

Iranian students shine at South Korea Olympiad with three medals

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Young Iranian inventors received two gold medals and one silver medal at the 7th International Creative Papers Conferences and Olympics (ICPC) in South Korea. Mehdi Rashidi-Jahan, the head of the Iranian student teams, expressed pride in their success, stating, "The young Iranian inventors have excelled in this international competition." Hosted by the Korea University Invention Association, the competition was held from January 16 to 17, attracting participants from 13 countries including the US, New Zealand, Kazakhstan, Iran, Malaysia, Indonesia, and China, IRNA reported. Rashidi-Jahan noted that the competition encompassed a wide range of fields, including mechatronics, artificial intelligence, programming, electronics, chemistry and nanotechnology, biotechnology, cognitive sci-

ences, renewable energies, physics, and astronomy. Highlighting the achievements of the Iranian teams, Rashidi-Jahan announced that the duo of Alireza Jafarnejad and Mehran Rajabi won a gold medal in the mechatronics category, while the team of Moayyed Rajabi and Helena Rajabi secured another gold in artificial intelligence. "These two golds are a significant accomplishment for Iran at the International Research and Inventions Olympiad," he remarked. Additionally, Rashidi-Jahan revealed that the research papers of the winning teams would be published in reputable South Korean journals. He also mentioned that the team comprising Taha Kanani and Mohammad Hossein Rahmani earned a silver medal in the chemistry and nanotechnology category, further showcasing the talent of Iranian students on an international stage.



Iranian photographer picked as juror for Russia's 35AWARDS



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Iranian photographer Mehdi Mohebi Pour was selected as a juror for the 35 International Photography Awards (35AWARDS) in Russia. He who was picked as the 2022 Environmental Photographer of the Year for his

single photo "The Bitter Death of Birds", is part of a distinguished panel of 50 judges selected from 50 different countries for this year's competition, IRNA reported. According to the official website of the event, the 35AWARDS is an interna-

tional photography competition established in 2015 by the creators of the professional photography community 35 (35photo.pro). The inaugural edition of the awards attracted 36,000 participants from 110 countries, while the seventh edition saw participation from over 124,000 entrants across 174 countries, with more than 470,000 photographs submitted for consideration. The awards emphasize a rigorous three-stage voting system, where the criteria for selection become increasingly stringent at each stage. The objective of the competition is to identify the top 100 works of the year across various categories. Since 2017, the awards have recognized the top 100 photographers annually based on their three best works.

Iraq eager to utilize Iran's experiences to develop scientific, technological infrastructure: Minister



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Iraq is eager to utilize Iran's valuable experiences to develop its scientific and technological infrastructure, said Iraq's Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Naeem al-Aboudi in a recent meeting with the Iranian Minister of Science, Research and Technology, Hossein Simaei Saraf. Both officials emphasized the importance of enhancing academic collaboration between their countries, IRNA reported. Simaei Saraf expressed Iran's readiness to share its expertise in establishing science and technology parks and promoting the exchange of students and professors. During their discussions in Baghdad, the two ministers highlighted the necessity of creating

joint educational programs tailored to meet Iraq's scientific and research needs. Al-Aboudi reiterated the call for increased exchanges, stating that fostering relationships between universities would benefit both nations. He identified the development of science and technology parks as a key priority for Iraq, recognizing Iran's achievements in this area as a model to follow. The meeting underscores the significant role that Iraqi graduates from Iranian universities play in bolstering scientific and cultural ties, with Al-Aboudi referring to them as "ambassadors of science and culture." The discussions took place ahead of the Second Iran-Iraq Science Week, which is being held at the University of Karbala from January 18 to 20.

Iran ranks third worldwide in clinical trials for traditional medicine

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Iran is now ranked third in the world for the registration of clinical trials in traditional and complementary medicine, according to a health official. Arman Zargaran, the international consultant at the Iranian Traditional and Complementary Medicine Office of the Ministry of Health and Medical Education stated, "This achievement indicates that Iran is on the path to becoming a global leader in traditional and complementary medicine research." Zargaran emphasized that Iran

is currently among the top three countries globally in terms of clinical trial registrations in this field, ILNA reported. He credited this success to the dedication and efforts of Iranian researchers who, despite facing various challenges, have made significant strides in producing reliable scientific evidence. "Approximately 3% of all registered clinical trials in the country pertain to traditional and complementary medicine," he noted, highlighting that only 0.3% of the ministry's academic staff are specialists in these areas. This statistic underscores the

potential of Iranian researchers to advance evidence-based medicine. Plus, Zargaran pointed out that these accomplishments not only enhance Iran's standing in the global arena of traditional medicine research but also serve as a model for other countries interested in developing evidence-based practices in this domain. However, he stressed the need for increased support from scientific and research institutions to sustain this progress and effectively utilize the potential available in this field. Zargaran remarked, "These



achievements demonstrate that Iran is on the path to becoming one of the world leaders in traditional and complementary medicine research," adding that this trajectory could play a crucial role in improving community health and advancing evidence-based medical practices.

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