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### Uzcosmos supports creative projects young engineers

To further spark interest among Uzbek youth in technology, engineering, robotics, innovation, and astronautics, as well as support their ideas, initiatives, and projects, the **"Young Engineer" National Competition was organized**. The initiative was sponsored by the Ministry of Digital Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation, and the Ministry of Preschool and School Education, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Center for Digital Education Development, and Skillbox.

The competition launched **on February 28th** of this year. It attracted **133 teams** of schoolchildren and students aged **14 to 20**, who presented approximately **150 engineering projects** aimed at solving everyday and social problems. Following the selection process, **50 of the most worthy projects** advanced to the final round.

**"Young Engineer"** competition took place **on May 2** at the Ministry of Digital Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan. **One hundred participants**, selected from across the country, competed for the win.

During the competition, a jury of industry experts evaluated the participants' engineering designs according to the following criteria:

- creativity and innovative approach;
- practical applicability of the project;
- scientific validity;
- social and environmental significance;
- quality of presentation.

Following the final stage of the Young Engineer competition, the following teams were among the winners:

1st place - Robototexnika Reactive.uz (Kashkadarya)

1st place - SunD3nova (Republic of Karakalpakstan)

2nd place - Robbit Kids (Kashkadarya)

3rd place - TUIT Robotics (Tashkent)

The most innovative project is Abrorbek Bakhodirov

The most promising young engineers - the Sehriyo team team (which won a ticket to Turkey).

The results of this competition clearly demonstrate that the initiatives implemented by the Uzcosmos agency contribute not only to the development of technical knowledge and skills among young people, but also to enhancing their ability to find innovative solutions to real-world problems.

Most importantly, the projects developed through the Young Engineer competition are not just theoretical ideas, but have the potential for practical implementation. This creates a solid foundation for strengthening the country's technological independence, developing an innovative economy, and enhancing the future potential of the space industry.