

Pezeshkian: Enemies’ attempts to impede Iran’s progress nothing but ‘pipe dream’

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Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian commended on Tuesday the country’s remarkable progress in various scientific and industrial fields, not least in medicine, underlining that attempts by the Islamic Republic’s enemies to deter such achievements is nothing but a “pipe dream.”

Pezeshkian, himself a seasoned cardiac surgeon, made the remark in a visit to the 26th International Exhibition of Medical, Dental, Laboratory and Pharmaceutical Equipment (Iran Health 2025) in the capital Tehran on Tuesday.

“The measures taken by the US and some European countries to halt Iran’s development will not succeed. The Iranian nation, especially those who rely on domestic capabilities, will certainly remain steadfast on their path of progress,” Pezeshkian said.

“Today, as evidenced by the achievements presented at this exhibition and in many other fields, from nuclear technology to other scientific and industrial domains, valuable achievements have been made,” he added. “The enemies’ attempts to prevent



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian (c), a heart surgeon, laughs during a visit to an exhibition putting on display domestically-made medical equipment and medicine in Tehran, Iran on June 10, 2025. ● president.ir

this trend are nothing more than a pipe dream.”

Pointing to the unparalleled capacities of Iranians inside and outside the country, the president said, “Iranians lack nothing compared to others in terms of intellect, capability, and technology. However, we must admit that in some cases, we have not provided the necessary ground

for the growth of these beloved ones, or sufficient ground has not been prepared for the flourishing of their talents.”

Underlining that wherever there has been a will and suitable conditions have been provided, Iranians have been able to overcome crises with honor and dignity, Pezeshkian said, “The measures currently being taken

by domestic elites and activists are testament to this capacity and are a source of pride.”

Emphasizing that the government’s determination is to support innovators, the president said, “We will strive to pave the way for these individuals, both within the country and in international arenas, so that they can become the pillar of devel-

opment for Iran and the region.”

Pezeshkian said the government would fully support stakeholders and would provide the ground for their more effective presence in domestic and foreign markets

The 26th International Iran Health Expo is taking place from June 8-11, 2025, at the Tehran International Permanent Fairground.

Presidential support for ‘Family Physician’ plan

In another development on Tuesday, Pezeshkian held separate meetings with members of the Iranian Parliament’s Health Committee and Environment Committee.

The president stressed that his administration is dedicated to reforming the country’s health system, enhancing services, and reducing treatment costs, particularly for underprivileged groups.

Pezeshkian said the implementation of the “Family Physician” plan would enable individuals seeking health and treatment services to incur the lowest possible costs.

The president called for the effective utilization of resources,

highlighting the importance of correctly implementing the patient referral system to enhance satisfaction. He noted that there are numerous healthcare infrastructures across the country that must be appropriately utilized to help reduce treatment expenses.

Pezeshkian reiterated his administration’s commitment to improving Iran’s health system, asserting that the proper execution of the plan will promote justice for both patients and healthcare staff.

During his meeting with members of the Environment Committee, the president stressed that environmental preservation is more critical than developmental plans.

Pezeshkian called on authorities to develop a comprehensive strategy for protecting the environment and addressing the country’s environmental needs in collaboration with university professors, experts, and activists.

The president also cautioned that the improper establishment of population centers, particularly in Tehran and Karaj, is severely damaging the environment in those regions.

Tehran, Caracas to finalize free trade deal in coming days

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A senior Iranian government official said the draft document for a long-anticipated free trade agreement between Iran and Venezuela would be finalized within the next two days.

Mohammad Ali Dehghan Dehnavi, head of Iran’s Trade Promotion Organization (TPO), made the announcement after a meeting with Venezuela’s Deputy Minister of Commerce Johann Alvarez to discuss expanding bilateral trade and finalizing the free trade deal.

Praising Tehran-Caracas relations as “historic and friendly,” Dehnavi emphasized the importance of leveraging bilateral ties to enhance economic cooperation.

“The agreement reflects a balanced and friendly approach. We want to see Venezuelan exports to Iran grow. Both

countries have the potential to serve as trade gateways for one another in their respective continents,” the TPO chief said.

“Iran and Venezuela can become trade bases for each other in Asia and South America.”

The finalized agreement is to cover rules of origin, sanitary and safety requirements, and lists of goods in agriculture, fisheries, and industry. The deal is expected to be signed by the countries’ trade ministers once the final text is agreed upon.

Dehnavi tied the success of the trade deal to broader goals, such as developing transport and logistics chains, attracting mutual investments, and initiating joint production.

Calling Venezuela a market rich in new opportunities, Dehnavi said, “Venezuela’s rich resources have created investment opportunities in

various sectors, and Iran can have an effective presence in many projects in the country.”

Alvarez, for his part, stated that current trade volumes between the two countries do not reflect the strength of their political relationship.

“This agreement is just the first step. Iranian and Venezuelan business communities need to engage directly to increase trade,” he said, adding that joint trade exhibitions and forums will be crucial in achieving the stated goal.

The deputy minister also invited Iranian investors to participate in projects across Venezuela, pointing to the Latin American country’s abundant natural resources and readiness to attract foreign investment.

The meeting concluded with both sides agreeing to continue consultations to identify and advance shared economic opportunities.



Deputy minister underscores use of seaplanes for economic boom across water borders

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Deputy Minister of Roads and Urban Development Hossein Pourfarzaneh said on Tuesday that Iran, with over 2,000 kilometers of water borders, has ample capacities for contribution to the economic and social development of various regions, stressing that the use of seaplanes is an effective solution for transporting passengers and goods.

Stressing that the establishment of seaplane terminals in the southern regions of Bandar Abbas and Jask can facilitate the movement of passengers and physicians in those areas, Pourfarzaneh said, “With this method, clinics and hospitals can be equipped in a timely man-

ner, and doctors can be brought to deprived areas. Also, by providing suitable educational conditions and transferring university professors, the groundwork for educational development will be laid.”

The deputy minister emphasized that by utilizing marine resources and fishing in such areas, the best seafood products can be transported to larger markets like Tehran, which “will not only boost the economic prosperity of the people in the southern regions but also help reduce deprivation in these areas.”

Referring to an assortment of scenic islands in the country such as Hendurabi and Kish, Pourfarzaneh said the use of seaplanes for transporting tourists can also lead to the development of the country’s tour-

ism industry.

“By creating the necessary infrastructure such as hotels and restaurants on these islands, new businesses can be launched that will help generate wealth and create jobs,” he added.

The deputy minister concluded that, given the existing capacities and the need for the development of maritime transport, planning for the use of seaplanes can be an effective step towards the economic and social progress of the country.

A seaplane is a type of fixed-wing aircraft capable of taking off from and landing on water. The aircraft is a subset of amphibious aircraft, which are capable of landing on and taking off from both dry land and water.