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Evaluation of the Bachelor Thesis by Opponent

Thesis Title **The role of the Great Silk Road in the development of cities , tourism and economy in Uzbekistan .**

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Formulation of objectives and Choice of appropriate methods and methodology used	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Work with data and information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Logical process being used	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The structure of paragraphs and chapters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work with scientific literature (quotations, norms)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comprehensibility of the text and level of language	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clarity and professionalism of expression in the thesis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Formal presentation of the work, the overall impression	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fulfillment of objectives, formulation of conclusions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary and key-words comply with the content the thesis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evaluation of the work by grade (1, 2, 3, 4)				3

Evaluation: 1 = the best

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Other comments or suggestions:

The theses named "The role of the Great Silk Road in development of cities, tourism and economy in Uzbekistan" prepared by Shakhnoza Khaytmuratova presents an interesting view on Silk road importance in Uzbekistan. In general, it needs to be stated, that author did significant amount of work. However own value added /contribution is questionable. Own work includes compilation of information from other authors, own analyses is missing. Among this, presented BT has specific shortcomings, which has to be mentioned:

- Objectives are not well formulated, methods proposed and used does not fit stated objectives.
- Page 26, not clear sentence "In 2018, the value of GDP per capita in RUSSIA amounted to 12 million 365.6 thousand" ... does author talk about UZB or RUSSIA?
- Graphs, maps, tables mostly miss reference
- Format of figures is not consistent in the theses
- Data and information are not well quoted, source of information is not clear, data and information cannot be checked. For example: "Sewing workshops sew clothes, household items, and bed linen from them, more than 50% of which is exported" or "The main tourist destinations are visiting monuments of Muslim architecture (80% of the tourist flow) and the Chimgan ski resort (less than 10%)." No source mentioned.
- It is stated: "In 2019-2022, the gross domestic product is projected to grow by 5-6. 3%", but there is no explanation, how that estimate was done
- Page 29 : " In General, the foreign trade turnover of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2018 amounted to \$ 15.8 billion.,". However, according to UZSTAT turnover of UZB foreign trade is over 40 billion USD in 2019 and close to 33 billion USD in 2018.
- Information in the theses are not consistent. For example number of tour operators in the country: p. 29 (850 in 2019), p. 31 (1100 in 2019), p. 32 (1428 in 2019),
- Page 32: „The number of visitors from foreign countries amounted to 488 400 people“. However UNWTO states that Uzbekistan is having long term trend in growth of international tourists, in 2013 it was already 2 million in 2013. Stated number does not seem to be correct.

To conclude, the theses has many imperfections and quality own results is limited. After careful assessment I propose "GOOD".

Questions for thesis defence:

- Q1. What is total amount of expenditures on transportation infrastructure by UZB government?
- Q2. What is total amount of Foreign Direct Investments to UZB economy and where are they from? Which sectors they target?
- Q3. What are main means of transport for incoming tourists? Use database of UNWTO to find more.
- W4. How will be UZB tourism sector impacted by COVID19?

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