

## HISTORY AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION CENTER

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### Abstract

This article analyzes the history, objectives, and activities of the Islamic Civilization Center in Uzbekistan. The study highlights the center's role in scientific research, cultural and educational initiatives, digitization, and international cooperation. In addition, the article examines the center's infrastructure, innovative approaches to preserving and promoting scholarly heritage, and its cultural and spiritual impact on society. The paper also includes recommendations for enhancing the center's efficiency, expanding its reputation, and aligning its activities with contemporary scientific and cultural standards. The results of this study are of significant theoretical and practical importance for managing cultural and scientific institutions and for preserving and promoting scholarly heritage.

### Keywords

Islamic Civilization Center, history of establishment, management system, scientific research, cultural heritage, digitization, cultural and educational activities, international cooperation, innovation, spirituality, cultural diplomacy.

The Islamic Civilization Center plays a significant role in the scientific, cultural, and spiritual life of Uzbekistan and was established in the early years of the 21st century. The center's primary mission is to study, preserve, restore, and promote the rich Islamic scientific and cultural heritage developed within the country, particularly among young people. From this perspective, examining the history and objectives of the center is of great importance not only academically but also culturally. The Islamic Civilization Center was established at the initiative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev. Its main goal is to systematically study the scientific, religious, and cultural heritage that has developed throughout the history of the country and to promote it on a global scale. The establishment of the center was closely linked to state programs and strategic decisions, with an emphasis on conducting modern scientific research and fostering international cooperation. Since its inception, the center's activities have

developed in several stages. Initially, the focus was on creating a scientific library and manuscript collection. Later, it was expanded to include interactive museums, multimedia exhibitions, conference halls, and scientific laboratories. As a result, the center's infrastructure has become not only a research hub but also an accessible cultural center for the general public.

The objectives of the Islamic Civilization Center can be outlined in several key areas. First, scientific research: the center studies and analyzes the heritage of great Islamic scholars and thinkers who emerged in Uzbekistan, including figures such as Imam Bukhari, Abu Rayhan Beruni, and Abu Ali ibn Sina. Second, cultural and educational activities: the center promotes the scientific, spiritual, and cultural significance of Islamic civilization among the public, especially youth, fostering respect for historical heritage, national identity, and values of religious tolerance. Third, digitization and preservation: ancient manuscripts, books, and other sources are preserved, restored, and converted into digital formats using modern technologies. This process prevents the loss of unique scholarly heritage and enables its wide dissemination. Fourth, international cooperation: the center organizes exchanges, conferences, and seminars with scholars from various countries, demonstrating Uzbekistan's scientific potential on the international stage. Finally, tourism and cultural diplomacy: the center is developed not only as a scientific institution but also as a cultural landmark attractive to visitors, thereby strengthening the country's cultural diplomacy and international reputation.

The Islamic Civilization Center functions as an important institution in Uzbekistan's scientific, cultural, and spiritual life. It serves to study, preserve, and promote the rich scientific and religious heritage that has developed within the country. Established at the initiative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the center's primary goal is to systematically research the scholarly legacy of the nation's scientists, thinkers, and religious figures and make it accessible to the broader public. In addition to conducting scientific research, the center actively engages in cultural and educational activities, fostering respect for historical heritage, national identity, and values of religious tolerance among youth and the wider community. Equipped with modern infrastructure, the center features a library, archive, laboratories, multimedia exhibitions, and conference halls, enabling high-quality scientific research, manuscript restoration, and digitization. At the same time, the center promotes international cooperation by showcasing Uzbekistan's scientific potential on a global scale and organizing conferences, forums, and academic exchange programs with scholars from various countries. Its activities are not only significant in scientific and cultural spheres but also in tourism and cultural diplomacy, presenting the country to a global audience.

through interactive exhibitions and multimedia displays. Furthermore, the center's focus on digitization, marketing, and expanding international collaboration provides opportunities to further enhance its efficiency and strengthen its international reputation. Through its work, the Islamic Civilization Center contributes not only to preserving and studying the past but also serves as a vital scientific, cultural, and spiritual platform for contemporary society.

In conclusion, the Islamic Civilization Center has been established as an important institution in Uzbekistan's scientific, cultural, and spiritual life. The history and objectives of the center demonstrate that its activities are systematically directed toward scientific, cultural, and public interests. The center serves not only to preserve and study historical heritage but also to strengthen the spiritual and educational role in modern society and to promote Islamic civilization internationally.

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