

PREFACE

Laws and state programs on protection of the cultural heritage were adopted in Uzbekistan after gaining of its Independence. Legal acts and state programs allow safeguarding cultural heritage of the people of Uzbekistan and ensuring its transmission to the future generations. State programs also encourage international cooperation in the field of safeguarding of the cultural heritage.

Since 2010 specialists and institutions of Uzbekistan have been successfully cooperating with the International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (ICHCAP) on safeguarding and promotion of Intangible Cultural Heritage. With the support of ICHCAP the collaboration networking

between experts and professional organizations of Central Asia has been established.

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