Projects to Record and Preserve Intangible Cultural Heritage

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Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) runs projects that preserve and pass on traditional crafts, music, dress, customs and language. As a languages university, it treats the Uzbek language and the national culture it carries as heritage to be protected alongside the foreign languages it teaches.

Traditional pottery: KulolMan

The KulolMan spin-off is a pottery studio on the University campus. Its aim is to preserve the traditions of Uzbek pottery that have developed over centuries, to combine traditional and modern pottery, and to involve students in the craft through the master–apprentice (usto–shogird) school. On 11 July 2025 KulolMan and the University's commercialization department held a pottery master class for students under the "One Student – One Project" program, and the studio took part in the "Khan Atlas" festival in September.




Pottery master class at the KulolMan studio in the master–apprentice tradition, 11 July 2025

National dress and textiles: "Khan Atlas" festival

During the "Khan Atlas" month in September 2025, the University held a festival on the history and present-day importance of khan-atlas and adras fabrics. Students presented national costumes made from these fabrics, folk songs (lapar), national dances and theatrical scenes of national customs, and an exhibition of national dress.




"Khan Atlas" festival of national fabrics and dress, 26 September 2025

Music, customs and language

- **National Musical Instruments ensemble:** students of different faculties learn and perform traditional Uzbek music on national instruments, and the ensemble gave public concerts in March and October 2025.

- **Regional traditions:** at the National Values Festival on 14 May 2025 students presented the customs, crafts, dress and literature of Surkhandarya region at the Writers' Alley in Tashkent.
- **Uzbek language:** on 20 October 2025 the University marked the 36th anniversary of the state status of the Uzbek language with poets, writers and performers.

Supporting evidence

- KulolMan pottery master class: https://t.me/UzSWLU/37667
- "Khan Atlas" festival: https://t.me/UzSWLU/41403
- "Khan Atlas" festival with KulolMan and Sewing Sisters: https://t.me/UzSWLU/41825
- National Values Festival: https://t.me/UzSWLU/34575
- Anniversary of the state status of the Uzbek language: https://t.me/UzSWLU/43261