



Dr. Jassbi Talks to Press

Ana- Tehran- All entrance examinations will be made redundant at all branches of the university within a period of five years, said IAU President, Dr. Abdullah Jassbi.

Speaking to the press this Monday morning May 12, 2006 at Science and Technology Branch here in northwest Tehran, Dr. Jassbi remarked that the new regulation concerns all non-continuous programs but only 10% of continuous programs for honored students.

The reason for the limitation, the IAU President said "is due to the fact that the demand for enrolling at continuous programs is so overwhelming that the university won't be able to respond adequately."

Dr. Jassbi who also presides over the Federation of the Universities of the



Islamic World further identified the programs that would soon set aside their entrance exams as half of the all courses, covering humanities, management, accountancy, laws, a large portion of agriculture courses, basic sciences- particularly mathematics & physics.

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IAU Created 55,000 Jobs

ANA- Saveh- May 10, 2006- It was a prudent response by the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution to the desecration by some western media circles directed at the Prophet of Muslims to designate the current year (Iranian Calendar) as the Year of Prophet, said President of the IAU, Dr. Jassbi in a ceremony organized by the Chairman of District 5 of the IAU, Mr. Mirshamsi, mark-



ing the inauguration of a number of projects at Saveh Branch this morning.

Saying that the best way to promote Prophet's teachings and moral lessons is through arts and "the most effective means is cinema", Dr. Jassbi has confirmed that none of the books or articles ever written or published on Prophet Mohammad during the past 14 centuries has been as influential as the movie "Mohammad, The Messenger of God".

IAU's President, who's also a member of the Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution, has advised the IRIB to produce a TV series on the life of the Great Prophet of Islam, calling it a tremendous achievement for the World of Islam.

Commenting on the anniversary of the establishment of the IAU, Dr. Jassbi said we had to withstand many serious impediments at the beginning of our job but now everyone agrees that the achievement made is so astonishingly grand that the modern history of the country can justly be proud of it.

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EMU & IAU Ties Approved



ANA- Tehran- The President of the Eastern Mediterranean University, Dr. Khalil Gowun, has met and conferred with Dr. Jaspri here in Tehran to explore ways of launching academic cooperation, according to dispatches.

The trip by Dr. Gawun, which came in response to a February visit to EMU by a high ranking IAU delegation, includes a tour of a number of IAU branches in Khorasgan, Bandar Abbas, Najaf Abad and Qeshm Island.

EMU, founded in 1979, currently employs 11,000 faculty members instructing 15,000 students of the total 40,000 Cypriot university students.

Dr. Gawun has stated that “about a 1000 Iranian students, most of them top IAU graduates, have enrolled in graduate courses at EMU ranging from tourism to communication.”

Dr. Gawun also called on IAU president Dr. Jassbi to assist EMU in its membership drive at the FUIW, whose Chief Executive is IAU’s President.

The International Affairs Office of the IAU, run by Dr. Mahasti, has been assigned by Dr. Jassbi to speed up membership process of the EMU and prioritize launching closer ties with the Cypriot University.

Pugwash-IAU Talk

IAU (ANA) Apr 23- As a non-governmental organization endeavoring to promote regional and international dialogue, the Rome-based **Pugwash** seeks IAU’s support, said the Organization’s Secretary General, Paulo Kotaramo Zino.

Zino and Dr. Jassbi held a talk here in Tehran on April 23, 2006 in a meeting organized by the IAU Vice President in Charge of International Affairs, Dr. Mahasti.



The two sides explored ways of expanding ties and while Paulo Zini highly commended IAU for its immense achievements, Dr. Jassbi lauded numerous activities of Pugwash.

Pugwash objectives include help restore peace and stability; encourage nuclear disarmament; expand sustainable development management and eradicate poverty by holding talk at a regional and international level.

Non-Exam PhD Admission

Tehran (ANA)- The regulations of non-examination admission for PhD programs have been announced, said the Director of the IAU Planning Council, **Dr. Naser Eghbali**.

“Under the new regulations, applicants holding a Master’s Degree (non-continuous enrollment) in humanities with a GPA of 18 or higher and a GPA of 17 or higher for other fields are admitted.

” **Dr. Eghbali** further stated that a GPA of 17 or above of PhD and Master’s Degree (continuous enrollment) as well as a score 18.5 for the thesis are other requirements.

