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Uzbek transcript:

Oʻzbekiston juda chuqur tarixga ega. Hatto men yashaydigan shahar Buxoro shahri ham 1997 yil 2500 yilligini nishonladi. Umuman tarixga nazar tashlaydigan boʻlsak, Oʻzbekiston hududida bir necha xil...bir nechta rivojlangan amirliklar, xonliklar mavjud boʻlgan. Endi tarix umuman juda oʻzgarib turgan, chunki har xil...mugʻulllar bosqini, Samoniylar, Qoraxoniylar...Tarix juda murakkab, tarix haqida qisqacha gapirib boʻlmaydi manimcha, Ozʻbekiston tarixi haqida. Hozirgi kunda tarixiy shaharlardan Samarqand, Buxoro, Xiva butun dunyoga mashhur shaharlar hisoblanadi. Umuman turism sohasi ham Oʻzbekistonda hozirgi kunda juda rivojlanayapti. Turistlar Oʻzbekistonga kelganda asosan shu Samarqand, Buxoro, Xiva shaharlariga tashrif buyuradilar Bu shaharlar juda koʻp qadimiy, tarixiy obidalarga boy boʻlib, hozirgi kunga qadar juda yaxshi holda saqlanib qolgan. Bu obidalar ham turli asrlarda qurilgan. Masalan, bu uchta shahar ichida Buxoro obidalari ancha qadimiyroq hisoblanadi. Va ba'zilari umuman oʻninchi asrga borib taqalsa, ba'zilari hatto milodning boshiga borib taqaladi.

English translation:

The interviewer (in Russian): What kind of cultural values do you have? For example, historical monuments that could be visited? What would you advise to the person who is visiting Uzbekistan for the first time?

Uzbekistan has a long history. We even celebrated the 2500th anniversary of Bukhara, the city I live in. If we look into the history, there were different...several developed emirates, khanates in the territory of Uzbekistan. And the history changed a lot, because there were different...Mongol's invasion, Samanids, Karakhanids...History is very complicated, I think, it is impossible to speak briefly about history, about the history of Uzbekistan. Nowadays Historical cities like Samarkand, Bukhoro, Khiva are famous to the whole world. In fact, the sphere of tourism is developing in Uzbekistan day by day. When the tourists come to Uzbekistan, they mainly visit these cities Samarkand, Bukhoro, Khiva. These cities are rich in ancient, historic monuments, and they have been well preserved until our days. These monuments were built in different centuries. For example, among these three cities, the monuments in Bukhoro are quite older. And in fact, if some of date back to tenth century, some of them date back even to the beginning of the Common Era.

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