



Takestan Branch to Cooperate with Industrial Estates

In a meeting for scientific, research, and technological cooperation, as well as strengthening the relation between university and the industry, Takestan branch of the Islamic Azad University signed a memorandum of understanding with Qazvin's Industrial Estate Company. Dr. Abbas Jahan-bakhschi, director of Takestan branch of IAU, said: "Considering the new policies of IAU which are based on upgrading universities to those of the 4th generation (entrepreneur institutions), we could expect the cooperation of the university and the industry to result in supporting scientific and technological talents. This cooperation can also be fruitful for the industry, in that it could help solve the issues in different industrial institutions." Dr. Jahan-bakhschi referred to the capabilities of Takestan branch and said: "The department of mechanics, due to its capabilities and the quality of its educational programs, has always been known as the Sharif University of IAU branches." He mentioned that the very fact that the graduates of this university are working as the senior managers of the province and the country's key managers is a great honor for this branch. In this meeting, deputy of Research and Technology, director of Mechanics Research Center, and Takestan Branch's Industrial Liaison were also present.

POINT OF VIEW

Yazd Branch Joined Iran's Lab Network

Dr. Masoumeh Tabatabaei, director of Yazd Branch of the Islamic Azad University, says that this branch has become a member of Iran's High-Tech Lab Network of the Presidential Office. Dr. Tabatabaei said: "Researchers and students should have access to advanced equipment in order to further their studies and projects. This is one of the necessities for scientific development in any society. Yazd branch of IAU is proud to announce that by means of having advanced equipment and laboratorial tools, it plays a significant role in the development of our country." Tabatabaei thanked the staff of Yazd branch for the efforts they made in improving the laboratories and also for introduction of Yazd branch's capabilities and continued: "Iran's High-Tech Lab Network of the Presidential Office has been established in order to improve the knowledge of our experts by means of education and also exchange of experiences between professors and students. It also pursues standardization of laboratorial activities, presentation of reliable services, and helping the improvement of laboratorial capabilities in the university branches that are members of it. Those researchers who want to use the facilities provided in this network could visit www.labsnet.ir for further information regarding the activities of this network."

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IAU's Deputy of Culture and Student Affairs Announced

Results of 21st Festival of Religious Arts and Literature



Dr. Taha Hashemi, Deputy of Culture and Student Affairs of the IAU

Dr. Taha Hashemi, Deputy of Culture and Student Affairs of the Islamic Azad University, reported that the top participants in the 21st Festival of Religious Arts and Literature have been selected. He said: "Holding this festival simultaneously to the General Competition of Quran inside IAU reflects the commitment of Culture and Student Affairs deputy to propagation and expansion of religious values and tenets."

Report of 21st Festival

Hashemi elaborated the selection process of this festival which was held among the lecturers, staff and students from all over the country and said: "Based on the schedules prepared by this deputy, this festival started its work around 1 year ago and established its secretariat in Hamedan branch. After proper introductions

and call for works, the registration of the lecturers, staff and students, also submission of works started. All the received works in three categories of religious arts, religious literature and Quran/culture researches were gathered up by Quran associations of university branches to be sent over to the secretariat of the festival in Hamedan branch. It should be mentioned that in this round, we received more than 9,000 individual submissions which is an impressive progress compared to previous years.”

The deputy went on: “This time 96 software programs, 809 weblogs, 358 dissertations, 1836 articles, 236 stories, 52 plays, 805 poems, 10 animations, 69 short films, 558 posters, 1937 pictures, 772 calligraphy works, 193 chiaroscuro works, 231 calligrams, 108 paintings, 10 woven carpets, 25 perforation works and 33 illumination works were received to be judged by the top masters of the country in a

period of 2 months.”

Dr. Hashemi appreciated the cooperation of the staff in the host branch, directors of Quran Councils in the provinces and the Quran associations which collaborated with the secretariat of this festival. He also extended his special thanks to the staff in branches of Hamedan, Malayer, Toyserkan, and Asad-abad. Hashemi expressed hope that through better planning in the next round, better results in the field of religious arts and literature could be achieved. He concluded: "The closing ceremony of this festival will be held on the occasion of Eid al-Qadir in the coming month, with the presence of top students in Hamden branch so that the top participants could receive their awards. Before this, the results of the festival could be accessed on the website of IAU's deputy of Culture and Student Affairs, available at farhangi.iau.ir."

Iran's News

9th Movement Festival to be Held in Kerman



The general manager of Culture and Social Affairs in the ministry of Science, Research and Technology, announced that the 9th Movement Festival would be hosted by Shahid Bahonar University of Kerman, with participation of more than 100 top universities of the country. Dr. Fazlollah Iraj said: "This festival, featuring scientific student associations, is consisted of 2 university and public categories; the university level has already been held and the chosen ones would compete in the upcoming public stage." Dr. Iraj added: "This round is divided to three competing sectors of top university, also active and creative student associations; over 100

universities from all over the country would compete in this round of the festival. In the 9th round, the section of the active student associations has been designed with educational, promoting, inventing, and innovating purposes in addition to presenting books, journals and scientific competitions; the secretariat of this category has already received over 700 submissions. In the creativity section, a total of 276 works have been submitted in the fields of scientific association and student collaboration, freethinking, academic ethics, promoting entrepreneurship, resistive economy, professors' collaboration, international scientific interactions and etc. "

