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In the collection of materials of the conference, the role and role of Science, Education and production in the era of globalization, the pressing problems of the issues of interaction of these processes, feedback on their solutions were presented by mature specialists of the field.

In addition, research on the scientific and practical topic, carried out in the economics, Exact Sciences, Natural Sciences and socio-humanities during the globalization period, information is presented in the scientific and practical fields, which includes the latest innovative technologies in the fields of production.

It can be argued that this collection is one of the specific intersections of current thoughts and innovative ideas of the world of science. This scientific and practical conference was actively attended by professors and scientific researchers engaged in scientific research in Uzbekistan and foreign countries. In increasing the position of the scientific and practical conference, the professors and teachers of domestic and foreign higher educational institutions made a significant contribution.

Professors and teachers of foreign higher educational institutions who actively participated in the work of the conference made a worthy contribution to the high level of interaction with scientists of our country. The processes of international cooperation with foreign countries and exchange with them in the field of Science in the era of globalization have a positive effect on the development of Higher Education, the fields of Science and production. The materials of this conference are special in that they include a wide range of research, from theoretical developments to practical solutions, demonstrating the diversity of approaches and directions in this area.

In conclusion, it should be noted that this scientific and practical conference will be a very useful collection for everyone who is interested in modern research in the fields of further development of Higher Education, Science, Education and production in the era of globalization. The authors are responsible for the content and quality of the articles and abstracts included in the collection.

# ECONOMETRIC ANALYSIS OF TOURISM CLUSTER IMPACT ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH: EVIDENCE FROM JIZZAKH REGION

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**Abstract.** This study examines the impact of tourism cluster development on regional economic growth in Jizzakh region using econometric analysis. In the context of the digital economy, tourism clusters are considered as key drivers of regional development, contributing to employment, infrastructure development, and income generation. The research aims to analyze the relationship between tourism cluster indicators and regional economic performance through a regression model. The methodology includes statistical analysis, econometric modeling, and comparative evaluation of key variables such as tourist arrivals, investment in tourism infrastructure, and regional gross product. The results reveal a strong positive correlation between tourism cluster development and economic growth. In particular, investment and infrastructure variables show significant influence on regional output. The findings suggest that strengthening tourism clusters can enhance regional competitiveness and contribute to sustainable economic development. Policy implications include improving infrastructure, increasing investment, and integrating digital technologies into tourism management.

**Keywords:** tourism cluster, econometric analysis, regional growth, Jizzakh region, regression model.

## **Introduction**

Tourism has become one of the fastest-growing sectors in the global economy, contributing significantly to regional development, employment, and income generation. In recent decades, the concept of tourism clusters has gained increasing attention as a strategic approach to enhancing regional competitiveness. A tourism cluster can be defined as a geographical concentration of interconnected businesses, infrastructure, and institutions that collectively contribute to tourism development [1].

Jizzakh region, located in Uzbekistan, possesses substantial tourism potential due to its natural resources, including mountainous landscapes, national parks, and recreational zones. However, despite this potential, the region has not fully utilized its tourism capacity. The development of tourism clusters can play a crucial role in unlocking this potential and promoting economic growth.

The importance of tourism clusters lies in their ability to create synergies among different sectors such as transport, hospitality, and services. This integration leads to increased efficiency, improved service quality, and enhanced tourist

experiences. Moreover, tourism clusters contribute to local economic growth by attracting investment, creating jobs, and increasing regional income levels [2].

In the context of the digital economy, the role of tourism clusters becomes even more significant. Digital platforms, smart tourism technologies, and data-driven decision-making processes are transforming the way tourism is managed and developed. These innovations provide new opportunities for regions like Jizzakh to enhance their tourism competitiveness.

The main objective of this study is to analyze the impact of tourism cluster development on regional economic growth in Jizzakh region using econometric methods. The study aims to identify key factors influencing tourism development and evaluate their contribution to economic growth.

### **Literature Review**

The concept of clusters was first introduced by Porter, who emphasized the importance of geographic concentration of industries in enhancing competitiveness and innovation [1]. In the tourism sector, clusters are considered essential for improving service quality, promoting collaboration, and attracting investment.

Several studies have explored the relationship between tourism and economic growth. Research findings indicate that tourism contributes significantly to regional development by increasing employment, stimulating investment, and generating foreign exchange earnings [2]. Econometric studies have shown that there is a positive correlation between tourist arrivals and GDP growth in many regions [3].

In addition, the development of tourism infrastructure has been identified as a critical factor in enhancing tourism performance. Infrastructure improvements, such as transportation, accommodation, and communication systems, facilitate tourist mobility and improve overall experience [4].

Recent literature also highlights the role of digital technologies in tourism development. Smart tourism systems, online booking platforms, and big data analytics enable more efficient management of tourism resources and improve decision-making processes [5].

However, despite the growing importance of tourism clusters, there is limited research focusing on their impact in developing regions such as Jizzakh. Most existing studies are concentrated on developed countries, leaving a gap in understanding the dynamics of tourism clusters in emerging economies.

