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OPENING CEREMONY

Joint LLM Program “Cyber Criminal Law and Digital Forensics” & Indian-Uzbek Law and Language Research Center

Date: October 28, 2024

Time: 11:30 – 13:00

Venue: Conference Hall (Room 203),
Building 1, Tashkent State University of Law
100047, 35 Sayilgoh Street,

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11:40 - 11:45	Address by Prof. Islambek Rustambekov , Rector, TSUL
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Part II. Official Opening of Indian-Uzbek Law and Language Research Center	
12:30 - 13:00	Official Opening of Indian-Uzbek Law and Language Research Center

Speech by H.E. Sherzad Rabiev
Deputy Minister of Justice, Republic of Uzbekistan

Distinguished Rector Professor Rustambekov,
Honorable Vice Chancellor Dr. Vyas,
Honorable Professor Pokhariyal,
Distinguished guests, faculty members, and students

It is my great pleasure to address you on this momentous occasion marking the launch of our joint LLM Program in Cyber Criminal Law and Digital Forensics, and the establishment of the Indian-Uzbek Law and Language Research Center.

Under the visionary leadership of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Uzbekistan has embarked on an unprecedented path of transformation. Our New Uzbekistan Strategy has positioned digital transformation and technological advancement at the forefront of national development. The comprehensive reforms in our judicial and legal system, coupled with the digitalization of public services, have earned international recognition and created new challenges requiring specialized expertise.

The establishment of this innovative LLM program, in partnership with the prestigious National Forensic Sciences University of India, represents a significant milestone in our educational and legal sectors. This collaboration reflects the deep-rooted friendship between Uzbekistan and India, building upon our strategic partnership that spans political, economic, and cultural dimensions.

The timing of this program is particularly significant as cybercrime becomes increasingly sophisticated and transnational. Uzbekistan's recent digital initiatives, including the "Digital Uzbekistan 2030" strategy, underscore our commitment to cybersecurity and digital governance. Our country has implemented over 280 digital platforms across government services, highlighting the urgent need for cyber law specialists and digital forensics experts.

This LLM program will serve as a catalyst for developing highly qualified professionals capable of addressing complex cyber-legal challenges. The curriculum's focus on both theoretical knowledge and practical skills will create specialists who can contribute to both national and international cybersecurity frameworks.

Looking ahead, we envision this program as a cornerstone for future collaborations. The Indian-Uzbek Law and Language Research Center will facilitate academic exchange, joint research, and the development of innovative solutions to emerging cyber challenges.

The Ministry of Justice pledges its full support to this initiative and looks forward to welcoming the program's graduates into our rapidly evolving legal landscape. Together, we are building a future where legal expertise meets technological innovation, ensuring justice and security in the digital age.

Thank you for your attention, and I wish this program every success.

**Speech by Professor Islambek Rustambekov
Rector, Tashkent State University of Law**

**Honorable Deputy Minister Rabiev,
Distinguished Dr. Vyas and Professor Pokhariyal,
Dear colleagues, partners, and students**

Today marks a transformative moment in the history of Tashkent State University of Law as we inaugurate two significant academic initiatives that reflect our commitment to educational excellence and international collaboration.

As the oldest and most prestigious law school in Central Asia, TSUL has consistently pioneered innovative legal education. The launch of our joint LLM program in Cyber Criminal Law and Digital Forensics with NFSU represents our response to the evolving demands of the legal profession. This program embodies our strategic vision of developing practice-oriented, technologically proficient legal professionals who can navigate the complexities of the digital age.

Our university has undergone significant modernization in recent years. We have established smart classrooms, digital libraries, and state-of-the-art forensic laboratories. These investments demonstrate our dedication to creating an educational environment that mirrors the technological advancement of the legal sector.

The establishment of the Indian-Uzbek Law and Language Research Center adds another dimension to our academic portfolio. This center will serve as a hub for comparative legal research, fostering scholarly exchange between our nations and promoting understanding of our respective legal systems. It will also facilitate language training, essential for international legal practice.

The curriculum we have developed with NFSU combines theoretical depth with practical application, incorporating both traditional legal principles and cutting-edge digital forensics techniques. Our faculty members have worked tirelessly to ensure this program meets international standards while addressing regional needs.

Looking to the future, this collaboration will expand beyond the classroom. We envision joint research projects, faculty exchanges, and international conferences that will position TSUL as a regional center of excellence in cyber law education.

I express my gratitude to our partners at NFSU for their commitment to this endeavor. To our future students: you will be pioneers in a field that becomes more crucial with each passing day. The knowledge and skills you gain here will enable you to shape the future of cyber law and digital forensics in our region and beyond.

Let us embrace this new chapter in legal education with enthusiasm and determination. Thank you all for being part of this historic moment.

