



Meeting of IAU's Board of Trustees

In the 158th meeting of the board of trustees of the Islamic Azad University, held with the chairmanship of Dr. Hamid Mirzadeh, Dr. Farhad Hosseinzadeh, IAU's deputy of education and graduate programs, presented a report on the issue of board of director's first specialized commission so the members could reach clear decisions regarding the raised issues. Another specialized commission was the subject of the report presented by Dr. Seyed-Taha Hashemi, IAU's deputy of student and cultural affairs, and next Dr. Morteza Ehsani, university's deputy of administration and finance, presented the third commission's report. The members of the board of trustees discussed the development of the international section of Ayatollah Amoli branch and its associative hospital. It was decided that the transference procedure of the hospital, which is granted to the branch by the ministry of health-care and medical education, be completed as soon as possible. Required measures are to be taken and a report would be presented to the board of directors. Establishing a language center in Oxford Language College was also agreed upon so that it could run different language courses. Deputy of sports of the Islamic Azad University gave a report on the activity and performance of the sports teams of the university and it was decided that the rewarding process be fully prepared by this deputy.

Submission of 1,000 Works to 3rd Nano Convention

Executive of the 3rd nano convention of the Islamic Azad University says: "Around 1,000 works have been submitted to the secretariat of the 3rd nano convention, which in comparison to the previous rounds, shows 70 and 40 percent progress respectively in terms of quantity and quality." IAU's deputy of research and technology in Yadegare Imam branch mentioned the ending of the submission period and said: "The received works include articles, research projects, books, thesis, journals, inventions, pre-products, technology units and knowledge companies in 7 fields of nano-chemistry, nano-physics, nano-biology, nano-electronics, nano-medicine, nano-calculation and nano-material." According to the secretariat of the 3rd round of this convention, around 1,000 works have been submitted through nanofestival.iaus.ac.ir website, which shows 70-percent growth in number. He claimed that they are about to start the evaluation process and added: "The evaluation group is composed of 7 professional committees, and each of them is composed of 5 associate professors assigned as judges." He continued: "Alongside this convention, we are going to hold the exhibition of top nano works and educational workshops. One distinguishing feature of this round compared to previous ones is holding an international nano symposium, which would be held by Najaf-abad branch at the same time."

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Heads of IAU and Saadi Foundation Met

Promotion of Persian Language and Literature through International Branches



Dr. Gholam-ali Haddad-Adel, head of Saadi Foundation, met with Dr. Hamid Mirzadeh, chairman of the Islamic Azad University, to discuss the possible cooperation in the field of Persian language and literature. In this meeting, attended by numerous officials and managers from both sides, details of the past agreements were elaborated on and some suggestions were presented for further promotion of these joint activities.

Dr. Haddad-Adel, appreciating IAU's active participation in forging this agreement, said: "Dr. Mirzadeh's emphasis on Persian language is impressive, considering his managing role in Iran's system of higher education. Islamic Azad University has appeared adamant in promotion campaigns and this encourages us to devote more to the great cause of spreading Persian culture and literature. IAU's commitment in this regard is an asset which should be utilized if we are serious about achieving a better standing of Persian language in the international level."

On the side of the Islamic Azad University, Dr. Mirzadeh said: "Each year, a great number of agreements are signed in the country, but only a small number of them ever reach the execution stage. Current year is the year of resistive 'economy, attempt and effort' and accordingly, we should pay more attention to the practical side of the projects. Persian language is the basis of our national identity and for this reason, Islamic Azad University is determined to support and promote it internationally."

Promotion through International Branches

Dr. Mirzadeh referred to the capacity of ever-increasing branches of the Islamic Azad University in the foreign countries and said: "One of the objectives envisioned for the international branches is to promote Persian language and literature, also history, civilization and arts of Iran and Islam. On the inside, institutions such as Saadi Foundation are preservers of the cultural values and as such, should be appreciated and supported."