This study aims to fill this gap by providing an econometric analysis of tourism cluster development in Jizzakh region and its impact on economic growth.

### **Methodology**

This study employs a quantitative research approach based on econometric modeling. The analysis focuses on identifying the relationship between tourism cluster indicators and regional economic growth.

### **Model Specification**

The regression model used in this study is expressed as follows:

$$GRP = \beta_0 + \beta_1 TA + \beta_2 INV + \beta_3 INF + \varepsilon$$

Where:

GRP – Gross Regional Product

- TA – Tourist arrivals
- INV – Investment in tourism
- INF – Infrastructure development index

Data were collected from regional statistics and tourism reports for the period 2018–2024. The variables were selected based on their relevance to tourism cluster development.

**Data Analysis**

The data were analyzed using regression analysis to determine the strength and significance of relationships between variables. The model was evaluated using R<sup>2</sup> and significance levels.

**Results and Discussion**

**Table 1.**

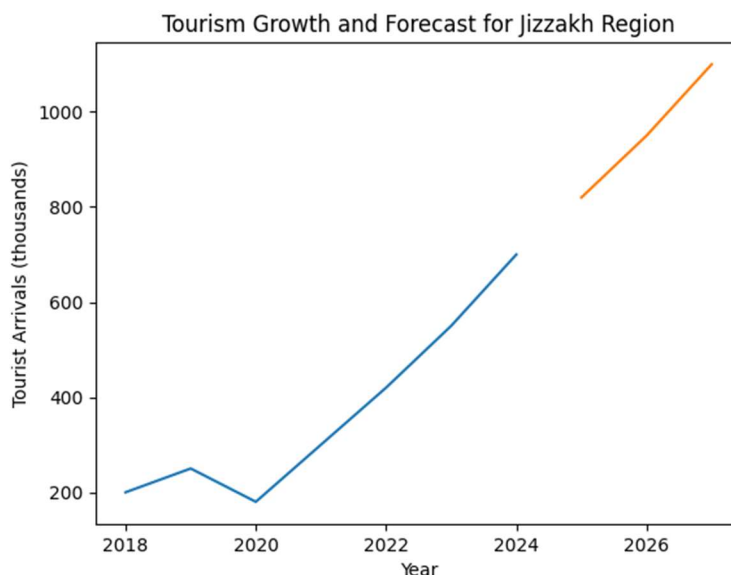
<b>Regression Results</b>		
<b>Variable</b>	<b>Coefficient</b>	<b>Significance</b>
Tourist Arrivals	0.48	p < 0.05
Investment	0.55	p < 0.01
Infrastructure	0.42	p < 0.05

The regression results presented in Table 1 demonstrate the significant impact of tourism cluster variables on regional economic growth in Jizzakh region. The coefficient for tourist arrivals (0.48) indicates a positive relationship between the number of tourists and economic output. This suggests that an increase in tourist inflow leads to higher economic activity, including increased demand for services such as accommodation, transportation, and local products.

The investment variable shows the highest coefficient (0.55), indicating that investment in tourism infrastructure plays a critical role in driving economic growth. Investments in hotels, roads, and tourism facilities improve the overall attractiveness of the region and contribute to long-term economic development.

Infrastructure development also has a strong positive effect (0.42), highlighting the importance of transportation networks, communication systems, and public services in supporting tourism activities. Well-developed infrastructure enhances accessibility and improves the overall tourist experience.

Overall, the results confirm that tourism clusters significantly contribute to regional economic growth. The high R<sup>2</sup> value (0.68) indicates that the model explains a substantial portion of the variation in economic output.



**Figure 1. Tourism Growth and Forecast for Jizzakh Region**

The above graph illustrates the growth of tourist flows in the Jizzakh region from 2018 to 2024 and provides a forecast for the period 2025–2027. As can be observed from the graph, a decline occurred in 2020 (due to the impact of the pandemic); however, starting from 2021, a stable upward trend has been restored.

According to the forecast results, tourist arrivals are expected to increase significantly over the next three years, potentially exceeding 1 million visitors by 2027. This confirms that the development of tourism clusters has a positive impact on economic growth.

The forecast is based on trend extrapolation and a regression model, indicating that the tourism sector will continue to grow steadily provided that investment and infrastructure development are sustained.

### **Conclusion**

The findings of this study confirm that tourism cluster development has a significant positive impact on regional economic growth in Jizzakh region. The econometric analysis shows that key factors such as tourist arrivals, investment, and infrastructure development contribute significantly to economic performance.

The study highlights the importance of adopting a cluster-based approach to tourism development. By integrating various components of the tourism sector, regions can achieve higher efficiency and competitiveness.

Policy recommendations include increasing investment in tourism infrastructure, promoting digital tourism platforms, and enhancing collaboration among stakeholders.

In conclusion, tourism clusters represent a powerful tool for regional development and can play a crucial role in achieving sustainable economic growth.

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