

Non-tuition Income: Policy of Anzali Branch



Dr. Alireza Eqdami, Supervisor at Bandar Anzali branch of the Islamic Azad University, says that this university will be moving towards establishment of knowledge companies and depending on non-tuition income in the near future. He mentioned that these measures are amongst the policies of this branch for the future. Dr. Eqdami said that pushing universities towards depending on non-tuition income, more than before, is amongst the positive measures taken during the managing term of Dr. Mirzadeh -chairman of IAU-; he went on: "Establishing knowledge companies, increasing production and income in this way, making an income through the lab network of SAHA, and hosting short-term courses in the university or outside of it (for the students or the public) are amongst the policies of IAU branches which help the universities in producing non-tuition income." He remarked: "Different branches of IAU are trying to actualize the decrees of the Supreme Leader regarding the establishment of knowledge companies and the motto of "resistive economy: attempt and effort". Bandar Anzali branch of IAU is no exception in this regard. This branch will do all that is at its power to produce a part of its income by establishing knowledge companies and using their products."

POINT OF VIEW

Progress of Amir al-Mumenin Hospital

Dr. Khalil Ali-Mohammad-zadeh, Education Deputy of IAU's Medical branch in Tehran, visited various parts of IAU's associate hospital of Amir al-Mumenin and discussed the subjects of teaching, also academic and treatment issues with the students, professors and the heads of hospital departments. Dr. Farhad Sarabandi, director of Amir al-Mumenin hospital, stated that currently over 50-percent of the hospital's capacity is occupied and the patients' stay is usually between 2 to 9 days. He said: "The emergency room is one of the busiest departments of the hospital which needs further development and support." The deputy, in the presence of professors, doctors and managers of the hospital, appreciated the efforts of the hospital's cadre, saying: "I am delighted to say that during the three month passed since our last visit, the hospital has improved with regards to administering our requests, and satisfaction level of students and professors has also improved." Eftekhar Ardebili, deputy of Research and Technology of Medical branch, emphasized on establishing an efficient relation between professors and students based on their needs, and an integrated approach to education and research in the academic fields.

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Director of Gilan's IAU Said

Joint Meeting with Local Communities Aimed at Resolving Issues



The 10th Meeting of IAU's Council in Gilan Province

The director of the Islamic Azad University in Gilan province says that this university is prepared to invite representatives from the local communities to hold a joint sitting with the aim of resolving the issues of the province through cooperation between the people and the university. Dr. Amir-Teimuri, attending the 10th meeting of IAU's Council in Gilan province, mentioned the educational standards upheld in this branch and said: "In the past two years, Gilan's IAU recruited skilled faculty members and closed on the educational and research standards of the universities on a national level. If we take a look at the capacities and potentials of this branch, we could see that it is on par with the state universities and could contribute to the efforts aimed at resolving the local issues." He mentioned the proposal for establishing an international IAU branch in Gilan and went on: "Considering the capacities of this branch,

Gilan's IAU could attract foreign students from neighboring countries and open up an academic center in one of the counties." Amir-Teimuri also talked about the cultural activities of local branches in the form of knowledge companies and added: "The secretariat of IAU's festival of "Reconciling with Nature" was established in the past year with the purpose of cleansing the nature; the closing ceremony of this festival will be held in the first week of the new educational year in Rasht branch."

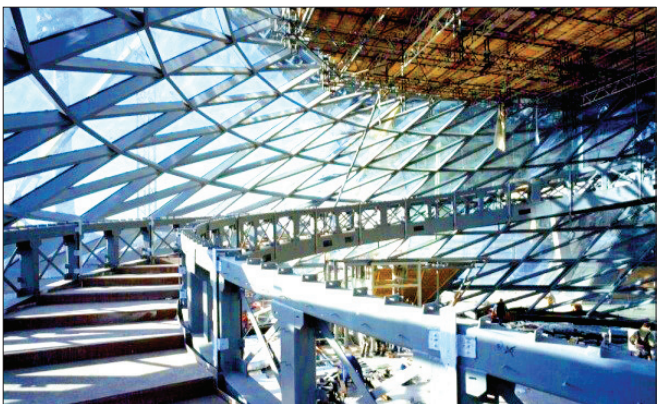
IAU's Long-term Strategy and Goals

Hojatol-Islam Seyed Mohammad-Hossein Safavi, representative of the Supreme Leader in Gilan's IAU, said: "The academic circles are shouldering an important responsibility and their close cooperation could improve the scientific atmosphere of the country. The cultural and educational programs are in need of insightfulness and long-term planning. We

have to believe that the cultural works of IAU-as an Islamic institution- are valuable and could smooth the spread of the Islamic civilization. IAU needs a clear strategy for its cultural, research and educational programs and should define meaningful goals based on this strategy." Dr. Shahab Shariati, secretariat to IAU's board of trustees in Gilan province, also gave a report on the activities of this branch and emphasized on the importance of student funds in branches with more than 500 students. He maintained: "Any university branch or school of IAU in Gilan province which has a student populace of more than 500, should establish its students fund as soon as possible." In the end, Dr. Amir-Teimuri, director of Gilan's IAU, referred to the start of the new educational year and said: "Branch directors should prepare to welcome the new students in a befitting manner and offer suitable cultural packages to them."

Iran's News

Nano-adhesive for Strengthening Steel Structures



The Iranian and Australian researchers have produced a nano-adhesive applicable for strengthening steel structures in warm and humid climate. Dr. Asqar Habib-nejad, faculty member of Iran University of Science and Technology, referred to optimizing the performance of epoxy adhesive in high temperature, through carbon nano-pipes as the purpose of this project and said that with this new adhesive, it is possible to strengthen the steel structures located in the Persian Gulf, thus saving the expenses and increasing the longevity of the structures.

