



# Archaeologists unearth 100 historic coins in central Isfahan

## Arts & Culture Desk

Archaeologists in Isfahan uncovered 100 coins during the second season of excavations at the historic Kamar Zarrin site, a discovery officials say could point to the presence of an old trading house.

The announcement was made on Monday by Amir Karamzadeh, director general of the provincial cultural heritage, tourism and handicrafts department, IRNA reported.

The find adds weight to the theory that Kamar Zarrin, on the city's northern edge, once served as a bustling commercial hub. Researchers believe more relics may lie beneath the soil, offering a rare glimpse into Isfahan's economic past and cultural exchanges in the Islamic era.

Karamzadeh said 35 of the coins were unearthed on August 31 alone, calling the number "remarkable." While most pieces appear to date back to Islamic dynasties, experts plan to clean and examine them in laboratories before assigning a precise age.

The excavation permit, originally limited to 40 days, has been extended by the Research Institute of Archaeology, allowing teams to keep digging in front of Kamar Zarrin Mosque. "This opportunity lets us dig deeper and piece together more details of the region's economic and cultural history," Karamzadeh said.

Two years ago, bulldozers clearing ground for a planned street exposed remnants of ancient structures, forcing construction

to halt and paving the way for joint archaeological work by the cultural heritage institute, Isfahan's urban renewal agency, and the Art University.

In the first season of digs, researchers uncovered a decorated water system dating from before the Mongol invasion, a pottery kiln, late Islamic architectural walls, stone foundations, brick floors thought to be Seljuk, and a carved stone basin.

Under a plan drawn up by Isfahan Municipality Renovation & Restoration Organization (IMR&RO), the Kamar Zarrin passage is expected to be turned into an open-air museum, displaying finds such as gilded tiles, distinctive pottery, and now coins that have come to light in the second round of exploration.



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## ADVERTISEMENT

### Mammut Digital Receives National Excellence Award at the National Industry and Mining Day Conference



Mammut Digital was honored with the National Excellence Award in Digital Transformation, Artificial Intelligence, and Software at the National Industry and Mining Day Conference, held on August 25 at the IRIB International Conference Center in Tehran.

The event was attended by President Masoud Pezeshkian, Minister of Industry, Mine and Trade Seyed Mohammad Atabak, and senior government and private sector leaders. From among nearly one million active businesses in the country, Mammut Digital was recognized as one of the nation's top companies for its achievements in advancing digital innovation. During the ceremony, 17 leading companies across various industries were introduced, and their CEOs were recognized. Mammut Digital was selected for its commitment to developing data-driven solutions, software, artificial intelligence applications, and digital transformation initiatives.

#### Urgency of Expanding the Role of the Digital Economy in Industry

Omid Hashemi, CEO of Mammut Digital, who received the award and certificate of recognition from the Minister of Industry, Mine and

Trade, emphasized that this honor marks the beginning of a new chapter in Mammut Digital's international growth. He stated: "Our goal is to collaborate with technology-driven companies both domestically and internationally, accelerating digital transformation across industries to expand the share of the digital economy."

#### Outlining the company's roadmap, Hashemi identified four strategic priorities for Mammut Digital:

- Developing software products and data analytics, particularly in the field of connected vehicles
  - Delivering intelligent platforms for transportation and logistics
  - Expanding digital solutions and artificial intelligence tools
  - Promoting data-driven practices in production, business, and industry management
- This year's National Industry and Mining Day Conference featured 1,300 nominated companies out of approximately one million active businesses nationwide. Mammut Digital's recognition brought a prestigious honor to the Mammut Industrial Group.

## Iranian students win 13 medals at US science, innovation exhibition



### Social Desk

Iranian student teams struck gold at the 2025 America Innovation Invention Exhibition, receiving 13 medals including three golds in competitions held from August 15-22 in the United States, according to team supervisor Mehdi Rashidi-Jahan.

The international event brought together 177 teams from 46 countries, with Iranian students holding their own against powerhouse nations including the United States, Japan, Britain and South Korea. The exhibition, backed by tech giants Google and Microsoft, served as a showcase for cutting-edge innovations from the world's brightest young minds. Iranian teams swept up three gold medals for groundbreaking projects. Ilia Majidzadeh Heravi and Parsa Karimi Yazdi took top

honors with their "CommuniMate" smart application, designed to tackle communication barriers faced by deaf individuals.

A five-member team from Valeh Educational Institute clinched gold for their magnetic gear system analysis, while another Valeh team earned the third gold for their pneumatic muscle improvement project.

The silver medal haul included four innovative solutions. Teams developed an AI-powered smart waste sorting system called "EcoNet Bin," a modular smart pharmacy platform, nanocomposites with herbal extracts for dental applications, and an EEG signal analysis system for seizure prediction. Six bronze medals rounded out Iran's medal tally. Projects ranged from cancer research using GABA compounds to biodegradable antimicrobial packaging, from an AI nanny robot for remote child monitoring to hydrogel treatments for diabetic mouth wounds. Students also earned recognition for new herbal nanogels targeting skin cancer cells and a child safety system using Internet of Things technology.

"This outstanding achievement once again demonstrates the scientific capabilities of Iranian teenagers and youth on the international stage," Rashidi-Jahan said.

## Tehran to host int'l travel, ecotourism fair

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Iran's Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts said on Monday that the eighth international travel and ecotourism fair aka Oca Fair will run from September 3 to 7 at Tehran's Shahr-e Aftab International Exhibition Center, bringing together domestic and foreign companies across the outdoor and adventure travel industry.

The exhibition has grown into one of the country's most popular trade shows for camping, off-

road driving, ecotourism and related equipment, drawing youth, travel enthusiasts and professional outfitters, ISNA reported. Officials said this year's edition will spread over more than 13,000 square meters of net space and 30,000 square meters in total, with specialized booths promoting responsible travel, domestic tourism and environmental awareness.

The fair will be divided into four main halls, showcasing camping and mountaineering gear, off-road vehicles, four-wheel drive

cars and nature tourism equipment.

"Specialized tourism desks" will take part to exchange expertise and support local operators, according to Mostafa Fatemi, director-general of domestic tourism development at the ministry. Fatemi noted the event is designed to cut down "foreign currency outflow" by encouraging Iranians to explore their own landscapes. "This exhibition reflects not only adventure but also a culture of sustainable travel," he said.