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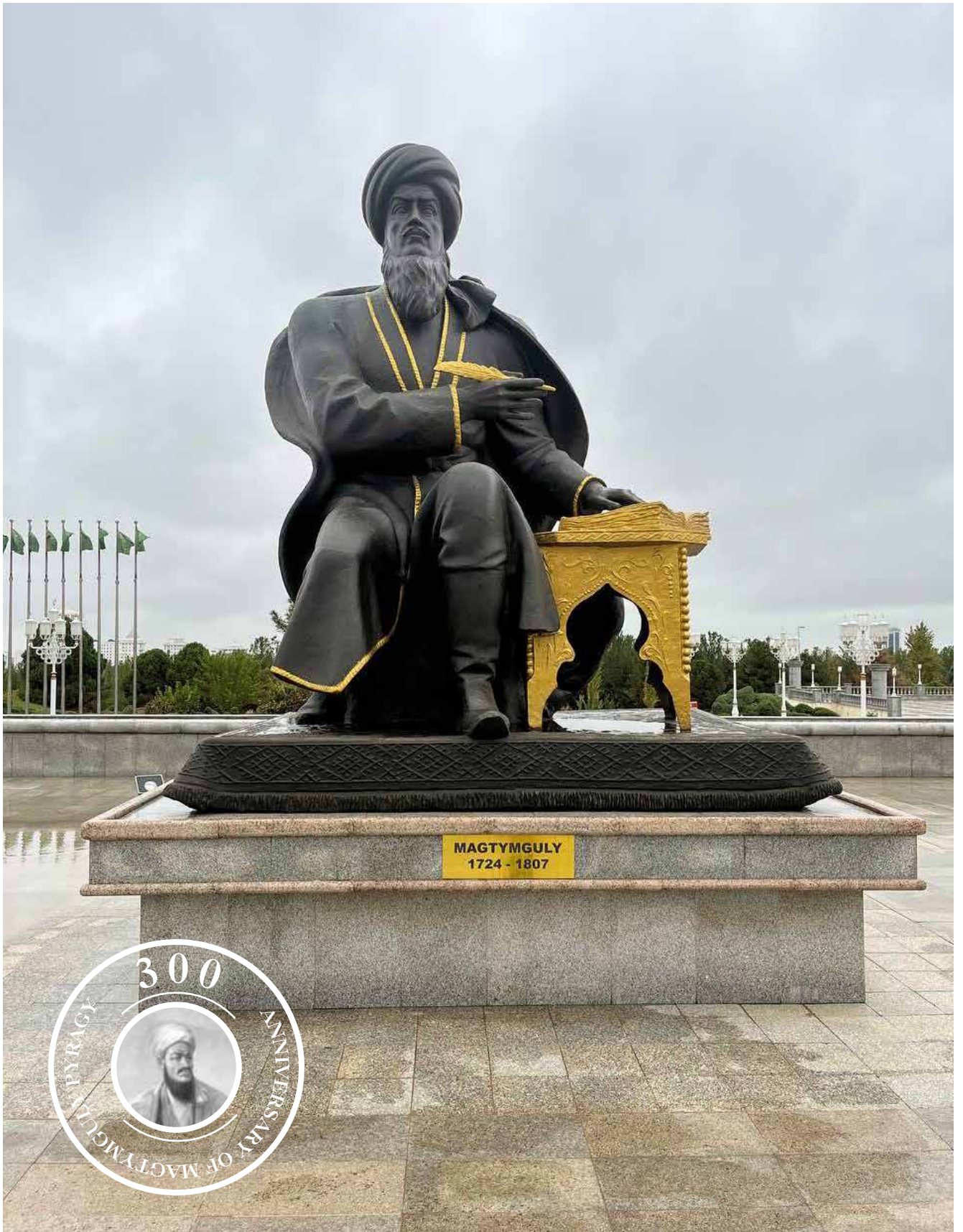
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The strength of any country is determined not by its economic capabilities, but by the rising young generation. In this regard, during the period of the revival of a new era of a stable state, the activities carried out under the leadership of the President of Turkmenistan will form future generations. President of Turkmenistan, Serdar Berdimuhamedov, said in his New Year's greetings to the Turkmen people: "Youth is our future." In accordance with the Law, "On State Policy on Youth" adopted this year, the government will attach particular importance in 2023 to promoting a healthy lifestyle among the younger generation, educating them in the spirit of patriotism, hard work, morality and civic responsibility, while supporting youth entrepreneurship.

