

Iran Takes Part at Bologna Children's Book Fair



TEHRAN (IBNA) – Iran's Book and Literature House Institute issued a call inviting Iranian publishers and book activists to participate at the 60th Bologna Children's Book Fair (BCBF) scheduled for March 6 to 9 2023.

All active Iranian publishers, print industry unions, cultural institutes, literary agents and children's books illustrators have been addressed by the Book and Literature House institute to register for the event.

Registration for attending Iran's stand at the 60th Bologna Children's Book Fair will continue to November 11 on the website: ketab.ir.

The deadline for submitting the list of appropriate children's books as well as catalogs and brochures is December 1. Also those interested may send the original books not later than January 10 to the Book and Literature House Institute. The books

must be published by the permission of Iran's Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance.

Since 1963, BCBF is held yearly for four days in March or April in Bologna, Italy. It is the meeting place for all professionals involved with creating and publishing children's books, and is mainly used for the buying and selling of rights, both for translations and for derived products like movies or animated series.

It is also the event where a number of major awards are given, the BolognaRagazzi Awards, in four categories (Fiction, Non-fiction, New Horizons (for the non-Western world) and Opera Prima (for first works).

During the fair, but separate from it, some major awards are announced, including the biannual Hans Christian Andersen Awards and the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award.

Tehran Holds Book Week



TEHRAN (IBNA) - CEO of Iran's Book and Literature House Institute Ali Ramezani said at a meeting of the Programming Council of the 30th Book Week that book industry is the largest culture industry of the country.

The third meeting of the Programming Council of the 30th Book Week of the Islamic Republic of Iran was held on Wednesday with Ali Ramezani who is also the Secretary of the 30th Book Week of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the members of the council in attendance at Iran's Book and Literature House Institute.

In the beginning, Ramezani referred to the motto of the 30th Book Week of Iran, "We Are What We Read" and said: "We have tried to take consideration of all different groups of book readers; Many of them have achieved their current position through books."

"Bookstore Buying System" will be unveiled in the book week and will be of great help to bookstores. During the book week, we'll try to make the public space of the society take on the color and smell of books because the books are able to appease the mood of the society."

"From various aspects such as economic volume, number of activists, the volume of production and level of influence, the book industry is the largest cultural industry in the country. We in Iran's Book and Literature House as the center which re-

ords statistics and information on books in the country can provide explanations on this issue," he said.

From an economic point of view, based on statistics 65,000 billion rials books have been sold. Some of these statistics have not been announced due to under-reporting or lack of reporting. In terms of the number of activists and centers active in the field of books and reading, this industry is still the forerunner."

"For example, more than six thousand librarians are active in the public libraries of the country."

Also, last year, we had over 5000 active publishers in the country, and the information of more than 28,000 literati has been registered in the data bank of Iran's Book and Literature House," he pointed out.

Ramezani went on to say: "The third index is the bulk of production. Last year, over 111,000 books were published in the country, of which over 80,000 were first editions."

"If we exclude textbooks and academic books from the total number of books published in the country, there will be a huge number of first edition books in the country."

"And finally the fourth indicator is the level of influence which helps to improve the existing concept in the publishing environment of the country," CEO of Iran's Book and Literature House added.

