











## REPORT ON NATIONAL AWARENESS DAY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN UZBEKISTAN

(NO ONE IS LEFT OUT OF LOVE AND ATTENTION)

### **ONLINE EVENT**

<u>Place:</u> Tashkent University of Information Technologies named after Muhammad al-Khwarizmi (TUIT), Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Date: 16 DECEMBER, 2021

### **The DECIDE Project info**

The DECIDE Erasmus+ Project will foster the right of individuals with special needs in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kazakhstan to access education and enjoy the right of participation in everyday society. <a href="http://www.decideproject.ie/">http://www.decideproject.ie/</a>

### **Overview and Aims NAD**

- 1. Educate disabled students and their parents about their rights in relation to the DECIDE CBHE project.
- 2. Educate disabled students and their parents about usage of new technologies in relation to the DECIDE CBHE project.
- 3. Educate disabled students and their parents about the benefits of doing exercises in relation to the DECIDE CBHE project.

#### Partner-participants involved in organization of the event:

On December16, 2021 in Uzbekistan the National Awareness Day was held on current issues of inclusive education in accordance with the international project "DECIDE" (Development of services for people with disabilities) of the European Union's DECIDE Erasmus+ program, under the slogan "No one is left out of love and attention".

Over **172** members from vary regions and institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan and foreign countries took part in the NAD event, additionally with international guests from European program partner countries.

In the event more **22** members participated with their presentations and discussed issues related to the creation of socially favorable conditions for people with disabilities in Uzbekistan, barriers and opportunities in inclusive higher education, the rights and lifestyles of people with disabilities.

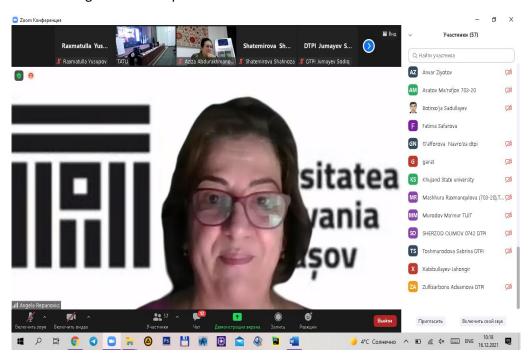
# Activities of NAD (Tashkent University of Information Technologies named after Muhammad al-Khwarizmi)

Tashkent University of Information Technologies named after Muhammad al-Khwarizmi-Part 1

First, the local coordinator of the DECIDE project in Uzbekistan, Dr.Sherzod Gulomov opened the event. He emphasized the aim of National Awareness Day for disable students is to encourage a better understanding of people affected by a disability, together with helping to make people more aware of the rights, dignity and welfare of disabled people.



Second, the coordinator the DECIDE project, Professor Angela Repanovici (Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania) mentioned that the event is part of sustainability of the DECIDE project and it will be taken place after finished the project ten years more. She also represented the important aspects of the DECIDE project as the role of academic administration and librarians that it will help to improve the life and knowledge of disabled persons.



Third, the Erasmus office coordinator in Uzbekistan, Aziza Abdurakhmonova congratulated the members of this consortium with very meaningful title of the project-DECIDE. She also reflected that the project focused on three main priorities which we are carrying out now during the intensive information campaign.



### **Social Media used**

1. The process of conducting and outcomes of the NAD distributed in social media channels as telegram: **@TATUrektoriqabulxonasibot** and Facebook.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/102034465472027/posts/198065762535563/

2. As well as, the results of NAD uploaded on the site at Tashkent University of Information Technologies named after Muhammad al-Khwarizmi: <a href="https://tuit.uz/post/decide-xalqaro-loyihasi-doyirasida-imkoniyati-cheklangan">https://tuit.uz/post/decide-xalqaro-loyihasi-doyirasida-imkoniyati-cheklangan</a>

### The presentations and topics were made on topical issues of inclusion by professionals in this sphere

1. Oripov Rustamjon - master degree student at Tashkent University of Information Technologies named after Muhammad al-Khwarizmi conducted a presentation on the topic "Who uses the Dark Web or the Deep Web?" and he also has participated in the conference actively.