Education of scientific, hardworking, highly moral, educated children with national principles is one of the main tasks of every parent and of Turkmen society. Educating the younger generation in the spirit of patriotism is also the work of the great poet, Pyragy. He enriched Turkmen literature with his educational, instructive, moralizing verses and skillfully managed to put them at the service of the people. The works of Magtymguly Pyragy cover various aspects of life. The solution to almost every problem that a person faces in life can be found in his meaningful lines of poetry. Pyragy, who left an indelible mark on the world of creativity and focuses on various topics in his poems. Pyragy considers one of the best examples of humanity in educating young people to respect elders in every poem created by his artistic skill, in every newly created beauty:

"The best manners are the elder.  
He will take advice from the good." [1]

In his work, there are many instructive and edifying verses. His poems, such as "I I good ones", "On the head", "It will be for you", "It will be hard", "If you are lucky", "The head is needed" – provide courage, nobil-

ity, pure morals. Human qualities that have been important in Turkmen history for many years are being encouraged. Pyragy considered honour and respect for elders as educating the youth as one of the best qualities of humanity.

As he said in his book "The Principle of Turkmen Statehood", which came from the wisdom of the Turkmen hero, Arkadag: "The most valuable heritage is education, and the essence of education is science and education." [2]

One of the main requirements of modernity is considered to be that the younger generation be educated and master chosen professions with high morality. Pyragy, who broadened his horizons by reading a lot of classical literature of the East and travelling to many countries, was one of those people who sought to learn science. Even in the world of creativity, the great priest advises to take up science, become a professional and bring it to the level of mastery. Many years have passed since they were written, but these wonderful poems retain their educational value. As the hero Arkadag pointed out, the poetic world of the seer Pyragy became an indestructible support of the creative universe of the Turkmen people and philosophy.

On February 12, 2021, the President of Turkmenistan issued a Decree called "On the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the birth of the great thinker and classical poet of the East Magtymguly Pyragy." The celebration of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Pyragy is a matter of great honour and respect, regardless of the era. Participants at the meeting of the Permanent Council of the International Organization of Turkish Culture (TURKSOY), held in Bursa of the Republic of Turkey, called 2024 "The year of Magtymguly Pyragy, the great poet and thinker of the Turkish world".



The opening of monuments to the poet in the Stavropol Territory and the Astrakhan Region of the Russian Federation, Ankara of the Republic of Turkey, Tashkent and Khiva of the Republic of Uzbekistan indicate that the rich literary heritage of the great Pyragy is of great interest to the peoples of near and far neighbourhoods. In the southern part of Ashgabat, the Turkmen capital, Magtymguly Pyragy, has a 60-metre statue with lines of his poetry inscribed for generation to come to be able to learn from.

Bartold, a scholar of the history of the Eastern peoples, says: "Among the Turkic peoples, only the Turkmen have such national poets as Pyragy." This is a symbol of love for Turkmen national and literary heritage. In this regard, Arkadag praised the poet as a great master of the word and said: "Makhtumkuli Pyragy is a great sage and poet, whose name reigned in the world of poetry with the power and miracle of his word. Magtymguly notes that the world of poetry is a flowing source of Turkmen literature that saturates hearts that are thirsty for deep meaning and artistic expression. That is, the introduction of

future generations to fiction, to the eternal heritage of our writers and poets not only affects their education, but also helps them to become familiar with the rich vocabulary of the Turkmen language."

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