

Iranian students win four medals at Int'l Olympiad in Informatics



Social Desk

Iranian students won four medals at the 36th International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI), held in Alexandria, Egypt. The Iranian team, which consisted of high school students, won one gold, two silver, and one bronze medal, winning a

ninth-place finish in the team rankings, IRNA wrote. Amir Ali Asgari bagged a gold medal while Amir Hossein Farkhondehfar and Amir Reza Dorosti won silver medals. Parsa Farajpour walked away with a bronze. The top three spots were taken by

teams from China, the US, and Poland. The 36th International Olympiad in Informatics, which kicked off on September 1, drew hundreds of students from 96 countries. The event, which wraps up on September 9, is organized by the Arab Academy for Science, Technology, and

Maritime Transport (AASTMT) in Alexandria, with support from the Egyptian Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, and the Library of Alexandria. The Olympiad focuses on strengthening problem-solving skills among students

and is considered the second-most popular student Olympiad after mathematics. Its goal is to promote computer science among high school students. The Iranian team's participation at the Egypt-hosted computer Olympiad was virtual and online due to a delay in the issuance of visas for the students.

Pakistan marks Defense Day in Tehran, vows to solidify ties with Iran

International Desk

The Embassy of Pakistan in Tehran marked the country's Defense Day on September 6, commemorating the sacrifices of Pakistani soldiers in defending the nation's borders and sovereignty. More than 200 people, including high-ranking civil and military officers from the diplomatic community, businessmen, and individuals from all walks of life, attended the ceremony at Pakistan House in Tehran. Ambassador Muhammad Mudassar Tipu welcomed the guests and thanked Brig. Gen. Mohammad Ahadi, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces for International Cooperation and Defense Diplomacy, for gracing the occasion as the chief guest. Tipu said Ahadi's presence would "further solidify our bilateral relations," which

have seen a significant boost since the beginning of the year. "We have opened a new chapter in our relationship, and the political, military, and security leadership of both countries has played a critical and sincere role in solidifying and expanding this vitally important relationship," Tipu added. Defense and Army Attaché Brig. Muhammad Obaid Khan highlighted the significance of Defense Day, underlining the immense courage and sacrifices of Pakistani soldiers. He noted that September 6 marks a key moment in Pakistan's history when the nation stood united to defeat a numerically superior adversary. Khan also drew attention to the plight of people in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, who have endured decades of injustice and bru-

ality. "On this day, we must also remember the sacrifices of our brethren in Kashmir," he said. Brig. Gen. Ahadi, in his address, congratulated Pakistan on its Defense Day and praised the close relations and cooperation between the two countries' armed forces. He said that effective and serious steps have been taken to establish security on both sides of the common border, with a determination to transform it into a border of friendship and prosperity. "We have taken concrete steps to secure our common border and turn it into a symbol of friendship and cooperation," Ahadi said. The ceremony also featured the reading of messages from Pakistan's president and prime minister. Guests were treated to traditional Pakistani cuisine, which added to the festive atmosphere.

Iranian photographer receives top prize at Hungarian nature festival



An Iranian photographer affiliated with Iranian news agency IRNA Mehdi Mohebi Pour won the Grand Prize at the annual Our Nature photo Award in Hungary aka FotoKozma. Mohebi Pour's winning photo 'The Bitter Death of Birds,' which was taken on Miankaleh

Island, which highlights the plight of birds, earned him the Golden Fox Award at the festival, IRNA reported. The photo festival, which showcases the most inspiring nature photos from around the world, drew 2,000 entries from 187 photographers in 41

countries. A panel of judges, comprising prominent environmental and photography experts, reviewed all the submissions based on artistic and technical quality, as well as their relevance to the theme of the future of nature.

10th edition of IFFZ dedicated to memory of Dariush Mehrjui

The 10th International Iranian Film Festival Zurich (IFFZ) will pay tribute to late Iranian filmmaker Dariush Mehrjui, who was killed along with his wife in October 2023. The festival, scheduled for Sept. 11-19, 2024, in Zurich, Switzerland, will feature 12 Iranian films in competition. The event will also include a classic Iranian film section, showcasing works by renowned directors such as Abbas Kiarostami and Bahram Beyzai, ISNA wrote. Mehrjui, a veteran Iranian director, and his wife, Vahideh Mohammadifar, were found stabbed to death in their home in Karaj, Iran, on Oct. 14, 2023. Yadollah Daj will serve as the festival's secretary.

