

Chinese, Iranian Media Discuss Closer Cooperation



BEIJING (Dispatches) -- Iranian and Chinese media from Qinghai province have held a joint meeting in Xining.

Addressing the event, Ying Xiuli, the deputy director of the Foreign Affairs Office of Qinghai province, said that media is an important way to promote friendly cooperation.

She said Iran and China are in Asia and efforts have recently been made to expand relations based on the new concept of comprehensive strategic partnership.

The two countries have decided to strengthen a comprehensive strategic partnership, she said, adding that Qinghai's governor visited Iran, especially Ardabil province, where a bilateral agreement was also signed.

It created a new platform for deepening the practical relations between the two countries, she said.

Based on last year's agreement between the Qinghai

Governorate and Ardabil province, the two sides decided to cooperate on Tibetan carpets, potatoes, and corn oil and planting crops.

Environmental protection and clean energy are among the capacities of this province, she said.

"We hope to experience pleasing results in these cases and the rapid development of the green industry," Ying added.

An expert from the Center for Public and Media Diplomacy of Iran said relations between Iran and China have a long history and have always been peaceful.

The civilizational complexities of Iran and China have never been comprehensible to the West, and Westerners are unable to understand the cultural and social relations of the two countries, he added.

Media is the best tool for expanding bilateral cooperation, he noted.

'Loupetoo' Shortlisted for Kazan Film Festival



TEHRAN -- Acclaimed Iranian animation 'Loupetoo' has been shortlisted for the Kazan International Film Festival in Russia.

The animated film, directed by Abbas Askari, will be featured in the Animated Films section of the Russian fest, which will be held from 6 to 11 September.

The Animated Films is a new nomination presented at the 2024 Kazan International Film Festival.

The animation, produced by Iran's Soureh Cinema Organization, follows the story of Mr. Kamali, the owner of a sanitarium. He treats the patients by teaching them how to make creative and attractive toys.

Unfortunately, the toy studio is

shut down due to sabotage, leading to a decline in the patients' mental well-being. Despite Mr. Kamali's efforts, no positive results are seen until an angel of hope appears to assist him.

'Loupetoo' has won awards at several international festivals, including the award for best animation at the 2022 Ahmedabad International Children's Film Festival in India.

The Kazan International Film Festival is an annual cultural event based on principles reflecting human, spiritual, and moral values. It supports ideas of peacemaking, tolerance, and humanity regardless of nationality or religious affiliation.

Iran Tops Islamic Countries in Leiden University Ranking

TEHRAN -- Iran has secured the top position among Islamic countries in the latest global university rankings, according to the Islamic World Science Citation Center (ISC).

ISC head Ahmad Fazel-Zadeh said that 46 Iranian universities were included in the prestigious Leiden Ranking for 2024, placing the Islamic Republic at the forefront of the Islamic world in terms of higher education institutions.

He explained that a total of 1,506 universities worldwide were included in the latest Leiden Ranking, noting that the number of Iranian universities featured in the ranking remained unchanged compared to the previous year.

The top 10 Iranian universities in this global ranking are: University of Tehran, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tarbiat Modares University, Iran University of Science and Technology, Amirkabir



University of Technology, Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, Sharif University of Technology, University of Tabriz, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, and Shiraz University.

Universities from Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, respectively received the next highest rankings after Iran.

Exhibition of Educational Attractions to be Held in Iran

TEHRAN — An international exhibition on educational attractions will be held in Iran in a bid to showcase the capacity of Iranian universities to persuade foreign students to pursue their education in the Islamic Republic.

Muhammad Javad Salmanpour, an organizer for the exhibition, said that the event is scheduled to be held in late September or October.

The exhibition will feature 12 cultural and educational events, he said.

Iranian universities are to present their programs on teaching Farsi to non-Iranians, he further noted.

International students of the Iranian universities will unveil the scientific, economic, and cultural breakthroughs of the Islamic Republic, he added.

Knowledge-Based Iranian Company Develops E-Buses

TEHRAN -- A technologist at a knowledge-based company in Iran told ANA that he and his teammates have designed electric bus body structures and platforms, adding that the company has now the capability of manufacturing buses, vans, etc.

"This company operates in the field of design and construction of commercial vehicle platforms of vehicles such as buses, minibuses and vans. Platform design includes body structure, skeleton structure, chassis prototype design and bus engine and gearbox chassis assembly," said Saeid Shirazi.

"We designed and produced the first electric bus in cooperation with MAPNA Group, which has been approved by the Iran National Standards Organization (INSO)," he said.

Referring to the differences in the production of electric products of this company with other companies, he said, "Other companies imported electric cars from China or other countries, but our company did not. We comply with the 85 vehicle standards. We design our own body structures."

"The first company that designed the body structure and platform of the electric bus in Iran was this knowledge-based company. This structure was unveiled for the first time in Mashhad. The prototype of the

electric bus had three doors and the second model had two doors, and its dimensions have also been reduced," he said, adding, "This knowledge-based company has begun producing 10 electric buses and it is decided to begin its mass production."

Shirazi said batteries for electric buses is a serious challenge because and of course it is being locally produced by some companies now.

"The operational test of the electric bus batteries must be positive, and of course we



acquired good results in the country. It is also important to mention that foreign-made batteries were used in the first device we made," he further said.

"These batteries are rechargeable and have a lifespan of three years," said the Iranian technologists.

Picture of the Day



Vatan village in Azadshahr along the Khosh Yeylagh Main Road is a tourist attraction in Golestan province with its beautiful nature and terraced paddy fields.

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