

Your Excellency Mr. Abdulaziz Al-Khori,
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Distinguished scholars and academics,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh.

It is a genuine pleasure to be here with you today. I would like to begin by thanking our Qatari hosts and the Diplomatic Institute for bringing us together for a subject that is not only important to our history, but also very close to our hearts.

Whenever we speak about the relationship between Uzbekistan and Qatar, we naturally think about our growing cooperation, our friendly relations, and the opportunities we are creating together. But there is something deeper that connects our two countries: a shared spiritual heritage, a respect for knowledge, and a civilization that has shaped the lives and values of our peoples for centuries

And this is what makes today's gathering particularly meaningful.

Uzbekistan is proud to be the homeland of great scholars whose names are respected throughout the Muslim world and far beyond it. From Imam al-Bukhari and Imam al-Tirmidhi to al-Khwarizmi, al-Biruni, and Ibn Sina, our land has given the world thinkers whose contributions continue to influence religious scholarship, science, philosophy, and medicine.

But when we remember these great figures, we should remember more than their names and achievements. We should remember their curiosity, their dedication to learning, and their belief that knowledge is something to be pursued, shared, and passed on to future generations.

Their legacy reminds us that Islamic civilization was never simply about preserving what had been achieved. It was also about asking questions, exploring new ideas, and learning from others. It brought together people, cultures, and intellectual traditions, creating an environment in which knowledge could flourish.

This is a legacy we should not only admire, but also continue.

And I believe this is one of the most important reasons why Uzbekistan and Qatar have so much to share.

Our countries may be separated by geography, but we are closely connected through our values, traditions, and appreciation of Islamic civilization. Here in Qatar, we see a strong commitment to education, culture, and the preservation of heritage. In Uzbekistan, we are also working to ensure that the intellectual and spiritual achievements of our ancestors remain alive—not only in museums and books, but in the minds and hearts of young people.

When these efforts come together, they create opportunities that go beyond cultural exchange. They allow our scholars to learn from one another, our institutions to build lasting partnerships, and our younger generations to discover a heritage that belongs to them both.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am particularly pleased that today's seminar brings together academics and experts from Uzbekistan and Qatar.

Sometimes, we think of diplomacy mainly in terms of official visits, agreements, and economic cooperation. These are, of course, important. But the relationships that last are often built through something more personal: a conversation, a shared interest, a new understanding of one another's history and culture.

Academic and cultural dialogue plays precisely this role. It helps us see not only what we have in common, but also how much we can learn from each other.

I hope that today's discussion will be the beginning of further exchanges, joint research, and new initiatives connecting our scholars and cultural institutions. Most importantly, I hope it will inspire us to think about how we can bring this remarkable heritage closer to ordinary people, especially the younger generation.

After all, the true value of our heritage lies not only in what our ancestors left behind, but in what we choose to do with it today.

Distinguished guests,

Let me conclude by expressing my sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed to organizing this seminar and to all of you for joining us today.

I hope that we leave this gathering not only with a deeper understanding of Islamic civilization, but also with new ideas, new connections, and a renewed sense of responsibility for preserving this shared legacy.

May the friendship between Uzbekistan and Qatar continue to grow stronger, and may our shared spiritual and cultural heritage remain a source of wisdom, inspiration, and unity for generations to come.

Thank you very much.

Wassalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh.