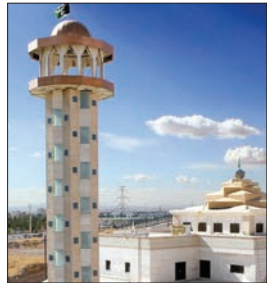


Imam Reza Mosque in Qazvin's IAU

Imam Reza Mosque is the largest mosque on campus in Iran. With a total area of 3800 square meters, it was founded to integrate the academic and cultural activities. This mosque is a combination of modern and traditional Iranian architecture.



The Importance of International Communication and Relating IAU's Achievements



Academic communications in a global world is one of the most vital points expected from every modern university. In the age of interrelations of the global village, only those universities investing on international branding can boast of triumph; Islamic Azad University with more than 1 million 700 thousand native and foreign students, 5 million graduates, 56 percent contribution to the development of graduate studies and 20 percent share in the knowledge production of the country, can easily show off this kind of brand.

More than 70 thousand faculty members working full and part time in 400 home and 5 abroad branches have made IAU the largest attending university in the world. In this situation, international cooperations play a defining role in promoting science and technology inside this institution which today seems more urgent than any other time. International communication and cooperation for the goal of a better environment fostering more scientific research and investigations can be achieved through hosting different conferences, exchanging students and scholars, providing research opportunities, cooperating with other international groups in global projects and promoting knowledge infrastructures, adding a global aspect to it.

Alongside this, it seems that the necessity of a suitable communication channel were ignored whose duty was to relate achievements, triumphs and successful cases inside the university, also scientific, cultural and athletic capabilities of IAU's scholars and students. Presenting the English FarheekhteganDaily (the sole official newspaper of IAU) was a step towards bridging this gap and was done for the purpose of facilitating the communication of scholars, students and researchers of this university with their affiliates in international academic institutions.

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A Brief History of the Islamic Azad University

A Way to the Brilliant Future



Head Quartered in Tehran, Iran, IAU is the world's third largest university with an enrollment of more than 1.6 million students



On May 21, 1982, two years after Cultural Revolution of Iran, Ayatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani, term president of Islamic Parliament of Iran and chief of the Supreme Council for Cultural Revolution (SCCR), spoke of an initiative plan called the Islamic Azad University. Imam Khomeini (RA) ten million rials donation order to launch The Islamic Azad University was a basis that helped Islamic Azad University

After 5 month, in December of the same year the university statue was written and introduced it as a public utility institution that all of its expenses will expend the university affairs.

Early Days

The first university entrance exam was held with 32 thousand volunteers in Ahvaz, Tabriz, Tehran, Rasht, Zahedan, Kerman, Mashhad and Yazd and about 3 thousand in the fields of civil, electrical, mechanical, physics, math-

ematics, Chemical, steel industry, textile and accounting were accepted.

The Third Largest University

Head Quartered in Tehran, Iran, IAU is the world's third largest university. Currently the Azad University has an enrollment of more than 1.6 million students, more than five million graduates in different fields, and 10 million square meters of indoor space. IAU has 31 State Universities with about 400 branches in Iran and 4 overseas, which include Oxford, Dubai, Beirut, and Kabul campus cover almost every subject in its curriculum and delivers huge flexibility and choice to its students.

Azad University in Oxford (AUO) is one of the IAU overseas campuses located at the outskirts of Oxford city in the UK. It has been established in 2004 to support the IAU international collaboration activities. Through its links with the UK universities and research centers, the AUO provides a number

of services to the students and staff of IAU as well as other students and organizations around the world. These campuses are under the direct control of the Regents and President. Some campuses are well-known, most distinguished, most highly ranked and most prestigious specially Central Tehran and Science and Research Tehran.

A Step towards Future

Like other educational institutions in Iran, the administration of IAU is under control of the Supreme Council for Cultural Revolution. The universities' certifications dependently will be given to graduates according to IAU rules. At present, the IAU offers a wealth of facilities, full time or part time courses with the highest education quality. They are designed to be directly relevant to industry, commerce, and business in various sectors and fields. The IAU has enjoyed gigantic growth in vast areas, both academically and otherwise, since its inception in 1982.

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Muharram Mourning in Islamic Azad University

Dr. Mirzadeh, chairman of IAU, accompanied with a group of deputies, managers and working staff of this university, attended the traditional mourning to honor Karbala's martyrs. This religious event was held in the head office, right after the noon prayers, in reverence of Imam Hossein (AS) and his companions' martyrdom.

Dr. Mirzade expressed his regrets on this sorrowful occasion and said: "Hossein's path alongside Islam is fresh and running in our country and creates a salvation path for the Muslims."

He remarked that revival of Muharram rites after the Islamic revolution brought back strength, success and dignity to the people and added: "Our people have imitated the steadfast and resolute personality of Hossein (AS) and by virtue of it have found the courage to not give up in the face of adversity and to bravely enter new domains."

He continued: "The success of the negotiation team, its triumph before significant powers of the world and the resulted honor and glory, were all because of the guidance provided by the supreme leader, insight of the government, skills of the negotiation team and the resolute and invincible personality derived from Karbala."