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Dr. Seyed-Taha Hashemi, deputy of culture and student affairs of the Islamic Azad University, also gave a report on the activities of this deputy in the field of language and literature and said: "Strategic document for preservation of Persian language has been prepared and issued by this deputy and a special commission for language has been established in the provincial strategic councils."

He also recounted the efforts of the faculty members and certain motivating programs such as honoring MVPs in the field of Persian language, saying: "Establishing multidisciplinary courses focused on language and literature is the next goal of the Islamic Azad University. There are more than 1,600 lecturers of Persian language teaching in the higher education system of the country, around 970 of which are active in IAU. Exchanging lecturers with foreign countries is also being considered and student societies active in promotion of Persian language and literature would also be supported."

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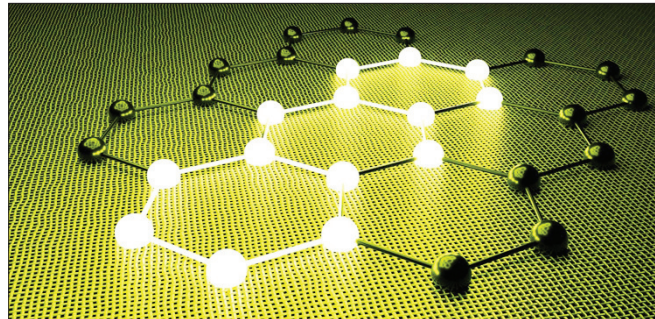
Suggestion for Establishment of Theatre Research Center in Mashhad



Dr. Seyed-Taha Hashemi, deputy of student and cultural affairs of the Islamic Azad University, gave details on the occasion of ongoing national theatre festival of IAU's academics in Mashhad, claiming that a drama bank will be established in the permanent theatre secretariat of this university. Dr. Hashemi said: "Simultaneous to the running of a permanent secretariat for the national theatre festival of IAU's academics, the festival's call for papers was sent to more than 200 university branches throughout the country. Approximately, 200 pieces were received by this secretariat, coming from 26 different provinces." He also mentioned the starting up of two committees of education/research and a specialized committee. He stated: "Every decision, regarding

theatres, will be taken in either of these two committees. One of the important aims of the committee of education/research is to improve the students, scientifically. Mashhad's theatre has the feature of independence and perseverance, topped only by Tehran's theatre. Mashhad's theatre has the potential to be present in the national and international festivals. Mashhad's theatre, unlike Tehran, has not many famous figures; however, it has developed greatly." Hashemi deemed art, especially theatre, as necessary for social issues, continuing: "We should seek help from professors and academics, especially in the field of liberal arts. If possible, a research center should be established in Mashhad to hold and host researches and programs from all over the country"

Synthesizing Graphene Nano-absorber in West Tehran Branch



Researchers in West Tehran branch of the Islamic Azad University, in collaboration with the researchers of the research institute of petroleum industry and University of Kashan, have introduced a nano-absorber capable of sweetening sour gas. In addition to sour gas sweetening, it is also capable of absorbing other air pollutants. This nano-absorber is used as a supplementary stage in sour gas sweetening which lowers the cost of eliminating the hydrogen sulfide gas, increases the efficiency of the process, and also reduces the pollutions caused by this dangerous gas. Also, the full elimination of this gas could relatively resolve the issues of corrosion in pipes and storages, subsequently reducing the expenses of maintaining them. In this project, graphene oxide and carbon nano-pipes were functionalized through

various groups such as carboxyl and amide, and used as a nano-absorber of pollutant gases such as nitrogen oxides, hydrogen sulfide and sulfur oxides. Due to their properties of broad active surface and chemically active parts, these nano-absorbers have shown favorable results. According to Dr. Masoud Khaleghi Abas-abadi, the graphene oxide and carbon nano-pipes have been synthesized through hemmers and chemical vapor deposition methods, respectively. Then, these nano-absorbers have been functionalized through using carboxyl and amide groups. Finally, the optimized nano-absorbers were used for eliminating the pollutant gases. The results indicate that the efficiency level of the process of eliminating the pollutants through this absorber is over 99-percent.

