#### Imam Ali (S) Mosque of Dowlat-Abad **Branch**

n an area of 700 sq/ms, the construction of this mosque was started in 2010 and was opened officially in 2012. Imam Ali (S) mosque, with a dome, two minarets and one main entrance, is decorated on the exterior with brick and tiles. The open porch surrounding the building has arched shading. Also, tiles inscribed with Quranic verses add to the beauty of this mosque.



POINT OF VIEW

### IAU, More Competent than State Universities

ember of the parliamentary commission of education and research says: "European countries have assigned their higher education to the private sector; also in research world, the public education and institutions have been mainly faded."

Karen Khanlari talked about IAU's performance and said: "IAU has shown a desirable performance in the field of higher education, since it is not dependent on the government provisions and budget."

The representative of Tehran and Armenians in northern regions of Iran in the parliament, referring to the importance of IAU having a close relation with the industry and market for the sake of its efficient performance, said: "If these high expenses of higher education are procured by the government, universities willingness for connecting with industries and investing in applied researches would decrease.

Khanlari stated: "IAU's motivation and competency for connecting with the industry is more than state universities, since the management of the university is determined to pay for the expenses through the income of research ser-

Khanlari, claiming that the higher education develis approved and encouraged by the parliament, continued: "From the early years of the Islamic Revolution, IAU has proved its competency and showed its capability for heading a high quality and insightful operation. Educational environment should be free from political conflicts and it should keep its distance from the politicization of educational environment."

He pointed to the Supreme Leader's decree regarding liberal universities and added: "Such a situation increases the educational level of the university. On the other hand, Mr. President has emphasized on the fact that universities should not be political clubs and this urges us more to consider the relevant issues. Universities should not be affected by the politics of outside; students and university's officials have the task of promoting openmindedness and prevent the inclination towards controversy.'



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Dr. Mirzadeh Meeting with IAU's Family in West Azerbaijan

## Criticism should Be Backed by Evidence



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r. Hamid Mirzadeh, chairman of IAU, in a meeting with branches' heads, lecturers, staff and students in West Azerbaijan remarked: "Our vision in Islamic Azad University is abiding by the law, qualitative development and preserving Islamic and academic values. IAU is a popular institution and relating it to any political sides is ignoring the reality. 50 percent of all graduates in Iran have studied in IAU and more than 60,000 articles produced inside this university are indexed in Scopus, making us on par with many foreign academic institutions. All the groups inside university, whether state or private, have received the approval of the High Council of Cultural Revolution and no organization outside university has the right of meddling with them or questioning them.

He continued that IAU has one of the healthiest structures in the country, with the least cases of wrongdoings or violations of law. He said: "Unfortunately, some want to show it otherwise. But my demand from them is to back their criticism by clear evidence.

Referring to the support of 242 parliamentary representatives from IAU, he said: "This support is based on IAU's brilliant performance and its extensive plans for localization of higher education which greatly pleased the students and their families."

Taha Hashemi, deputy of Cultural and Student Affairs of IAU, also said: "We welcome the methodological criticisms, because it reflects an open space to express one's opinions. We are working on promoting free-thinking and free discussion sessions inside the university. Student movements can do this and turn them into a routine. Our new policy is to give the permission to any student interested in publishing a journal and each province will have a monitoring committee in the near future."

Next, Dr. Hossein-Zadeh Lotfi, deputy of

Education in IAU, explained about the new career-plans for the faculty members and said: "We are going to issue a new guidance rule, based on which all the members of the scientific board are tasked with different cultural, educational and research activities as a part of their obligations. Elimination of identical courses in neighboring branches and commissioning the lecturers are left to the discretion of provincial head."

Referring to the shortening of recruitment process, he added: "The survey committee will have weekly meetings in the head office, each time reviewing 20 to 30 profiles."

In the end, Dr. Mojtaba Fazel-Alavi, deputy of Admission and Valuation of IAU, reported on the development of graduate studies in the province and said: "In the last 2 years, Master programs of the province have been increased from 68 to 204 and some of these are going to admit new students in the coming academic year."

## **Inauguration of Mahabad Branch's Canteen**



eputy of Construction and Development of IAU, accompanied by Mamousta Mohammad Isaac Madani, IAU's Adviser in Sunni Affairs, visited Mahabad branch's construction projects and inaugurated part of

These projects included central library, research center and canteen of Mahabad branch, the last of which was opened officially for the use of students.

Mohsen Hashemi, deputy of construction, also visited the central library and the research center of this branch which are under construction; he took a closer look at the construction site and gave orders for speeding up of its execution.

Salah Khan Ahmad-Zadeh, director of Mahabad branch, re-

marked that this project is in final phase and continued: "The central library and research center of IAU's Mahabad branch, with the total area of 4,380 sq/ms, is currently under construction as a 4-story building and has shown 57% physical progress. The execution plan for this project started in 2014 and according to the schedule, it is going to be utilized in 2016; for the completion of this project, we have predicted the necessary budget would be over 60 billion Rials. The canteen on the university's campus, with an area of 436 sq/ms, is composed of two separated halls for male and female students, several restrooms and a staff room; up until now, over 4.65 billion Rials has been spent for the construction project."