Dr. Mirzadeh declared that: "Our nuclear triumph was due to the people's resolution, also Islam and Hossein's (AS) teachings." After emphasizing on the importance of honoring Ashura's teachings, he added: "Taking part in these rites is a guaranteed way to keep Hossein (AS) and his beliefs alive and effective."



Mechatronic Research Center in Islamic Azad University - Qazvin Branch

Qazvin branch of Islamic Azad University is one of the most influential centers in the academic circle. It uses an industrial approach and follows the main goals of educating, researching and training. Targeting promotion and production of knowledge in the society, the main objective of this center is to educate students and experts who enjoy human, moral, and Islamic accomplishments. This university branch delivers services in four different levels of AD, BS, MS, and Ph.D. Although Qazvin branch of IAU begun its activity with only two courses in 1992, at present it is considered as one of the most reputable centers of science production in West of Asia. Applying high technology in fields like architecture of robotic systems, computer engineering, as well as civil engineering has brought success to this center. Most of its international achievements are due to our vision or long-term plan. Our mission is to educate human resources and to promote higher levels of knowledge (in the country) for the sake of a better and more peaceful life style. Therefore, the goal is to reach the international level and to gain world recognition by the year 2020. Hosting the first Mechatronic Engineering Conference of Iran in June 2003 and creating the first course of MRL Mechatronic at MS level in Qazvin branch of IAU provided the necessary facilities for founding and equipping the first Mechatronic Research Laboratory of Iran and at the same time, resulted in the third place for Iran's Robocop Team in the International Robocop Competition of 2013, held in Italy.



Mourning Ceremony for Imam Hossein

The mourning ceremony at the head office of Islamic Azad University was held on Wednesday in tribute to Imam Hossein (SA). Dr. Mirzadeh, chairman of the Islamic Azad University and a group of deputies and managers attended the ceremony.

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UNESCO Assessors in Lut Desert to Review Registration Process

Two inspectors from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) visit Lut Desert to find out if it meets UNESCO's criteria for registration on the World Heritage List, said Mohammad Hassan Talebian, the deputy head of Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization. He added that Lut Desert could become Iran's first natural heritage site on the UNESCO list.

Iran exports \$83 million saffron in 6 months

Iran has exported \$83 million of saffron over the first six months of Iranian calendar year (started on March 21, 2015), said a member of Iranian National Saffron Council Ali Hosseini. The saffron weighed 56.525 tons and was sold for \$83.423.485 in retail packages. Iran sold the product to 45 countries, he said, adding 28 tons were sold in 1030 gram packages, 28.928 tons in packages more than 30 grams and less than 3 tons in less than 10-gram packages.

'Shahrzad' Series Premiered in Cologne

A red carpet ceremony for the Iranian series 'Shahrzad' was held on October 10th, in Cologne, Germany. Directed by renowned filmmaker Hassan Fathi, the series has been made for the home video network and will be released simultaneously in Iran and Germany, the serial website Shahrzadseries.com reported. German company EM Film Production GmbH which has cooperated in the production has purchased the right for its global distribution.

Iranian Footballer Presents His T-shirt to FIFA Museum

Former Iranian national footballer Hamid Estili presented his T-shirt to the museum of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) in Zurich. In a football match between Iran and the US during World Cup 1998 in France, the Iranian squad defeated the US 2-1 with Hamid Estili scoring one of the goals. In this historical game, the Iranian team wore red while the US wore white.

"Faculty members should rely on their capabilities"

Cultural Programs for All Students

Throughout the world the way of transforming knowledge to wealth is through universities. According to the Students and Culture deputy of IAU, Taha Hashemi, faculty members of Iran universities should rely on their capabilities and be pioneer in actively leading the lion share of the earnings towards knowledge companies.

Hashemi, in the opening ceremony of a new school-year in the Zarand branch, said: "Islamic Republic of Iran is so blessing that now everyone has the chance of tasting success for themselves; this is especially so in the smaller cities that despite brilliant capabilities, were mostly underprivileged.



Fortunately, this is no longer so and the only institution able to provide the infrastructures necessary for doing this in a comprehensive and swift manner, was Islamic Azad University. Admittedly, it is one of the most outstanding achievements of the Islamic revolution."

This deputy also remarked: "The idea of Islamic Azad University suggested by Ayatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani was presented when it was nothing more than a fantasy in this country and seemed impossible to those eager for a better education. Now, despite harsh criticisms in all these years, IAU has turned into one of the most prominent science centers in Iran and the Middle East."

He continued: "Even right now there are certain centers providing only one-tenth of our facilities and educational services, without even basic standards. While if they saved their energy and breath and instead of criticizing and obstruction helped IAU's development, today we could contribute more to our Islamic nation and people."

The Next Goal

Post-graduate education is a second chance for IAU to prove itself. Of course IAU should not solely rely on tuition, because none of the non-profit universities in the world do this and instead are knowledge companies. For this reason, IAU's management is serious about forming these companies inside the university.

This deputy of IAU also stated: "Cultural programs of the university are for all the students with all their different views and interests. Our duty is to function as a father-figure for them and their differences in such a way that within the regulatory framework of the university, everything would be fair and everyone would be able to take part in these programs."