IAU OFFICIALS IN QAZVIN

AYATOLLAH HASHEMI-RAFSANJANI, HEAD OF FOUNDING COUNCIL AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ACCOMPANIED BY DR. HAMID MIRZADEH, CHAIRMAN OF THE UNIVERSITY, VISITED QAZVIN BRANCH OF THE ISLAMIC AZAD UNIVERSITY.



Croatian President to Visit Iran Next Week

Croatian President, Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, is scheduled to pay an official visit to Iran to hold talks with the country's officials on a range of issues. Grabar-Kitarovic is due to discuss with Iranian officials, including President Hassan Rouhani, on the expansion of relations as well as bilateral cooperation on regional and international issues. A large business delegation led by the Croatian Chamber of Economy is accompanying Grabar-Kitarovic during her visit to Iran. Representatives and officials of about 50 Croatian companies are also expected to send their representatives to join the president on the trip. Several officials and presidents from different countries, including European states, have visited Iran following the implementation of the JCPOA and the removal of embargoes against Tehran.

Supreme Leader of Islamic Revolution Appoints New IRIB Chief

Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, accepted the resignation of head of IRIB, national broadcasting network of Iran, and appointed Abdulali-Ali Asgari as his successor. In his edict, he advised the new chief, saying: "I emphatically recommend you to pay due attention to planning, observing large scale strategies, attracting and keeping and training revolutionary and efficient forces, and effective presence in cyberspace, and put your trust and confidence in the Almighty God." In a separate edict, the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution appointed Mr. Sarafraz to membership of the High Council of Cyberspace. Before being appointed as head of the IRIB, Mr. Sarafraz was a neutral member of the High Council of Cyberspace.

Iran's Oil Output Rose Faster than Expected

The International Energy Agency (IEA) announced on Thursday that Iran's oil production has risen faster than expected, reaching levels not seen since before the Western sanctions against the country were tightened in 2011. Nevertheless, the agency emphasized that a global oversupply of crude is still shrinking in face of increasing production from Iran. The IEA said in a report that its calculations showed that Iran ramped production up by 300,000 barrels a day month-on-month in April, hitting 3.56 million barrels a day. The Paris-based agency further emphasized that Iran's exports increased at greater rate, with preliminary data suggesting a month-on-month rise of 600,000 barrels a day to about 2 million barrels a day. China was Iran's largest customer, importing 800,000 barrels a day of crude.

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Arak Branch: 6th National Nano-technology Competition



Director of the Islamic Azad University in Markazi province says: "Considering the progress in the field of nano-technology, its numerous uses for bettering the life style of the people, and due to the full scientific and research support of Dr. Hamid Mirzadeh -IAU's chairman- and other officials of the research and technology field, Arak branch has inaugurated promotional nano-tech units which operate under the management of Iran's Nano-technology Initiative Council. Also, in addition to receiving top ranks in the previous rounds, Arak branch has become the host of this national competition."

Dr. Alireza Nezam-abadi added: "The purpose of this competition is identifying the elite players and scholars who specialize in the field of nano science. IAU supports these individuals in every way, and we hope to make use of their knowledge, for the purpose of further developing the field of nano-technology in the country." Homayoon Arab, head of the promotional unit of the development of nano-technology of Arak branch also stated: "Due to the university's support and precise planning in the past five years, the students and faculty members have also shown their support, enthusiasm and warm welcome for this national competition. Considering the full support of the director and the board of directors of the branch in this matter, we hope that this university would become one of the major scientific establishments in the field of nano. This university has potential in various fields of science, particularly nano, thus we intend to work on providing for the needs of the industries active in this field." He went on: "We are aiming to gain the support of other officials and prepare the circumstances for a better relationship between the university and industry, so that we could realize the objective of 'resistive economy, attempt and effort'."