

Tourism Exhibition Amazes Kazakh Tourist



TEHRAN (IFILM) -- A Kazakh tourist visiting the 2023 Tehran International Tourism Exhibition has been amazed by beautiful Iranian culture and hospitality.

A video went viral recently featuring a tourist from Kazakhstan who showed her appreciation for Iran's culture and hospitality while attending the 16th International Tourism Exhibition and the 36th National Handicrafts Exhibition.

From the bustling streets of Tehran to the stunning historical monuments of Shiraz, tourists find Iran a captivating destination.

The 16th International Tourism Exhibition wrapped up on February 10 in the Iranian capital city of Tehran.

Many international visitors to the exhibition had the chance to experience the nation's culture, art, and hospitality firsthand. From the traditionally warm welcome of its people to its rich history, the beauty of Iran leaves tourists in awe with notable memories of their journey.

Iran, Turkmenistan Expand Cultural Ties

TEHRAN (IP) - The Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance of the Islamic Republic of Iran emphasized that Cultural relations with Muslim neighboring countries are the priority of the government's plans.

Mohammad Mehdi Esmaili, the Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance, left for Ashgabat in order to participate in Iran's cultural week programs in Turkmenistan.

Iran's cultural week in Turkmenistan will be held from February 12 to 14, 2023 with the joint cooperation of the Islamic Republic of Iran's embassy and Iran's cultural attaché office, and the Ministry of Culture of Turkmenistan.

This cultural event with the presence of the Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance, the Minister of Culture of Turkmenistan, and selected Iranian artists will be held for 3 days in Ashgabat, the capital of Turkmenistan.

Mohammad Mahdi Esmaili, the Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance said regarding his trip to Turkmenistan and his participation in Iran's cultural week in this country: "Cultural relations with neighboring, friendly and Muslim countries are the priority of the government, and



this year we have had regular relations with all these countries."

According to Iran Press News Agency, the Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance added: "At the invitation of the Minister of Culture

of Turkmenistan, I am going to this country to participate in the Iran Cultural Week in Turkmenistan, and we hope that during this trip we will have new agreements in all fields, especially the field of culture and art."

Nanotechnology, Great Success in Iran



TEHRAN (IMNA) - With the support of talented academicians and knowledge-based companies, the nanotechnology sector has indigenized many technologies to solve the main challenges of the country in various areas, including industry.

Producing coronavirus diagnostic kits by Iranian knowledge-based companies and receiving requests for buying the product from around 40 countries are among the notable achievements of the nanotechnology sector.

ICU ventilators for Covid-19 patients, face masks and laser thermometers, household appliances, cars, medicine and medical supplies, textiles, air purifiers, catalysts, power plant filters, oil well drilling equipment, valves and pipe fittings, water disinfectants, and water-proof coatings are among the products that have been produced by domestic nanotechnology companies.

The national document on promoting the application of nanotechnology has outlined the path to achieving the major goals of the development of nanotechnology in the country.

According to the document, 12,199 articles by Iranian researchers related to nanotechnology were indexed in the Web of Science (WoS) in 2021, which was equivalent to 41.5 percent of all articles published in the nanotechnology sector.

This share of the nanotechnology articles placed Iran fourth in the world in 2020 and 2021.

It is noteworthy that before the establishment of the national headquarters for nanotechnology development in 2000, the country ranked 58th in the world and 6th in the Middle East with publishing just eight articles.

Iran currently ranks fourth in nanotechnology in the world after the United States, India, and China

Currently, 66 Iranian universities accept students in the master's program and 22 universities in the doctoral program in various fields of nanotechnology.

The expansion of exports in recent years and the creation of bases in China, India, Indonesia, Syria, Turkey, and

Iraq have provided a platform for the entry of Iran's nanotechnology goods, equipment, and services into the world markets.

So far, Iranian nanotechnology products have been exported to 49 countries from five continents. The sale of nanotechnology equipment in the past Iranian calendar year (March 2021-March 2022) grew by about 59 percent.

Textiles, with an export value of nearly four million dollars, have the most diversity in terms of destinations by being exported to more than 20 countries.

After textiles, the most diverse export destinations have been nanotechnology equipment. However, in the fields of optoelectronics, automobiles, oil, and gas, the destinations have been limited to one or two countries.

On November 28, 2022, President Ebrahim Raisi declared to implement the national document for promoting the application of nanotechnology.

Consisting of 7 articles, the ten-year document aims to train human resources and provide infrastructure for the development and commercialization of technology. Priority industrial areas are water and environment, energy, agriculture, health, and construction.

In this document, Iran was targeted to be among the top 15 nanotechnology countries in the world and aimed to generate wealth and improve people's lives.

In order to continue the nanotechnology progress, the upcoming national document has been compiled with new goals and approaches such as being a reference in science and technology, industrialization, maximum impact of nanotechnology in priority industrial areas, and entry of nano products into the global markets and the promotion of people's lives.

By 2033, the advancements of nanotechnology in Iran will improve the quality of life and the production of wealth. The country moves towards global authority in science and nanotechnology by producing innovative products while having a stable place in the market of other countries.

Resistance International Festival Participation Deadline Extended

TEHRAN (IFILM) -- The Resistance International Film Festival has extended the deadline for entries.

The call for entries of the 2023 edition of the event was extended until February 16.

The RIFF, one of the most prestigious international film festivals in Iran, is dedicated to productions on wars and the repercussions of armed conflicts in the world.

It also puts a spotlight on the

resistance of the Palestinian people against the Zionist regime, Daesh and their terrorist attacks in the region as well as the world's tyrants and their backing of Daesh.

The 17th edition of the biennial festival of RIFF will take place on March 3-8, 2023 in the southern city of Bandar Abbas.