Applicants should not be older than 35 or they will lose one mark for every year above the age limit which goes up to 40 for faculty members.

“Not all applicants will be invited for an interview, but those chosen by the technical committees,” said Director of IAU Planning Council, “after they are notified by the examination center, will be asked to take part in a specialized oral examination.”

IAU Saves Billions

Tehran (ANA)- IAU has managed to save \$ 45 b by offering higher education to young Iranian enthusiasts who would have gone abroad to do so, said IAU President Dr. Jassbi.

Saying this in the 2nd Seminar on Islamic States’ Strategic Research, held at Shahid Beheshti University, Dr. Jassbi pointed out, “Developing higher education is a key issue that would guarantee improvement of sciences and technologies in the country.”

Dr. Jassbi who also chairs the Executive Office for the Federation of the Universities of Islamic World (FUIW) revealed that an amount of \$ 45 b was needed to educate only 10% of the IAU’s students.

Saying that in developed states like the US and EU, out of every 100, 000 people there are 6500 students, Dr. Jassbi said the number of is 3000 students in Iran and it should definitely be doubled.

BA Exam-Free Admission

ANA (Mar 3, 2006) Tehran- IAU will enroll undergraduate students for a number of majors not requiring entrance examinations as of March 21, 2005, said University’s President Dr. Abdollah Jassbi.

The announcement came on the sidelines of the 13th Seminar of the IAU Holy Koran and concerned the continuous enrollment only but Dr. Jassbi said the non-continuous courses will follow suit next year.

IAU further underlined that entrance exams as necessary admission requirements will be eliminated for a number of majors within a few years.

On the significant role played by the university in developing the country’s technologies, IAU President stated, “The University has decided to launch new Master’s and PhD programs such as Nuclear Energy, Sweet Water Treatment and Information Technol-



“Juvenile Delinquency”

One Exam Only

Larestan- May 17, 2006- The seminar “A Review of Juvenile Delinquency” was held in the presence of the Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, Faculty Members and Law Students of the Larestan Branch at the Imam Reza Hospital Amphitheater, ANA reported.

Lectures of the seminar, organized jointly by the Research and Law Departments of Larestan Branch, began with a talk by Dr. Maleki who talked about the roots to delinquency followed by some methodological suggestions on law subjects put forth by the Chancellor of the

Branch, Asad Zahedi. Professors Mosalaei, Mohamadi, Ghafari, and Hesani delivered speeches at the seminar and observed a presentation by the Branch’s Best Researcher student, Javad Najari.



ANA- Tehran- May 10- There will be one Entrance Examination for both the State and Private run universities but admission can be carried out selectively, said the Deputy Minister of Science in Charge of Education Affairs.

The announcement was made in the 55th Meeting of the University Presidents at Payam-e-Noor University by Dr. Khaleqi, who elaborated on the documented regulation that revises “Evaluation and Admission System”.

“The current Entrance Examination is no longer working and needs fundamental changes,” he said and added, “we hope to see the day when for every young Iranian ap-

Holy Quran Enlightens Humanity

Tehran- The written Quranic competitions among faculty members and 12th Quran and Prophet’s Household Students’ Contest concluded by a message of IAU President Dr. Jassbi read out during a ceremony at Karaj Branch, reported ANA.

The ceremony, participated by the Head of Cultural Directorate of IAO, Dr Mazaheri and Karaj Branch Chancellor, Dr. Haji Khani was and some well known faculty staff, was inaugurated by a speech made by the Chair-

man of the Holy Quran and Prophet Household Center, Dr. Seyed Babak Farzaneh, who interpreted parts of Dr. Jassbi’s message.

The message, as explained by Dr. Farzaneh, depicts that “The Holy Quran leads humanity towards enlightenment” and assures that “all true followers have been linked by means of the Holy Quran.”

“Muslim communities have utilized Holy Quran as a rich source of inspiration for many centuries and the Islamic Azad University takes this as a valuable opportunity to host international competitions on this Holy Book and Prophet’s Household.”

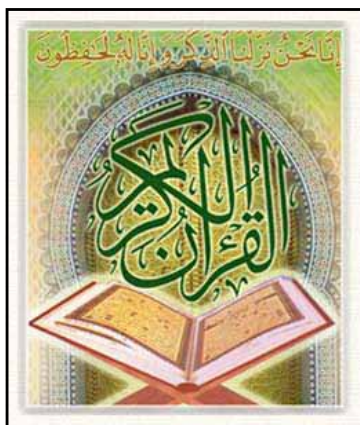
Dr. Farzaneh elaborated the achievements made by the Holy Quran and Prophet’s Households Center during the past year and said, “Presently 82 periodicals on Holy Quran are being published at many branches of the IAU.”