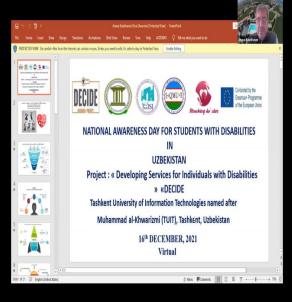


2. Ph.D student of the Department of Information Security at Tashkent University of Information Technologies named after Muhammad al-Khwarizmi and the developer of Sakhiya Robot-Zarif Kadirov, presented the application of Sakhiya Robot. He accounted for that Sakhiya Robot application helps deaf and hard of hearing people to communicate with friends and strangers - translating oral speech into text and vice versa. His topic is titled "Sahiya is an example of a virtual and real artificial teacher project".

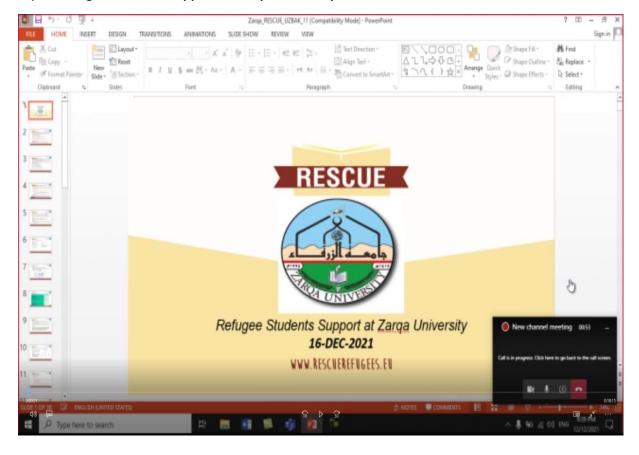


3. Prof Anwar Kawtharani, Dr Dina Shouman at Lebanese International University, Lebanon interpreted the presentation on the topic" An Inclusive Learning: A set of Tools dedicated to HEI for effective respond to disable Students' needs".





4. As well as, Dr. Ashraf Shaqadan from Zarqa University (Jordan) illuminated his presentation on the topic "Refugee Students Support at Zarqa University".



5. Turdibekov Baxtiyor - master degree student of the Department Information Security at Tashkent University of Information Technologies illustrated the presentation on the topic "Speech to Text Software for Android, Windows and IOS".

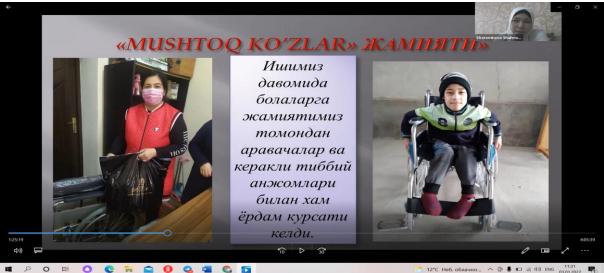


# Activities of NAD (the Society for Mutual Assistance to Children with Disabilities in Tashkent MUSHTOQ KO'ZLAR)

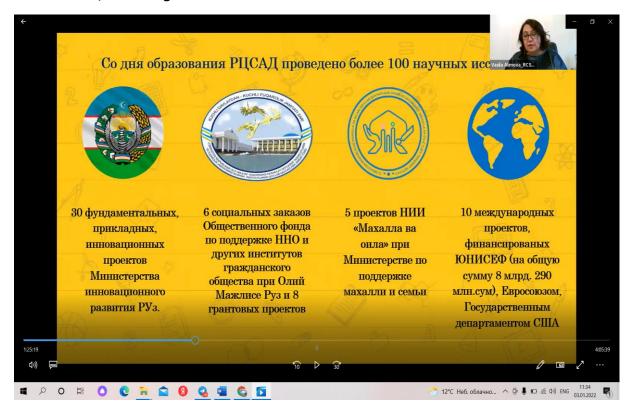
The Society for Mutual Assistance to Children with Disabilities in Tashkent MUSHTOQ KO'ZLAR-Part 2