Dr. Habib-nejad continued: "Due to their high surface energy, carbon nano-pipes tend to agglomerate together in the base material; hence, their even distribution is a key factor in nano-particles' effectiveness. Otherwise, the nano-particles would not improve the mechanical and thermo-mechanical properties of the base; they would in fact make it worse due to the concentration of the tension caused by the nano-particles. Thus, the first stage concerned choosing the best method for creating an even mixture of carbon nano-pipes and epoxy resins.

Control System of Energy Consumption in IAU



The students of Science and Research branch of the Islamic Azad University have designed a system which controls the energy consumption in the greenhouses' heating systems. This system also makes use of the Co2 made by the heating systems. At some points during a year, the Co2 drops in the greenhouses due to the low entrance of air from outside of the greenhouse. This amount even goes lower than 340 ppm and it has a negative effect on the growth of greenhouse plants. For this reason, there is a need for new ways to deal with this problem. In

this project, researchers installed a heater on the urban gas transmission and distribution system. This will prevent the loss of heat, and also will use the Co2 which is made by the combustion of urban gas, to provide the Co2 needed for the greenhouse. This system also has other benefits along saving energy and providing the greenhouses with Co2. It can maintain a record of the greenhouse's parameters for long periods, as well as being economical regarding the equipment. It is also environment-friendly and the Co2 provided in this way is 100-percent free.



MORE THAN 110 STUDENTS OF THE 14TH CLASS OF ISLAMSHAHR BRANCH OF THE ISLAMIC AZAD UNIVERSITY CELEBRATED THEIR GRADUATION.

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IRAN UPDATES

Iran to Become Strategic Metal Producer



Iran's first titanium production plant will be up and running in the next 6 months, the manager of the Kahnuj titanium pilot project says. The plant with a capacity to produce 2 tons of titanium pigments per day is at the phase of equipment installation in Kahnuj in southeastern Kerman province, Morad-Ali Manzari-Tavakoli was quoted as saying. The project includes setting up two units with a capacity to produce 130,000 tons of titanium dioxide concentrate and 70,000 tons of titanium dioxide slag per year, he said. Titanium dioxide is mainly used to produce titanium pigment, the most commonly used white pigment. It is used to add capacity to paper, paints and plastics. Kahnuj is carried out jointly by Iran's state-owned mines and metal holding company IMIDRO and Armenia's EcoAtom in a scheme worth 2.04 million euros. The «industrial» implementation of the Kahnuj titanium scheme is projected to cost \$161 million which will come from selling so-called participation papers, Manzari-Tavakoli said.

Huge Rise of 200% in UK Tour Sales to Iran

The media in the UK say the resumption of direct flights to Iran by major airlines has already made the Islamic Republic as one of the hottest tourism destinations with one travel agency already reporting a whopping rise of 200 percent in sales of tours to the country. The Irish Independent said in a report that Iran is being viewed by tourists as the second most affordable country to fly to after the United Arab Emirates. «Our data shows Iran is already on the radar as the UK's second most affordable long-haul country to fly to after the UAE,» the daily quoted Andrew Shelton, managing director at Cheap-flights.co.uk, as saying. «Now British Airways is back in Iran, other airlines may follow - Air France re-launched their service in April this year - and flight prices may fall further.» The report further added that the reopening of Iran's Embassy in London, the lifting of sanctions, and the relaxing of travel advisories earlier this year had already resulted in more bookings.

OMV Makes First Purchase of Iran Oil in Years

The Austrian utility group OMV is reported to have received the first consignment of crude oil from Iran in several years after sanctions were imposed on the country. AzerNews reported that OMV received 1 million barrels of crude oil from Iran in a spot delivery at the Italian port of Trieste. It added that the cargo will be further sent to the company's two refineries in Austria and Romania for further processing. Purchases from Iran had stopped in 2012 as a result of sanctions. OMV has now joined several other European companies that have already resumed purchases of crude oil from Iran. The companies include Shell, Saras, Iplom, Repsol and Hellenic Petroleum. Mohsen Qamsari, the director for international affairs of the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), told Iran's media in June that talks with several other companies from Europe are underway on buying Iran's oil.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Inside IAU

Incubator Center of Damqan Branch Established



According to the agreement signed between the deputy of Research and Technology of the ministry of Science, Research and Technology and the deputy of Research and Technology of the Islamic Azad University, Damqan branch of IAU received the license to operate knowledge companies in the form of technological units in its incubator center. Head of the research and technology council of Semnan's IAU stated that this incubator center has received approval according to the enactments of the 20th meeting of the Specialized Council of the Incubator Centers, saying: "Considering the professional approach of 'Pharmaceutical Sciences Based on Natural Products' presented by this academic branch, we approved the inauguration of the incubator center of this university." Dr. Hossein Abbas-pour emphasized: "The final permit regarding the inauguration of the incubator center, in accordance with the regulations regarding formation and activation of incubator centers, would be issued through the approval of the higher education development council of the ministry of Science, Research and Technology." The director of Damqan branch referred to inauguration of the center as the foundation of systematic development concerning the university and society, noting: "The start of knowledge activities in this center would be a good opportunity for creating collaborative relations between professors and accessing practical ideas for developing knowledge products." He continued: "Damqan branch's faculty of pharmacy enjoys modern and up to date equipment, and now, after receiving the license for establishing the incubator center, we would try our best to execute the creative ideas of the members and share the findings of the studies with the society. In recent years, the development process of scientific and research services of IAU has been progressing smoothly, and the knowledge relation between the university and industrial society has gained more depth."