Some 52 of these publications have been evaluated by the center and from

among them 22 have been nominated for the best periodical of the university on Holy Quran, declared Dr. Farzaneh.

On an art competition on the theme of Holy Quran Dr. Farzaneh underlined that 1,340 works have been received by the center that has chosen from among them some top masterpieces.

He spoke about other responsibilities of the center which he presides over saying some of these duties include revision of syllabi on the Holy Quran and Quranic Concepts; Organize competitions among cultural directors across the country; hold exhibitions on software programs on Holy Quran; encourage web-log design on the subject of the Life of the Exalted Prophet of Islam; organize festivals on Holy Quran from the Point of View of linguistics and culture and administer written and oral contests on the Holy Quran at SAMA Schools.



“Age of Narcotics”

Karaj- In order to make students aware of the life-threatening effects of drugs the play “The Age of the Narcotics” has been performed at the IAU Karaj Branch, Mehr reported.

The audience, country’s top experts and hundreds of students at the Dr. Jaspi Hall of Karaj Branch, was cautioned against dire consequences of getting hooked on illegal drugs.

The play was followed by a seminar organized by the Nursing and Psychology Faculty, who surveyed the negative physical and mental effects as well as social and cultural impacts of abusing drugs.

The audience also saw the movie “A Candle in the Wind” directed by Pooran Derakhshandeh, who talked about the self-destructive attitudes of drug abusers.

Family Law Conference

Shahr-e-Rey Branch- May 25-

Mehr- The conference is to review the history of “Family Law”, understand its dimension, discover its new achievements and create a link between researchers to discover priorities of the family institution, said the Branch Chancellor, Dr. Zafar Navaie, on the occasion of the world’s “Family Day” the first such

conference in the region.

Dr. Navaie underlined that the papers presented at the conference included topics of “women’s rights in the family”, “religious teachings on family”, and “a link between legal and private rights of individuals.

Of the 33 papers sent to the conference in English and Farsi, the

Students' Taek Wondo Team in Spain

Tehran- May 13, 2006- First group of Iranian students taking part in the Taekwondo competitions in Spain left the country today, reported ANA.

Lengthy paper work delayed issuance of visas and the embassy ended up giving national visas in two groups.

The 1st group comprising Behzad Khodadad (2nd weight); Hamed Khamseh (7th weight); Hamid Sarabadi (5th weight); Alireza Nasrabadi (4th weight) and Reza

Mehmandooost (coach) left Tehran Saturday for Valencia, Spain.

The 2nd group includes Majid Sajadi (1st weight); Mehdi Bibak (6th weight); Hadi Afshar (8th weight); Seyed Nemat Khaliphe (Coach); Zulfaghari (referee) and Nazila Nezami (1st weight); Sara Khosh Jamal Fekri (2nd weight); Mehrooz Saei (7th weight); Afsaneh Sheikhi (8th weight); Dong Sin Shin (Coach); and officials of the team left Iran May 15, 2006



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As the Chairman of the Federation of Universities of Islamic World, Dr. Jassbi pointed out that “in case this university had never been established and if only 10% of the current students had left the country to continue their education abroad, a sum of \$ 45 b would have been required.”

IAU Created 55,000 Jobs

IAU President said the number of jobs created by the university directly and indirectly amounts to 55,000 and hundreds of thousands respectively, enabling the government to save Rls 15,000 b.

Talking about the successes that the IAU has managed to gain in international arenas, Dr. Jassbi stated that the university is the only higher education institute of the country that is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Council of World Universities and that also chairs the Executive Committee of the Federation of the Universities of Islamic World.

Recognizing the importance of educated manpower in the development of the country, IAU President said the major obstacle,

entrance examination known as “Konkur”, should be eliminated.

Dr. Jassbi said he believed Iranian universities should become more active in advancing the country in the field of atomic energy and the only way to defuse monopoly of some advanced states in this regard is “allowing higher education institutes to get more involved.”

He predicted that by the end of the 4th Development Plan, the number of faculty member of the IAU will have reached 50,000 and if we reach this goal, he said, “the university will be a number one higher education institute in the whole world.”