Speech by Dr. J M Vyas
Vice Chancellor, National Forensic Sciences University

Honorable Deputy Minister Rabiev,
Distinguished Rector Rustambekov,
Dear Professor Gulyamov,
Distinguished colleagues and students,

Today's inauguration represents a groundbreaking collaboration between India's premier forensic sciences institution and Uzbekistan's leading law university. As Vice Chancellor of NFSU, I am proud to witness this convergence of expertise in forensic sciences, cyber law, and digital investigation.

NFSU's journey from being India's first forensic sciences university to becoming a global leader in forensic education and research has been guided by our commitment to innovation and excellence. Our institution has trained thousands of forensic experts, cybersecurity professionals, and digital investigators who serve in various capacities worldwide.

The joint LLM program we launch today integrates NFSU's profound experience in digital forensics with TSUL's exceptional legal education framework. Our curriculum incorporates advanced laboratory training, cyber investigation techniques, and real-world case studies that reflect the evolving nature of cybercrime.

What makes this collaboration unique is our focus on hands-on training using cutting-edge forensic tools and technologies. NFSU's state-of-the-art cyber forensics laboratories and research facilities will be accessible to program participants through our virtual learning platforms and exchange initiatives.

We are particularly excited about the research possibilities this partnership creates. The establishment of the Indian-Uzbek Law and Language Research Center will facilitate joint research in emerging areas such as cryptocurrency forensics, artificial intelligence in legal systems, and cross-border cybercrime investigation.

NFSU brings to this partnership our extensive network of collaborations with law enforcement agencies, forensic laboratories, and cybersecurity organizations across Asia. This network will provide invaluable practical exposure and internship opportunities for students in the program.

Our vision extends beyond academic collaboration. We aim to create a knowledge-sharing ecosystem that will strengthen the cybersecurity capabilities of both nations. This partnership will contribute significantly to developing the next generation of cyber law experts and digital forensic investigators in Central Asia.

I extend my sincere appreciation to TSUL's leadership for their forward-thinking approach and commitment to excellence. Together, we are not just creating an academic program; we are building a bridge between two nations through education and research in critical domains of the 21st century.

Let us move forward with determination to make this program a beacon of excellence in cyber law and digital forensics education. Thank you.

**Speech by Professor Purvi Pokhariyal Director,
National Forensic Sciences University**

**Honorable Deputy Minister Rabiev,
Respected Rector Rustambekov,
Distinguished Vice Chancellor Dr. Vyas,
Esteemed Professor Gulyamov,
Dear colleagues and future students**

It is a privilege to address you on this significant occasion that marks a new chapter in international legal education. As Director of NFSU, I am particularly enthusiastic about the transformative potential of our collaboration with TSUL in developing specialized expertise in cyber criminal law and digital forensics.

Our experience at NFSU has shown that the intersection of law and technology requires a unique pedagogical approach. The joint LLM program we launch today embodies our philosophy of blending theoretical knowledge with practical skills. Our curriculum design reflects extensive consultation with cybersecurity experts, legal practitioners, and industry leaders to ensure its relevance and effectiveness.

What distinguishes this program is its comprehensive approach to cyber law education. Students will benefit from our specialized modules in digital evidence handling, cyber forensic analysis, and international cybercrime investigation protocols. We have integrated practical laboratories, moot courts focusing on cyber crimes, and simulated digital investigation scenarios into the curriculum.

The program will feature guest lectures by leading international experts, participation in global cyber law conferences, and exposure to real-world case studies. Our teaching methodology emphasizes problem-based learning, encouraging students to develop critical thinking and analytical skills essential for addressing complex cyber legal challenges.

I am particularly excited about the role of the Indian-Uzbek Law and Language Research Center in facilitating academic exchanges. This center will serve as a platform for collaborative research projects, joint publications, and cultural understanding between our institutions. We envision organizing regular workshops, seminars, and training programs that will benefit both faculty and students.

NFSU's commitment to this program extends beyond the classroom. We have established a dedicated mentorship program where our experienced faculty will guide students through their research projects. Our international placement cell will work closely with TSUL to create opportunities for internships and professional development.

The evolving nature of cybercrime requires legal professionals who can adapt to technological changes while maintaining a strong foundation in legal principles. This program aims to create such versatile professionals who can serve as bridges between the technical and legal aspects of cybersecurity.

I look forward to the rich academic exchanges and innovative research that will emerge from this collaboration. Together, we are creating not just a program, but a community of cyber law experts who will shape the future of digital justice.