The upcoming edition of the event will be held on a warship in the Persian Gulf.

Jalal Ghafari, the secretary of the 17th edition of the event, said "We suggested to hold the festival in an important location such as on the deck of Shahid Soleimani warship to deliver an important message to the world".

The newly unveiled Shahid Soleimani warship is named after Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani, who was assassinated by the U.S. military in 2020.



Traffic Noise Linked With Tinnitus

COPENHAGEN (Dispatches) -- Researchers have found that the more traffic noise people are exposed to in their homes, the more they are at risk of developing tinnitus.

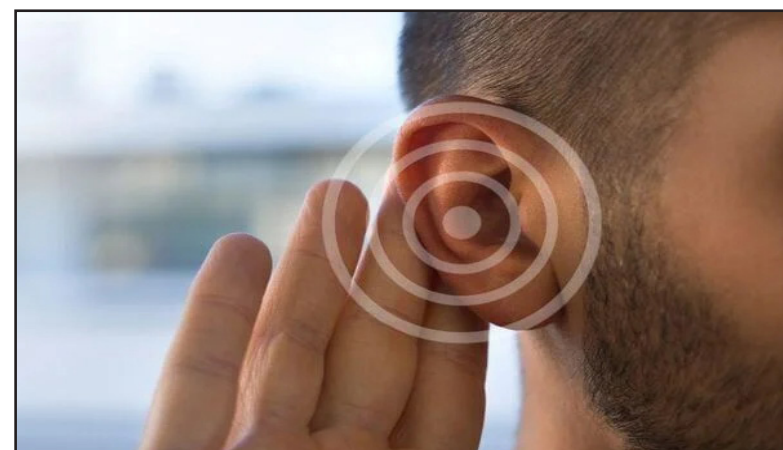
In a recent study, researchers from the Department of Clinical Research and the Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Institute at the University of Southern Denmark (SDU) found correlation between traffic noise and risk of developing tinnitus. They pointed to a vicious cycle involving stress reactions and sleep disturbance as a potential cause.

In their data, they found more than 40,000 cases of tinnitus and could see that for every ten decibels more noise in people's home, the risk of developing tinnitus increased by six percent.

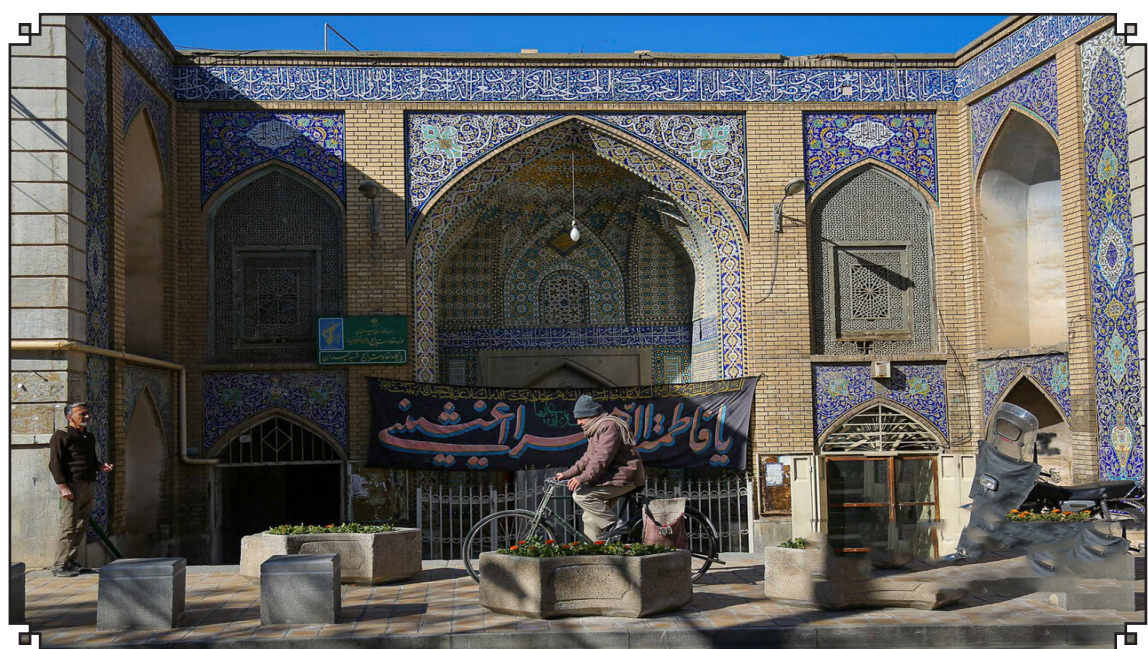
The researchers believe that noise at nighttime can be even worse for health.

Tinnitus is a subjective experience of sound that does not come from an external source. It can be described as a ringing, buzzing, humming or other form of sound in the ears or in the head. Tinnitus can be a symptom of an underlying disease or injury, but can also be idiopathic, which means the cause is not known. Very often tinnitus occurs in connection

with hearing loss. Tinnitus can have a negative impact on quality of life as it can cause sleep problems, difficulty concentrating, and depression. There are several possibilities to reduce tinnitus symptoms, including psychological treatment and hearing aids.



Picture of the Day



At the intersection of Tayeb and Mir-Damad streets, is located the remnants of Darb-e Kushk, which was once an ancient neighborhood of Isfahan, prosperous in the Aq-Qoyunlu epoch (1378-1503). An ancient inscription suggests the portal (also known as Sar-dar-e Zaviyeh Bab al-Qasr) dates to the reign of Aq-Qoyunlu, ruler Abol-Mozafar Rostam Bahador khan. Six-pointed star panels and vegetal patterns are used to decorate it.

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