



Mosque of Doroud Branch

Ratemeh al-Zahra (S) mosque of Doroud branch of the Islamic Azad University -with over 1,000 sq/ms base and three floors- is located between faculties of engineering and humanities. The structure has its face towards the town and creating a beautiful sight for the residents. The structure has two minarets and a dome made of iron exoskeletons.

Hospital and Other Projects of Zahedan Branch



Director of Sistan and Balouchestan branch of the Islamic Azad University says a 95-bed hospital will be constructed in this branch in the next year. Dr. Amin-reza Kamalian deemed IAU's Zahedan branch as an agent of sustainable cultural programs, contributing to both surface and base structures of the province and said: "Amongst new cultural programs to be pursued shortly are establishment of the museum of province's student martyrs. Also, we are evaluating diverse cultural contests which we hope that they get ready for inauguration in the next year. In the current year, we will finish 12 programs and it is hoped that by the end of the year, this number rises to 27."

Kamalian added: "SAHA and SHAFA projects are currently quite active, but they still have not reached the profit-making phase. It is expected that these programs become profit turners by the end of ongoing processes." He further added: "So far three knowledge companies have received their license, four more will be licensed soon and collectively, 36 companies of this branch will be licensed."

Director of this branch also noted that a part of the non-tuition profits of this institution is provided by the donations and that this university is to raise this up to 12 percentages. He said: "Following Dr. Mirzadeh's decree regarding the improvement of the higher education, Zahedan branch has made it the top priority. Currently 58-percent of the province's students are enrolled in this university and it will hit the 65-percent by the end of this program."

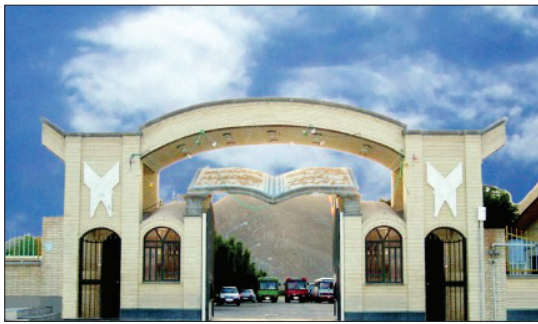
Kamalian, regarding the constructions of the new associate hospital of Zahedan branch of the Islamic Azad University, said: "This hospital with the capacity of 95 beds will be constructed starting the next year."

It should be mentioned that Zahedan branch of the Islamic Azad University was established in 1982 with 90 students in 3 associate courses. This branch was an answer to the demands for higher education in this border region.

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Eqlid Branch's Proposal

Olympic Village of Islamic Azad University



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Mojahed Amiri, director of Eqolid branch of IAU, says that considering the stable climate of this city, a proposal for constructing an Olympic village for IAU has been presented to the head office; if passed, this village will be built in an area of 5 hectares. He reported that for the purpose of reducing reliance on tuition, this branch has several projects in mind that after approval by the provincial board of trustees, they will be speedily executed. Director of Eqolid branch said: "Considering this city's potential in various fields, its geographical location at the intersection of north-south and east-west, also the rail construction project in this city, we have presented a proposal for constructing a complex for cultural, sports and student activities in the form of a complex. This project has been presented to the deputy of culture and student affairs of the university and in the case of approval, we will execute the final plan."

He referred to establishment of 2 knowledge companies located at the technology park, saying: "There is a land of 150 hectares at the suburbs of Eqolid city. We have entrusted it to these companies to use it for their research and technical activities."

Achievements of Branch

According to Amiri, production of herbal medicine, construction of Olympic village, construction of a pool and man-made lake for trout farming, constructing the complex of culture, sports and student activities of IAU, renting out the farms and labs of the branch and also collaboration with Fars province's organization of prisons are several of the projects with the aim to raise revenue and reduce the reliance on tuition.

Amiri reported the realization of an income amounting to 18-percent of tuition plan adopted for the last year and the present year, saying: "Considering the potentials of the farm

with an area of 150 hectares and through offering it and the labs for rent, this branch has successfully raised its revenue. This 18-percent is an increase by 2-percent compared to the 16-percent of the last year."

Amiri also talked about executing the SAHA and SHAFA projects, saying: "This branch is part of the SAHA network and is quite active; but we also have the potential to be part of SHAFA project, thus we have submitted a request for membership. If we are accepted, we will start the construction of the technology park in this branch." Head of Eqolid branch noted the construction projects of this branch, saying: "In 2008, we started the construction of SAMA complex in an area of 3,850 sq/ms which has undergone impressive progress so far; it is expected to be inaugurated by the end of current year. Also, the largest project in this branch is a pressurized irrigation system in an area of 150 hectares which was inaugurated by the hand of Mr. Hashemi."

Iran's News

Exhibition of Young Researchers Club



The exhibition of the achievements and innovations of the Islamic Azad University's young researchers club in the auditorium of Islamic Parliament was inaugurated by the hand of Mohammad-Hassan Abu-Torabi, Dr. Alireza Monadi and Dr. Karim Zare. In this exhibition a number of the innovative products of this club were unveiled.

Dr. Zare, head of IAU's young researchers club, said: "This club is financed by the research budget of the Islamic Azad University and in return, has shown considerable growth in scientific and research fields under the name of this organization. Also, the academic journals published by this club are among the credible publications recognized in international circles."