Tajikistan Embraces Iranian Art, Culture

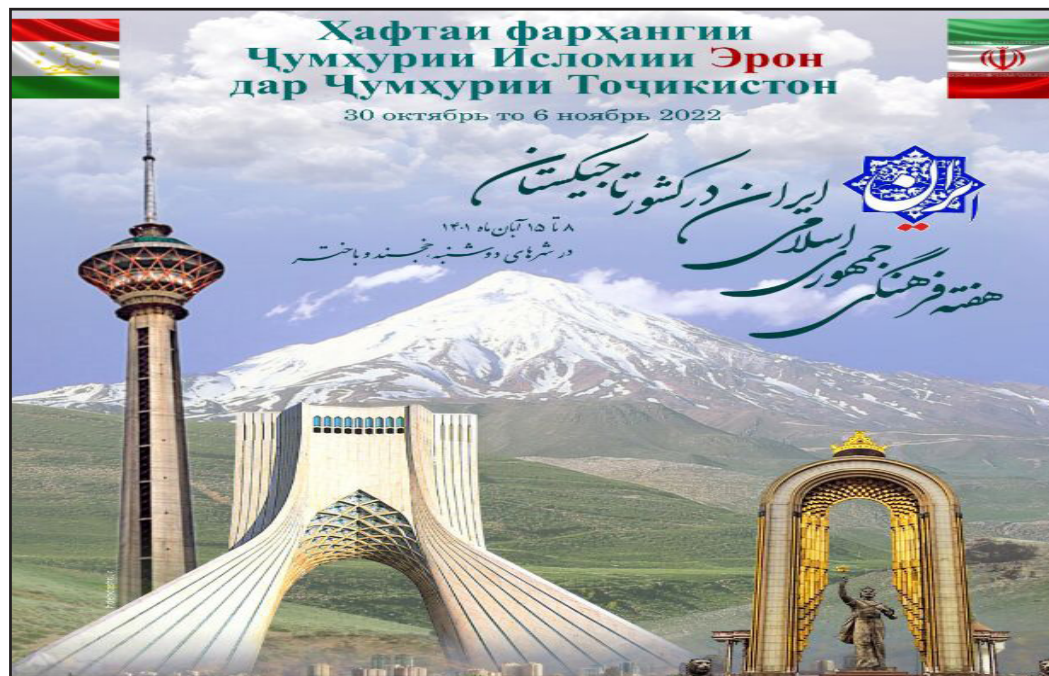
TEHRAN (IRNA) – Deputy culture and Islamic guidance minister for artistic affairs said that the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Tajikistan have established a joint cultural region."

On Thursday, November 3, Mahmoud Salari in an address in continuation of the Iran Culture Week in Tajikistan at Bokhtar Culture Palace appreciated the hospitable people of Tajikistan, whom he said share the same culture as the Iranians and said that the Iranian nation says hello to their brethren and sisters in Tajikistan.

"The Iranian people consider you their relatives and love you," he added.

Salari also referred to the recent holding of Tajikistan Culture Week in three Iranian cities, emphasizing, "We are very delighted that Iran and Tajikistan have wisely annulled the plots hatched by alien enemies, and resorting to love and kindness policy established their joint cultural region."

Then the governor of Bakhtor said that Tajikistan is the home for all Farsi language speaking people in the world, adding, "Today we are very delighted to be the hosts of Iranian art and culture officials and other cultural personalities



from Iran."

Firouzeh Sharifzadeh meanwhile referring to the cultural, historical and... commonalities of the two countries, said that the two countries' cultural relations began with poets and poetry,

and it still continues on the same path.

She also referred to the holding of the two countries' culture weeks in each other's cities, arguing that such events contribute to broadening and deepening bilateral ties and cooperation.

Fajr Theater Festival Calls For Global Participation

TEHRAN (IFILM) -- Theatrical troupes are invited to take part in the international competition section of the 41st Fajr International Theater Festival (FITF) in Iran.

Both Iranian and foreign theatrical troupes can participate in the international competition section of FITF.

Those interested in competing in the festival have until December 11 to upload their works on the festival's website.



The official selection will be announced on December 26.

The 41st edition of Fajr International Theater Festival will be headed by Kourosh Zarei.

The annual Fajr International Theater Festival was established in the early 1980s.

It features local and international theatrical works and performances.

The upcoming edition of the FITF is scheduled for February 2023.

Highly Applauded Animation Competes in Australia

TEHRAN (IFILM) –The 27th edition of the Canberra Short Film Festival (CSFF) in Australia is set to screen Iranian animation 'The Sprayer'.

"The Sprayer", directed by Farnoush Abedi, will take part in the festival's Future Worlds category.

"One day, a soldier finds a seed buried deep down in the dust..." a synopsis for the film reads.

The film previously took part in several festivals, including the DC Shorts Film Festival in the U.S.

It also managed to win the Best Animation award at the 3rd edition of the Better World Film Festival in Germany.

The 27th edition of CSFF will also screen more than a dozen films from Iran in a program named "Iranian Nights".

The Iranian films screened as part of the program include "The Savior" by Soheila Pourmohammadi, among others.

The first part of the program will be held on November 11, while the other leg is slated for November 13.

The Canberra Short Film Festival screens "the best short films, from Australia and around the globe, across the Canberra region", the website of the event reads.

"We look for films of any genre and style that feature;

high production values, innovation, thought-provoking themes, great use of the medium and beautiful storytelling; up to 20 minutes in length and made within the previous 18 months," it adds.

The upcoming edition of the CSFF will take place on November 4-20.



Picture of the Day



The Alborz mountain range is home to the loftiest mountains in Iran, dazzling its visitors with snowy peaks and numerous natural attractions.

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