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Referring to the financial assistance that the university has pledged to offer its needy students., IAU President announced that of the sum of Rls1200 b approved by the Parliament to give grants to students of all academic institutions across the country Rls 700 b has been allocated to IAU.

If found fit for the grant, students who agree to repay their loan after graduation will benefit from this financial package.

Addressing the issue of master's degree programs, Dr. Jassbi declared that “there was a rise of 19% this year in the number of 866 graduate courses' applicants, 39% of them residents of Tehran.”

“The University Examination Office

will this September announce the results of the entrance exams to admit 20,000 applicants, of which 39% are girl and 61% boy students.”

Commenting on the proximity that the Federation of Universities of Islamic World is seeking to create between the academic institutions of Islamic states, Dr. Jassbi said “an official body” will soon be set up to launch cooperation through virtual reality networks among 180 universities in 48 world states.

IAU is currently endeavoring to promote quality in all areas by enlarging its faculty staff, installing modern equipment and introducing technologically advanced courses



which include Nuclear Fusion, Nuclear Physics, Drinking Water Treatment, IT, Biotechnology and Nanotechnology, and a number of other new fields.

“5% of university's budget will go to research projects that include presenting papers in international seminars and conferences, printing articles in scientific journals, taking



Peppered on the Map; Qazvin Branch



Qazvin has always shone at the summit of the history of Iran's civilization as one of the proclaimed centers for the proliferation of science and culture. During the fifth and sixth century (A.H) the greatest theological schools were active in this city and by the tenth century (A.H), Qazvin had become an important center for the expansion of wisdom and intellect.

Following the Islamic Revolution and succeeding political, social, cultural and economical changes in the country, Qazvin entered a new era. With the advent of industrialization, concentration on economical expansion and provision of its requirements entirely changed the

city's appearance in a short period of time. Large number of manpower emigrating in search of employment and it's obvious consequence_ population explosion_ created new and extreme demands in Qazvin. The inauguration of more than one thousand industrial-production units is the most outstanding attribute of this era, yet at the same time, providing skilled manpower became the main issue of concern.

In this respect, in the year 1991, thirteen years after the victory of the Islamic Revolution, lack of skilled manpower in industry and the pressing demand to inaugurate a technical-engineering university was felt more than even before. Following the success of the establishment of Islamic Azad University, the need for the establishment of a branch of Islamic Azad University in Qazvin appeared to be an inevitable necessity. Qazvin Islamic Azad University was formerly inaugurated on the 7th of July 1992 and on the first step, 3700 candidates took part in the July entrance exam, 360 of which were admitted in the university's authorized fields of study. Q.I.A.U's macro

policy lies in achieving high educational standards and thus continuously makes efforts to propel educational programs towards those of the top-ranked Universities of the country. The admittance of Q.I.A.U graduates into top-rank universities reflects Q.I.A.U's policy.

In the category of expansion, the University's major policy is set on two bases: construction and facilities. In this respect, constructing and equipping laboratories and workshops began with the inauguration of the university and are still under construction today. Today, Q.I.A.U has been able to reach common standards in its goals of constructing and equipping workshops, computer centers, educational campuses and comprehensive co-education equipments.

Q.I.A.U plans its academic expansion on the basis of national requirements generally and regional necessities specifically. We hope to witness expansion of Q.I.A.U in various aspects.

Student Halls of Residence

Saveh- Student Dormitory Complex in Saveh has been built to respond to the university's needs for the next 25 years, said Saveh Branch Chancellor, Dr. Heidari Noori.



"Part of the project has completed and some sections have already begun operating as halls of residence for Saveh students."

The student dormitory service offered by

the Branch has increased by 60% and the Instructors Guest House has been enlarged from 378 square meters to 508 square meters.

"Another successful activity of the Education Affairs Dept. of the Branch has been the establishment of an Alumni Office."

Other projects completed and ready for services are the in-campus Bank Melli

Iran Branch, covering an area of 4300 square meters; a Workshop and Laboratory Complex in a 2,800 square meter area; Agriculture College built in 10,000 square meters and water & gas networks and telephone lines have all been provided for the IAU of Saveh.

Dr. Heidari Noori said his Branch is A-ranked with three Humanities, Agriculture and Technical colleges offering 49 under-

graduate programs to 12, 196 students by 196 faculty members, 40% of them PhD holders.

