University of Tehran the National Star and Symbol

1. University of Tehran is a star

According to a law (adopted in 1934) the University of Tehran was allowed to be established by which a new institution of modern sciences called UNIVERSITY was founded for the first time in Iran. University of Tehran is a star for it is historically and with no challenger ranked first. Basically priority or seniority is unchallengeable. It is said, for instance, that Sirius the Great was the first ruler to proclaim human rights and humanitarian law. This priority and seniority in history, causes people and institutions to turn to stars, University of Tehran is the best example.

2. University of Tehran is a symbol

All nations, undoubtedly, are in need of national and unifying symbols. Common memoirs as well as sweet and bitter experiences of the citizens of a nation are the main unifying factors and a reason for existence. Some of these experiences turn to become national symbols which strengthen the basis of thought and culture of the society. University resembles: the thoughtful brain of the society and a center for training talented people- the best pattern of a symbol which builds identity; a unifying factor and a reason for a nation especially the youth to feel proud of it. Iranian Universities have in turn taken valuable steps in this way. University of Tehran as the first star, for being science centered, in the country has appropriately paid its dues to Iranian people who seek perfection. Although the university cannot be out of criticism and responsibility, it is respected for being a symbol and in order to preserve this boundary a red line should be observed. Otherwise heedlessness and disrespect towards the university is tantamount to de-symbolization which brings loss of identity for the youth of the nation. The feeling of the loss of identity towards the national symbols will cause the youth to feel surprised and be attracted to symbolization as well as magnification of abilities of the world of outside that results in brain drain, a sinister phenomenon which is, by itself, a gradual death to science and culture. We wish, by appreciating the national symbols and stars, to take stronger steps towards strengthening the basis of national identity.
German Delegation Meets UT President

Professor Mulak, the representative of German Foreign Ministry in Religion Dialogue, in company with Ms Punsel, cultural advisor of German Embassy, visited Dr. Faraji-A Dana on April 4, 2004. Professor Mulak, in this meeting, emphasized cooperation of German Universities with UT, mentioning the open attitude of Shiites towards Religion Dialogue.

US Cancels Scientific Sanction of Iran

The Ministry of Treasury of the US canceled the order to ban publishing scientific articles by Iran or any other country under the sanction of the United States.

The Students of UT Faculty of Engineering Ranked First & Second in a Spaghetti Bridge Building Contest in Canada

The students of civil engineering of UT faculty of engineering were ranked first and second in International Spaghetti Bridge Building Contest in Canada on March 12, 2004. This competition was the 21st annual one held in Okanagan in British Columbia, Canada, in which the students of UT faculty of engineering became first and second in Lightweight Competition and second in Heavyweight Competition. The participants were: Hamideh Abolghasemi Veiše, Mojtaba Heidari Maab, Pooneh Maghoul and Pouya Bani Bayat, led by Dr. Shahrokh Malek, the faculty member of engineering faculty.

Professor Margaret A. Somerville from McGill University of Canada Gives a Speech at UT

Professor Margaret A. Somerville, the professor of McGill University of Canada, the winner of Ebne Sina prize of UNESCO, Ethics in Science, delivered a speech in Sheik Ansari Hall of the Faculty of Law and Political Science on April 28, 2004. She also visited UT Central Library. In this visit in the presence of Dr. Faraji-Dana and the UT Board of Directors, the Documentation Center of UT Central Library was introduced to her.
The Students of UT Faculty of Engineering Emerge Top in Concrete Bowling Ball Competition in USA

The students of civil engineering of UT faculty of Engineering were ranked number one in a competition held by American Concrete Institute (ACI International) in Washington D.C. on March 14, 2004. The participants in the competition were:

Mahdi Bakhshi, Aboozar Bonakdar, Mohammad Jahangir, Hamed Yazdani, and Bahareh Abdollahi led by Dr. Mohammad Shokrchi, the assistant professor of Civil Engineering of Department Faculty of Engineering.

An Academic Delegation from Davis University of California Visits UT Faculty of Agriculture

An academic delegation from Davis University of California made a presence at UT Faculty of Agriculture and visited the Board of Directors and the heads of educational departments as well as different sections of the very faculty e.g. Laboratories, Herbarium, Botany Garden and the faculty museum on Apr 28, 2004.

Robotic Team of Iranian Universities Emerge Top in Free Robocop Contests in USA

Robotic Teams of Ebne-Sina University of Hamedan and UT Faculty of Science were ranked the senior champion and the junior champion of free competition of the USA in the field of simulation of robots football. In this contest held from 24th to 27th of April in New Orleans University 39 teams from the USA, Canada, Germany, Iran, Mexico, Taiwan, and South Korea took part. The UT Public Relations Office congratulates this success and wishes the best for them

The UN Secretary Generals Message on the 10th Anniversary of Generation Cleansing in Rwanda Read

A ceremony on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of generation cleansing in Rwanda was held in UT Faculty of Law and Political Science in which Dr. Doroodian, the faculty dean, Dr. Mosaffa, the head of International Higher Studies Center, UN representatives in Tehran and a group of students made an appearance and Dr. Mosaffa in a short speech mentioned the generation cleansing in Rwanda as a great humanistic tragedy. Its worth mentioning that UN Secretary General, Kofi Annans message was read by one of the members of UN Information Center in Iran.
On the April 21st, 2004 in the presence of UT president and some UT and the Faculty of Psychology officials, a ceremony was held in which the honorary membership of UT Faculty of Psychology and Education was conferred on Ms. Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, the princess of Thailand.

In this ceremony she expressed her pleasure for conferring honorary membership of the faculty on her and stated: UT is one of the best universities of Iran and it has trained a lot of students for development of Iran and I feel proud of receiving honorary membership of faculty at UT. She added: education causes perfection of human beings and I believe that it is the basis of humanity.

Dr. Maha Chakri also said: Most of men and women have started education from family, mosque and temple and educational institutions and these three institutions play a key role in progress of our society.

Referring to the main role of human resources in countries development, Thai Princess said: states need to improve their development through the systematic supporting of the youth.

She, at the end, appreciated the UT president and officials for conferring the honorary faculty membership on her.

It is worth mentioning that at the end of this ceremony Ms. Maha Chakri Sirindhorn was awarded some gifts.

Members of Cultural Cooperations of French Embassy Visit Research Center of Science History

On Mar 17, 2004, the members of cultural cooperations of French Embassy in Iran visited the Research Center of Science History and exchanged views with Head and members of the center.