

University of Tehran signs MoUs with Russian, Malaysian counterparts

The University of Tehran signed memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with HSE University of Russia and MAHSA University of Malaysia, aiming to strengthen academic and cultural relations. The agreements were signed by President of the University of Tehran, Mohammad Moghimi, and the respective representatives of the Russian and



President of the University of Tehran Mohammad Moghimi (R) and Head of the HSE University of Russia Nikita Anisimov (L) sign an MoU in Tehran on July 9, 2024. ● IRNA



tween Moghimi and ambassadors, embassy staff, and university heads from 12 countries, underscoring the University of Tehran's commitment to fostering global connections and enhancing its international reputation. The University of Tehran, Russia's HSE University, and Malaysia's MAHSA University all

President of the University of Tehran Mohammad Moghimi (R) and Malaysia's Ambassador to Iran Khairi Bin Omar on behalf of MAHSA University in Malaysia shake hands after signing the MoU in Tehran on July 9, 2024. ● IRNA

Malaysian universities on Tuesday in Tehran. According to the agreements, the universities will facilitate academic exchanges, including

student and staff mobility, as well as joint research and educational initiatives. The universities also plan to hold joint conferences and seminars to further scientific cooperation.

One of the agreements was inked with Head of the HSE University of Russia Nikita Anisimov and the other with Malaysia's Ambassador to Iran Khairi Bin Omar on behalf of MAHSA

University. "These agreements are a step forward in promoting international academic collaboration," said Moghimi. "We believe that exchanging knowledge, expe-

riences, and cultural insights with our Russian and Malaysian partners will greatly benefit our students and staff." The signing ceremony took place during a meeting be-

share a dedication to academic excellence and a desire to create opportunities for their students and staff to engage in cross-cultural learning and research.

Two Iranian animations to compete in French festival

Two Iranian short animations, 'Jiroft' and 'Piano,' were selected to compete in the 11th edition of the Festival l'Art en Chemin 2024 in France. Produced by the Documentary and Experimental Film Center (DEFC), 'Jiroft,' directed by Marjan Keshani, and 'Piano,' directed by Keshani and Shahab Shamsi, will represent Iran in the festival's Competition Section, Mehr News Agency reported. 'Jiroft' depicts a battle between

an eagle and a snake painted on a jar, created by a goddess. On the other hand, 'Piano' tells the story of someone who wants to buy a piano, but due to the outbreak of war, is deprived of the simplest amenities of life. The Festival l'Art en Chemin 2024 showcases films that promote culture and arts, heritage, social interactions, and environmental protection. The 11th edition of the festival will take place on October 4 this year.



Iran's 'Orbital' wins at Interrobang Film Festival

The Iranian film 'Orbital,' directed by Meysam Hasanzadeh and produced by Alireza Alavian, was awarded the Best Feature Film award at the 13th In-

terrobang Film Festival in Des Moines, Iowa, the US. 'Orbital,' is distributed worldwide by Madaktuo Pictures. Prior to its win at Inter-

robang, the film had also taken home the Best Director Award at the 8th SoundScreen Film Festival in Italy. The film joins a grow-

ing list of Iranian films gaining recognition on the international festival circuit, showcasing the country's vibrant cinematic talent.

Iran urges SCO members to spearhead green development in region

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Ali Salajegheh, Iran's Head of the Department of Environment, emphasized the potential for green development within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and called for stronger ties among members of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) to improve the environmental conditions of the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman.

Speaking at the SCO Green Development Forum in Qingdao, China, Salajegheh highlighted the opportunity for SCO members to make a significant difference in green development in the region and set a global example for environmental cooperation, IRNA wrote. Salajegheh also met with Qatari Minister of Environment and Climate Change Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Subaie on the sidelines of the forum.

He emphasized continued cooperation in the field of the International Dust Summit and the exchange of experiences in monitoring the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman with the cooperation of regional countries. The Iranian official underscored the common responsibility of SCO members in addressing pressing global issues. Salajegheh also highlighted population growth, industrialization, migration,

infectious diseases, water scarcity, and the increase in greenhouse gases as factors disrupting the balance of ecosystems and posing risks to biodiversity, food security, human health, and the environment. While acknowledging the challenge of balancing environmental measures with development goals, Salajegheh emphasized that developing countries should prioritize social and economic development to

address poverty, healthcare, housing, and energy needs. Regarding ROPME, Salajegheh emphasized that strengthening ties among its members can significantly improve the environmental conditions of the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman. ROPME, established in Kuwait in 1979, coordinates the efforts of eight member states to protect the marine and coastal environment and ecosystems in the ROPME Sea Area. The Kuwait Regional Convention, adopted in 1978, aims to prevent, abate, and combat marine pollution in the region.

Dengue fever found in four Iranian provinces, sparking health alert

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Dengue fever, a mosquito-borne disease, has been detected in four provinces of Iran, with 63 confirmed cases and counting, according to health officials. The mosquito species Aedes, which carries the dengue virus, has been found in the provinces of Gilan, Sistan and Baluchestan, Bushehr, and Hormuzgan, said Hossein Farshidi, Deputy Health Minister. Farshidi warned that there is a risk of the mosquito spreading to neighboring provinces, including Khuzestan, Kerman, Golestan, and Mazandaran. Saeed Karimi, deputy medical director of the Health Ministry, stated that out of 200 individuals who presented to medical centers with severe symptoms of high fever and bone pain, 63

have tested positive for dengue fever, with more test results pending. Karimi attributed the rise in cases to travel to neighboring countries, particularly those in the Persian Gulf region, and advised travelers returning from these areas to seek medical attention if they experience any symptoms. The mosquito Aedes breeds in small stagnant water bodies and tire piles, and its bite can cause dengue fever, which is characterized by high fever, severe bone pain, and in some cases, bleeding and hospitalization. With a potential fatality rate of 1% for dengue fever, health authorities are urging the public to be vigilant and take precautions to avoid mosquito bites, especially in areas where the Aedes mosquito is known to be present.