**Speech by Professor Said Gulyamov
Head of Cyber Law Department Tashkent State University of Law**

**Honorable Deputy Minister Rabiev,
Honorable Vice Chancellor Dr. Vyas
Respected Rector Rustambekov,
Esteemed Professor Pokhariyal,
Dear colleagues and guests,**

As Head of the Cyber Law Department at TSUL, I am delighted to welcome you to this momentous inauguration. Our department's journey in developing cyber law education reflects Uzbekistan's growing role in the digital transformation of legal services and cybersecurity governance in Central Asia.

The launch of this specialized LLM program represents a strategic response to the emerging challenges in our digital legal landscape. Our department has observed a growing demand for legal professionals who can effectively handle complex cyber-legal issues, from digital evidence to cross-border cybercrime investigations. This program, developed in collaboration with NFSU, directly addresses this critical need.

Our department has been pioneering innovative approaches to cyber law education. We have established dedicated research groups focusing on artificial intelligence regulation, digital privacy frameworks, and cybersecurity governance. The collaboration with NFSU will significantly enhance our research capabilities and provide our students with access to advanced digital forensics methodologies.

The establishment of the Indian-Uzbek Law and Language Research Center within our department creates new opportunities for comparative legal research. We will focus on developing regional perspectives on cyber law while incorporating international best practices. This center will serve as a bridge between Central Asian and South Asian legal traditions in the digital sphere.

Our faculty members have developed specialized courses that combine traditional legal principles with cutting-edge digital concepts. We emphasize practical training through our cyber law clinic, where students work on real-world cases under expert supervision. This hands-on experience is crucial for developing the next generation of cyber law specialists.

The department's vision extends beyond academic training. We are establishing partnerships with leading law firms, technology companies, and government agencies to provide our students with diverse internship opportunities. These relationships will ensure that our graduates are well-prepared for the practical challenges of cyber law practice.

We are particularly proud that this program will contribute to Uzbekistan's digital transformation initiatives. Our graduates will play crucial roles in strengthening cybersecurity frameworks, developing digital governance policies, and addressing emerging technological challenges in the legal sector.

I extend my gratitude to our partners at NFSU and all who have contributed to making this collaboration possible. Together, we are building a foundation for excellence in cyber law education that will benefit our region and beyond.

SPEECHES ON INDIAN-UZBEK LAW AND LANGUAGE RESEARCH CENTER

Speech by Professor Purvi Pokhariyal Campus Director, NFSU

Esteemed colleagues and honored guests,

Today's inauguration of the Indian-Uzbek Law and Language Research Center represents a pioneering initiative in cross-cultural legal research and education. This center embodies our commitment to fostering deep academic connections between India and Uzbekistan.

Our vision for this center extends beyond traditional academic collaboration. We are creating a dynamic space for comparative legal studies, focusing on the unique legal traditions of our regions while addressing contemporary challenges in cyber law and digital governance.

The center will serve as a hub for joint research projects, enabling scholars from both countries to explore emerging legal frameworks in the digital age. We have designed specialized research programs focusing on artificial intelligence regulation, digital privacy laws, and cybersecurity governance from both Indian and Uzbek perspectives.

Language plays a crucial role in legal understanding. Through this center, we will facilitate language training programs that will enable researchers to access primary legal sources in both countries. This linguistic bridge will enhance our ability to conduct comprehensive comparative legal research.

We envision this center hosting international conferences, publishing collaborative research papers, and developing innovative teaching methodologies for cyber law education. Our digital library will provide researchers access to unique legal resources from both jurisdictions.

NFSU commits to providing expert guidance, research support, and access to our extensive network of legal scholars and practitioners. This center will serve as a model for international academic cooperation in legal studies.

**Speech by Professor Said Gulyamov
Head of Cyber Law Department, TSUL**

Distinguished colleagues and guests,

The establishment of the Indian-Uzbek Law and Language Research Center within our department marks a significant advancement in our mission to develop world-class legal research facilities in Uzbekistan.

This center represents more than just a physical space; it embodies our commitment to fostering innovative legal research methodologies. Our department has developed specialized research clusters focusing on digital transformation of legal services, cybersecurity frameworks, and technological innovation in legal practice.

We have equipped this center with advanced digital resources and research tools that will enable scholars to conduct cutting-edge legal research. Our virtual collaboration platform will facilitate real-time interaction between researchers in Tashkent and India.

The center will serve as a catalyst for developing regional expertise in cyber law and digital forensics. We have planned a series of joint research projects examining the harmonization of cyber laws in Central and South Asia, focusing on practical applications in our respective jurisdictions.

Our research agenda includes critical areas such as digital evidence handling, cross-border cybercrime investigation, and the development of regional cyber law frameworks. This center will also support our LLM program by providing students with research opportunities and access to international expertise.

The fusion of legal and linguistic studies will create unique opportunities for understanding the nuances of legal systems in both countries. We look forward to hosting scholarly exchanges and contributing to the development of cyber law expertise in our region.