## **First Uranine Tracker Designed in Iran**



esearchers of the country have for the first time designed and manufactured an Uranine tracker, suitable for tracking water canals in different environments of the country.

In an instance of efficient relation between university and industry, the Uranine substance was manufactured for the first time in the country through the collaboration of Shiraz University and Iran's Water and Power Resources Development Company. In addition to its use in dam construction and identifying the direction of surface water, the substance is also used for food pigments. Accordingly, it is predicted that the domestic production of Uranine would be possible with just one third of the import expenses

The main objectives of this scheme includes the study of feasibility and trial production of Uranine tracker, comparing all the physical, chemical and environmental characteristics of the synthesized Uranine with the external standard samples, utilizing the substance in real situation and comparing it with existing standard samples, providing economic programs, as well as the production of the semi-industrial Uranine tracker. Previously, the substance was imported from abroad. The importance of this substance is the industry of studying the water resources. The experiments show that the domestic Uranine is on par with the foreign samples in terms of quality and melting tem-





PRESS CONFERENCE OF GRADUATE STUDIES' ENTRANCE EXAM

DR. HOSSEINZADEH, DEPUTY OF IAU'S EDUCA-TION, ATTENDED A PRESS CONFERENCE TO EXPLAIN THE DETAILS OF JAU'S ENTRANCE EXAM FOR

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## Iran's Rouhani among World's Honest Leaders in 2015

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ehran, Dec 13, IRNA - A new international survey has cited Iran's President Hassan Rouhani as one of world's most honest politicial leaders in 2015. The recent poll conducted by German web platform, Alles Schall und Rauch, asked more than 3,000 of its readers from Germany and 40 other countries to determine the world's "liar of the year." It ranked German Chancellor Angela Merkel, US President Barack Obama and his Turkish counterpart, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, as the world's top three liars of 2015. More than 39 percent of those surveyed crowned the German chancellor with the "liar of the year" title.

#### Iran, Finland Discuss Cooperation in Oil **Projects**

🙀 ranian Deputy Petroleum Minister for International Affairs Amir-Hossein Zamani-Nia and visiting Finnish Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Lenita Toivakka in a meeting here reviewed areas of cooperation in the oil industry in the wake of the removal of sanctions. "Iran has defined and put on the agenda environment-friendly projects in oil, gas, refining, and petrochemical fields. Finland's world-class capacities in this area can be employed by Iran in the post-sanctions era," Zamani-Nia told Shana news agency. Although Finland does not have a powerful oil and gas industry, it enjoys a noteworthy rank in the industry's modern technology, Zamani-Nia said.

#### The Cleric Artisan

cleric from Gomishan city, in Iran's northern province of Golestan, has become famous for the traditional ornaments he creates. Qalich Morad Hai Qoli, also known as 'Hai Morad Akhund', is a cleric from Gomishan. His skills were passed on to him from his father and ancestors, reports the English-language paper Iran Daily. Haj Morad Akhund is also the Friday prayer leader of Hanafi Jame Mosque where he goes for prayer five times a day. He is considered as a handicraft artisan and has a craftsmanship card. Haj Morad Akhund crafts bracelet, necklace and ornaments for wedding dresses used by Torkaman, Gonbad-e Kavous, and Gorgan people.



Inside IAU's Medical Faculty

## **Directorate of Medical Faculty Members**

In the next few days, Farheekhtegan Daily will introduce different medical centers of Islamic Azad University and their managers.



n order to achieve the goals of deputy of Medical Sciences in Islamic Azad University, Directorate of Medical Faculty Members was established. Considering high sensitivity of medical programs and related activities in medical branches, this directorate has the responsibility of recruiting faculty members. Also, it is in charge of announcing recruitments, employment, bursaries, promotions and any change in the employment status. Issuing circulars and notices to the administration offices informing on the issues of faculty members, creating procedural unity and also supervising all issues related to the faculty members are among the responsibilities of this office.

Major activities of this directorate include:

Analysis of promotion applications received from IAU medical branches

Cooperation with the members of Expert Committees and Board

of Auditors on determining the date of meetings Decreeing promotions or conversion of employments to the

medical faculty members Supervision on the implementation of bylaws related to the **Board of Auditors** 

Decision-making on the topic of converting the employment sta-

tus of medical faculty members Supervision on the implementation of the employment guide-

lines of the medical faculty members, their salary and benefits Supervision on the employment profiles and wages, received from IAU's Medical branches, discussed in the Council of Employ-

ment and Wages of the Medical Deputy Issuing employment and promotion permissions, announcing the result of scientific interviews to the applicants and branches

Responding to the inquiries made by IAU branches about the employment and wage of faculty members- mortgages and official introduction to embassies

