

Iran-Pakistan to Collaborate

Dr. Hossein Salar-Amoli, deputy of the ministry of Science and Research in the field of International Affairs and head of the International Collaboration Center, met with Dr. Mohammad Ashraf, president of the Science Institute of Pakistan, and emphasized on the two parties supporting joint research projects. Salar-Amoli said: "Developing a collaborative relation between Iran and Pakistan is one of our top priorities at the moment." Salar-Amoli referred to the collaboration agreement between the two countries, saying: "Our priorities regarding the collaboration with Pakistan include mutual work and exchange of the students for short and long term courses, as well as offering scholarships, also multilateral collaborations in the framework of CBM Convention of Istanbul's Training Procedure so that all the other member countries could participate; we are also interested in defining 8 joint research projects, in which the support provided by each country would amount to 40,000 euro, also Iran and Pakistan collaboration through the of D8 University." Mohammad Ashraf, Pakistani representative of the joint Science, Education and Technology Committee of Iran and Pakistan, also said: "Our side is also working on realizing the articles stated in this joint agreement, and at the first opportunity, we would focus our resources on administering Iran's proposals."

POINT OF VIEW

SBU and Ministry of Interior Signed Agreement

Shahid Beheshti University and Iran's ministry of Interior has signed a memorandum of cooperation in order to improve the educational and research activities, support research projects, and train experts. According to the PR Office of Shahid Beheshti University, Dr. Mohammad-Mehdi Tehrani, director of the university, in the signing ceremony, talked about the new approaches taken by the ministries and organizations towards granting research projects to the universities and continued: "Last year, we mentioned growth in the target population of the universities and ministries. This shows that different organizations, instead of relying on individual research projects done by the academics and faculty members, have accepted universities as "Research Agents". He said that this memorandum between SBU and the ministry is in line with such approach and said: "In the new approach, "Big Issues" are introduced to universities by organizations and executive institutions. The universities, as research agents and by means of devising and extracting, analyze the issues and propose required suggestions to solve them." Dr. Asgar Eftekhari, director of the ministry's Center for Strategic Studies and Education, also mentioned that this memorandum will strengthen the relations with the country's science sector, adding: "This agreement will be fruitful and signing it will be a move towards the improvement of interactions between executive organizations and the country's science body."

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IAU's Deputy of Finance and Administration Said

IAU Emphasizes on Targeted and Non-tuition Profit Making



Dr. Morteza Ehsani

Dr. Morteza Ehsani, Deputy of Finance and Administration of the Islamic Azad University, gave details on the Conference of IAU's Finance Deputies which is being held today, with the presence of Dr. Mirzadeh, chairman of the university, in the head office of IAU. He said: "This conference is the best opportunity for presentation of different plans and taking advantage of the suggestions and expertise of the managers who are working for the sake of realizing the major objectives of this deputy and the vision of the IAU. Also, it is a proper chance to define our plans in a clear and transparent way and to show our expectations from the deputies, also to determine how we should implement our programs in different branches and educational centers."

Objectives of Conference

Ehsani elaborated on the objectives and goals

which this conference is pursuing, saying: "Some of the objectives important for us are emphasizing on the necessity of professionalism, raising the knowledge foundation and upgrading the expertise of the managers in the field of finance and administration. Our hope is to improve the working condition of the skilled workforces in this sector which would affect the overall achievements of this deputy and the university."

He mentioned the importance of better monitoring practices in the finance and administration sector of IAU and added: "Other goals which are of high importance are cutting unnecessary expenses, efficient use of the resources, elaboration on the nature of central payment system which would cover the branch directors, also better discipline and keeping in line with the regulations. Our suggestion to the finance deputies is to pay better attention to customer

relations and accordingly, this conference would emphasize on this technique. Also, regular and unofficial meeting with the staff of the university branches is another factor affecting the results of the deputies and based on this, we advise the concerned managers to pay attention to this factor."

IAU's deputy of Finance went on: "As we see it, self-sufficiency of the university in the fields of finance and administration is only possible through targeted and non-tuition profit making and based on this, the managers and deputies should focus on preparing the background for achieving this goal. Also, certain workshops and commissions will be held on the sidelines of this conference and their results and achievements would turn into regulations and in the case of overall agreement of those participating, they will be relayed to the branches for implementation."

Iran's News

S&R Branch Signs Agreement with UNESCO



Science and Research branch of the Islamic Azad University, in an attempt to develop and expand its educational and research activities in the fields related to the environment, signed a memorandum of understanding with UNESCO. Establishing a more efficient relation with the office of UNESCO was also an aim that the university is seeking. The cooperation between this branch and UNESCO would be in the field of science and research and exchange of information and experience, especially in the field of environmental rights. Both parties, according to the memorandum, will be able to use the facilities provided by each other. The terms which were agreed

upon include: exchange of information between the two parties in the field of environmental rights and all the issues related to it; supporting research projects which are of interest to both parties and carrying out joint research projects on the said topics, with an approach towards changing the climate; also realizing the goals of stable development, ecotourism, and tourism. According to the terms of the agreement, hosting national and international educational courses in which both parties would take active part, and cooperation over hosting seminars, conferences, and workshops, are amongst the joint objectives that will be pursued.