Chancellor of IAU Saveh Branch then added that in area of print and research the Branch has published 9 books, 56 research projects and 7 articles on ISI printed in highly credited periodicals.

He pointed out that the branch has organized 65 technical and research based seminars; upgraded its IT system; set up a software databank; run a digital library and held annual seminars.

The Shahid Chamran building construction has concluded and there are now 1,500 square meter of educational space added to the Branch and other projects include a restaurant in 2,250 square meter and a cafeteria.

Dr. Oryan , Last Year's Winner of Title "The Scientist of the Year"

Last Year's "Scientist of the Year" is the Professor of Physiology at the University of Teacher Training and Islamic Azad University, Dr. Shahrbanoo Oryan.

Could you start by giving us a brief account of your scientific and career background?

I have a PhD from Sheffield University in the UK in endocrinology and I have so far printed 304 papers in local periodicals and 14 papers in international journals and 11 books and textbooks.

I am a member of local and international organizations like Iran-Europe Physio-pharmacology and Asia-Pacific Physiologist Association and Azad University's Council of Biology Science. I also conducted a research on the UN sponsored project: "A Survey of Oil Pollutants that Threaten Sea Creatures of Trade Value in the Persian Gulf".

Could you tell us more about the project?

This 3 year project sponsored by the UNCC completed in 2005 and was an effort to identify the oil spills and wastes dumped in the Persian Gulf water and it was discovered that the Iraq-Kuwait and Alliance war on Iraq have been responsible for one of the most serious threats ever posed to the marine life in the Persian Gulf.

Were you alone in this project?

Actually it was a 16 member team work that revealed oil pollutants have been gradually absorbed by the marine creatures in the field and finally entering our food chain.

How has the UN benefited from the findings of your survey?

In fact, we have exposed the economic losses that the oil spill has had by contaminating the marine life that has economic value like various types of fish,

shrimps, lobsters, etc. The UN Compensation Council collected samples of pollution we identified during the research and praised the team after its publishing.

How can research be taken more seriously at our academic institutions?

If research programs were made more practical, they would be taken more seriously, of course. Proper management can do this by setting up "industry offices" in colleges and universities so these institutions can also expect financial incentives.

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What is research situation in our country?

We have managed to go up 9 ranks from 53 to 42 in the world and this indicates progress but this can be better if more budget is allocated for research, since

encouragement by itself is not enough.

The ministries can rely more on academia to do the research job for them and learn to involve the results of research projects affect their decision makings.

Has there been any improvement at IAU?

Recently, there has been more concentration on research projects at Islamic Azad University and the Science and Research Branch has particularly been quite instrumental in advancing research projects and has provided many sabbatical opportunities to the faculty. It has helped its faculty present papers at international seminars and founded a laboratory complex for PhD students.

How do you assess our academia?

We have almost all fields of studies here in this country and there is no need to travel abroad for any special field but the young students should be active and take part in local and international conferences and send papers to international seminars and conferences.

How can students be assisted?

They have be guided and supervised by their instructors so that they know that their research activity does not mean a requirement to be awarded an academic degree only.

They should know that they can push the frontiers of science but I really hope the officials help upgrade the quality of higher education and encourage state and private sectors to make investment in research to later benefit from it.

Students need more encouragement and we have a lot of young talents. I believe research activities must be made a necessity in our academic education and this is the only way we can put a halt to the disastrous *brain drain* situation now existing in our country. Of course, Islamic Azad University should expand its higher education programs and always add new fields and modify the old ones.

Also we have to be appreciative of the recent measures at the Science, research and Technology Ministry and Islamic Azad University for attaching much significance to the students' efforts in getting their papers printed and presented at well known international and local conference.



No Budget Limit for Cultural Research

ANA- Tehran- May 16, 2006- All cultural activities of the university, particularly those involving The Holy Quran and Prophet's Household, will be financially supported without imposing any limitations, said IAO's Cultural Directorate Chief, Dr. Mehdi Mazaheri.

The news came during a ceremony concluding the 7th Quranic Festival of Faculty Members and the 12th Competition of the Holy Quran and Prophet's Household of students of the University and Theology Schools.

"The presence of 152,000 participants in the whole process of competition and qualification of 1620 contestants in 33 different fields all speak of much enthusiasm for Quranic lessons

prevailing over the university."

