

2.5% of IAU's Research Budget for Elites Fund

The first meeting of IAU's Educated was held in IAU East Tehran branch of the Islamic Azad University. This event, hosted by the Young Researchers and Elites Club, was attended by the head of these clubs, Dr. Karim Zare, and the director of East Tehran branch, Dr. Ibrahim Halajian, alongside a number of other directors and deputies.

Director of Young Researchers and Elites club, emphasizing on the necessity of women holding top executive posts, said: "Today, the importance of the role played by the women in vital executive positions of the country is proven and their success could not be denied."

Dr. Zare, mentioning the elites fund designed to support the top projects and researchers, said: "The credit devoted to this fund for supporting the specialists and professors is equal to 2.5% of IAU's research budget. Young Researchers club has a close relation with different industries and would use this to the advantage of supporting potential programs."

Also, director of East Tehran branch emphasized on the necessity of female faculty members and their capabilities for holding important executive positions, explained more about the strategies for achieve such a vision. Some of the directors and experts present in this meeting also referred to the role of women in higher education, asking for better attention to be paid to their activities.

POINT OF VIEW



IAU Shall Support Top Scientific and Cultural Theses

Dr. Hamid Mirzadeh, chairman of the Islamic Azad University, says that the top student theses dealing with the scientific and cultural figures of the country will be supported. In the meeting of High Council of the Cultural Revolution, Dr. Mirzadeh said: "Our country has a host of scientific and cultural figures who are not very well known; therefore, the Islamic Azad University is planning to introduce these important figures through making them the subject of student theses of graduate programs. All of the branches are supposed to support these kinds of theses."

He went on: "This year, on the national Arbor day, in every branch of the Islamic Azad University, a spiritual event will be held with the assistance of municipality offices throughout the country. In this event, as a memorial for and a homage to the martyrs of the Islamic Revolution and the Holy Defense, some trees equal to the number of that region's martyrs will be planted in the IAU branches."

Dr. Mirzadeh continued "In this program, held with the cooperation of the staff, professors, and students of the Islamic Azad University, a park will be created near the Martyrs Mosque. This park, while advocating the preservation of the environment, will be a homage paid to the memory of the martyrs."

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Recruiting 102 Faculty Members

Environmental Research Center to be Established in Kermanshah Next Year



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Director of Kermanshah branch of the Islamic Azad University says: "Regarding Ayatollah Hashemi-Rafsanjani's emphasis on environmental issues in the 70th meeting of IAU's central council, we are planning to establish an environmental research center in Kermanshah branch in the following year, 1395."

Dr. Nozar Ghanbari talked about Kermanshah branch's plans in 1395 and said: "In the last year, we focused on the issue of expanding graduate programs. We managed to run 85 M.A. programs and 32 Ph.D. ones. As to the goals of this branch for 1395, we are focusing on improving the quality of education and research. In order to do that, in 1395 we shall promote several assistant professors to the position of associate professors and would also recruit 102 new faculty members. We are planning to have 130 associate professors in

the next year. Around 50 assistant professors of this branch have worked more than four years as assistants and they are ready to be promoted to associate professors. Therefore we want to promote 30 professors, which is double the number we formerly had in mind." Ghanbari further added: "We believe that we should distance ourselves from purely scientific activities, to move towards research and knowledge-based activities. Also, we have received the permission to construct a new building for the faculty of arts and architecture and the construction plan will be initiated in 95."

Projects for Next Year

Dr. Ghanbari continued: "There is a project in Ghasr Shirin branch with 20% progress and one in Kangavar branch with 40%. These projects have been put aside for a number of years and we want to reopen and finish them

in the next year. There is another project in Western Eslam-Abad with 70% progress and it is now being worked on. We hope we finish it in 1395."

Director of Kermanshah branch of the Islamic Azad University, regarding the province's cultural programs, said: "Amongst this branch's cultural programs in 1395 are: 14 memorial cultural programs, construction of a house for arts and culture, establishment of 8 cultural centers, and the establishment of a scientific aspect in the field of agriculture." Ghanbari mentioned these programs and said they are in need of re-evaluation on a monthly basis in order to guarantee a comprehensive, unified, and successful plan. Deputy of board of trustees expressed his belief that with Dr. Mirzadeh and Dr. Rahnama's considerations and attention, IAU's branches and centers could find suitable motivation for the pursuit of the 6th installment to development plan.

Iran's News

3rd Consecutive Championship for IAU's Fencing Team



Fencing team of the Islamic Azad University won the championship of the 6th national league of fencing and due to it being the third consecutive championship of them, they achieved the title of champion of champions in Iran's fencing league.

In the final week of Iran's national fencing league, IAU's team and Sarmayeh bank achieved the first and second title of saber category and Yazd's Sang-Ahan and Shurmast Martyrs stood jointly on the third place. In the foil category, IAU team again achieved the first placement, making Zanjan's Group second and Esteghlal and Iran's Omid jointly the third rank. In category

of Épée, this time Zanjan's Group stood first and IAU's team became second, giving the third place to Esteghlal and Yazd's Sang-Ahan jointly. In this way and in total, IAU's team with 160 points became the champion of the 11th national league of fencing. After it, Esteghlal with 115 points became second and Zanjan's Group and Yazd's Sang-Ahan with 108 points gained the third placement jointly. It should be mentioned that IAU's team had also won the championship of the past two leagues, making this win the third consecutive championship and bringing it the honor of champion of champions in Iran's national league of fencing.

