

Iran's Medals in Incheon Para Asiad



Incheon Para Asiad poster

INCHEON (Press TV) - Iran has bagged 19 medals, including five gold's in the first day of 2014 Asian Para Games in South Korea's Incheon.

On Sunday, the Iranians also took 12 silver and three bronze medals in different sport fields

for physically challenged athletes so as to stand in the fourth spot of the tournament's table.

Sareh Javanmardi took a gold medal in women's shooting and Iranian swimmer Vahid Keshtkar bagged another in the 400-meter freestyle competition, which he

finished within 2:25.51.

The three other gold medals were gained in the field of athletics. Alireza Mokhtari won the first title in discus throw with 817 scores while, in the 1,500-meter class, Peyman Nasiri finished first with a record

of 4:00.29 and Erfan Hosseini won the fifth gold for the Iranian team with 940 scores in javelin throw.

Many of Iran's silver medals were also bagged in athletics. Javid Ehsani, Sajjad Nikparast, and Mohsen Kaedi pocketed silver in Javelin Throw. Sadeq Beitsayyah and Hassan Dehqani both finished second in shot put. And Azam Khodayari and Hajar Golestani grabbed silver in women's discus throw.

Ali Elahi and Hamid Eslami were among others who took silver medals in other track and field sections.

Moreover, Mohammad Hossein Karimi finished second in a 400-meter freestyle swimming competition and Shahin Izadyar also grabbed a silver and a bronze in two different categories of the 50-meter freestyle.

Finally, athletics brought Iran two other bronze medals in discus throw by Younes Seifipour and Fatemeh Montazeri.

About 4,500 athletes from 41 countries are competing in this round of the tourney also known as the Second Asian Para Games.

Iran is currently in the fourth spot below China, Japan, and South Korea with 54, 32, and 27 medals, respectively

Efforts to Develop Sports in Schools

TEHRAN (IRNA) -- Efforts should be made to increase sports activities in schools, said the sports and youth minister.

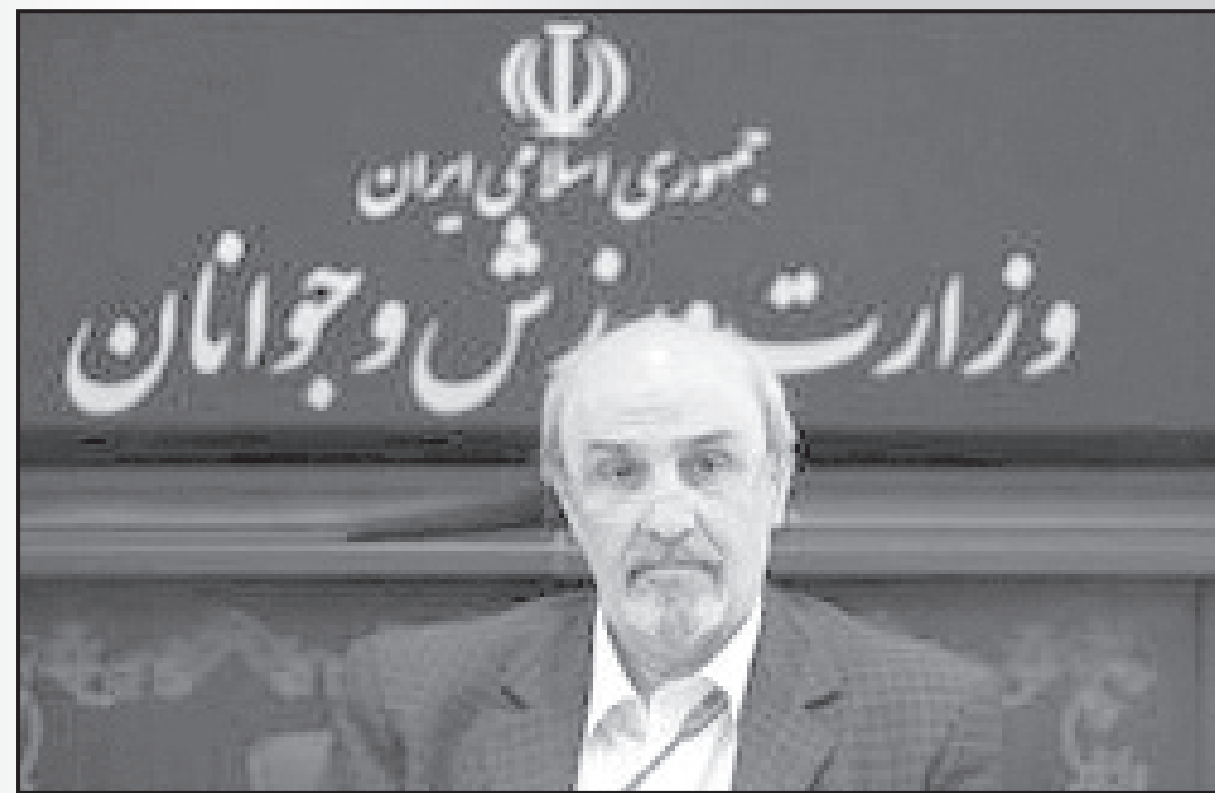
Speaking in the inaugural ceremony of School Sports Olympiad held in Alborz High School in Tehran, Mahmoud Goudarzi added that in developed countries, more than 40 percent of people exercise every day while the figure for Iran is meager.

