

First Meeting of Science and Research Department's Supervision Committee Held

«Speaking at the first meeting of the Science and Research Department's Supervision Committee Head of the Islamic Azad University, Dr. Abdollah Jasbi, announced that the head of the Department's Tehran branch has recently set up a supervising committee to help improve the quality of higher education courses, as well as establishing a closer contact among branches in the provinces of the country,» the public relations of the Science and Research Department reported.

«There are currently 13 branches of the Science and Research Department active in the provinces, hence the establishment of a supervising committee can regulate the educational, financial, administrative affairs of these branches, and facilitate their interactions,» Dr. Jasbi added.

«The Advisor to the Head of the university, Dr. Majid Abbaspour, said at the meeting that the central branch of the Department in Tehran can act as a regulating engine for the scientific machinery of the university, so as to improve the educational quality of the whole system,» the report added.

«The head of the Tehran branch of the Department was also assigned as the manager of the Provincial Supervision Committee, which is to hold monthly meetings in the future,» the report concluded.

Science and Research Department's Public Relations Awarded at the 4th Festival of Qualified Public Relations

«The public relations office of the Science and Research Department was awarded for its effective contact with the media and information dissemination at the 4th festival of qualified non-governmental public relations,» the Public Relations of the Science and Research Department reported.

«The festival, running from November 24 to 26, 2009, was held with the contribution of the Ministry of Islamic Culture and Guidance, Ministry of Cooperation, Islamic Azad University, Tehran Municipality and certain national media organizations. The festival consisted of three sections, namely: exhibition, seminar and assessment of submitted papers and articles,» the report added.

Science and Research Department Holding 4 General English Tests Annually

«Since success at general English tests is a qualifying requirement for students of higher education across the country, the Science and Research Department has been attempting to set up a language center for its students of higher education to help them improve their language skills,» Dr. Birjandi, Head of the English Language and Literature Faculty said.

«For the past 3 years the language center of the department has been offering preparatory courses for the English Proficiency Test (EPT), as well as holding the EPT test three times a year at the department and other branches of the Islamic Azad University,» Dr. Birjandi added.

«It is essential for Iranian students to master a foreign language so as to be competent enough to present their research articles and studies efficiently at international conferences. The skill will also enable them to establish contact with scientists abroad to introduce our national scientific achievements to the world,» Dr. Birjandi concluded.

Science and Research Department Student's Article Wins WGO's Social Award

«An article by a student of Science and Research Department won the special award of the 24th World Gas Conference (WGO) held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from October 5-9, 2009,» the public relations of the Science and Research Department reported.

«The article entitled 'Economizing the Domestic Consumption of Natural Gas' by Science and Research Department M.A. student of Environmental Engineering, Mohammad Rezai, won the special social award of the conference at its inaugural ceremony, which was held with the presence of the Argentinean president and certain high-ranking state officials,» added the report.

«Of a total of 683 articles submitted to the secretariat of the conference, 216 articles qualified to be presented at the conference. Iran, with 76 qualified articles, ranked second after Russia,» the report concluded.