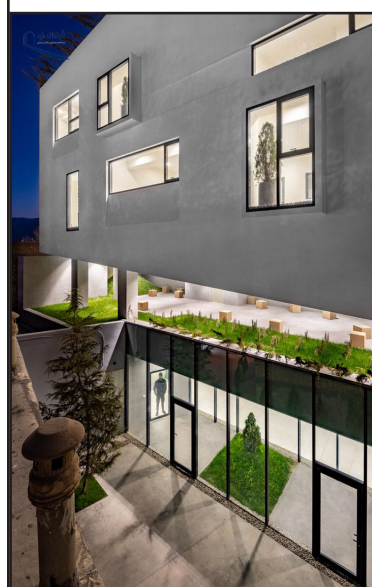


Architectural BLT Design Award Goes to Iran's Kia Lab



TEHRAN (Honaronline) – Kia Lab has won prize at the BLT Built Design Awards.

The event is an annual competition focusing on architecture, interior design, construction products and project management.

Kia Lab, a clinical laboratory located in the town of Qarah Ziaeddin, West Azarbaijan Province, won the award in the Architectural Design - Healthcare and Wellness Facilities category.

In designing the Kia Laboratory Project, Davood Boroojeni's Office has tried to create an interaction between the building and the city by adding a new function to the building, which is having the role of an urban hangout, and blurring the border between city and building.

In this way, the user is faced with a structure that is both a building and a city, and the border between the two is not easily recognizable.

The idea of building-city was formed after conducting different field studies and interviews with

the residents of Qarah Ziaeddin, where inhabitants considered the existence of security and the absence of coexistence spaces as two characteristics of the location.

The laboratory has been inspired in architecture by elements from ancient Iranian monuments.

In Kia Laboratory, people can enter the building through stairs and reach the first floor, without the need to enter the building and be on the ground floor. The first floor is empty space with a view of the street.

The physical structure of the laboratory has been designed and built based on the geometry and layout of the area, and is level with the neighbors' roofs. From this level up, the formation of the building's structure is different.

The BLT Built Design Awards is an annual competition focusing on architecture, interior design, construction products and project management. All entries are voted on by a grand jury panel composed of experienced and prominent academics, professionals, press members, entrepreneurs and leaders within the building industry.

Winners will receive extensive publicity over the next year to present their achievements to a global audience. Their designs will be featured in the BLT Awards annual Catalog of Design, which will be distributed worldwide, and they will also receive the BLT Built Design Awards certificate and badge of Achievement, as well as a year-round profile in the BLT Awards Online Architectural Directory.

Award-Winning 'Loupetoo' Makes It to U.S. Kids Festival



A still from Iranian animation 'Loupetoo'.

TEHRAN (IFILM) – Iranian animation 'Loupetoo' has made its way to the Kids First Film Festival in the United States.

'Loupetoo' by Abbas Askari will be screened at the 19th edition of Kids First Film Festival, Soureh Cinema Organization said.

The film's name is inspired by the word Kermani people of Iran use to refer to handmade toys that mothers used to make for their children in the past.

The animation is about a hospital where Dr. Saeed Kamali treats his mental patients through letting them make

toys.

"A person disguised as a patient vandalizes the workshop and causes its closure. The doctor's son, Ali, tries to help his father to solve the problem," a synopsis for the film reads.

'Loupetoo' previously took part in various festivals in Iran and across the world, including the Universal Kids Film Festival in Turkey.

It was also awarded at the 4th edition of Ahmedabad International Children Film Festival (AICFF) in India.

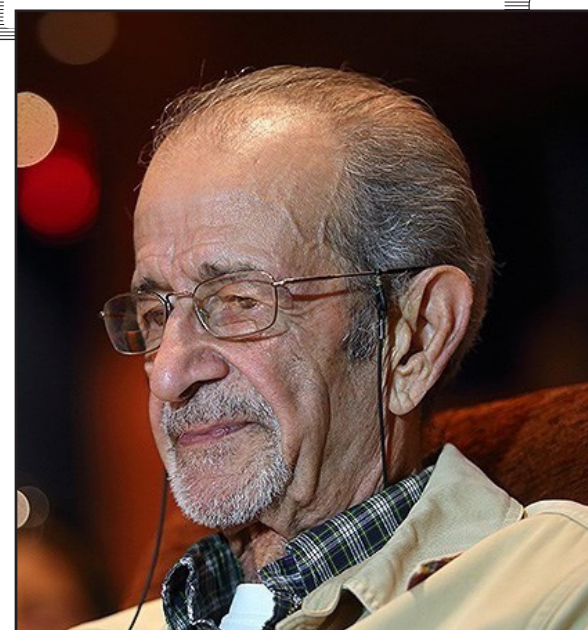
The 19th Kids First Film Festival will take place on January 21-28.

