

# RECTOR'S CELEBRATION

## PROSPECTS FOR A NEW UZBEKISTAN

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**Dear esteemed guests and respected colleagues,**

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the international scientific-practical conference **“The Future of Uzbekistan: Economics, Education, Management, and Business”** held at our institute.

Today, Uzbekistan is steadily securing its place in the global community. Every sector in the country is evolving in line with the times, breathing the air of renewal and progress.

Allow me to highlight the significant reforms in the education sector. This year, which has been declared the **“Year of Supporting Youth and Business”**, our government is placing special emphasis on education. Priorities include fostering a competitive environment within the higher education system, promoting public-private partnerships, utilizing private sector resources, expanding access to higher education, and advancing science and innovation.

As you know, the activities of private higher education institutions have recently been established in our country, facilitating the acquisition of modern knowledge and professional skills by our youth to meet global standards. These efforts are unlocking the potential and talents of our young people. Notably, the number of higher education institutions in our country now exceeds 200, including newly established private universities and branches of leading international universities.

The recently adopted “Education Law” will undoubtedly open new doors for the development of this sector. According to the law, distance learning and inclusive education formats have been introduced. Educational institutions are now permitted to establish joint faculties and training centers with foreign institutions, and educators are granted the freedom to implement their own teaching programs and

methods, as well as to choose contemporary pedagogical forms and teaching and upbringing methods.

Our institute, the International School of Finance, Technology, and Science (ISFT), despite being relatively young, is one of the leading institutions in the private higher education sector. Currently, our institute is home to over **15000 students**, taught by **300 professors** and **educators**, with a scientific potential of 50%.

Our institute offers the following educational programs: International Applied Accounting and Finance, International Business Management, Management and Managerial Accounting, Primary Education, Preschool Education, Pedagogy and Psychology, and Foreign Language and Literature. Additionally, we plan to launch a master's degree program this year.

I take this opportunity to wish success to the conference and its participants. Once again, welcome to all of you! Thank you for your attention.