

Shokhan, Explorer of the History of People in Central Asia

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ABSTRACT Shokan Ualikhanov was the first Kazakh scholar, who researched history and culture of Kazakhstan and Central Asian people. He used written data and samples of folk literature as historical data in order to research history of Kazakhstan and Central Asian people. He copied Kazakh and Kyrgyz peoples songs “Edige”, “Kozy Korpesh - Bayan Sulu”, “Manas” and translated them into Russian for the first time. Moreover, Shokan Ualikhanov used “Shaybaninama” Abizgazy’s “Shezhire and Turkic” Kadyrgali Zhalairi’s “Jamigat – Tauarich”, Mohammed Haidar Dulati’s works “History and Rashidi”, Golden Horde khans decrees, “Tazkira - Yi Sultan Satuq Bugra Khan” from Kashgar, Mohammed Sadiq Kashgari’s “Tazkira - Yi kozhakan” manuscript in research on the history of the Central Asian people and introduced them into the scientific study for the first time. His theories related to the history of Central Asian peoples of that time are still scientifically meaningful.