

# Iran, Indonesia strengthen tourism ties



**Arts & Culture Desk**

Iran and Indonesia have taken steps to strengthen their tourism ties, launching Tourism Roadshow Southeast Asia 2024 in Indonesian capital of Jakarta highlighting the potential for collaboration in this sector. The Iranian Deputy Minister of Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Handicrafts, and Handicrafts, Ali-Asghar Shalbafian, led the delegation, which included public and private sector representatives. Shalbafian and Iran's ambassa-

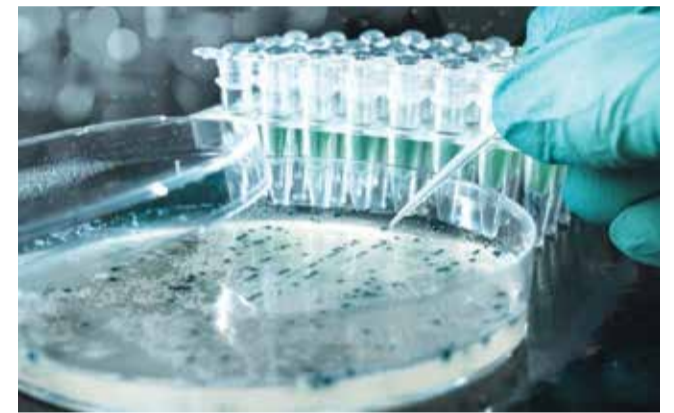
dor to Indonesia, Mohammad Boroujerdi, attended a meeting of the Association of Indonesian Tour and Travel Agencies (ASITA) at the Indonesian Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy. Shalbafian also held talks with the Indonesian Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy, Sandiaga Salahuddin Uno, to discuss mutual interests. In a separate meeting, the Iranian delegation met with Martini M. Paham, the Indonesian Deputy Minister for Human Resources and Institutions at the same ministry.

The Iranian deputy minister highlighted the importance of the Iran-Indonesia tourism conference in boosting cooperation between the two countries. He also emphasized the potential for collaboration in the areas of health, nature, historical, and religious tourism. Minister Uno echoed the sentiment, noting the existing opportunities for cooperation and suggesting that museum collaborations could further strengthen tourism ties between the two countries.

Iranian Deputy Minister of Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Handicrafts, Ali-Asghar Shalbafian, speaks at Tourism Roadshow Southeast Asia 2024 held at Indonesian capital of Jakarta on July 4, 2024. ● CHTN

As a result of the productive discussions, a memorandum of understanding on tourism cooperation was signed between the trade unions of both countries. This was followed by individual negotiations among tourism institution managers, marking a first for Indonesia. The meetings and agreements signal a promising future for tourism collaboration between Indonesia and Iran, with potential benefits for both countries' economies and cultural exchanges.

# Iran ready to help Turkey establish genetic bank



**Social Desk**

Iran is prepared to assist Turkey in establishing a genetic data bank, according to the head of Iran's Legal Medicine Organization. Abbas Masjedi, during a meeting with Hizir Asliyukse, head of Turkey's Legal Medicine, highlighted Iran's successful experience with its own genetic data bank. "Iran has valuable expertise in genetic data banks and is ready to collaborate with Turkey," Masjedi stated, ISNA wrote. The Iranian genetic bank, which is currently operational, stores the genetic profiles of repeat offenders and is working on including profiles of high-risk professionals such

as journalists, firefighters, and pilots. Masjedi noted that Iran's genetic bank efforts accelerated after developing domestic genetic kits and software. He emphasized that the organization operates independently under the judiciary, focusing on both scientific and service-oriented tasks. He also mentioned Iran's advances in forensic science, particularly in uncovering fraudulent accidents, which have significantly aided insurance companies. The Turkish official expressed enthusiasm about potential collaborations, proposing that Iran's forensic research achievements be showcased at an upcoming international congress in Turkey.

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