrimage tourism in the Islamic world. Pilgrimage, that is, visiting holy places, includes two main directions: excursion-educational and religious tourism. One of the most valuable examples of the Holy Quran of the Islamic world - Hazrat Imam Complex, where the Holy Quran of Khalifa Usman is kept, the mausoleum of the great Islamic Imam Muhammad Al-Bukhari, the tombs of the followers of the Naqshbandiyya sect, and many other such religious centers. Thousands of tourists from different parts of the world visit Uzbekistan every year to visit and travel to such historical and holy places. It should be noted that the government is implementing a number of measures to increase the attractiveness of Uzbekistan in the field of pilgrimage tourism. Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 5611, Pilgrim visas for a period of up to 2 months are issued to foreign citizens visiting Uzbekistan to study the cultural-historical and religious-spiritual heritage and traditions from January 5, 2019. was introduced. The recognition of Uzbekistan as one of the centers of pilgrimage tourism in the world community gave impetus to the development of tourist infrastructure in the country and a significant increase in the flow of tourists. The first international forum on pilgrimage tourism held in Bukhara was attended by the Malaysian Perlis State Mufti Mohd Asri bin Zain-ul Abedin and the leadership of the Islamic Tourism Center, Institute of Halal Research and Management, Association of Malaysian Tourism Companies and Tour Operators.

CONCLUSION

Based on the unique aspects of our country, tourism in the cities of Urganch, Tashkent and Fergana region based on the experience of modern recreation areas, four-star hotels and hotel complexes, resorts for foreign tourists, as well as tourism areas in the cities of Bukhara and Samarkand. regions, in the Bostanliq district of the Tashkent region, it was planned to establish mountain clusters step by step. Of course, this plays an important role in raising the tourism potential of our country to a higher level. Effective implementation of the measures implemented in the field of pilgrimage tourism to further develop our economy, introduce the rich history, culture, architectural monuments and unique traditions of our country to the whole world, and make Uzbekistan one of the most favorite tourist destinations for tourists from all over the world. serves. All this is aimed at increasing the effectiveness of reforms in the field of tourism in Uzbekistan, creating favorable economic conditions and factors, increasing its role and share in the economy, improving the quality of services and improving the tourism infrastructure.

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