

Women Pottery Exhibit Will Open Sept. 1



First Women's Pottery Exhibition will open at Niavaran Cultural Complex on September 1. Over 1,700 works by 200 artists from Sistan-Baluchestan, Semnan, Karaj, Khorasan Razavi, Isfahan and Tehran are currently being reviewed by the exhibition's panel of jury which includes Farid Tathiri-Mogaddam, Haideh Seirafi and Marzieh Qarehdaghi. The exhibition will feature three-dimensional and inlaid works, as well as pottery works and ceramics, said a press release faxed to Iran Daily by Niavaran Cultural Complex Public Relations Office. The event will be sponsored by Culture and Islamic

Ministry, Niavaran Artistic Creations Department, Tehran Municipality's Office for Women's Affairs, Tehran Contemporary Arts Museum, Iran's Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization and Almas magazine. Specialized workshops will also be held on the sidelines of the event, which will last until September 18.

When someone is sure of the returns, then he shows generosity.

Imam Ali (AS)

110 Gold Coins for Literary Contest

Winners of the First Jalal Literary Award, named after the prominent Iranian author late Jalal Al-e Ahmad, will receive a total of 110 Bahar-e Azadi gold coins. As per decision of the High Council for Cultural Revolution, the award will be organized by Culture and Islamic Guidance Ministry in cooperation with Book House Institute concurrent with the author's birth anniversary on November 23.

According to Fars news agency, winners in five literary genres of novel, short story, literary critic, historiography and documentary writing, will receive a total of 110 gold coins. All writers, historians and publishers are invited to take part in the event by submitting their 2006 publications to the event's secretariat located on 1178, Enghelab Avenue (between Palestine and South Saba Street), Tehran.

PICTURE OF THE DAY



Illumination at Tehran's Vali-e Asr Square on the eve of the birth anniversary of Imam Mahdi (AS), the 12th Imam, who is in occultation. (Photo by Ali Hassanpour)

Plans to Gather Iranian Documents Abroad

Head of the Iranian National Library and Documents Organization has announced that all documents pertaining to Iran will be gathered from the national archives of other countries. Ali Akbar Ash'ari told reporters during a visit to Khavaran Cultural Center that in the initial phase, documents related to the Constitutional Revolution (1906) and the Oil Industry Nationalization Movement of 1952 will be collected from archives in other countries, according to MNA.

"Documents are the most important reference for historians to form a judgment on history. The absence of any historical document is tantamount to losing historical events," he maintained.

Ash'ari pointed out that it is the duty of his organization to compile all documents pertaining to Iran's history, he said, referring to efforts made to collect documents on the contemporary history of Iran.

The official further stated that a festival will be held in which people will be asked to recall their own memories about historical events in Iran.

IRIB to Interview 'Yangom'

Television Channel Two of Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB) will conduct an interview with the South Korean actress Lee Hu, who plays the role of 'Yangom' in the TV serial 'A Jewel in the Palace'.

The interview will be among the special programs to be broadcast for festival Eid Al-Fitr which marks the end of the holy lunar fasting month of Ramadan.



A poster depicting South Korean actress Lee Hu

Channel Two has dispatched a team of reporters, including Zabetian, to South Korea to interview Lee Hu. The special program on 'A Jewel in the Palace', which is currently being broadcast on Channel

Two, will be aired in three 50-minute episodes on three nights. Yangom is a television serial which is very popular in Iran and its audience includes people from nearly all walks of life.

FILM
The Rule of Game
Director: Ahmad Reza Mo'tamedi
Movie Hall: Iran 1, Africa, Farhang 1, Tehran 2, Kanoon 1, Bahman 2, Asr-e Jadid 3

Trial
Director: Iraj Qaderi
Movie Hall: Qods, Asr-e Jadid, Iran, Pars, Markazi, Sahra, Mellat, Tehran, Javan

A Hat for Baran
Director: Masoud Navabi
Movie Hall: Asr-e Jadid 1, Farhang 2, Bahman 1, Markazi 2, Karoon 2, Tehran 1, Hafez, Jey 3

INFORMATION
Prayer Timings
Dawn: 4:04
Sunrise: 5:33
Noon: 12:06
Evening: 18:57

WEATHER GUIDE

	TUE	WED
Tehran:		
High:	39°C	40°C
Low:	24°C	26°C
	High °C	
Athens	31	35
Ankara	29	29
Cairo	37	35
Copenhagen	17	17
Frankfurt	19	20
Karachi	35	35
Kuwait City	45	48
London	21	21
Madrid	33	31
Moscow	20	18
New Delhi	35	34
Paris	20	21
Riyadh	45	45
Rome	34	33
Vienna	24	16

Syrian Scholars Visiting

A group of Syrian university students and professors who are on a 10-day visit to Iran toured scientific, cultural, historical and religious centers in Tehran, Isfahan and Khorasan Razavi provinces.

