



Dutch institute holding online exhibit of Iranian cartoonist's works

Tehran Times Art Desk

TEHRAN — An online exhibit displaying cartoons by the young Iranian artist Payam Purfallah is now available on the Dutch website of Parsaban.

Parsaban website was established in the Netherlands and is a cultural institute that reviews art and culture of Iran and the Middle East.

The Dutch institute regularly holds online exhibits and later, the artist is invited to hold an exhibit in the country, the Persian service of ISNA reported.

A selection of 24 works by Purfallah created over the past year has been put on display at the www.parsaban.nl, and his exhibit is due to be arranged in Amsterdam afterwards.

Purfallah was born in 1988 in Isfahan and has held several solo exhibits in Isfahan, Tehran and Kashan. He is also an active cartoonist in newspapers for the past few years.

To date, Purfallah has received several national and international awards, among them are prizes from the 15th "Olense Kartoonale" contest in Belgium in 2003, China LM International Cartoon exhibition in 2004, and the 4th "Syria Cartoon" international festival in 2008.

Isfahan Metro now threatening Si-o-Se Pol Bridge

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TEHRAN — A deviation from the correct course in digging the western end of a tunnel for the Isfahan Metro near the Si-o-Se Pol Bridge is threatening the historic Safavid monument.

The tunnel-boring machine (TBM) is reported to have deviated from its proper route and bumped into a ramp and a lower part of the bridge.

Over the past week, many cultural heritage enthusiasts and experts have protested against possible negligence by the tunnel contractor following publication of relevant media reports about the incident.

Consequently, the Alamut Company, in charge of drilling the tunnel for the Isfahan Metro project, invited a number of reporters to visit the site. However, they were escorted to the eastern end of the tunnel instead of the western end where the incident is reported to have occurred.

During the visit, project manager Babak Rostami said the route deviation was caused by an error in the TBM and considered the problem to be a mundane, every day issue in tunnel-boring.

The error occurred because of



differences in the density of the earth, he explained and added, "When a TBM drills a tunnel, it may deviate if it encounters earth with low and high density simultaneously."

Si-o-se Pol, also known as the Allahverdi Khan Bridge, is one of a small number of Isfahan's historical bridges spanning the Zayanderud River.

The construction of the bridge began in 1602 by order of the Safavid king Shah Abbas I.

The Isfahan Metro officials said that the historical city's metro will be operational by 2012. Other metro lines under construction are threatening monuments located on Chahar-Bagh

Street as well as in Naqsh-e Jahan Square, a complex of Safavid-era monuments registered on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List.

In 2001, UNESCO rejected the Isfahan Municipality's request to construct tunnels beneath Chahar-Bagh Street and Naqsh-e Jahan Square.

Despite rejection by UNESCO and opposition by the Isfahan Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts Department, the project's tunnels were bored.

Experts believe that vibration caused by metro trains passing underneath the monuments will cause damage to nearby historical sites.

Iran's Azeri band Araz to tour Europe

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TEHRAN — Iran's Azeri music band Araz by singer and conductor Rahim Shahriari is to tour Europe in March and April.

"The band will give its first performance in Istanbul on March 16. Thereafter, we will head to Köln in Germany. The band will continue on to Paris, Stockholm and several other cities for almost a month.

"The performances will contain a selection from the album 'Who Knows' in addition to several famous Azeri folklore songs," he remarked.

The band features Okhtay Shadi on tar, Afshin Alavi on Kamancheh, Hamzeh Shahriari on clarinet, Peyman Hamidi on piano, Mohammad-Hossein Afshari on kettledrum and several other musicians.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Construction of cinematic complex begins near Tehran

TEHRAN — Construction of the Hashtgerd Cinematic Complex near Tehran will begin on Saturday with an inauguration event.

Iranian Deputy Culture Minister for Cinematic Affairs Javad Shamaqdari will be attending the inauguration ceremony for phase one of the 50-hectare complex.

A research team composed of engineers and cinematic experts has conducted research on the field for three years.

