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Iranian animations screened in Sarajevo

The Iranian children's and teenagers' films week, which showcased a collection of captivating animations in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, concluded on Thursday. According to the Soureh Cinema Organization, the event began on June 6 at the cinema hall of the International Center for Children and Youth, mehrnews.com reported.

This special event, organized by Iran's Embassy in collaboration with the Soureh Cinema Organization and the Sky Frame animation studio, welcomed the participation of the Sarajevo International Center for Children and Adolescents.

Rasht Grand Bazaar, a world of colors

Are you a bazaar lover? Have you visited traditional Iranian bazaars with the ceilings, domes, and lightwells like the ones in Isfahan, Shiraz, Kerman, Tabriz, and so on? They are so unique and outstanding, and worth visiting as many times as possible.

But today we are getting to know more about Rasht Grand Bazaar, which is totally different from others. A 24-hectare market is the biggest roofless bazaar in Iran, tappersia.com reported.

Rasht Grand Bazaar is mesmerizing and when you get in, you will immerse in its beauty, a world of colors, flavors, and sounds. You can hear many sweet dialects there including Gilaki and Turki. You can find everything you can think of. From any kind of food and vegetables to clothes, kitchen utensils, and traditional handicrafts.

On every corner in the bazaar you see the movements of colors. You can breathe in the fresh smell



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of fruits and vegetables, and sometimes the sharp smell of fresh fish. The vegetables are the crops of nearby farms, and the fish are recently caught in the Caspian Sea. You can find some aromatic vegetables, which are exclusively from the area, which the locals

use as ingredients in many of their delicious dishes.

Street food

Little by little, as you are spending your money on souvenirs and buying stuff for your home, you start feeling hungry; that's the moment your

eyes open to the other attractions which happen to be super delicious. And you can be sure about the fresh ingredients, as the best local suppliers are all around.

When to visit?

Rasht Bazaar is available

to visit every day, morning to late evening. The interesting thing is that on some days rural people join the shoppers and vendors. They come to sell their homegrown products, such as nuts, vegetables, and fruits, or home-baked goods like

traditional bread and cookies.

Why roofless?

You may ask, "This all sounds great, but why roofless?"

Rasht is known as the City of Rain. In Gilan Province, most of the time it rains,

or it is cloudy. The no-roof theory is a solution to absorb as much sunlight as available so that it doesn't cause vitamin D deficiency. Moreover, the beauty of the bazaar in the rain is undeniable.

The history of the bazaar dates back to the Safavid Dynasty (1501-1736 CE). The 24-hectare market consists of two squares, a large one and a small one, streets, and 14 caravanserais. Nowadays, some of the caravanserais are used as shops, but most have long been abandoned.

The bazaar is located next to the Shahrdaari (Municipality) Square, which is also another top tourist attraction of Rasht. Variety, quality, and the freshness of the products is the reason many people visit the bazaar daily. Consequently, the location is one of a kind for photography, either on sunny days or rainy days. It feels really something to walk along the bazaar and see the liveliness of the bazaar despite the rain.

Farsi language taught in 18 Chinese universities: *Envoy*

Arts & Culture Desk

Chinese Ambassador to Iran, Chang Hua, announced that the Persian language is currently being taught at 18 Chinese universities.

In a recent tweet, Chang expressed delight over the reciprocal educational efforts, highlighting that the Chinese language is also taught at five universities

in Iran. These endeavors signify a growing cultural exchange between the two nations.

In an interview with IRNA, Iran's Cultural Attaché in China, Abbas Ali Vafaie, shed light on the extensive presence of Persian language and literature courses across more than 18 Chinese universities. Additionally, he emphasized the operation of seven Iranian studies centers within these in-

stitutions.

Vafaie further explained that while some universities offer Persian language studies as part of their Oriental studies programs, others provide dedicated courses focusing on the Persian language.

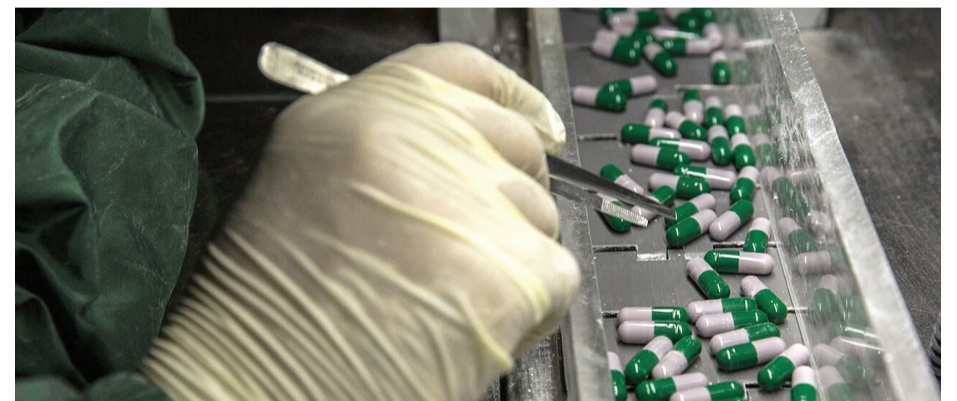
Vafaie delved into the motivations of Chinese individuals to learn Persian, identifying two primary factors. Firstly, the transformation of Iran into a regional powerhouse has sparked interest among others who seek to comprehend the elements of its power. Secondly, the flourishing linguistic, commercial, and economic ties between China and Iran necessitate Chinese entities to engage with their Iranian counterparts, fostering the demand for proficient Persian speakers.

Fortunately, Vafaie remarked that the enthusiasm for learning Persian language and literature has witnessed a substantial surge in recent years, particularly in China. This remarkable development reflects the genuine eagerness and warm reception shown by learners.

Vahid Haddadi-Asl, the Iranian Deputy Minister of Science, highlighted the diverse policies being implemented to strengthen the field of Persian language and literature. The foremost objective is to establish and reinforce Persian language and literature centers in different countries, enhancing their prominence and accessibility.



Iran's burgeoning biotech industry: 36 drugs, vaccines produced, with more on the way



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Social Desk

A member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Manufacturers and Exporters of Medical Biotechnology Products of Iran announced that 36 types of biotechnology drugs and vaccines have been produced in the country, with an additional 15 in the research and development stage. Fereidoun Mahboudi made the announcement on Wednesday at the third conference of medical biotechnology products and related industries at the Olympic Hotel.

Mahboudi highlighted that the production of biotech drugs in Iran has resulted in four billion dollars of foreign exchange savings and expects the global sale

of biotech drugs to reach 900 billion dollars by 2030. Currently, 45 companies are active in the production of biotech drugs in Iran, with the past two decades considered the golden era for the country's biotech drug industry, according to IRNA. The Biotechnology Medical Committee has been present in the Ministry of Health since 1996, and Mahboudi anticipates the revival of the High Council of Biotechnology within the ministry. He emphasized the importance of continued support for the biotech drug industry to ensure access and affordability of medicines for the Iranian people.

Seyyed Heider Mohammadi, head of the Food and Drug Organization, announced at the conference that the Central Bank has ordered

operating banks to pay 30 thousand billion tomans (more than one million dollars) of working capital to pharmaceutical and medical equipment companies. Mohammadi acknowledged the importance of biotech drugs and the need to support the pharmaceutical industry to ensure easier access to medicines for the public.

During a recent trip to Russia, Iranian advances in biotechnology were met with surprise, prompting efforts to reduce insurance debts to pharmaceutical companies. Mohammadi stated that more than 90 percent of the problems faced by the Food and Drug Organization are external, and their duty is to facilitate and accelerate processes while working with other institutions.