Tomography of Standing Trees in Karaj Branch



Dr. Alireza Iran-Bakhsh, CEO of IAU's Development Office, visited the tomography project of standing trees. The purpose of this project, supported by the municipality of Karaj, is to design and build a CT scan device for scanning trees' wood sections; so far, researchers have been able to depict acoustic images from the damaged parts of the urban trees and projecting their resistance against storms and snow weight. Dr. Rooh-nia, faculty member of Karaj branch and the manager of the tomography project, said: "Normally it is perceived difficult for us to localize and build hi-tech devices such as a CT scan; but we broke through these perceptions

by obtaining the said technology through the help and support of IAU." He added: "This technology is 100-percent domestically produced. The domestic tomography device is equipped with Persian language and hardware built in Karaj branch. The knowledge technology unit affiliated with the incubator center of Karaj branch is ready to collaborate with the country's municipalities in evaluating the risk of braking or falling trees as well as sustaining environmental resources. This technology has also been introduced to Tehran's municipality, hoping that by trusting the local knowledge, we could enter into a collaborative relation with the capital."



THE CLOSURE CEREMONY OF IAU'S FIRST EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE STUDENTS WAS HELD.

NEWS PHOTOS

IRAN UPDATES

Putin Urges Compromise on Iran Oil Production



Russian President, Vladimir Putin, has said a potential oil output freeze deal among oil-exporting countries should involve some compromise on Iran's production levels. "I think that from the point of view of economic expediency and logic, it would be right to find some sort of compromise" on the Iranian output level, Putin told Bloomberg.

He said countries now recognize that Iran should be allowed to continue raising production as sanctions have been lifted against the country. Oil-exporting countries have been seeking a deal to cap production levels in an attempt to prevent a further drop in global oil prices, which in recent years saw a fall from a high of 147 dollars a barrel to a low of around 25 dollars. Saudi Arabia, however, has repeatedly hindered such a deal by insisting that Iran agree to the same low production level as that assigned for other countries.

Germany's Wintershall Inks MoU with Iran



Germany's Wintershall Holding says it has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Iran for cooperation in the oil sector. Stefan Leunig, the head of media relations in Wintershall, has been quoted by the media as saying that the MoU was signed with Iran in April. Nevertheless, Leunig emphasized that the details of the MoU are subject to confidentiality. "Wintershall has been active in the Middle East for years. We are therefore closely following the developments in the region, also in Iran," Azerbaijan's Trend news agency has quoted Leunig as saying. The official further added that the company strictly follows all national and international legal regulations. Earlier Ali Kardor, Iran's vice-minister of oil, said that Tehran has signed seven non-disclosure agreements (NDA) with international oil companies, including Wintershall. Under the agreements the companies will undertake studies in Iran's oil fields and will submit the study results to Iran, Kardor added.

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Tehran-Baku to Jointly Build Power Plants

Iranian lawmakers have approved a bill on joint construction of two hydropower plants with Azerbaijan. The bill authorizes the construction of the plants near the Aras River borderline in the Iranian town of Marazad and Azerbaijan's Ordubad. The bill was passed with a majority of votes with 180 voters being for, 9 against and 5 abstentions. This was part of several topics that Iran and Azerbaijan agreed on in a basic agreement they signed in December 2015. The document envisages cooperation in construction of power plants at Khoda Afarin and Qiz Qalasi dams on Aras river as well as construction of Ordubad power plant on the Azerbaijani side and Marazad power plant on the Iranian side. Moreover, the agreement involves the implementation of joint guideline operations on border rivers' water management.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Inside IAU

Mianeh Branch to Offer Nursing Course



Secretariat to the Nursing Board of the ministry of Healthcare and Medical Education says: "Mianeh branch of the Islamic Azad University has all the necessary facilities and infrastructure for offering nursing programs as a part of its curriculum; these facilities include the labs, buildings, libraries, classrooms, and anatomy centers; in addition to these, there are teaching and clinical centers in the city which support the launching of this project at the bachelor level."

Dr. Abbas Abbas-zadeh added: "With regards to the nursing program, starting a new course is always easier than sustaining it. The application for this program is not restricted to the locals, thus we need to consider preparing dormitories and other teaching facilities. Also, in such a program the majority of the education process is done inside the hospitals; Khatam al-Anbiya hospital, under the management of Dr. Taheri, manager of the Healthcare Network, and Dr. Mahdavi, manager of the hospital, has prepared the necessary infrastructures for receiving the nursing students in their internship period." Dr. Tahereh Nasr-abadi, head of the nursing and midwifery faculty of IAU's Medical branch in Tehran, also said: "This faculty is committed to establishing a communication line with the dean of Mianeh's nursing department, sharing its teaching standards so they could administer their own ideas or modify them."

Dr. Shamloo, director of Mianeh's IAU, stated: "Due to Mianeh's large population and its strategic location, the nursing program would be welcomed when established in this university."

It should be mentioned that the secretariat to the Nursing Board in the ministry of Healthcare and Medical Education, accompanied by Dr. Nasr-abadi and Dr. Zakaria Moradi, expert of the council responsible for developing medical and paramedical courses, visited Mianeh branch with the aim of evaluating the possibility of establishing nursing program in this university.