THE FIRST NATIONAL AIRLINE OF UZBEKISTAN

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Abstract. December 7 is celebrated worldwide as International Civil Aviation Day. The term "aviation" is derived from the Latin word "avis," meaning bird. Although humans do not have the natural ability to fly, intelligence enabled the creation of "man-made birds." The first true airplane flight with takeoff and landing was made on December 17, 1903, by the American Wright brothers, marking the birth of aviation. In Uzbekistan, "Uzbekistan Airways," the national airline, was established in 1992, laying the foundation for the development of the country's aviation industry. Today, Uzbekistan Airways operates over 60 international routes and has been modernizing its fleet and services. The airline continues to invest in infrastructure, new technologies, and staff training, contributing to the country's aviation independence.

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All over the world, December 7 is celebrated as International Civil Aviation Day. The word "aviation" comes from the Latin language, which means avis, that is, bird. Unfortunately, by nature a person does not have the ability to fly independently, however, he has intelligence, which made it possible to come up with "man-made birds".

The debut of a real airplane flight with full takeoff and landing was made on December 17, 1903 by the American Wright brothers. The plane was able to rise to the top using a gasoline engine and flew about 32 meters. And this day remained in history as the birthday of aviation.

In Uzbekistan, in 1992, the first National Airline "Uzbekistan Airways" was created, which laid the foundation for the development of the country's aviation. Undoubtedly, the main priorities of the local airline are "safety", "stability" and "comfort", which provide complete care to loyal users of Uzbekistan Airways services. Its main task was to organize regular flights, maintaining connections with other countries and developing tourism infrastructure. In its early years, the company faced many challenges, including a lack of funding and an outdated fleet.

At the initial stage, Uzbekistan Airways used aircraft left over from the Soviet era, such as the Tu-154 and Il-86. However, with the growing demand for air travel and the need to improve passenger comfort, the company began to modernize its fleet. In the 2000s, Uzbekistan Airways purchased new Boeing and Airbus aircraft, which

improved the quality of service and increased flight range. This also contributed to improving the company's image in the international arena.

At the beginning of its existence, Uzbekistan Airways focused on domestic flights and major international destinations. Today, Uzbekistan Airways airliners (its current name) fly to more than 60 destinations in Europe, Asia, America, and operate charter flights from Alaska to New Zealand. Over the last three months of last year, regular flights to Mumbai, Delhi (India), Vladivostok (Russia), Jeddah (UAE) were launched, and this year regular flights to Jakarta (Indonesia) and Tbilisi (Georgia) were launched. Uzbekistan Airways has passenger electronic agreements with 40 airlines around the world, which give the airline the right to issue electronic tickets for partner flights.

At the moment, a number of investment and infrastructure projects have been successfully completed in civil aviation of Uzbekistan, in particular, to update all ground infrastructure and introduce technical and technological innovations.

Also, at the Tashkent International Airport named after Islam Karimov, there is a modern air terminal, a new Uzbekistan Airways Business Lounge with an increased level of comfort, a comfortable block for departing passengers and a new arrival terminal for international lines with a capacity of up to 1200 passengers/hour.

In recent years, Uzbekistan Airways (from now on Uzbekistan Airways) has been actively working to improve service, introduce new technologies and update infrastructure. The airline is investing in staff training, improving on-board conditions, and introducing digital solutions for passenger convenience, such as online check-in and mobile applications. In addition, the company continues to expand its route network, opening new destinations and increasing the frequency of flights on popular routes.

Thus, "Uzbekistan Airways" ("Uzbekistan Airways") has come a long way from its foundation to its present state, becoming an important player in the air transportation market and a symbol of Uzbekistan's aviation independence.

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