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# THE ROLE OF DR. SHERALI TURDIEV BETWEEN UZBEK AND TATAR LITERARY RELATIONS

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Uzbek and Tatar nations have had strong literary relations since the beginning of XX century. In building such a good friendly bonds, particular individuals play a significant role with their attempts. Dr. Sherali Turdiev did a lot in the development of literary relations between Uzbek and Tatar nation. It can be proved by his written works also exchanged letters. In this article, request, gratitude and invitation letters by Tatar scholars towards Dr. Sherali Turdiev will be discussed.

KEY WORDS: literary relations, correspondences, publication, mutual literary supports

Literary relations are an important process in any nation's spiritual and cultural development of a nation which can be shown by literary translations, literary impact to one another, lively dialogue, and correspondences exchanging letters, scientific and collaborations (meetings, ceremonies, friendly exhibitions, seminars, conferences, congresses and symposiums) as well as mentor-mentee traditions. Literary relations has long been a factor of cooperation and understanding between countries, people and great writers, poets, scholars. Both Uzbek and Tatar nations have had strong bonds in the various fields since long centuries ago. As both nation have the same family of their language, similar cultural principles and the same religion, they have many things in common in the sphere of literature as well. Tatar literature became widespread in Central Asia, Transcaucasia and East Turkestan before the revolution. Starting from 1910-1911 most of the literature and periodicals in Turkestan were published in Tatar language. Before the revolution, various Tatar newspapers and magazines entered Turkestan such as "So'z" (World) from Moscow; "Vaqt" (Time), "Sho'ro" from Orenburg; "Turmush" from Ufa; "Yulduz" (The star); "Quyosh" (The sun) from Kazan had a significant impact on the development of Uzbek literature and periodicals. The works of progressive Tatar poets and writers such as

Gabdulla Tukay, Galimjon Ibragimov, Amirkhanov, H.Taktash and others were published regularly. Uzbek writers also participated actively in Tatar journals, publications with their prose and poetic as well as research works and studied at educational establishments named "Madrasai Oliya", "Madrasai Husayniya" and so forth. Besides that, poems and journalistic articles of Tatar and Uzbek writers were published on the pages of newspapers and magazines ("Uchqun", "Sharq", "Inqilob", "Chayan", "Maorif va o'qituvchi", "Ishtirokiyun") in Samarkand and Tashkent (Hamza, S.Avloni, N.Turakulov, A.Qodiriy, A.Sharafutdinov, A.Saadi, S.Ayni and etc.)<sup>1</sup>

Dr. Sherali Turdiev also was keen on Tatar literature and history educations and he had dedicated a big part of his life in studying Tatar literature and contributed quite importantly with his research works, translations, exchanging materials as well as with his disinterested assistance to Tatar researchers.

<sup>1</sup> Творческая связи узбекской литературы. Ташкент: Фан, 1983. – С. 73.

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### DR. SHERALI TURDIEV'S WORKS RELATED TO TATAR LITERATURE:





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  (The lone wolf finds trouble) Book translated by Sherali Turdiev from tatar language into Uzbek.
- Adabiy do'stligimiz tongida. (*In the beginning of our everlasting friendship*) Book. Tashkent: Uzbekistan, 1974. 34 p.
- Hayotbaxsh ta'sirlar: o'zbek va qardosh xalqlar adabiy aloqalari tarixidan.
  (Vital influences: from the history of literary relations between the Uzbek and fraternal nations) Book. Tashkent: Adabiyot va san'at nashriyoti, 1977. –105 p.
- Adabiy hamkorliklar samarasi: oʻzbek-tatar adabiy aloqalari tarixidan. (The results of literary cooperation: from the history of Uzbek-Tatar literary relations) Book. Tashkent: Adabiyot va san'at nashriyoti, 1984. –126 p.
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- Abdulla To'qay O'zbekistonda. (*Abdulla Tukay in Uzbekistan*), Journal Sharq Yulduzi, 1986. N.4. P.187-191.
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- Tukay hem uzbek edabiyati. Kazan Utlari. 1985. N.5. P. 121-125.
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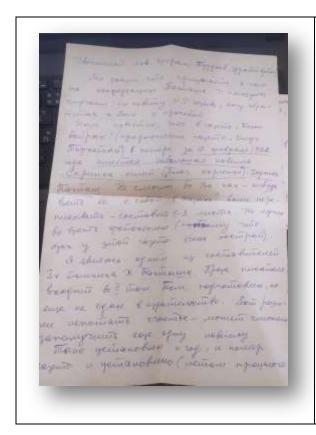
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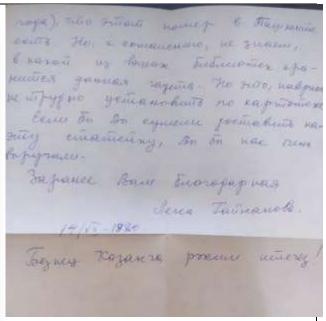
Here some part of his works were mentioned. In all his works Sherali Turdiev highlighted the friendly scientific relationship between Uzbek and Tatar scholars.

As a grand-daughter of him, I have an access to read his letters exchanged with international researchers, scholars such as CIS countries (current), Japan, Germany, Austria, The USA, and Turkey.

In this article I am going to focus on the correspondences exchanged between Sherali Turdiev and Tatar researchers. The letters topics can be divided as following: requests, discussions, invitations to scientific events, gratitude and acknowledgements.

Some examples for requests:





Many researchers, scholars from Tatarstan wrote the letters asking for some assistance as following:

- Books, sources from Uzbekistan State libraries and archives;
- Books, sources from Sherali Turdiev's private archive;
- Asking for advice and consultation in writing Tatar Literature Antology;
- Asking for reviewing particular research works and give his honorable comments and so forth.

Mostly the organizations such as publication offices, research journal editors, libraries, museums, several

educational establishments, scientific institutions were actively in contact with Dr. Sherali Turdiev.

## **Thanking Letters**

In his correspondences' archive there are big bunches of thanking letters expressing gratefulness for his significant contribution such as delivering asked materials, photos, archive resources, photocopies original ones of Uzbek literature examples in making books on Tatar literature, organizing events dedicated to Tatar scholars, conducting researches and all were related to Tatar or Uzbek literature and literary relationships.



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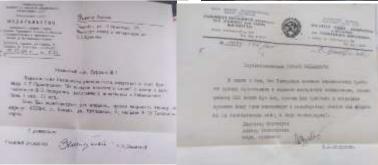




#### Invitations







#### **CONCLUSION**

To conclude, Sherali Turdiev can be considered as the scholar who was a bridge of knowledge, scientific and friendly cooperation among many nations. Nowadays, most researches focus on a single object as a research issue. However, Sherali Turdiev did a lot of detailed works on various scholars' works and lives who were from Asian and Western countries. If we collect all his results in one place, it would be a fantastic research for researchers in this sphere.

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