

Bandar Khamir Registered as Wetland City of World

TEHRAN (IFP) -- Bandar e Khamir in southern Iran has been registered as a wetland city of the world along with 24 other cities from 13 countries. That's according to the Iranian port city's mayor, Javad Mahmoudi.

The mayor said for the first time, Bandar e Khamir, along with the city of Varzaneh, next to Gavkhouni Lagoon, has been registered as wetland cities.

Mahmoudi added that the people of Bandar e Khamir made efforts for many years to win this title and now they have made it.

He added that Bandar e Khamir was already in the focus of national and international attention due to its people's involvement in social activities, particularly their efforts to preserve Khur Khuran wetland.



Bandar e Khamir in southern Iran.

Mahmoudi noted that Bandar e Khamir succeeded in getting itself registered as the first Iranian wetland city and also win the membership of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities. A certificate and award to this effect will be bestowed on Bandar e Khamir's mayor in Wuhan, China in late summer.

Tehran, Baghdad Discuss Interest in Music



TEHRAN (IRNA) -- Alaa Majid, Director General of Musical Arts Department in the Iraqi Ministry of Culture said that Iran and Iraq enjoy commonalities in musical maqams and have the same spirit of music with different languages.

Majid made the remarks in a meeting with his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Allahyari.

The Iraqi people are also very interested in Iranian music and listen to Iranian music in their cars, he added.

Fortunately, there is good

willingness to cooperate between the Iranian and Iraqi governments, and this is a great opportunity for both sides to be able to establish extensive cooperation.

Meanwhile, Allahyari elaborated on structure of musical activities in Iran and introduced music festivals in the country.

He suggested Iraqi musical groups' presence in Fajr Music Festival.

He referred to National Festival of Youth Music as the most important festival for talent spotting for the young generation in Iran.

UK Kingston Hosts Iran's 'Viewpoint'



TEHRAN (IFILM) -- Iranian 'Viewpoint' has been slated to take part in the Kingston International Film Festival (KIFF) in the UK.

Directed by Mohsen Mohammadi, the flick will be competing in the student films section of the festival.

It is about a young couple carried away by a neon sign on a billboard and a challenge grows heated.

Both read it as something new, and every time they see it in the same way. They keep playing this game until the word on the billboard doesn't even matter to them.

They try to reach a collective conclusion, which binds both of their minds together.

Finally, they agree on a false and nonexistent matter, and the word is something else.

The KIFF, aiming to support independent cinema, is dedicated to giving chances to both established and emerging independent filmmakers the opportunity to showcase their work to the industry.

This year's edition of the event will be held on June 24-26. the fest is also set to screen Iran's 'Pass' by Elika Abdollahi, 'Duchenne Boys' by Sohrab Kavir, 'For the Clean Up' by Mohammad Moravvej, and 'Naji' by Hossein Torkjoush,

In addition to the film screenings, the festival will host an extensive program of workshops, Q&A sessions and special events that will allow aspiring, interested and passionate talent to learn more about the industry and develop new skills.

Works Across Globe Participate in Iran Sport Film Festival

TEHRAN (MNA) -- More than 500 cinematic works will compete at the 13th Iran International Sports Film Festival that is set to take place in July 2022.

The secretariat of the festival has received the cinematic works from Iran and other 68 countries.

Movies with a sports theme that aims to promote the objectives of the Olympic and the Olympic movement and strengthen the strong spirit of the Olympic and athletic manner will be eligible for



participation in this cultural and sports event under the terms and conditions out-

lined in the festival, the official website of the festival reports.

The Cinematic fiction films, video fiction films – short films, feature films, animation – documentaries, television programs, teasers, and music videos produced from 2019 to 2022 can participate in one of the following sections of the festival after completing the required form and providing the necessary information, the source adds.

Winners will be submitted to the 2022 Milano International FICTS Film Festival by the secretariat of the Iran Festival, it notes.

Award-Winning Animation Takes Part at Canadian Event

TEHRAN (IFILM) -- Iranian short animation 'The Hand and the Egg' has been set to be screened at the St. John's International Women's Film Festival (SIJWFF) in Canada.

Directed by Fatemeh Gharavi Manjili, the 6-minute short animation will be among the screening titles of the Canadian event's 33rd edition.

'The Hand and the Egg' is the fantastical story of a cheerful little girl goes on a journey with a tiny bird to help find her missing egg. The culprit is a mysterious long hand that reaches everything and has been stealing every bird's eggs.

The short flick has already been screened at various global events, including the Tracce Cinematografiche filmfest in Italy and the Tehran International Animation Film Festival, where it grabbed the honorary award of the Children and Youth section of the event.

Established in 1989, the

SIJWFF is one of the longest-running women's film festivals globally which supports and promotes women filmmakers around the world.

This year's edition of the event is slated for October 19-23.



Picture of the Day



Shams-ol-Emareh palace is regarded as the oldest multistory built during the Qajar era. The UNESCO-inscribed palace is a five-story building with a unique western style of architecture. The clock mounted on top of the mansion is a gift from former Queen of the United Kingdom, Queen Victoria to Nasser al-Din Shah Qajar. According to historical documents, the cost of building the mansion in the 19th century amounted to 40,000 rials.

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