The 42-member group includes Syrian professors of Persian language and literature scholars from the universities of Damascus, Ba'ath, Homs as well as a number of Persian language students from Iran's Cultural Center in Damascus.

According to MNA, the visit was sponsored by Iran's Cultural Center in Syria, Islamic Culture and Communications Organization (ICCO), Ministry of Science and Technology and Teacher Training University.

Head of ICCO's Center for Development of Persian Language and Literature Abbasali Vafae, who accompanied the group, referred to the significant position Syria holds in political relations with Iran and said, "Iran-Syria relations are intertwined due to cultural, religious and Islamic commonalities."

Stressing the need to boost cultural and educational cooperation, he said that the center is currently compiling a Persian language textbook for Syrian educational centers.

The group went around Iran's leading auto-manufacturer Iran Khodro Company, Teacher Training University, Mobarakeh Steel Company in Isfahan and Astan-e Qods Razavi Foundation's library.

Masnavi Tales in 4 Languages

Forty tales from Molana Jaleddin Rumi's Masnavi will be translated and published in four languages. According to ISNA, Bahman Namvar Motlaq, who is responsible for selecting the stories, said "Our main objective is to introduce the great poet and mystic Molana to the world."

He added that since Turkey attempts to introduce Molana as a Turkish poet, the need for such an undertaking was felt.

Motlaq, Amir Ali Nojoumian, Mahmoud

Haddadi and Maryam Haq-Rousta are translating the stories into French, English, German and Spanish respectively.

"Molana's Influence on Western Culture and Literature" will also be published by Motlaq with the help of Nojoumian and Saeed Firoozabadi.

The book will review the influence of Molana's mysticism on American and European cultures as well as its impacts on French, German and English literature.

Another work by Motlaq and Shokr-Asadollahi, 'Gestational Criticism', is in the final editing stage and will be published by Elm-i-Farhangi Publications.

Motlaq, 45, is deputy chairman of the Art Academy for research affairs. He graduated from Blaise Pascal University with a PhD in comparative literature.

"Mystic Daydreaming with Molana and Saint-Exupéry", "Symbolic Comparison of Mountain and Wind in Molana's Poems" and "Molana in the West and France", are among his other works.

Persian Academy Inefficient

Faculty member of Mashhad's Ferdowsi University said that Persian Language and Literature Academy is lagging behind in meeting the needs of the society.

Speaking to ISNA, Mahmoud Reza Ekramifar observed that the academy is about five years behind from the society. "For example, five years after the SMS technology was introduced in Iran, the academy came up with the equivalent of 'Payamak' for it. This shows we are lagging behind," he said. Ekramifar called on the Persian

Language Academy to choose an equivalent for a foreign technical term concurrent with the introduction of the technology so that it comes into common use in the society.

He recalled that 10 years after computers were being used in Iran the academy choose the Persian equivalent 'Rayaneh' for it.

The lecturer contended that the lethargic stance of the Persian Language and Literature Academy in coming up with equivalents for foreign words has resulted in the academy losing its efficiency.

Molana Confab Due in US

An international conference will be held in the United States to discuss various aspects of the life of renowned Iranian mystic poet Jaleddin Mohammad Balkhi Rumi who is known as Molana.

The three-day event, which will be organized by the Persian Language Department of Maryland University, will begin on September 28, reported MNA.

Professors and literary figures from across the world will participate in the gathering to discuss

the poems and thoughts of Molana.

Abdolkarim Sorush, Amin Nabati, Baqer Moein, Safoura Nourbakhsh are among the scholars who are scheduled to attend the conference.

Various programs such as Molana concert are also to be held on the sidelines of the conference.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has designated 2007 as the 'Year of Molana'.

Natural History Museum for Ilam

Natural history and biodiversity museum will be launched in the western province of Ilam to display all flora and fauna species, fossils as well as the region's natural phenomena.

Announcing this, Fatemeh Vaez-Javadi, head of Department of the Environment (DOE) said that the well-equipped museum can highlight all the beauties in the province since it will be constructed in the best location. A wildlife park was also inaugurated in Dalab Gorge, she said, adding that some species of wild animals whose main habitat was Ilam province will be transferred to the park, Persian daily Iran reported.

Meanwhile, director general of Ilam Environment Preservation Department Hossein Mohammadi said that the plan is among those approved during the president's visit to the province.

A sum of five billion rials was allocated for the implementation of the project, he noted.

Stating that fallow deer is currently living in Ashk Island of Orumieh lake, he said this while its main habitat is the Zagros area.

Therefore, the DOE has decided to return the deer to its original habitat.

