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National libraries of Iran and Azerbaijan to boost ties

Tehran Times Culture Desk

TEHRAN — The National Library and Documentation Center of Iran (NLDCI) and the National Library of Azerbaijan signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) here on Saturday.

NLDCI director Ali-Akbar Ash'ari made a speech emphasizing the necessity of boosting cultural ties between regional countries so that both the people and the academic figures of each nation can get to know each other better.

He added that the MOU substantiates the fact that the Republic of Azerbaijan is considered to be not only one of the major countries of the region but also that it is highly valued culturally.

Kerim Tahirov, head of the National Library of Azerbaijan, who was staying in Iran for a few days, said that during his visit he had become familiar with the developments of Iranian experts in the fields of running libraries and information dissemination.

Whilst touring the National Library and Documentation Center of Iran, Tahirov referred to it as one of the most glorious libraries in the world and called for greater cooperation on the part of Iranian experts with Azerbaijan.

Activities mentioned in the MOU are the holding of book fairs, the exchange of experts in various fields and the setting up of sessions on the preservation of manuscripts.

Three plays on stage in Tehran

Tehran Times Art Desk

TEHRAN — Three plays are currently being staged in Tehran's Honar, Molavi and Niavaran halls.

"The Tot Family" written by Hungarian playwright Istvan Orkeny (1912-1979) and directed by Maedeh Tahmsebi is on stage at the Niavaran Cultural Center.

Farhad Aiish, Fereshteh Sadr-Orafaii, Leili Rashidi, Ahmad Mehranfar and Ramin Naser Nasir are among the actors.

"The Tot Family" narrates the story of a family whose son is at the warfront. The town's postman receives the news that their son has been killed.

The play will be on stage until December 4 at the center which is located on Pasdaran Ave, northern Tehran.

The puppet show "The Game of the Boy and the Wolf" directed by Javad Zolfaghari is being staged at the Honar Hall.

Farhad Aiish (R) and Fereshteh Sadr-Orafaii in a scene of "The Tot Family"

The play is written by Zolfaghari and Shadi Purmehdi and the puppeteers include Morteza Saeidian, Hossein Zeinali, Mina Shojaeian and Hedyeh Hajtaheri.

The play features the story of an old woman and her son who live in a small village. They have several sheep and the skinny son takes the sheep out to graze every day. One day he sees a wolf and so the story continues .....

"The Game of the Boy and the Wolf" will be on stage until December 8 at the Honar Hall located on Varzandeh St., Mofatteh Ave.

"Tehran 2006-2007" directed by Ahmad Kechachian is on stage at the Molavi Hall.

The play is written by Kechachian and Bahareh Katuzi and the actors include Mohsen Rastegar, Nazgol Naderian, Sarvenaz Nankeli, Mehrdad Iranmanesh and Mohsen Nuri.

"Tehran 2006-2007" narrates the story of a Tehrani citizen who has a car accident on Hafez St. A few minutes before his death his soul takes a trip to a cemetery.

The play will be on stage until December 16 at the Molavi Hall located on 16th Azar St., Enqelab Ave.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran, Tajikistan team up for Rumi commemoration

TEHRAN — The Iranian Cultural Office in Dushanbe has joined up with the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan to hold a commemoration for the Persian poet Molana Jalal ad-Din Rumi on November 30.

Scholars from Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan have also been invited to the event.

Tabriz to host intl. cartoon fest

TEHRAN — The 7th Tabriz International Cartoon Festival will be held in the capital of East Azarbaijan Province on March 5, 2008.

Submitted works will be displayed in a weeklong exhibition after the award presentation ceremony.

Music scholar, singer to be honored in Tehran

TEHRAN — Iranian folk music expert Fuzieh Majd and singer Rambod Sodeif are slated to be honored during a ceremony at the Iranian Artists Forum today.

The ceremony has been organized by the music section of the Iranian National Committee for ICOM (the International Council of Museums).

Iranian music to echo in Oslo for Rumi

TEHRAN — A group of Iranian and Norwegian musicians is scheduled to perform a join concert in Oslo today to commemorate the Persian mystic and poet Molana Jalal ad-Din Rumi.

The program, which will comprise pieces composed by Oslo-based Iranian santur player Javid Afsari-Rad, will be held at Riksscene, a Norwegian hub for traditional music and dance and Iranian vocalist Salar Aqili will sing in the performance.

Cultural institutions to honor ancient inscriptions expert Arfaei

Tehran Times Culture Desk

TEHRAN — Several cultural heritage institutions are to pay tribute to ancient inscriptions expert Abdolmajid Arfaei at the Apadana Hotel on December 21.

The Pars Architects' Society, The Parseh and Pasargadae Research Foundation and The Farpad Association are scheduled to cosponsor the ceremony which will be held near the ancient complex of Persepolis, the Persian service of CHN reported on Saturday.

Arfaei is an expert on the Avestan, Pahlavi and Elamite languages.

Born in 1939 in Bandar Abbas, southern Iran, Arfaei studied Persian literature in Dar-ul-Fonun, an advanced school established by the Qajar king Nasser ad-Din Shah's Chancellor Mirza Taqi Farahani (Amir Kabir).

Afterwards, he left Iran for the United States to resume his studies and obtained a Ph.D. from the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago in 1974.

His doctorate thesis on the topic of Fars geography was based on clay inscriptions discovered at Persepolis.

Founder of the Inscriptions Hall at the National Museum of Iran, Arfaei is author of "The Decree of Cyrus the Great", a book giving a unique elucidation of the Cyrus the Great Cylinder which is inscribed with what is considered to be the world's first charter of human rights.

He has also participated in deciphering Mesopotamian legal inscriptions.

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Presently export is of priority in developed countries and compared to its similar provinces, Qazvin enjoys higher stance. In this respect, Mina Qazvin Food Industries under management o Hadj Yousef Khalili is among important companies that has played its role as the province's exemplary exporter.

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