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OPEN ACCESS AND LIFELONG LEARNING POLICY

of the Tashkent University of Information Technologies named after Muhammad al-Khwarizmi

I. General provisions

1. This Policy opens the knowledge, facilities and cultural assets of the Tashkent University of Information Technologies named after Muhammad al-Khwarizmi (hereinafter "the University") to the public and supports lifelong learning.

2. The Policy has been prepared in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Education", including its provisions on adult education, the Law "On Information and Library Activities" and the Law "On the Rights of Persons with Disabilities". It applies to all educational, cultural and recreational activities and facilities of the University open to the public.

II. Access for all

3. The University ensures that access to its lifelong learning activities, public events and facilities is accessible to all, regardless of ethnicity, religion, disability, immigration status or gender, and regardless of age or social background.

4. To this end it holds events in accessible buildings, provides materials in Uzbek, Russian and, where possible, English, makes reasonable adjustments for participants with disabilities, and does not require proof of citizenship or residence unless the law requires it.

III. Lifelong learning

5. The University provides free educational resources for people not studying at the University, such as open online courses, the electronic library and open-access publications; hosts educational events open to the public free of charge, such as public

lectures, open days, hackathons and exhibitions; and offers short vocational and professional development courses for non-students.

6. Employees and students carry out educational outreach beyond campus, in local schools and mahallas, including through student volunteering.

IV. Public access to buildings, library, museum and green spaces

7. The public has free access to the University museum and exhibition spaces and to buildings of cultural significance during published opening hours; to the reading rooms of the Information Resource Centre on presentation of an identity document; and to the open and green spaces of the campus during daytime hours, subject to security rules.

V. Responsibilities

8. The Academic Affairs Department coordinates this Policy and prepares the annual report. The Information Resource Centre, the museum, the Department of Youth Work, Spirituality and Education and the security service arrange public access in their areas.

VI. Monitoring and expected results

9. The following indicators are reported every year: free courses offered and certificates issued; public events and attendance; vocational courses and participants; outreach activities; and public visitors to the library and museum.

10. Expected results: a regular annual programme of free public lectures and courses; free public access to the library, museum and green spaces maintained.

VII. Final provisions

11. This Policy is reviewed at least once every two years, and earlier if there are significant changes in legislation or in the activities of the University. Amendments are approved by the University Council.

12. This Policy enters into force on the date of its approval by the University Council and replaces the earlier Accessible Activities Policy of the University.

13. This Policy is published on the official website of the University (tuit.uz/sustainability) in Uzbek and English and remains publicly available.