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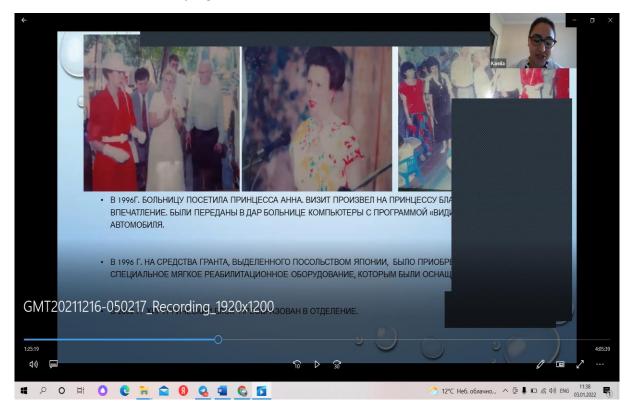
1. Shakhnoza Shatemirova, director of the Society for Mutual Assistance to Children with Disabilities in Tashkent MUSHTOQ KO'ZLAR conducted a presentation on the topic "The work of the Society for Children with Disabilities "MUSHOTOK EYES" in 2021" and she also has participated in the conference actively.



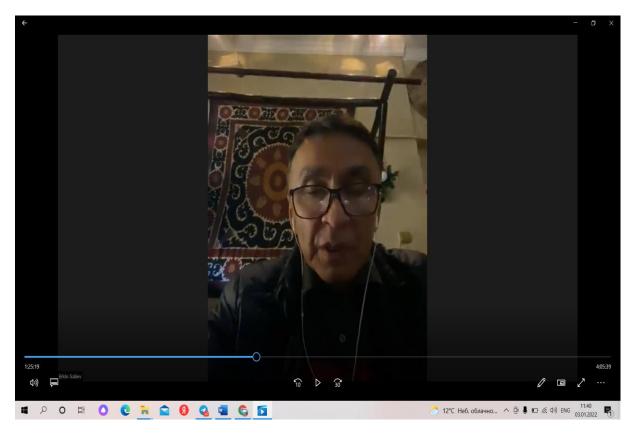
2. Alimova Vasila Sattorovna, Candidate of Medical Sciences, Director of the Republican Center for Social Adaptation of Children, Deputy of Tashkent City Kengash of People's Deputies Her topic is titled "We are close, we are together".



3. Komila Shorustamova, Psychiatrist, Republican Children's Psycho-Neurological Hospital named after U.K. Kurbanov gives the presentation on the topic "Treatments for autism, appropriate therapy, combined with educational programs".



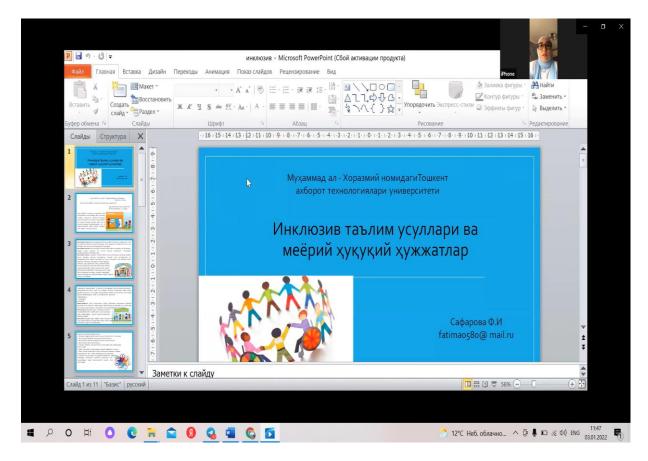
4. Saliev Erkin Nurmamatovich Chairman of the Board of the Republican non-governmental non-profit organization "Avlod Baraka" gives the presentation on the topic "On the verge of introducing inclusive education".