He went on: "Providing special services for the members such as registering U.S. Patent

and EP. Patent, international village of science and technology, supporting impressive products and articles of the members, establishing a commercialization bureau inside the research club of major branches, talent-finding for nurturing and supporting future academic potentials and moving towards more interaction with social organizations are among the efforts of this club."

Referring to the 20-year macro development plan of the country, he emphasized on the importance of new technologies such as nano and said that his management is working on several projects in this regard, including publication of the new journal of nanostructures, synthesizing and profiling systems, producing smart nano-cloth able to monitor vital signs of the body, producing new proteins effective in curing the cancer and etc.

Start of IAU's Pilot Knowledge Program of Water Nano-Purifying

Chairman and deputy of development of the Islamic Azad University visited the pilot knowledge program in the Science and Research branch which is aimed for nano-purifying of water resources. In this visit, Dr. Mirzadeh and Mr. Hashemi were briefed on the details of this program which apart from its advantage of being environment-friendly, is estimated to have a positive financial return.

This project, pursued by a private company and IAU's general office of operations and still in trial stage, would be able to purify the water used in Farheekhtegan complex which due to hardness is not useable for even irrigation systems. But this new mechanism would purify this water up to the level of drinking water. Aside from human wastes, this plan is applicable in industrial complexes; through this mechanism, useless water waste would return to the working cycle. Also, this system is able to purify the farming wells through solving its hardness and elimination of harmful bacteria, making it drinkable.

Dr. Mirzadeh appreciated the efforts of IAU's deputy of development in presenting such a plan which is futuristic and environment-friendly and at the same time, solves the major problem of the country in regard to water resources. He asked that IAU's council of knowledge economy work on transferring this plan to the larger market of the country.



IAU'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN KERMAN PROVINCE

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ISLAMIC AZAD UNIVERSITY IN KERMAN PROVINCE HELD ITS MEETING WITH THE PRESENCE OF DR. MIRZADEH.

IRAN UPDATES

Iran, Italy, France Line-up Mining Deals

Iran's mining sector is probably a new darling of foreign investors, with companies from China to Europe lining up to try their hand in one of the least developed industries in the resource-rich country. Iranian and Italian companies hope to finalize investment plans worth 5 billion euros when President Hassan Rouhani arrives in Rome on Monday on the first leg of a landmark visit to Europe. "Several memorandums worth 5 billion euros have been prepared with Italy for investment in Iran's mining industries," Deputy Industry, Mine and Trade Minister Mehdi Karbasian said on Monday. The MoUs envisage joint investments in the steel production chain in southern Iran in an area stretching from Chabahar on the Gulf of Oman to Bandar Abbas and Jask in the Persian Gulf, he said.

Iran Urges Cooperation between ASEAN, ECO

Iran has underlined the necessity of cooperation between the Southeast Asian economic bloc of the ASEAN and the ECO Eurasian inter-governmental organization. Iran's President Hassan Rouhani pointed to the necessity in a meeting with visiting Thai Minister of Foreign Affairs Don Pramudwinai in the capital, Tehran, on Sunday. "The reinforcement of cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) brings about regional economic development," said the Iranian chief executive.

Japan to Extend Oil Deals with Iran

The media in Tehran said on Saturday that Japan plans to extend a contract to purchase crude oil from Iran. Shana news agency – affiliated to Iran's Ministry of Petroleum – has reported that Japan's contract will be extended until April 2017. It added that the volume of oil that the country will purchase from Iran will also increase from the current level of 110,000 barrels per day. No figure was nevertheless provided on how much this will increase. Japan was one of the key clients of Iran's oil before the US-led sanctions were imposed on the Islamic Republic in 2012. Iran also hosted several leading Japanese companies in its oil and gas projects before the sanctions were put into place to encourage purchases of oil from Iran not only by Japan but also by many other international clients.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Expanding Scientific Collaborations of Iran-France



Dr. Mohammad Farhadi, Iran's minister of Science and Technology, and Bruno Foucher, French ambassador to Tehran, met with each other and discussed the various fields for expansion of the scientific collaborations between the two countries. In this meeting, Dr. Farhadi mentioned his talks with France's head of National Education in Japan and asked for the expansion of scientific and technical collaborations; he continued: "Now that the JCPA (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action) has reached its conclusion, we expect a boost in the relationships between these two countries. In Dr. Rohani's next trip to France, the ministry of Science and Technology of the two countries will sign a relevant agreement."

He emphasized: "It would be mentioned in this agreement that a special committee will be formed to take charge of ensuring the implementation of its terms and agendas."

The French ambassador also claimed the contents of this memorandum quite impressive and said: "I believe that this memorandum of collaboration could turn into a firm foothold to back the relationships between Iran-France for the next 5 years."

Bruno Foucher addressed Iran as one of the most successful countries with an impressive academic background and, referring to the scientific capacities of Iran, said: "France also is quite accomplished in various scientific fields; in my opinion, apart from the political and commercial relations between these two countries, scientific relations are also of utmost importance and could result in significant outcomes."

Foucher noted the two countries' long standing interactions in scientific and technical fields and added: "Everything is ready for establishing a strong and promising link between Iran and France."

In the end, minister of Science and Technology claimed: "We are aiming to move beyond just mere words, thus, we plan to do our best and expand the range of these collaborations to include knowledge companies and technology parks."