



Biography

Safar Abdoulloyev

Professor Safar Abdoulloyev, a Tajik scholar of Iranian studies, was born in a village near Samarkand on Jan. 30, 1955. From the childhood he lived in an environment where people spoke in Persian. When he was a child, became familiar with Koliyat Saadi Shirazi via his father. He was almost 8 years old when he learned some religious books at the present of Mulla Abdul Rashid. He spent his schooling in the city of Panjaken. In 1973, he continued his studies in the classical Persian literature at the Tajik State University, faculty of the Persian Language and Literature and his postgraduate and doctorate in Moscow, the Institute of World Literature, affiliated with the Soviet Academy of Sciences. In this institute, he also studied Persian literature as well as the theory of literature, and at the Ph.D., he defended his dissertation titled "The Traditions of National Epic in Contemporary Poetry", which refers to the influence of contemporary poetry and Shahnameh in Persian, in Transoxiana (also spelled Transoxania) under the supervision of professor Lamiti and professor Yasser Prigensky the well-known scholar of Iranian studies. In 1984, he stayed in Moscow for eight years, and in addition to teaching Persian language and literature, he also translated works of Persian literature into Russian. Then he came to Kazakhstan and established an institution as the Center for the Study of Iran and Central Asia, which has held 20-25 international seminars in the field of Iranian Studies in Kazakhstan over the past twenty years. In the beginning, Professor Safar Abdoulloyev worked at the Oriental Research Center in the Department of Iranian Studies, and during the next 20 years he simultaneously taught at various universities in Kazakhstan, such as Al-Farabi Kazakh National University. Safar Abdoulloyev, at age 61, published a quarterly journal entitled "IranName". At present, he teaches Persian at the Kazakh Ablai Khan University of International Relations and World Languages, in Almaty, and is the director of the Department of Iranian Studies.