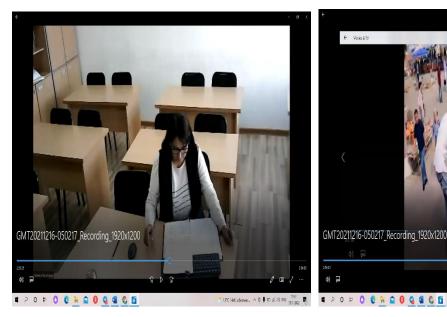
5. Muhabbat Rahimova Chairman of the Public Association of the Disabled "SHAROIT PLUS" illustrated the presentation on the topic "About the rights and real lifestyles of people with disabilities in Uzbekistan".



6. Fatima Isamitdinova Safarova, senior teacher at Tashkent University of Information Technologies named after Muhammad al Khwarizmi gave the presentation on the topic "Inclusive education methods and normative legal documents".



7. Vasilya Gaziyeva – Russian state university of Oil and Gas (National research university) named after I.M. Gubkin in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. She gave the presentation on the topic as video file: "We do not need mercy. All we need is motivation and we will act."

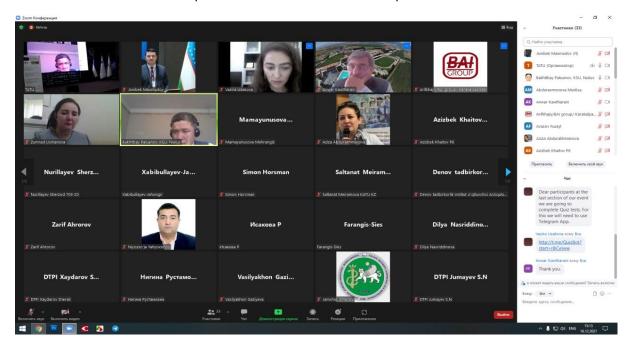




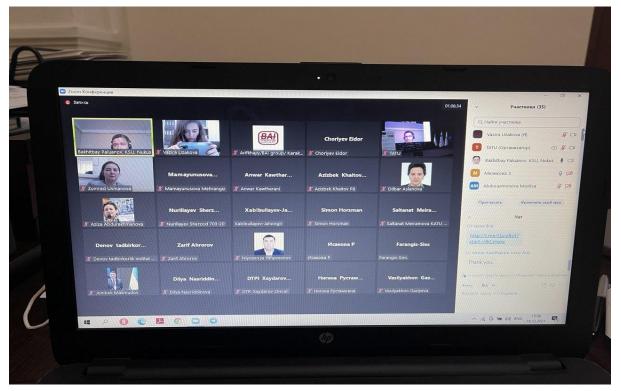
# Activities of NAD (Samarkand Institute of Economics and Service, Samarkand)

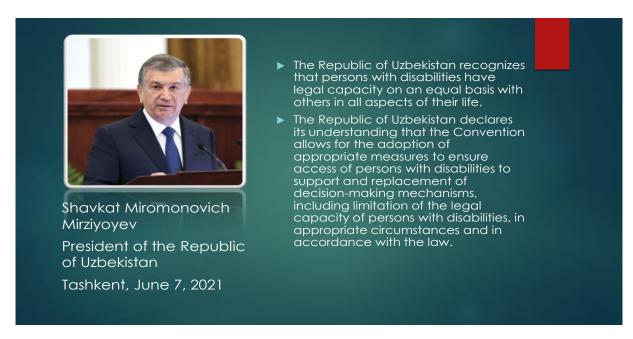
### Samarkand Institute of Economics and Service - Part 3

Second part of NAD was hosted by SIES (P5). It was hold as online conference on the topic: "Effective employment of graduates with special needs". Vice-Rector for Science and Innovation of SamIES-Aslanova Dilbar Khasanovna opened the online event with her speech.



