

MARKING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF ACADEMICIAN E.I. CHAZOV

Dear Yevgeny Ivanovich,

On behalf of the Association of Cardiologists of Uzbekistan and staff members of the Republican Specialized Center of Cardiology, I would like to offer my congratulations on your 90th birthday! The congratulations are not only from the cardiologists of the immense CIS, Europe and the whole globe, but first of all, from the hundred thousand people for whose health you have always been fighting and have spent all your time, efforts and conscious life on!

You have gone the hard way up from an ordinary cardiologist to an RAS and RAMS academician, director of the Russian Cardiology Research and Production Complex, and also Lenin, State and Nobel prize recipient as a member of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War movement, you have made an enormous contribution to basic and practical cardiology... However, for me, as selfish as it may seem, your principal achievement is the renowned cardiological service that is unparalleled anywhere in the world. I can imagine how many nerve cells you spent to make the epoch-making Resolution in 1975, and it did become the birthday of cardiology not only in Russia but also in Uzbekistan; and the same may be said by researchers from many other countries. You really need to be a pack horse, a brilliant scientist, an astrologist seeing the future to move with difficulty the Earth's rusted axis and then light up the big and small stars throughout the world: All-Russian Research Center for Cardiology in Moscow, Research Institutes: in St. Petersburg, Minsk, Tashkent, Bishkek, Alma-Ata, Tbilisi, Yerevan, Kishinev, Baku... Science has really come into practice, without which it would be impossible to cope with the epidemic of cardiovascular diseases that overwhelmed the entire world. It is enough to recall that the in-hospital mortality rate from acute myocardial infarction decreased from 35.6% in 1976 to 11–12%, and later was stabilized at that level.

When in 1987 by some quirk of fate you became minister, you made the government address the needs of medicine and you were not afraid to state to the Politburo that medicine had rudimentary funding in our country, and even the simplest tools were lacking... You have successfully increased funding, including establishment of new diagnostic centers in our country. One of the centers was opened in Tashkent, and it is still operating.

The Uzbekistan Research Institute of Cardiology was opened in 1976 through your direct support; it has traveled a long path of glory and in 2003 became the Republican Specialized Center of Cardiology by Presidential Decree. I am especially pleased

to recall that we have always received your whole-hearted support and assistance on each step of our way.

I remember one of the Russian congresses that was conducted under the slogan «Cardiology without Borders». It was always true, even in hard «cold war» times, when you found the courage to support the initiative of B. Lown, a famous American cardiologist, and establish the international movement of doctors fighting for banning nuclear weapons. We have recently celebrated another great event, you were awarded the Golden Medal of the European Society of Cardiology. This means universal recognition of your immense services in the field of cardiology and of the high standing of the Russian school of cardiology developed by you. The Center you have founded is currently on the top in global cardiology, a living embodiment of your talent as a physician, researcher, teacher and administrator with a capital letter!

We wish you good health, further creative success and prosperity!

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