Ayatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani Opens Qazvin IAU Lab & Sport Complex

The head of Islamic Azad University’s directors and founding board, Ayatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani, has opened Laboratory Complex 3 and the Neshat Sport Complex of Qazvin IAU. According to an IAU Public Relations report, Ayatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani unveiled Laboratory Complex 3, a 7,700 Sqm infrastructure and the outdoor sport complex “Neshat” of Qazvin IAU in his visit to Qazvin Province. Laboratory Complex 3 includes 11 laboratories for strength of materials, physical and mechanical properties of materials, dynamics and vibrations, accurate measurement and quality control, heat transfer, fluid mechanics and hydraulics, concrete technology, soil mechanics, building materials, formatting and fittings, and cutting and metal building components and workshop. The Neshat outdoor sport complex houses an artificial grass pitch and courts and spaces for futsal, volleyball, ping pong and other sports. Ayatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani also viewed a demonstration of monocycle and bicycle carriers and the two-person electric car called Quadro, created by the Parax-Motor knowledge-based company. This car was designed for a maximum speed of 80 kilometers per hour and a three-hour charge range of 200 km and creates no environmental sound pollution.

Student of Arsanjan IAU takes World Champion in Kickboxing Again

Amin Nejati, MA student of Sport Management of Islamic Azad University, Arsanjan branch, once again took the gold medal and became the champion in the Russia International Olympic 54-kilogram weight kickboxing class. According to ANA (Azad News Agency), with ten medals in national championships and the title of champion in the St. Petersburg International Martial Arts Competition and Tehran International Kickboxing and World MMA Ukraine championships, Nejati is one of the most reputable Iranian medallists in the martial disciplines. He also holds the Golden Belt signifying the highest ranking Iranian hero.

Oxford IAU to Admit Students in Sept-Oct 2016

The deputy of higher education and training of Islamic Azad University has announced that students will be admitted to IAU, Oxford branch in September-October 2016 (Mehr 1395). Farhad Hossein-zadeh Lotfi, stated that Oxford IAU along with several indoor units of this university will admit students this September.

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Dr. Mirzadeh: IAU to Develop Teaching Persian through Int’l Offices in Coop with Sa’di Foundation

The head of the Sa’di Foundation, Dr. Gholam Ali Haddad-Adel, visited the president of Islamic Azad University, Dr. Hamid Mirzadeh, at the IAU Central Office. According to IAU’s Public Relation, in this meeting, Dr. Haddad-Adel appreciated Dr. Mirzadeh’s great attention to protecting the Persian language and its literature. Dr. Mirzadeh also pointed to the proclamation of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution on “Economy of Resistance; Practical Steps and Action”, and noted that high-level plans and programs have to be implemented in line with this guideline. The IAU president mentioned that one of the missions of IAU’s international branches and offices is development of the Persian language and literature, and upholding Iran and Islamic art. The IAU Deputy of Student and Cultural Affairs, Dr. Taha Hashemi, stated that creating multidisciplinary fields with a focus on Persian Language and Literature is high on the agenda of the university. He also explained that dispatched professors and masters of Persian Language and Literature to other countries is a prioritized plan of the university. In this meeting, it was decided that IAU expand its cooperation through the closer work of Sa’di Foundation’s deputy of Education and Research and IAU’s deputy of Student and Cultural Affairs to implement means for virtual learning of Persian language and literature with syllabi, lesson plans and contents from the Sa’di Foundation and by making use of the facilities of IAU’s virtual branch as well. It was also decided that IAU Persian language professors be sent out to other countries on behalf of Sa’di Foundation. Holding Persian language courses for international students, mutual scientific exchanges, and publishing scientific articles in Parsi for Persian speakers living abroad were among the other topics discussed in the meeting.

IAU OLC to Run Language Learning Center

Islamic Azad University, Oxford Language College will hold various language learning courses in the near future. According to ANA (Azad News Agency), the hundred and fifth meeting of IAU’s board of directors was held with the presence of Dr. Hamid Mirzadeh, IAU’s president.

West Tehran IAU Sweetens Sour Gas with Graphene Nano-Adsorbents

Researchers of Islamic Azad University have collaborated in creating a new nano-adsorbent for sweetening sour gas and absorbing air pollutants. According to Iran Nanotechnology Initiative Council, researchers of West Tehran IAU, the Petroleum Industry Research Institute and Kushan University worked together on this project, which mainly focuses on removing hydrogen sulfide - the primary factor in souring gas. Hydrogen sulfide can be found in many sources including natural gas, biogas and industrial gases. Dr. Masoud Khaleh Abbasi Abadi, one of the researchers, explained that considering Iran’s rich oil and gas resources, coming up with better ways of use of the reserved is essential to optimizing the use of these sources. The aim of this project is to synthesize and introduce a new nano adsorbent which is usable for removing emissions such as hydrogen sulfide. This nano adsorbent can be applied to sweetening gas in the petrochemical industry and reducing environmental pollutions. Also complete removal of this gas can solve corrosion problems in reservoirs and pipes.

The president of Islamic Azad University aims to enhance ties with the government and parliament. According to an IAU Public Affairs report, the president of Islamic Azad University visited representatives of Iran’s Islamic Consultative Assembly and expressed his hopes to bolster communication and coordination with the parliament and government in order to further the country’s economic, social, and cultural development. Dr. Hamid Mirzadeh pointed to the IAU’s 400 national branches and 6 international offices and stated that increasing the number of international offices has been placed on the agenda. Dr. Mirzadeh stated that a 35 to 50 percent contribution to higher education, a 56 percent share in higher education development, and a 20 percent share of total national scientific output are examples which represent IAU’s significant role in scientific development.

"Over 65 thousand articles have been recorded in Scopus, a bibliographic database," he explained and stated that IAU placed 187 in global scientific production ranking. The IAU president also pointed to the System of Azad Cooperative Labs, SAHA and declared that more than 11 thousand workshops and laboratories have been integrated in all IAU branches. He emphasized that SAHA is a national project and is open to all students and faculty members.

S & R IAU and Sorbonne University Sign LOI

Islamic Azad University, Science and Research branch has signed a letter of intent for cooperation (LOI) with Sorbonne University of Paris to facilitate academic exchanges and cooperation in the field of cultural, economic and social developments. This LOI emphasizes the promotion of mutual cooperation in various fields such as exchanging faculty, researchers, students, and publications, holding seminars, speeches and joint courses. Based on the report, utilizing the resources of both parties for exploiting scientific and educational opportunities in line with their mutual interests is another aim of this LOI.

S&R IAU, Bishkek University Ink Cooperation MoU

Islamic Azad University, Science and Research branch and the humanities faculty of Bishkek University of Kyrgyzstan, have signed a 3-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on scientific and cultural exchanges. According to Iran Student Correspondents Association (ISCA), Implementing joint scientific and cultural activities and research programs, exchanging students and faculty members, facilitating research opportunities, participating in scientific seminars and meetings, and exchanging publications and scientific content are the provisions of this MoU.