



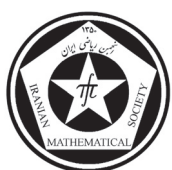
## Plantation of Trees in Azad Shahr Branch

Dr. Kazem Shariat-nia, director of Azad Shahr branch of the Islamic Azad University, says: "In order to be economically active and profitable, we have planted trees in nearly 5 hectares of this branch's fields. The planted trees are walnut, peach, nectarine, plane, and several medicinal plants. Approximately 70,000 trees have been planted and will be ready to be distributed in the market by the next winter."

Dr. Morteza Nourian, faculty member of agriculture department in Azad Shahr branch and the executive manager of Azad Shahr's economical project of agricultural products, said: "In the past 5 years, Azad Shahr branch of IAU has been active in the field of medicinal plants and plantation of Stevia and Lemon Verbena."

Dr. Nourian, regarding the development of medicinal herbs plantation in the next year, said: "Due to the market's demand for the medicinal plants, this university branch is planning to expand the lots in which medicinal herbs are cultivated to more than one hectare." He also mentioned that Azad Shahr branch is trying to create more scions for plants that can be used in parks and said that a greenhouse has been designed for this purpose.

## POINT OF VIEW



## Cooperation of Science Museum and Math Council

Museum of Science and Technology has signed an agreement of cooperation with the Mathematics Council, according to which both parties will be cooperating for the next 10 years. According to the PR office of the Museum of Science and Technology, the objectives of this 10-year agreement are of scientific, educational, and cultural nature, with Dr. Seifollah Jalili as the manager of the museum and Dr. Mohammad-Ali Dehghan, as the director of the council signing the MoU. The scientific cooperation carried out according to this agreement will be in line with a special approach, which is appreciation and maintaining the legacy of mathematics and expansion, teaching, and production of non-official mathematical content. Some of the terms of this agreement are as follows: cooperation in establishing math museum and using the equipment of the council by the museum; scientific cooperation with the approach of appreciation and introduction of mathematicians and their achievements and services; maintaining the country's legacy of mathematics; expansion of science (especially math) through education and production of non-official educational content and admitting members; hosting mathematics' workshops, expositions, conferences, and seminars; and exchange of content and cultural products.

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IAU's Deputy of Education and Graduate Studies Reporting

## Summer Term of IAU Started



Dr. Farhad Hossein-zadeh Lotfi, IAU's Deputy of Education and Graduate Studies

Dr. Farhad Hossein-zadeh Lotfi says that in the summer term, the tuition for the exchange students in the Islamic Azad University is equal to that of the IAU students. He also announced the start of summer term in this university from June 25. IAU's deputy of Education and Graduate Studies went on: "In the associative and undergraduate levels, each student could register courses worth of 10 units in the summer term. If registering up to 6 units, the tuition which the student should pay would be half of the fixed quota plus the floating share; while registering 7 to 10 units means that the student should pay two third of the fixed plus the floating base of the tuition. Besides these 10 units, students could register for the courses of Quran and Imam Khomeini's Will (RA)."

### Exchange Students for Summer Term

Mentioning the students which are graduating,

Dr. Hossein-zadeh said: "Those students who are graduating are except from this limitation and could register 12 units. Also, the veterinary students are similar to those in the associative and undergraduate levels and could register up to 10 units. On the other hand, graduate students could only register 1 course in the summer term, regardless of its number of units. Offering specialized courses for the doctoral candidates in the summer term is prohibited, but departments could offer additional courses up to two specialized programs."

Dr. Hossein-zadeh explained about admitting exchange students from other universities in the summer term and said: "Before this, students from other universities could submit their application for IAU programs in the summer term and study here as the exchange students. From now on, this has become official with defined regulations in place. This has been approved by IAU's board of directors and all

the students, from state, private and non-profit universities could ask for a recommendation letter from their home institutions to enroll in the summer term of IAU.

The tuition defined for these exchange students is not different from IAU students and for admitting these students, IAU does not need to correspond with the ministry of Science and Research and could do so based on the recommendation letter alone. The rest of the correspondence with the ministry is the responsibility of the home university."

In the end, Hossein-zadeh Lotfi added: "IAU wants to offer its capacities and facilities to all the students of the country, regardless of the institutions in which they are enrolled. Fortunately, infrastructures are ready for doing so and the students could take advantage of IAU's capacities. Also, the regulations defined here are not limited to the summer term and could be repeated in the academic year."

## Iran's News

## IAU's Cooperation with Semnan's Office of Education



Semnan branch as the representative of the Islamic Azad University in the area, has signed an agreement of cooperation with Semnan's office of education. This agreement is pursuing the expansion of joint cultural, educational, research, and technological cooperation.

Also, the cooperation of professors and researchers of the university are encouraged in the scientific and research projects with Semnan's office of education. Dr. Shahrokh Ranjbar-Bahadori, director of Semnan branch, emphasizing the development of cooperation between educational institutions, said: "Semnan is ahead of other provinces in that

it has more than 64 centers of higher education institutes and a considerable number of educational organizations up to the level of pre-university. This very fact is an indicator of the significance of decent plans to use the potentials of this province."