Doctoral Course of Family Health Formulated



The 122nd meeting of the Professional Council of Developing Humanities was held under the supervision of Dr. Haddad Adel, head of Iran's Persian Academy. One of the decisions made in this meeting concerned the establishment of 'Family and Reproductive Health' course in the doctorate level. According to the report presented by one of the faculty members regarding the necessity of teaching this topic and the Supreme Leader's emphasis on this matter, it was decided that training skilled experts and qualified advisors should be regarded as a justification to launch this course. This report also noted the connection

between this course and medical sciences, psychology and cultural-social studies, emphasizing on the possibility of resolving a number of planning issues in this field. The report pointed to the necessity of guiding the society, stating the lack of experts in the field of advising and teaching such issues to newlyweds as the main objective of establishing this course. The requirements for applying include being married and being informed about the legal provisions of this field. Hadad Adel stated: "Enemies of Islam are trying to promote depravity and façade to threaten our society; they are ignorant of the fact that we would stand strong in unity."




THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF IRAN'S FESTIVAL OF ARTS WAS HELD WITH THE PRESENCE OF THE MINISTER OF CULTURE IN THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ARTS.

IRAN UPDATES


Iran to Store Gas in SOCAR Facilities



 **SOCAR**

The State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) says it is negotiating with Iran to store the country's natural gas in its own facilities and re-supply it to its northern provinces during winter. The media quoted SOCAR President, Rovnag Abdullayev, as saying that talks are underway with Iran to pump the country's natural gas to SOCAR storage facilities. The gas, Abdullayev emphasized, will be used to supply Iran's northern provinces during winter. He added that Iran faces serious problems in supplying its northern regions in winter. To the same effect, the official added, Azerbaijan raised the possibility of storing Iran's gas in SOCAR facilities and re-supplying the gas to Iran during winter during the visit to Baku in August by Iran's President, Hassan Rouhani. Iran's gas may be pumped into SOCAR storage facilities in summer and provided for use to the country's northern regions in winter, News.Az quoted Abdullayev as saying.

Iran Ready to Raise Oil Output to 4.3 mb/d



Iran says it is ready to increase its oil output to levels that existed before the sanctions were imposed against the country. Mohsen Qamsari, director of international affairs in the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), was quoted by the media as saying that Iran can increase its crude production based on market requirement. Qamsari said the Islamic Republic is currently producing a little over 3.8 million barrels per day (mb/d). He added that the NIOC may raise its production capacity to 4.3 mb/d in the first quarter next year and eventually reach 5 mb/d in two to three years. The official emphasized that the bulk of any new production by Iran will be heavy crude. "We believe that the market is more in favor of heavier grades and that's why we are going to introduce a new one," Qamsari was quoted as saying by Reuters.

Pakistan Concerned by 'State Terrorism' in Kashmir

The Pakistani ambassador to Tehran says his country rejects the dichotomization of terrorism into good and bad forms and is concerned by acts of «state-terrorism» in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir. Addressing a ceremony to mark the 51st anniversary of Pakistan's Defense Day in Tehran, Asif Ali Khan Durrani added that people in Kashmir have been bullied and coerced into submission as a result of the policy of state terrorism. New methods of state terrorism can be seen in places where innocent people are losing their eyesight due to the use of pellet guns, he said. Violence has re-emerged in Indian-controlled Kashmir on July 8, when people protested against the killing of Burhan Wani, a popular pro-independence fighter, by Indian forces. Over 70 people in Kashmir have been killed and thousands more injured. There are an estimated 500,000 Indian troops currently deployed in the restive territory.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Inside IAU

Khoy Branch: 20 Technology Units



Manager of the Technology Center of Khoy branch of the Islamic Azad University says: "The projects conducted regarding the incubator center of this branch in the past two years -with the purpose of attracting technology units- have resulted in increasing their numbers up to 37 units; 17 of these are now independent and have left the center, leaving 20 units still residing in the supporting shelter of the center."

Dr. Mohammad Asam-khani referred to the importance of raising revenue through scientific projects, adding: "In order to turn scientific ideas into wealth, we have been preparing for commercializing and mass production of the fuel optimizer which improvise consumption and resolves the pollution problems through hydrogen hybrid fuel; 50-percent of its patent certification has been registered under Khoy branch. Also, according to the agreement between this branch and the taxi association of the city, this device has been installed on a number of the taxis."

Asam-Khani further mentioned the incubator center's current and future plans such as preparing for establishment of the Managing Center for Computerized Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment, administering the project concerning plant tissue culturing by SAM Biotech technology unit, performing the necessary preparations for commercializing the software of English teaching through mind visualization, and publishing a help book for the software, establishing effective and efficient relations with industries, managements, and organizations, in addition to increasing the number of agreements for the purpose of conducting outsourced projects and holding training courses for their personnel, in the university. He talked about a number of projects which are going to be pursued in the second half of the current year and mentioned replacing acetylene gas with hydrogen for cutting metals, developing the cultivation of medicinal herbs in greenhouses and the farms of the branch, also establishing a pilot site for processing medicinal herbs and packaging them.