PRESS RELEASE #1

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📣 *Uzbekistan Launches a Major IT Education Initiative in Collaboration with Coursera*

Tashkent – A new chapter in Uzbekistan's digital transformation has begun with the official launch of the **"One Million Uzbek Coders"** national IT education project in partnership with **Coursera**. This initiative marks a significant step in equipping Uzbekistan's youth with essential digital skills and advancing the **Digital Uzbekistan 2030** strategy.

🌍 Over the next **two years**, more than **1 million young Uzbeks** will gain **free access** to world-class online IT education through the **uzbekcoders.uz** platform. Additionally, **30,000 students and IT specialists** will benefit from **discounted** access to Coursera's **12,000+ professional courses** across various disciplines.

🚀 *To further incentivize excellence in IT education in 2025, the program will introduce:*
✅ **Two best-performing public schools** will be awarded **modern electric cars**.
✅ **100 top ICT teachers** from schools will receive **cash rewards of 10 million UZS (~$750) each**.
✅ **10 outstanding teachers** will win a **fully funded international study tour**.
✅ **Three leading universities** will receive **monetary prizes** for their achievements.
✅ **1,000+ top learners** will be rewarded with **laptops and other tech prizes**.

🙏 We extend our gratitude to the **Coursera team**, including **Jeff Maggioncalda, Raghav Gupta, Nikolaz Foucaud, Aditya Naik, Larissa Wheatcroft,** and others, for their invaluable support in driving **Uzbekistan's IT education initiatives** forward.

🔝 Notably, according to the **Coursera Global Skills Report 2024**, **Uzbekistan ranks #1 worldwide** in actively training the highest percentage of its workforce on Coursera, demonstrating the country's commitment to **building a future-ready digital economy**.

📍 Stay tuned for further updates as Uzbekistan continues to empower its youth and accelerate innovation in the digital era!

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About the Ministry of Digital Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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It also develops national digital services, supports the domestic software and IT industry, enhances information security, and promotes internet growth. Additionally, it oversees interdepartmental coordination on digital transformation, fosters research and training in ICT, and facilitates international cooperation, including attracting foreign investments for key projects. Also, it manages the development of the national space industry, including Earth remote sensing and state space monitoring. Through these initiatives, the Ministry aims to drive digital innovation, improve public services, and strengthen Uzbekistan's position in the global digital economy.

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PRESS RELEASE #2

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📢 *Uzbekistan Sets Ambitious Target to Boost IT Exports to $5 Billion by 2030*

Tashkent – Uzbekistan is taking bold steps to position itself as a leading global IT outsourcing hub, with plans to **increase IT exports to $5 billion by 2030**, it was announced during the **Uzbekistan Outsourcing Forum**.

The **state-backed IT Park initiative** is driving this growth by fostering the development of the **BPO and IT outsourcing industry**, leveraging the country's **young workforce, advanced infrastructure, and strong government support**.

🚀 *Key drivers of Uzbekistan's IT sector expansion include:*

✅ **Attractive incentives** – IT Park resident companies benefit from **tax exemptions, free office space, and staff training grants**.

✅ **Strong industry growth** – Currently, **1,400+ resident companies** employ **24,000 IT professionals**. By 2030, this number is projected to surpass **10,000 companies with 300,000+ specialists**.

✅ **Government-backed support** – A range of initiatives are in place to help IT firms **expand their exports and attract foreign investment**.

Uzbekistan's **IT sector is rapidly emerging as a key driver of economic growth**, with increasing interest from global investors. The government's long-term vision and proactive policies are set to **position Uzbekistan as a major player in the global IT industry** by the end of the decade.

📍 Stay tuned for more updates as Uzbekistan accelerates its digital transformation!

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