

Iran Eager to Strengthen Cultural Ties With Regional States



Iran's culture minister meets Tajikistan's ambassador.

TEHRAN (FNA) - Iranian Culture Minister Mohammad Mehdi Esmayeeli underlined that President Seyed Ebrahim Rayeesi's government is looking for the expansion of mutual cooperation with regional countries.

Esmayeeli made the remarks in a meeting with Tajik Ambassador to Tehran Nezamoddin Zahedi.

"The two Iranian and Tajik nations talk the same language with each other need-less translators, or interpreters, which shows the depth of the two nations' cultural commonalities," Esmayeeli said.

"Our people consider the Tajik government as a brother of theirs, and the Tajik nation as a friendly neighbor," the Iranian culture minister added.

Esmayeeli reiterated that all the Persian-speaking countries in Central Asia and the region, including Tajikistan, are particularly in the focus of attention for the current Iranian government, and said, "We are all in a single linguistic complex and this singularity shows we have lots of reasons for joint cultural interac-

tions."

He welcomed holding Tajikistan Culture Week in Tehran and the other Iranian cities.

Esmayeeli, meanwhile, proposed cultural cooperation in such fields as cinema, music, fine arts, dramatic arts, and literature.

The Tajik ambassador, for his part, pointed to the great cultural and artistic commonalities between the two nations, and expressed hope that Iran and Tajikistan's cultural cooperation will from now on expand more than ever before in practice.

In a relevant development in June 2019, Iranian Ambassador to Dushanbe Mohammad Taqi Saberi and Tajikistan's Culture Minister Shamsiddin Orumbekov, in a meeting in the Central Asian country's capital city, exchanged views on ways to broaden cooperation between the two countries, and vowed to boost bilateral cultural ties.

In the meeting in Dushanbe, Saberi and Orumbekov conferred on expansion of cultural relations and cooperation between the two countries.

Children's Rights Movie Named Best in Turkey



A still from Iranian movie 'After the Incident'.

TEHRAN (IFILM) -- Iranian movie 'After the Incident' has won award at the International Children's Rights Film Festival in Turkey.

Shahab Hosseini's latest film grabbed the best feature length movie award at the 2021 edition of the event.

Shahab Hosseini, Javad Ezzati and Bahram Afshari star in the film.

Directed by Pourya Heydari Oreh, the all-star cast movie is about a child's wish to score a goal against Esteghlal football team, with a number of prominent

footballers also appearing in the film.

Shahab Hosseini has partnered with one of the picture companies that produce the movie.

Some of the crew members include cinematographer Alireza Barazande, sound engineer Amir Torabi, editor Sara Ahani and scenic designer Babak Panahi.

The festival, organized annually to create awareness about children's rights by the Children's Rights Culture and Art Association, was held on November 12-20 in the historic coastal city of Izmir in Turkey.

Acclaimed Films Receive Awards at Italian Event

TEHRAN (IFILM) -- Iranian films 'I Won't Remain Alone' and 'The Badger' have been awarded at the Terni Film Festival in Italy.

'I Won't Remain Alone' was named the best short at the Italian festival.

Directed by Yaser Talibi, the film is about an elderly couple battling ill-health who lives in a small village in northern Iran. Sorraya and Jalal donated their son's organs after he was declared brain dead.

Meanwhile, Iranian feature 'The Badger' brought Kazem Mollaei the best director award at the Terni Film Festival.

"Right before Soodeh Sharifzadegan's second marriage, her 11-year-old son, Matiar is kidnapped. After considerable effort, Soodeh is forced to ask for the ransom money from her ex-husband. After Matiar's release, Soodeh, being curious, comes to the sudden realization that it was all her



A scene from Iranian films 'I Won't Remain Alone'.

son's plan to lay the ground for his father's return," a synopsis for 'The Badger' reads.

The latest edition of Terni Film Festival took place on November 6-14.

Best Director Award Goes to 'Khoonab' at U.S. Universal

TEHRAN (MNA) -- Iranian film 'Khoonab' has won the Best Director Award of the 11th edition of the Universal Film Festival in the U.S.

Directed by Mojtaba Ghasemi, 'Khoonab', as the only representative of Iranian cinema among more than 2,830 films from around the world, reached the final level of the festival and managed to win the Best Director Award of the festival in its competition with films from the United States, France, Italy and Spain.

Ghasemi has also won the best director of the Rome International Film Festival (2020 RIFF).

The film's synopsis read, "The



A still from Iranian film 'Khoonab'.

distance from ascent to descent is a narrow line of choice, a choice between good and evil."

The Universal Film Festival was founded in 2007 in Kansas City, Missouri, U.S.A., and has evolved into an internationally touring hybrid festival that includes both a live and a virtual interactive festival hosted by our festival partner Filmocracy.

Each year Universal Film Festival will take place in a different city and country and include both live and virtual interactive festival options and events, in addition to a "Global Village Showcase" experience unique to each host city and country.

Award-Winning Short Film 'Mostafa' Competes in Naples

TEHRAN (MNA) -- Iranian short film 'Mostafa' has been selected to participate in the competition section of the 18th accordi @ DISACCORDI - International Short Film Festival.

Directed by Alireza Teymouri and produced by Peyman Shahmohammadi, 'Mostafa' will take part in the competition section of the accordi @ DISACCORDI - International Short Film Festival.

'Mostafa' is the story of an Afghan man who lives with his family in Iran. This family does not have any identity cards and this creates a problem for them.

The short film has been produced with the support of the South Regional Film Organization and the Swedish Institute Film.

'Mostafa' has won the Best Director Award at the International Kolkata Short Film Festival in India.

Accordi @ DISACCORDI - International Short Film Festival celebrates its 18th anniversary from November

16 to December 5, 2021, in Naples, Italy.

It is an audience-friendly festival that focuses on quality programming of all genres.



Picture of the Day



A collection of paintings by Molood Akkaffzadeh is currently on display in an exhibition at Jaleh Gallery. The showcase entitled "Embellishment" will run until November 29.

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