



Belarus Scholarships Banned in Iran

Assistant Deputy of Education in the ministry of Healthcare and Medical Education, emphasizing on the fact that Iranian students will no more be sent to Belarus for further studies, said: "Ministry of Healthcare will not promise evaluation of the degrees taken by those who are sent to Belarus from August 1 onwards to finish their pre-university courses or start studying in Belarus Universities." Dr. Hamid Akbari stated: "In the past year, many Iranian students went to Belarus to continue their studies either in universities or pre-university courses; but they can no longer enter Belarus' universities whatsoever and they do not know what to do next. Now, the families of those students are worried about the future of their children and they frequently visit Iran's embassy and the Office of Healthcare ministry to inquire about this issue. According to Belarus' regulations, those who want to enter the universities need to pass pre-university courses, although many of the students who have passed them still cannot enter universities." He further explained: "Currently there are 1,000 institutions which are in charge of sending students to foreign countries for scholarships; hereby I emphasize that those students that are not abiding by the regulations of the ministry of Healthcare will face adverse consequences."

POINT OF VIEW



Cooperation of Ferdowsi University and Lebanon's Universities

Ehsan Ghaboul, director of International Affairs of Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, visited several authorities of Lebanon's Universities in Beirut, in order to put in practice the signed agreements, especially the ones related to education of Persian language. According to the PR office of the Culture and Islamic Relations Organization, Ehsan Ghaboul visited Adnan Seyyed Hossein, director of Lebanon's University. This visit took place in Beirut, during which previous agreements between the two universities that were signed before were further analyzed. Adnan Seyyed Hossein mentioned that they are ready for cooperation with Iran's universities and it was decided that the third conference of comparative literature (Arabic and Persian) be held in Beirut next year. Ferdowsi University of Mashhad and Lebanon University are supposed to cooperate in hosting this event. After presenting a report by Ehsan Ghaboul on cooperation of the two universities, which was given to the director of Philosophy and Religions department, it was decided that the first draft of the agreement be formed, so that it will be ready for signing in the next meeting of the authorities at the end of this year.

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Closing Ceremony of IAU's Deputies of Culture and Student Affairs Conference

Student Camps from Khomein to Jamaran



Dr. Seyed Taha Hashemi

Dr. Seyed Taha Hashemi, deputy of Culture and Student Affairs of the Islamic Azad University, attended the closing ceremony of the conference of the respective deputies of IAU from all over the country which was hosted by Mashhad branch. In this ceremony, he mentioned the student camps of the university and said: "IAU is going to have a series of cultural and scientific camps for the students which will be coupled with classes and based on the curriculum of different fields. The scientific camps have received the approval of the High Council of Cultural Revolution." Hashemi went on: "Some had the intent of slighting the cultural camps, accusing IAU of holding mixed camps; in reality, this university has not issued the permission for such camps in the past three years. There had been no mixed cultural camps and all the examples go back to the previous managing term of IAU. Some even claim that these camps are held

with concerts and such programs to direct students towards certain sides. But if we abide by the Islamic values and regulations, no such thing would happen."

Student Camps in IAU

Dr. Hashemi explained: "We do not have any mixed camps in the university, but are quite serious about them. Having no mixed camps does not mean disregarding the right of female students to enjoy such events, but we will have separate camps for them with definite and clear regulations." According to him, one of the most important student camps are Razavi ones. He maintained: "During these camps, students are introduced to deep religious and spiritual teachings. There is also the camp of "Way of Light" which is focused on the legacy of the holy defense. These camps do not belong to any party or group, but keep the middle ground in teaching general and all-inclusive values." Hashemi also elaborated on the issue of spe-

cial camps for introducing the figure of Imam Khomeini (RA) to the students through a journey from Khomein to Jamaran, saying that he—as a figure playing an important role in the Islamic Revolution, and a popular leader for the people- and the facts of his life and activities should be taught through a systematic method. He also mentioned the Festival of Student Theatre held in Mashhad branch and said: "The permanent secretariat of student theatre has been established in Mashhad branch, but each year's host would be chosen based on the performance shown by the provinces." It should be mentioned that in the closing ceremony of IAU's Deputies of Culture and Student Affairs Conference, the head of specialized commissions presented brief reports on the activities of their groups. This conference was closed after a specialized session between IAU's deputies of Culture and Student Affairs and heads of Culture, Quran and Etrat research centers and secretariats.

Iran's News

13th WRO of 2016 to be Held in Shahroud University



World Robotics Olympiad is a global scientific, technological, and educational event for teenagers and adults all over the world so that they could develop their skills such as problem solving and creativity. Participation in this competition requires a combination of engineering, mathematics, and computer programming skills. WRO competition for the first time was held in 2014, with 12 countries participating in it. Ever since, the competitions were held in different countries and the number of participating countries is increased to 50 in recent years. WRO has turned into the greatest competition of Robotics for the students.

This time, Iran will be the host to the 13th WRO competitions which will be held in Shahroud University of Technology in the coming August. Those who participate in the competitions will receive points which will be needed for them to appear in the final stage of the competition, scheduled for the coming September. The issues that are prioritized in this competition include: waste separation; recycling; bowling; soccer; using robotics technology; coming up with creative ways of waste management. Aims of this competition are as wide as discovering new talents, improving the skills of the students, opening of new vistas, and many more.

