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REVIEW OF THE BOOK

***THE STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP OF AMIR TIMUR:
COMMENTS ON THE STATUTE BY V. L. KVINT***

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The book *The Strategic Leadership of Amir Timur: A Commentary on the Statute* [Kvint, 2021] by foreign member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Vladimir Kvint is truly unique. To date, many historical works have been written that focus primarily on Timur's military campaigns, but with his strategic thinking, he also paid attention to the development of his empire, which became the Timurid Empire. Amir Timur enriched his state not only with material wealth, but also by bringing back architects, doctors, artists and other craftsmen from his expeditions. He believed that the successful and rapid development of a state was directly dependent on the number of people with certain useful skills. As he wrote in his statute, «I have learned from experience that one man who is enterprising, courageous, valiant, resolute and prudent is better than a thousand who are negligent and feckless. One experienced man commands thousands of men.»

It should be noted that there are seldom studies describing the strategic talent of Amir Timur in the field of economics. In the work *The treasures of copper coins of the Timurids and the Sheibanids* it is noted that numerous mints of Timur's extensive possessions produced silver coins of various denominations (tanga, nim tanga and myri), as well as copper coins - fulus [Kamyshev, 2013]. Amir Timur regarded money as a means to preserve the integrity of the empire, as well as one of the most important factors of external expansion.

Thus, in addition to military campaigns, this great leader paid great attention, in fact, to the strategy of development of territories at the expense of the social and economic components, albeit relatively simple from the perspective of modern history.

After many centuries, mankind has accumulated great experience in developing strategies for countries and regions, as well as for industries and individual organisations. Vladimir Lvovich is a recognized leader in this field; under his leadership were, in particular, developed the Development Strategy of St. Petersburg until 2030, the Strategy of water supply and sanitation development in St. Petersburg until 2035, the Strategy of social and economic development of the Kuzbass region until 2035, the Strategy of water supply, sanitation and water balance of the Republic of Uzbekistan until 2035, the methodology of the strategy St. Petersburg Metro State Enterprise, etc.

In this respect, his view of the Statute is that of an economic strategist and a professional in the field of economic strategy, rarely seen in the literature, and that is a component of the genius Timur's talent.

The book itself is structured in an interesting and unusual way. Parallel to the presentation of the text of Timur's Statute, which is a facsimile copy of the 19th century edition, is a commentary by V.L. Kvint, highlighting the most important, from the point of view of modern strategic theory, moments which unfold as the original material is presented. Together, both texts lead the reader to a deeper understanding of the complex social processes of modernity, rooted in the beautiful history of humanity.

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