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The Presence of the National Secretariat of EducationIRAN at the International Day Celebration at Tehran University of Medical Sciences

The 11th International Day celebration at Tehran University of Medical Sciences, themed "Together in Diversity, Stronger in Unity," took place on Saturday, February 1, 2025, as part of a series of events marking the university's anniversary.

The event brought together international students, faculty members, institutions, and centers engaged in global academic activities, including the National Secretariat of EducationIRAN.

At the event, the National Secretariat of EducationIRAN's booth highlighted its capabilities and achievements. The event served as a platform for engagement and collaboration among domestic and international students, faculty, and officials.

Notably, EducationIRAN, operating under the supervision of the Ministry of Health, Treatment, and Medical Education, is dedicated to supporting medical universities across Iran in advancing the internationalization of higher education.

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Thesis Defense Ceremony at Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS) Held with Research Collaboration from Six Countries

The thesis defense of Zhina Amjadi, a General Dentistry student at TUMS, took place on February 12, 2025.

Her thesis, titled "Comparison of Demographic, Clinical, and Histopathological Characteristics of Premalignant Lesions of the Oral Cavity among International Diagnostic Centers of Oral Pathology (2010–2022) in Six Countries," was carried out in collaboration with Iranian and international professors from six countries and nine academic and research institutions.

Dr. Nazanin Mahdavi and Dr. Shiva Shirazian from the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Diseases served as thesis advisors, working alongside consulting professors from Iran, India, Turkey, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Thailand in conducting and developing the research.

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The First International Student Meeting on Grant Opportunities at Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences



The inaugural international student meeting, titled "Exploring the Rationale and Strategies for International Collaboration in Medical and Health Sciences," took place on Wednesday, November 21, 2024.

The event aimed to:

- Introduce students to renowned international health institutions and their potential roles in global projects and initiatives.
- Promote global perspectives and cross-cultural engagement.
- Strengthen interactions in multilingual and multicultural environments.
- Acquaint participants with international research collaborations, scientific partnerships, and opportunities in open and distance education.
- Present the International Scientific Student Association.

The International Affairs Office, in collaboration with the Student Scientific Association of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, organized the event.

The event followed a hybrid format, featuring in-person participation for Iranian and international students from Tehran's medical universities, while students from across the country joined online.

Short-Term Training Courses by Iran University of Medical Sciences Launched in Georgia Using Private Sector Capabilities



As part of ongoing internationalization efforts and the expansion of knowledge-sharing with neighboring countries, a collaboration agreement has been established with Iranian private sector representatives in Georgia.

This initiative adheres to Georgia's educational laws and aligns with international higher education regulations. These courses aim to strengthen scientific collaboration, promote knowledge exchange, and create educational opportunities for students and professionals across various medical science disciplines in Georgia.

Under the agreement, the private sector will fully cover investment costs, while the university will provide scientific support and faculty for the short-term courses. Further details on the admission process and course offerings will be announced soon on the university's official website.



Mazandaran University of Medical Sciences has welcomed new international students for the 2024–2025 academic year.

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Dr. Mohsen Ramezani, Director of International Affairs at Mazandaran University of Medical Sciences, emphasized the university's commitment to advancing internationalization and improving its global standing. He announced the completion of the fifth round of international student registrations, welcoming students from Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, and Iraq. The registration process was conducted at the Payambar Azam Academic Complex.

The newly admitted students have enrolled in a range of disciplines, including General Surgery, Dentistry, Toxicology, Parasitology, and Virology. Additionally, students have been admitted to master's programs in MBBS, Toxicology, Clinical Biochemistry, Microbiology, Immunology, Emergency Nursing, Critical Care Nursing, and Psychiatric Nursing.

Mazandaran University of Medical Sciences currently hosts 165 international students. With this new intake, the total number of international students has risen to 251.

Strengthening International Collaborations: A Productive Meeting between Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences and Al-Amarah University College



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On January 22, 2025, Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences engaged in constructive discussions with Al-Amarah University College in Misan, Iraq, to explore potential collaborations in various fields.

Dr. Hamid Hassan Taher, Dean of Al-Amarah University College, and Dr. Haider Aliwi Shami, Associate Dean for Scientific Affairs, spearheaded efforts to establish strategic partnerships between the two institutions. This initiative seeks to strengthen academic collaboration and facilitate knowledge exchange in medical education and research.

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Shiraz University of Medical Sciences Showcases Medical Excellence at Health Tourism Exhibition in Tehran



Shiraz University of Medical Sciences (SUMS) participated in the Health Tourism Exhibition in Tehran from February 11–14, 2025. The university hosted a booth highlighting Shiraz's advancements in medicine and healthcare, drawing interest from both domestic and international stakeholders.