Dr. Ranjbar continued: "In order to raise an educated and cultivated generation, there needs to be plans in place from childhood. There is no doubt that universities can help the Office of Education in this regard. Signing this agreement strengthens the relations between higher education institutes and the Ministry of Education, which are the two wings of education in this country."

## Collaboration of S&R Branch and French Institute of Petroleum



Science and Research branch of the Islamic Azad University has signed an agreement regarding educational and research issues with the French Institute of Petroleum. According to the negotiations between Jean-christophe Fleche and Jean-claude Heidmann, representatives of the French Institute of Petroleum, and Arash Farnough and other officials from the S&R branch, it has been decided that the first step regarding furthering the collaborative relationship to be considering the establishment of a collaboration agreement between the two parties. The main fields of collaboration, concerning education and research, have been determined

and the next steps would concern establishing an individual agreement for each of the separated subjects.

French Institute of Petroleum is the largest petroleum research center of France, which in addition to conducting research in the fields of upper stream and downstream sectors, energy and environment, economy and management, it also owns an international school.

Founded in 1954, IFP School is part of the IFP Energies Nouvelles, French Institute of Petroleum, a French public-sector research and training center, which collaborates with the universities in different parts of the world in master and doctorate levels.



SUNDAY, JUNE 26: MEETING OF THE ISLAMIC AZAD UNIVERSITY'S COUNCIL.

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## IRAN UPDATES

## Iran to Transform Air Defense Power in Persian Gulf

A high-ranking Iranian military commander says the Islamic Republic plans to significantly reinforce its air defense power in the areas covering the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman. Brigadier General Farzad Esmaili, commander of the Khatam al-Anbia Air Defense Base, said on Sunday that the base has devised plans to "transform" Iranian air defense power in the skies over the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman. Elsewhere in his remarks, he said air defense systems are deployed in 3,700 points across Iran, and that there is no specific hitch in the operation of radars and missile systems. Esmaili said his base ensures the security of more than 900 flights that pass over Iran's airspace every day, and that all flights within or near Iranian airspace are being closely monitored by the country's unified air defense system.

## Iran Arrests Key Member of Terrorist Group in Southeast

Iranian security forces have arrested one of the main members of the Ansar al-Forqan terrorist group in the southeastern parts of the country, a senior Iranian judicial official says. Zahedan chief prosecutor, Mohammad Marzieh, told reporters on Sunday that the security forces dismantled a terrorist group in the Khash region of the southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchestan last week. During the clashes, one terrorist was arrested, who has admitted that the group was affiliated with the Ansar al-Forqan terrorists, the official added, noting that six members of the group, including one terrorist who died of his injuries, were killed by the Iranian forces. On April 22, the head of the Ansar al-Forqan terrorist group, Hesham Azizi, and two other members were killed in a successful security operation by Iranian security forces in Sistan and Baluchestan Province.

## Tehran to Barter Oil with Ankara for Rail

The Islamic Republic of Iran has reportedly sealed a deal with Turkey to barter oil for rail. The 80-million euro deal will buy Iran nearly 1,000 kilometers worth of rails from Turkey. The report quoted Turkish Transportation, Maritime Affairs and Communications Minister, Ahmet Arslan, as saying that Turkey will buy oil from Iran in exchange of train rails. The minister reportedly said that in light of the deal, Turkish refinery TÜPRAŞ will buy Iranian oil and in exchange, Iran will purchase rails worth 80 million euros. The official made the comments in Turkey's Black Sea province of Karabuk which is an industrial hub making train rails. Arslan also said the deal was of great significance for Turkey.

## SPECIAL REPORTS

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## Ilam Branch: 9 Workgroups and 34 Subgroups Attending Branch Problems



Dr. Mohsen Oghabi, deputy of High Supervisory Council in district 5 of IAU, attended the meeting of the workgroup alongside the representatives of the board of founders and members of the supervisory board of the Islamic Azad University held at Ilam branch. In this meeting, he elaborated on the tasks and approaches of the secretariat to the board of founders and said: "Secretariat to the supervisory board could help in the academic branches in the categories of elevating the quality and offering new approaches to problem solving. In order to attend to the problems of the branches, we have established 9 workgroups and 34 subgroups. Secretariat to the supervisory board of district 5 is responsible of 22 academic branches and centers and 4 SAMA schools in Ilam, Kermanshah and Kurdistan province. District 5 of IAU has the largest student populace, which is an indication of the quality of education and people's trust." Shahriar Abbasi, secretariat to IAU's board of trustees in Ilam province, said: "Ilam province is one of the less developed provinces of the country and has yet to prepare the required infrastructures for administering economy and knowledge projects. Thus, Ilam branch is compensating for this delay through speeding up the implementation of the said infrastructures. IAU, as the largest attending university of the world, with the potential of 400 academic branches and over 5 million graduates, 1.7 million students and 100,000 faculty members and staff, could be one of the main pillars which supports the government." Dr. Hamed Najaf-pour, secretariat to the Infrastructures Workgroup in the secretariat of the board of founders, also said: "Ilam branch is the first to respond to the requests of the board of founders, and has done well in completing the dispatched surveys. This is all thanks to Dr. Abbasi and Dr. Mahdavi, branch director and the representative of the supervisory board."