

## A new system and network of vocational education institutions to be established in Uzbekistan

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**On July 15, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a meeting to discuss the improvement of the system of continuous professional education.**

Currently, large-scale efforts are underway across spheres and industries in Uzbekistan. New enterprises are being commissioned, social infrastructure is developing. There are still big plans and goals to be realized in the future.

All this increases demand for professionals, for qualified specialists play a decisive role in development of any sphere, the execution of diverse projects.

To this end, the education system is being modernized, latest forms and learning technologies are being introduced. In the regions, new educational institutions are opening, including branches of foreign universities, and conditions are being created for training specialists in demand.

The meeting participants deliberated on the effective organization of a system of training mid-level professionals and personnel of working professions.

The challenge is to establish a new network of professional education.

These institutions will train personnel based on the programs of primary, secondary and secondary special vocational education. Duration of study will differ, based on the complexity of knowledge, competencies and skills necessary to master the profession.

It was noted that prior to the introduction of this system, it is essential to develop its methodological base, update educational programs proceeding from international requirements, prepare, retrain and improve the qualifications of teachers and industrial training masters. The President urged the officials to elaborate proposals for stimulating the interest of young people in the acquisition of professions.

The Head of the state highlighted the issue of adapting the new vocational education system to the requirements of the labor market.

Shavkat Mirziyoyev stressed that unemployment is observed locally and, at the same time, there is a great demand for specialists in working professions. Thus, the textile

industry experiences shortage of 46 thousand professionals, the construction industry – 104 thousand specialists, the metalworking sector feels demand for 71 thousand, while the services industry needs people for 67 thousand positions. This is a consequence of the lack of close interaction between education and production.

In this regard, Uzbekistan's leader indicated that the main criterion of activities of education institutions should become the employment of graduates or opening for them a business.

The President instructed to finalize the proposed measures regarding the new vocational training system.

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