Noted Voice Actor Hooshang Latifpour Passes Away

TEHRAN(MNA) – Renowned Iranian voice actor Hooshang Latifpour passed away at the age of 90.

Latifpour, who was professional in the field of dubbing, passed away on Monday night in the Canadian city of Vancouver on Monday night.

Latifpour lent his voice to famous foreign and domestic actors. He was one of the first dubbing directors in Iran.



Late Iranian voice actor Hooshang Latifpour.

Tehran, Dushanbe Eager to Expand Scientific Ties



TEHRAN (IRNA) – Deputy foreign minister for international affairs and the head of Tajikistan Academy of Sciences in a meeting here on Tuesday agreed on the need to broaden bilateral scientific cooperation.

Deputy Foreign Minister Vahid Haddadi-Asl and Tajik sci-

entific official Fahad Rahimi in their meeting at Science Ministry agreed on the need for strengthening scientific relations between the two countries' universities' science faculty members and researchers and implementing joint scientific projects.

In the meeting in the presence of the Ambassador of Tajikistan in Iran Zahedi Nezameddin Shamseddinzadeh, the two sides stressed the need for having broader scientific and technological cooperation and it was agreed that a Joint Scientific Cooperation Committee will be established in very near future.

Haddadi-Asl in the meeting referred to the joint languages and religions, as well as geographical proximity as factors that can deepen bilateral cooperation, noting that the past of the two countries, too, has always been a history of cooperation and friendship.

He said that cooperation in the field of exchanging university students and providing opportunities for higher education studies for both sides' students were agreed in a recent meeting with the ambassador of Tajikistan.

"It was also agreed that science faculty members of the two countries universities, too, will be exchanged and their presence in scientific projects and seminars will be more frequently facilitated," added the Iranian deputy foreign minister.

The head of Tajikistan Academy of Sciences, too, said in the meeting that his country is enthusiastically waiting for broader scientific cooperation with Iran and exchange of professors of sciences of the two countries is an appropriate first step in that respect.

Farhad Rahimi added, "During the recent years when I was a deputy science and knowledge of Tajikistan I had visited of the Iranian universities and research centers and I am well aware of the scientific progress in different fields in Iran."

Malaysian Storyteller Inspired by Iranian Culture

TEHRAN (Honaronline) – Malaysian storyteller Nor Azhar Ishak has said that he has been influenced by Iranian art, culture and the skills of Iranian storytellers.

Ishak is competing in the 24th edition of the International Storytelling Festival, which opened on Sunday in the central Iranian city of Yazd.

He is scheduled to share his story "A Pangolin Story" during the festival, which is organized annually by the Institute for Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults - Kanoon.

"I hope Iran and Iranian storytellers would share their ideas and skills with storytellers in other countries," Ishak said in a press release Kanoon published on Monday.

A science museum educator and award-winning picture book writer and illustrator, Ishak also gave performances at the festival in 2018 and 2021.

He said that he has been very interested in the history and culture of different countries, including Iran, and talked about his interest in Persian literature.

"When I was invited to the festival in 2018, I had an opportunity to learn about Iran and increase my knowledge about the country," he noted.

"Stories help transfer information through emotional communication and develop a mutual understanding. By stories from different cultures, we may achieve a deep understanding of others' experiences and better realize human value," he added.

"We have been overwhelmed by modernism willy-nilly; however, I believe that storytelling art may adapt itself to the age of communication and update itself on the younger generation," he explained.

Ishak won the consolation prize in the DBP Picture Book Award 2013, and the YGL-Oyez! Picture Book Award.

He has previously said that he has always loved looking at pictures and making them.

"My father loves art and my mother is the creative one. My sisters helped shape my interest in children's books. But as time went by, I fell in love with children's picture books. They look simple yet there is a great deal of thought and effort that goes into making one," he added.

The American author and illustrator, Eric Carle, is his favorite.



"Carle once said that picture books are an introduction to literature for the very young reader. I hope to be able to encourage children to see how wonderful it is to be surrounded and touched by books,"

Picture of the Day



Located in Mehriz County in Yazd Province of Iran, Ernan castle dates back to the Qajar era and its architectural style is unique.

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