He noted that the quality of sports activities should be improved in schools, and the foundation for success in sports championships should be laid in schools.

The minister said 12.5 million school students should exercise throughout the year, noting that development of sports in the educational environment will promote students' involvement in other activities.

He hoped that the number of people participating in public sports will increase.

Goudarzi said based on an agreement signed between the sports and education ministries, the provincial sports organizations and sports federations are duty-bound to help the Education Ministry hold School Sports Olympiad in the best possible manner.



Mahmoud Goudarzi

Speaking in the same ceremony, Esfandiar Chaharband, director general of Tehran Province's Education Organization, said School Sports Olympiad is being held in 4,000 schools of Tehran.

He said the development of physical education will help promote the culture of sports

and health in the community.

Chaharband noted that the Leader of Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khomeini, President Hassan Rouhani and sports minister have always emphasized the development of physical education.

The official pointed out that School Sports Olympiad aims

to promote physical education in schools and develop public sports, hoping that such activities will be expanded through proper planning.

Chaharband noted that the education system plays a unique role in the social, moral and religious education of students.

Promoting fitness will become one of the government's national strategies, it said in a policy document.

Chinese to Develop Sports Into 5-Trln-Yuan Sector

BEIJING (Xinhua) -- The Chinese government has announced plans to develop the country's sports industry and raise the

sector's annual output to 5 trillion yuan (813.87 billion U.S. dollars) by 2025.

The State Council, China's Cabi-

net, on Monday unveiled measures to accelerate the fast-growing industry's development and get people exercising.

Int'l Rock Climbing Festival Begins in Western Iran



Bisotoun Rock Climbing Festival logo

KERMANSHAH (IRNA) -- The 3rd Bisotoun Rock Climbing Festival in neighboring mountains of Iran's archeological Bisotoun City began on Sunday evening.

The opening ceremony of the festival was attended by the provincial mountaineering federation officials and a group of Iranian and foreign rock climbers cliff-hangers in Bisotoun Abbasi Traditional Hotel.

120 Iranian and 60 foreign climbers from Italy, France, Switzerland, the United States, Austria, Germany, Poland, Tunisia, and Denmark will climb the rocks of Bisotoun Mountain.

The first and second Bisotoun Stone Climbing Festivals were held

respectively in October 2010 and 2012.

Climbing the formerly climbed paths and opening a new climbing path called Susan, rope walking of the climbers in high altitudes and bungee jumping are among the programmed features of this third festival.

The 1,200 meter high Bisotoun stone wall with its more than 5,000 square meters area is the largest of its kind in Iran and among the most professional ones in the world.

The wall that is adjacent to Iran's ancient Bisotoun City is located 30 kilometers from Iran's northwestern Kermanshah City, the provincial capital city of a province with the same name.

Tehran Tours Arranged for Italian Delegation

TEHRAN (IRNA) -- Italian Football Federation President Carlo Tavecchio and his delegation are expected to visit Iran on Oct. 25.

In addition to official and technical meetings, Tavecchio will also visit a few museums of Tehran during his three-day stay.

The Iranian entity, Azadi International Tourism Organization (AITO), has arranged his trip.

Afshin Azizi, the AITO manager, said Jewelry Museum, Carpet Museum of Iran and the National Museum of Iran have been considered for the visit of Italian delegates.

"Since Tavecchio has expressed interest in Iranian carpets, a visit to the Carpet Museum of Iran has

been scheduled," he said.

AITO, which operates under the supervision of the Foundation for the Oppressed and Disabled, handles the formalities (ceremonies) and international activities of Iranian Football Federation (IFF).

It had arranged the visit of IFF President Ali Kaffashian to Italy four years ago.

"We brought many sports teams to Iran with their fans, but we couldn't coordinate with places other than Tehran, as Iran does not have sufficient camping and travel facilities for sports teams. Even Iranian teams go abroad for camping," he said.

Azizi said AITO arranges tours for officials visiting Iran.

Real Madrid Plan to Replace Iker Casillas with Asmir Begovic

TEHRAN (FNA) - The Spanish giants are on the lookout for a new shot stopper with club legend Casillas' talents seemingly on the wane.

Asmir Begovic is being lined up by Real Madrid as a replacement for Iker Casillas next summer, the Mirror reported.

Casillas has just lost his international place with Spain to place to Manchester United's David De Gea and his future at the Bernabeu is no longer rock solid.

Stoke City goalkeeper Begovic was on the radar of Madrid's bitter rivals Barcelona, but that interest appears to have waned and the Bosnian international's options in the Premier League are limited.

Stoke owner Peter Coates has made it clear that he hopes to be able to open negotiations on an extension to the 27-year-old's current deal.

Begovic has two years still to run on his contract and intimated in the summer that he would be looking to remain at the Britannia Stadium. MOSCOW (The Hindu) - Work at the Luzhniki Stadium which will host the final of the 2018 World Cup is proceeding ahead of schedule, FIFA's chief inspector says.

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