Tehran's Book City to review cultural commonalities of Iran and Spain

TEHRAN — Tehran's Book City will review and compare cultural and literary commonalities of Iran and Spain during a session on January 12.

Scholars Mirjalaleddin Kazzazi, Dariush Pirniakan and the Spanish Ambassador to Tehran Leopoldo Stampa will be attending the event.

The center is located on Bokharest St., off Shahid Beheshti St.

WHAT'S IN ART GALLERIES

Photo

* Parham Taqiof is holding a photo exhibit at the Aan Gallery.

The showcase will run until January 15 at the gallery located on No.40 Seoul St. off Vanak Sq.

* Photos by Mohammad Bahmani and Majid Kalhor are currently on display during an exhibition at the Chalipa Gallery.

The showcase will run until January 20 at the gallery located on Hafez Ave., between Somayyeh and Taleqani streets.



International Notice

Kashan Water and Wastewater Company

First Announcement

For Expression of Interest in Project Management

Country: Islamic Republic of Iran

Kashan Water and Wastewater Company has applied for financing from the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) in the amount of Euros 62 million (Euros sixty two million) toward the construction of one new module of wastewater treatment plant with the capacity of 20,000 m3/day, located adjacent to the existing wastewater treatment plant and the execution of 330 km of wastewater network, and the said financing will become effective in a near future.

As part of the proceeds, the Kashan Water and Wastewater Company intends to select a qualified Consultancy Firm as the Project Management (PMC). It would be mentioned that a Consultancy firm will supervise the project implementation.

The consultancy firms from member countries, having at least two similar experiences are hereby invited to express their interest along with the relevant supporting documents and full company profile, latest by **2010-02-03** to the following addresses:

1- Kashan Water and Wastewater Company

Contact: Mr. Sadraeiyyeh

Address: Corner of Jihad Square, Bahonar Boulevard-Kashan, Islamic Republic of Iran
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Phone: + 98 361 557 0014

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Email: info@abfakashan.ir

2- National Water and Wastewater Engineering Company

Contact: Mrs. Mansoori (Bureau for Procurement of Funds and Development of Non-Governmental Participation

Address: No, 8 Shahid Abdollah Zadeh Ave, Keshavarz Boulevard Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

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Interested consultants may obtain further information at the above numbers, from 08:00 to 14:00 hours (local time), Saturday to Wednesday.

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برای اعلام آمادگی جهت مدیریت پروژه

جمهوری اسلامی ایران

شرکت آب و فاضلاب کاشان اقدامات لازم جهت اخذ وام از بانک توسعه اسلامی به مبلغ ۶۲ میلیون یورو به منظور ساخت یک مدول جدید تصفیه خانه فاضلاب به ظرفیت ۲۰۰۰۰ مترمکعب در روز در مجاورت تصفیه خانه فعلی و اجرای ۳۳۰ کیلومتر شبکه فاضلاب را انجام داده و وام مذکور به زودی موثر خواهد شد.

جهت مدیریت طرح مذکور، در نظر است تا از خدمات مهندسی مشاور حقوقی به عنوان مدیریت طرح (PMC) استفاده گردد. شایان ذکر است یک شرکت مشاور، نظارت بر اجرای پروژه را بر عهده خواهد داشت.

لذا از کلیه شرکتهای بین المللی کشورهای عضو بانک توسعه اسلامی، که حداقل دو کار مشابه انجام داده اند، دعوت می گردد سوابق کاری خود به همراه مشخصات کامل شرکت را حداکثر تا تاریخ **۱۳۸۸/۱۱/۱۴** به آدرس های ذیل ارسال نمایند.

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۲- شرکت مهندسی آب و فاضلاب کشور

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مشاورین علاقمند می توانند جهت کسب اطلاعات بیشتر از ساعت ۸ تا ۱۴ (به وقت محلی) روزهای شنبه تا چهارشنبه با شماره تلفنهای فوق تماس حاصل نمایند.