Representatives from various private healthcare centers, including Abu Ali Sina Transplant Hospital, Kowsar Hospital, Shiraz Central Hospital, and Ordibehesht Hospital, joined SUMS officials from the Health Tourism Unit. Throughout the four-day exhibition, the SUMS health tourism team held constructive discussions with counterparts nationwide, exploring opportunities for regional collaboration.

Notably, they renewed a Memorandum of Understanding with Abadan University of Medical Sciences and initiated negotiations with the Arvand Free Zone Organization to facilitate patient admissions from Iraq. Additionally, they discussed expanding health services to patients from Bangladesh with a private company.

In a meeting with the Director of the Health Tourism Office at Iran's Ministry of Health, the SUMS delegation underscored the importance of transitioning International Patient Departments (IPD) in public hospitals to the private sector to enhance access for international patients.

They also stressed the need to issue IPD licenses to qualified medical laboratories and radiology centers in Shiraz, ensuring adherence to established standards.

Second Joint Event of Shahid Sadoughi University of Medical Sciences and Teuku Umar University in Indonesia



As part of the cooperation agreement between Shahid Sadoughi University of Medical Sciences and Teuku Umar University, the second joint webinar was held on February 9, 2025, organized by the International Relations Office of Shahid Sadoughi University.

The webinar, titled "Opportunities and Challenges of Continuing Education in Higher Education in Indonesia," was led by Dr. Firman Parlindungan, Associate Professor in the English Language and Culture Department and Head of the Curriculum and Language Development Center at Teuku Umar University.

During the session, Dr. Parlindungan provided an overview of Indonesia and its higher education system, followed by an in-depth discussion on the opportunities and challenges of studying at Teuku Umar University. The webinar concluded with a Q&A session, allowing participants to engage with the speaker and exchange information about the health faculties of both universities. Public Health, Nutrition, and Occupational Health are among the academic programs jointly offered by the two institutions.

Gilan University of Medical Sciences Joins BRICS University Union



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As an existing member of the Caspian Sea Rim Universities Union, the university also oversees the medical sciences sub-commission within the BRICS framework.

At the 26th assembly of the union, Gilan University was appointed to lead the commission on health tourism and medical education. This role seeks to harness Gilan’s outstanding capital in education, medicine, and research, along with its strategic location near Caspian Sea countries, to advance health tourism.

Establishing Gilan as a health tourism hub in Iran by leveraging private sector investment to develop treatment facilities—particularly in the Anzali Free Zone and the province’s central, eastern, and western health centers—could firmly position Gilan as a premier health destination in the country.

It’s worth noting that BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, and the United Arab Emirates) is an intergovernmental organization that has been holding annual official meetings since 2009 to coordinate multilateral policies among member countries.

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Urmia University of Medical Sciences (UMSU) Welcomes Its New Students



On December 28, 2024, Urmia University of Medical Sciences (UMSU) held a warm welcome ceremony for its latest cohort of international students. Over 200 students from various countries gathered to celebrate the beginning of their academic journey at the university.

The ceremony featured remarks from key university officials, including Dr. Taheri, head representative of the spiritual leader at the university; Dr. Fattahi, Vice Chancellor for Student and Cultural Affairs; Dr. Fereidouni, International Campus Manager; and Dr. Asemi, International Affairs Manager.

The event was designed to create a welcoming and informative atmosphere for the new international students, helping them feel integrated into the university community. UMSU continues to strengthen its internationalization efforts by welcoming students from around the globe, thereby enriching the academic and cultural diversity of the campus.

Virtual Meeting between Directors of Pasteur Institute of Iran and Tashkent Research Institute of Vaccines and Sera



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On January 29, 2025, a virtual meeting was held between the directors of the Pasteur Institute of Iran and the Tashkent Research Institute of Vaccines and Sera. During this meeting, Dr. Abdulrahman Ashurov, Director of the Tashkent Institute, presented the history and current capabilities of the institute. He expressed interest in enabling young scientists from the Tashkent Institute to receive necessary technical training and engage in joint projects with the Pasteur Institute of Iran in the near future.

In response, Dr. Rahim Sorouri welcomed Dr. Ashurov's initiative for scientific collaboration and emphasized the potential for joint scientific and educational partnerships between the two historic institutions. He also invited Dr. Ashurov to visit the Pasteur Institute of Iran during his trip to the Islamic Republic in the upcoming spring.

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Happy New Year (Nowruz)!

May this year bring new adventures
and endless possibilities!



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