Iran's Largest Blood Plasma Refinery in Kerman



Deputy of Research and Technology of Medical University of Kerman says: "The deputy of the ministry of Healthcare and Medical Education, also head of the Foodstuff Organization, had a one day trip to Kerman, during which he signed an agreement regarding the production of biotechnical products and the inauguration of blood plasma refinery in Kerman." Dr. Abbas Pardakhti mentioned that the aforementioned agreement has been signed by Alireza Razmz Hoseini, Kerman's governor, Rasul Dinarvand, head of the foodstuff organization, and General Chenarian, secretariat to the Drug Control HQ and the head of the Medical University of Kerman. He added: "According to this agreement, Dr. Dinarvand

has approved the production of biotechnical products such as different types of insulin and monoclonal antibody, extracting drugs and inaugurating country's largest blood plasma refinery in Kerman. The representatives of the investing private sector also attended this meeting. The head of the foodstuff organization is to follow up the legal and administrative procedures of this agreement." Pardakhti noted: "This agreement is a good opportunity for elevating the level of our vocational knowledge and focusing on issues such as creating job opportunities, employing local professional work forces and also transferring technology from international companies to the province."



TUESDAY, JULY 26: THE COUNCIL OF THE ISLAMIC AZAD UNIVERSITY IN TEHRAN PROVINCE HELD ITS MEETING.

NEWS PHOTOS

IRAN UPDATES

Iran Self-Sufficient in Wheat for 2nd Year

Iran expects its state-sponsored purchases of wheat from domestic farmers to surpass 10 million tons this year, Agriculture Minister, Mahmoud Hojjati says. Harvests in the 2016/2017 crop season are on track to make the country self-sufficient in wheat for the second year running, the government's official news website said. "We are predicting that wheat purchases this year will exceed 10 million tons, which will certainly render the balance between the country's wheat production and consumption positive and increase wheat stocks," Hojjati said. Purchases of wheat at guaranteed prices so far have hit 8.6 million tons, which are 500,000 tons more than the volume bought a year before, he added. Last year, the government bought 9 million tons of the strategic commodities from domestic wheat growers which did away with the need for imports.

Saudi, Israeli Projects of Iranophobia Falling Flat

Iranian Foreign Minister, Mohammad-Javad Zarif, says projects by the Israeli and Saudi Arabian regimes to portray Iran as a threat to the world have been falling flat over the past years. Speaking to a group of Iranian expatriates in the Ghanaian capital city of Accra on Monday evening, Zarif said Tel Aviv and Riyadh, "two like-minded regimes," are investing heavily in Iranophobia to draw attention away from their crimes and their collaborations. "It is obvious that the cooperation of the Zionist regime (Israel) and the Saudi regime, which are two like-minded and congruent regimes, has today become known and can no more be concealed," Zarif said. He said the two regimes are concerned about their collaboration having become publicly known and are thus "investing further in Iranophobia" as a means of distraction.

Iran Says Ready to Start Iraq Gas Exports

Iran says the final preparations are being made to start a much-awaited project to export natural gas to its western neighbor – Iraq. Azizollah Ramezani, director of international affairs of the National Iranian Gas Company (NIGC), has told a press conference in Tehran that Iran can start gas exports to Iraq within a month. Ramezani has added that a delegation from Iraq's Ministry of Electricity will visit Iran next week to finalize the financial mechanisms relating to the project. He has also emphasized that Iran is currently training the staff of Iraq's Ministry of Electricity over the financial as well as technical issues relating to the imports of natural gas from Iran. Iran's gas exports to Iraq have been delayed time and again due to unsafe conditions in the war-ravaged country.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Inside IAU

Launch of Hockey Course in Yasuj Branch



Head of the Professional Sports Council of IAU in Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad province says: "After receiving the approval of the education deputy of Yasuj branch, it has been decided that the hockey course would be added to the list of the physical education courses of this university this coming educational year." Shahla Gashtasbi talked about the formation of the professional sports council in IAU and said: "one of the advantages of establishing a professional sports council is coordinated planning between physical education managers of the branch and academic branches of the province, which would bring about a bright future for this field." Head of this council mentioned the facilities and spaces dedicated to sport activities in the province's branches and added: "Yasuj and Gachsaran branch have one multipurpose sports gym, and Dahdasht branch also has a sports gym, which due to financial issues, is yet to be completed." She stated that the first priority of this council is set on collective sports and continued: "The male and female mountaineering teams are very active; we have also formed a mountaineering team consisting of the faculty members, professors and staff. We have received 80 registrations so far, in addition to holding a one day camp for this group." Gashtasbi noted the collaboration between the professional sports council of Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad with the hockey association of the province and said: "It has been decided that the hockey course would be added to the set of the physical education courses offered at Yasuj branch so that the interested students would be able to attend classes on this subject." According to the manager of physical education of Yasuj branch, Another activity of this council in its two month operation is offering hockey classes for the professors' children and the staff of the university.