Project brief information

Title	AP19677768 "The Pragmatic Experience of the Confucian Model of Development in Eastern Countries: China, Japan, Singapore, South Korea"
Relevance	The 30th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan marks an important stage for reassessing the reforms carried out, evaluating the results achieved, and taking into account past mistakes. At a time when our country is moving toward building a "New Kazakhstan," it is especially important to clearly define the nation's future development path and increase the effectiveness of the ongoing state reforms. A number of countries in the Confucian region, having experienced rapid and dynamic growth, have demonstrated successful models of accelerated social modernization and now present their own distinct paths of development. The experience of these countries requires detailed study, as it combines universal patterns of modernization with unique national and cultural characteristics. Theoretical understanding of the processes of social transformation in Eastern societies – where universal principles of modernization are synthesized with Confucian teachings within the space of national cultures – will undoubtedly assist the government of the Republic of Kazakhstan in developing a concept for building a "prosperous society" grounded in its own cultural and historical traditions.
Goal	The aim of the project is to determine the reform strategies of Eastern countries such as China, Japan, Singapore, and South Korea – whose development paths have been significantly influenced by Confucian philosophy – through a comprehensive study and comparative analysis of their successful development models, and to develop theoretical and practical recommendations for incorporating international experience into the improvement of state policy in the field of Kazakhstan's socio-economic development.
Tasks	1. Create a scientific and analytical information base to ensure a comprehensive and in-depth study and assessment of the project's research problems by searching for, collecting, processing, and analyzing sources in Kazakh and Russian from domestic libraries, as well as English- and East Asian-language sources from international collections. 2. Identify the place and role of Confucian philosophy in the cultures of the studied countries, examine the formation of their Confucian development models, and reveal the main principles of their functioning. 3. Determine the key indicators of socio-economic development in China, Japan, South Korea, and

	Singapore, and analyze the main characteristics of each country's development model.
	4. Study the features of the socio-cultural structures (education systems, social welfare systems, etc.) of the selected countries, and explore the issue of national identity as an integral part of their development models.
	5. Investigate the institutional mechanisms for improving the population's living standards in the Eastern countries.
	6. Conduct a critical analysis of the effectiveness and efficiency of the social policies of the studied states, and determine the potential for applying their experience to address Kazakhstan's social challenges.
	7. Identify the main motivational factors driving the implementation of the socio-economic development models in the selected countries and compare them with Kazakhstan's conditions.
	8. Develop and propose recommendations for applying the positive experiences of Eastern countries in shaping Kazakhstan's development strategy, taking into account the current situation and the nation's competitive capabilities.
	9. Introduce the obtained results into academic circulation through presentations at scientific conferences, seminars, and round tables, as well as through the publication of scientific articles and their inclusion in the educational program for the specialty "Oriental Studies."
Expected and Obtained Results	Among the achieved results was the organization and holding of an international scientific-practical conference among Kazakhstani orientalists on the topic *"The Pragmatic Experience of Eastern Countries' Development"*, the proceedings of which were published on November 29, 2024. Additionally, based on the real situation in the Republic of Kazakhstan and its competitive capacities, a number of recommendations were developed for applying the positive experiences of the studied countries in forming the national development strategy. According to the calendar plan, all assigned tasks were completed on time: 6 (six) articles were published in domestic peer-reviewed journals recommended by the Committee for Quality Assurance in Science and Higher Education (KOKNVO), and 1 (one) article was published in a journal indexed in the Scopus database.
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