

Iran, Iraq to further cooperate on climate, environmental research

Social Desk

The ministers of science from Iran and Iraq called for enhanced research cooperation to address climate and environmental challenges, as well as to further research and development in the oil industry.

Iraqi Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research Naeem Al-Aboudi met with Iranian Minister of Science, Research and Technology Mohammad Ali Zolfigol, IRNA wrote.

Zolfigol noted that many provisions of the Iran-Iraq scientific cooperation agreement have been implemented, resolving issues faced by Iraqi students in Iran.

The relationship between Iran and Iraq has improved over the past three years, Zolfigol added. A planned second meeting of university presidents from both countries, initially set to be hosted by Iraq, was postponed



due to an incident involving resident Raisi and his

companions. Al-Aboudi highlighted that over

100,000 Iraqi students are currently studying in Iranian uni-

versities, presenting a significant opportunity to enhance

cultural cooperation. He also mentioned Iraq's readiness to offer 100 scholarships to Iranian students.

The ministers discussed establishing joint universities and research centers, creating a science and technology park in Iraq, and facilitating Persian and Arabic language education to bolster cultural ties. In addition, the Iraqi delegation expressed interest in benefiting from Iran's experience in establishing technology parks and innovation hubs.

Iran's officials emphasized their willingness to support Iraqi academic staff in completing their education in Iran and to collaborate on international journal indexing and university rankings through the Institute for Science Citation (ISC) in Shiraz. Both sides agreed to continue discussions on specific proposals to further advance their scientific and academic cooperation.

Iranian, Russian universities to expand ties

Iran's Amirkabir University of Technology and Russia's Synergy University agreed to expand relations in education, focusing on joint courses in various fields.

A delegation from Synergy University visited Amirkabir University to explore scientific and industrial cooperation.

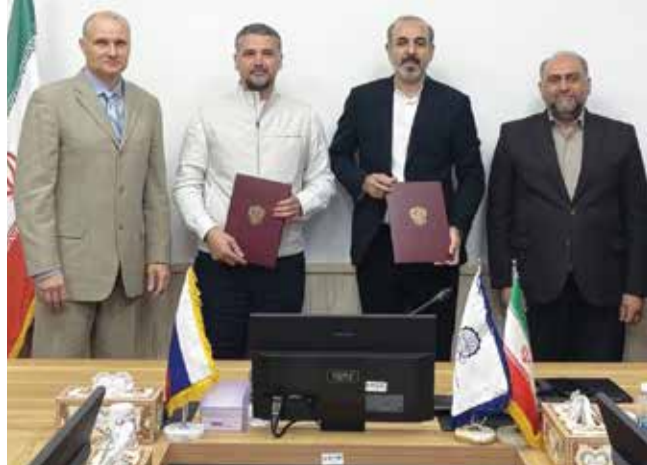
Officials from both universities discussed enhancing cooperation through joint courses in business management, robotics, artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship, and information technology.

The agreement includes the exchange of students and professors during the academic years. In addition, courses will be held in Persian and Russian languages to foster

cultural exchanges.

Amirkabir University, one of Iran's oldest and most prestigious technical institutes, has significantly contributed to educational and research projects. Synergy University officials, including its president and vice presidents, were introduced to Amirkabir's capabilities during their visit.

A joint meeting, attended by faculty members, outlined possible collaboration frameworks. Four mutual programs were proposed, focusing on short-term courses in business management and interdisciplinary fields. Online meetings between relevant faculties are scheduled for next month to plan the collaboration's details.



Iranian documentary 'Homa' awarded in France

Arts & Culture Desk

Gelareh Abbasi's documentary 'Homa' won the Best Director Documentary Short award at the World Film Festival in Cannes, announced Raft Films.

The film, which highlights the story of a blind addiction counselor and her marriage, has been praised internationally.

'Homa,' secured the award during its fifth international appearance. The monthly festival in Cannes showcases winning films, including 'Homa,' which will be screened in France soon. The documentary depicts the life of Homa Homavandi, a confident woman working at a rehab center, whose challenges do not

hinder her social engagement.

Before its Cannes success, 'Homa' received a Diploma of Honor at the FicFusa Festival in Colombia and a special award at the Accolade Global Film Competition in the US. It was also featured at the A Royal Chance Film Festival and the Melbourne Documentary Film Festival.



The 58th Karlovy Vary International Film Festival in the Czech Republic spotlights Iranian cinema with screenings of 'My Favourite Cake' and 'In the Land of Brothers.'

The 58th edition of the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival (KVIFF) kicked off in the Czech Republic with the screening of Viggo Mortensen's 'The Dead Don't Hurt.' The event, held at the Thermal Hotel, features various international films, including notable entries from Iran.

The event opened on June 28 and will run through July 6.

'My Favourite Cake,' directed by Behdash Sanaehea and Maryam Moghadam, is a collaborative production by Iran, France, Sweden, and Germany. It was screened on June 28, 29, and also is slated to be screened on July 3 and 6 in the non-competition Horizons section. Another Iranian film, 'In the Land of Brothers,' directed by Alireza Ghasemi and Raha Amirfazli, will have its European premiere in the Special Screenings category. Produced by Iran, France, and the Netherlands, it will be shown on July 2, 4, and 6.

Iranian films to hit silver screen at 58th Karlovy Vary Int'l Film Festival

The festival, under the leadership of Jiří Bartoška, also features retrospectives, awards, and special guests. Actor Viggo Mortensen received the Festival President's Award and expressed his gratitude for the selection of his film as the opening feature.

This year, the festival revisited its history, highlighting the crucial

support from partners that saved it from cancellation in 1994. President Jiří Bartoška emphasized the importance of this support during a reflective interview with host Marek Eben.

KVIFF continues to be a prominent event in Central and Eastern Europe, showcasing 164 films from around the world. This year's jury

for the main competition includes notable figures such as American producer Christine Vachon and Australian actor Geoffrey Rush.

In addition to Iranian films, the festival will honor various cinema figures, including American actor and director Viggo Mortensen, British actor Clive Owen, and Czech actor Ivan Trojan.