Minab Branch Supporting Urban Development



Governor deputy and the appointed governor of Minab says: "Minab branch of the Islamic Azad University, as a credible education center, could play a significant role in urban development, thus we expect to further work on Minab's development through receiving the support and help of the city's academics."

Alireza Pakdaman, in a meeting with Dr. Kamal Javan-mard, congratulated him on his assignment as the director of Minab branch and said: "This branch is a valuable asset and given its large student populace, inauguration of graduate studies courses and educational spaces, it is one of the largest

high education centers of this province." He went on: "According to the Supreme Leader's decree concerning the expansion of Makran coast, we estimate a rise in the number of specialized courses in line with the regional needs, so that we could enjoy the services of local expert technician forces and further make use of the capacities of this area."

Director of Minab branch appreciated Pakdaman's scientific and academic approach to the urban development and added: "Educational development requires team work, thus we need everyone's support and collaboration, for the purpose of forming educational task forces with the objective of multidimensional development in educational and research areas."

Javan-Mard mentioned that universities need development plans, and for this purpose he has asked for organizing a development committee for graduation studies. He stated: "With the help of this committee and other high education centers of the province, and the support of the governor, we could picture a bright future for Minab."

NEWS PHOTOS



IAU'S BOOK OF YEAR AWARD

THE AWARD CEREMONY OF NATIONAL BOOK OF THE YEAR OF THE ISLAMIC AZAD UNIVERSITY WAS HELD IN SCIENCE AND RESEARCH BRANCH.

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IRAN UPDATES

Iran Warns Cautious European Banks

Several Iranian officials have warned European banks that they might miss out on opportunities provided by the lifting of sanctions if they continue to dawdle on returning to the country. Deputy Foreign Minister, Majid Takhttravanchi, said European banks are overcautious in forging renewed connections with Iran, warning that they "will fall behind under the new situation. Any conservatism by European banks will mean the loss of opportunities and conservatism is the biggest enemy in plundering opportunities," president of Iran's foreign investment organization Mohammad Khazaei said.

Iran-Turkey Ties to Boost Regional Stability

Iranian President, Hassan Rouhani, says cooperation between Iran and Turkey will play a positive role in the settlement of regional issues, urging the two countries to focus their efforts on the fight against terrorism. "Iran and Turkey have common objectives and interests and must strengthen the foundations for peace and stability in the region through [improving] bilateral cooperation and focusing on the fight against terrorism as a common enemy," Rouhani said in a meeting with visiting Turkish Prime Minister, Ahmet Davutoglu. He stressed the importance of fighting terrorism as a common threat to all nations and said foreign countries have never sought to solve regional problems and only seek to meet their own interests.

Iranian FM to Start Tour of Asia-Pacific

Iranian Foreign Minister, Mohammad-Javad Zarif, will begin an official visit to six South-eastern Asian and Pacific countries. Heading a high-ranking politico-economic delegation, Zarif will leave Tehran for Indonesia's capital of Jakarta on Saturday night to attend an extraordinary meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), where he is also scheduled to deliver a speech. The 5th Extraordinary Islamic Summit on Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Shareef under the theme of "United for Just Solution" will be held in Jakarta on March 6 and 7. The occupied Palestinian territories have been the scene of heightened tensions triggered by Israel's imposition in August 2015 of restrictions on the entry of Palestinian worshippers into the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in East al-Quds.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Inside IAU

Urmia Branch: Inauguration of International Faculty



Dr. Aziz Javan-Poor, director of West Azerbaijan branch of the Islamic Azad University, referred to the development plans of this branch, saying: "In order to realize our goal regarding the expansion of graduate studies, we have recruited 120 new faculty members this year. Also, during the last call for the post, 160 individuals responded, 56 of which would be enlisted in 2016. The inauguration of dentistry and pharmacy faculties, and establishing new medical, laboratory sciences, operation room, and anesthesia courses are other plans on the development agenda of this university."

Secretariat of West Azerbaijan's board of trustees, talked about the university's plans regarding foreign relations with overseas scientific centers and also exchanging students and professors. He said: "The preparations for internationalization of IAU's Urmia branch are done and this international faculty would start its activities in 2016."

Javan-Poor mentioned the research activities of the university and added: "Inauguration of research labs, especially in branches of Urmia, Mahabad and Khoy are part of the agenda, for the purpose of progressing from trial labs to using research labs."

He went on: "In addition to expanding knowledge companies and technology units, Azad technology park (SHAFA) too would be opened in 2016. Also, the activity center for short-term training courses is ready to offer its services, thus we are going to collaborate with organizations and industries located in this province and present them the required teachings."

He also pointed to Urmia branch's activities for reviving the Urmia Lake, and the inauguration of 5 scientific and research journals as part of this establishment's research development plans. He noted: "Also, we have a few construction projects like the sports gym of Maku branch, and the office and recreational complex of Urmia branch, which are set for the coming year."