Moreover, SIES organized online competition between students with special needs on writing essays on the topic: "How I see my effective employment". Competition was announced a week before the NAD event. Only 3 students could clearly explain their goals and aims after graduating the HEI.





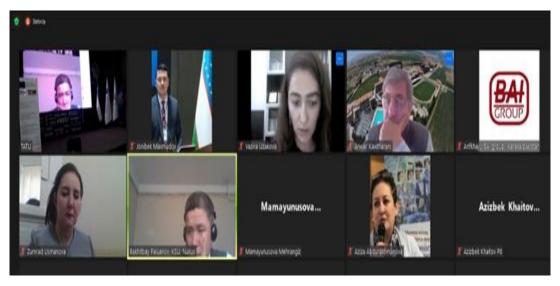
Also one of the students with special needs made a short video from her workplace. In her short movie, she showed that despite her physical impairment she could start her own business and employed several students like herself to work together.

The last activity of the online event was a Quiz show on the topic «How to organize effective employment for university graduates with disabilities». It was made up in Telegram App containing 10 questions on special education needs. The link for the quiz was shared in the chat and all participants completed the tests during the given time.

### **Activities of NAD (Karakalpak State University, Nukus)**

#### Karakalpak State University - Part 4

Docent of Journalism Department, institutional coordinator of DECIDE project Bakhitbay Paluanov gave his report on DECIDE project follow-up activities for 2021. He has analyzed some points of work package of project. He pointed dissemination activities under DECIDE project at another universities of Karakalpak region.





2. Student of Construction faculty at Karakalpak State University, Mr. Arif-Khajiy Mukhammetaliev made his presentation on ED Connect (Special equipment for disabilities people). He gives examples new ideas as an engineering. He explained opportunities of their own modules of former versions.



3. As an agenda of NAD there must be a guest speaker of USA, but due to time management American specialist cancelled his participation. Instead of his presentation another media specialist in special Education, an associate – professor of Media faculty at Uzbek state University of Foreign languages made her speech on the topic "Coverage of the topic of disability in Mass Media". She shared her teaching skills on Special Education for disabilities students. She mentioned some mistakes of Modern Media specialists during their professional activities, exactly, when interviewing, reporting, editing.

### **Summary**

In Uzbekistan, in order to develop inclusive education, improve the education system and upbringing of children with special educational needs, improve the quality of educational services provided to them, the Conception for the Development of Inclusive Education in the Public Education System in 2020-2025 was approved. The Conception defines the goals, objectives, main directions, medium-term and long-term perspective stages in the development of inclusive education. The definition of "inclusive education" was first introduced in the new edition of the Law "On Education", adopted on September 23, 2020. In addition, the Law "On the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" introduced the principle of "non-discrimination on the basis of disability" for the first time.

It is normatively fixed that disability is no longer a medical problem, it is, first of all, a human rights problem, a social problem. It is important to ensure that people with disabilities receive a full and high-quality education by creating a barrier-free and inclusive environment, which is one of the most effective ways of realizing human rights.

The DECIDE project aims to create such conditions for people with disabilities to receive, quality education and their effective employment in the future.

Furthermore, should be paid to the dissemination of their rights, as well as encouraging parents to achieve the goals of "equality" and "full participation" of people with disabilities in social life and development. In addition, pay attention to uniting teachers to improve methods of working with children with disabilities, organizing an international exchange program for students with disabilities. Moreover, to the above, attention should be paid to Journalists` activities and staffs of social media, bloggers` works on disabilities people. Some of them used the words "Invalid", "Nogiron" (in Uzbek and Karakalpak Languages) when prepare their media products. That is why, the journalism students must be study with additional course within "Skills of Coverage the topic of Disabilities People in Media".

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