Dr. Mazaheri continued by saying that his Directorate welcomes any kind of plan or suggestions on cultural issues offered by both faculty staff and students of the IAU. He then briefed the audience on the major activities of the Cultural Directorate saying that IAU will pursue its goals to discover various dimensions of Prophet's path with rationalism while distancing itself from cultural dogmatism.

Speaking of other objectives of the Directorate, Dr. Mazaheri referred to organizing festivals and contests for specialized Cultural Offices of the university; offering moral and financial aid to dissertations that focus on Prophet's Path; facili-



tating decentralization and encouraging cultural innovations; paying attention to genuine Iranian arts and literature; defending students and Instructors' legitimate cultural rights and expanding programs that help discover Quranic and Prophetic teachings.

Dr. Moradi Says it All

ANA-Tehran- MAY 15, 2006- In order to devise communication strategies for counselors to handle international relations a conference of Cultural Ambassadors will be held this September at the IAU Central Branch, said Chancellor of the Branch, Dr. Moradi.

Main Goals

Talking about other plans pursued by the branch he stated, "Major objectives of the central branch include developing continuous programs, reducing the number of undergraduate students and upgrading physical and educational environment at the colleges of the branch."

The hope is that gradual decrease in the number of undergraduate students would not inflict any financial loss upon the branch, since the cut in the student's number would diminish branch's need for more construction projects.

Dr. Moradi continued by saying that a "Technology Park" and a Development Center" will soon be set up in building no 1 as all preliminaries have been taken care of except for the authorization paper

which will soon be issued by the Ministry of Higher Education.

The Chancellor of the IAU Central Branch acknowledged that 25 PC's and some pieces of laboratory equipment have been purchased for the branch but not yet installed for operation due to improper or inadequate space.

The chancellor later declared that the centralization is a goal that is being pursued by the branch and all colleges will be



transferred to three campuses of Vali Asr, Zarinah and Shahrak Gharb with the last campus being chosen for the College of Sciences and other colleges.

Financial Assistance

About the financial assistance that the university has decided to offer to enrolled students, Dr. Moradi pledged that those who can not afford the tuition and those who have requested to pay their fees by installment as well as the students whose parents have at least one more IAU student enrolled will be able to benefit

from the new regulation that offers a 25% discount.

A Student's Fund is also founded to give loans to the students who might enjoy tuition payment in installment.

Going Global

If conditions found ideal, the branch will seek to open a college in Germany, where our Robotic team will be dispatched to for a competition this June, said Chancellor of the IAU Central Branch.

The Branch has inked scientific agreements with the Eastern Mediterranean University and Germany.

Last Words

Dr. Moradi said the Branch's motto is "Education is the Key to Development" and "we are seeking to utilize modern technology of IT to revolutionize our administrative and academic status."

On the issue of student's organizations and journals, Dr. Moradi said in every meeting of the Cultural Council we find more journals registered for official recognition and the number is believed to have a rise of 300% for the next year.

The Branch has, accordingly, aided the student's organizations and periodicals by providing printing facilities.



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How religion and civilization are intertwined has always been a major concern of many schools of thoughts. Undoubtedly, a bulk of human civilization owes its existence to religious ideologies, which reached their peak after emergence of monotheistic theologies. **The International Affairs Office of the Islamic Azad University** assisted by the Cultural Office of the university has, therefore, decided to organize a congress to encourage discussions on the issue in a year termed as the “Prophet’s Year” by the Supreme leader of the Islamic Revolution, **Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei**.

It is hoped that exchange of ideas to determine how religion and civilization are closely related would eventually lead to closer ties among followers of revered monotheistic religions. Thinkers, researchers and faculty members are, hereby, invited to contribute by sending their papers to the secretariat of the conference not later than Oct 2, 2006. A booklet containing all papers will be printed and distributed; some articles will be short listed to be presented during the conference.

- The language of the congress is Persian, Arabic and English
- Abstracts of papers, preferably typed in 250 words, be sent through e-mail congress2006pm@gmail.com to the Secretariat of the Congress
- Venue: IAU- Sciences and Research Branch- Tehran
- Time: Monday November 6, 2006
(more details will later be released)

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1. The Advent of Islam & Monotheistic Religions in the Arabian Peninsula
2. Religions in Lands That Later Joined Islamic Territories
3. Ignorance as Depicted in Holy Koran & History Books
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5. Trade in Hijaz & Its Role on the Spread of Islam
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