

The 1st joint meeting of planning council on World & National Crafts Cites and villages

Tehran - Kooshk Historic Mansion
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Tehran - The 1st joint meeting on Iranian World & National Crafts Cites and Villages was held on Wednesday, 17 January, 2018 in Kooshk historic mansion in Tehran.

Many practitioners of Handicraft & Traditional Arts turned out to attend this event. Among them, the Head of Handicraft Parliamentary Caucus, the Iranian Members of Parliament, the Secretaries of Iranian World & National Crafts Cites and villages, the ICHTO's Director Generals, Deputies of Handicraft in provinces and Media converged at the rendezvous with Dr. Namvar Motlagh, the Deputy for Handicraft & Traditional Arts for the Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicraft and Tourism Organization (ICHTO).

This significant event was planned by the West Asia sub region office/World Crafts Council - Asia Pacific Region (WCC-APR) in order to illustrate the

outstanding impact and dramatic surge in growth of Iranian cities & villages after designation as the Iranian World & National Crafts Cities and Villages.

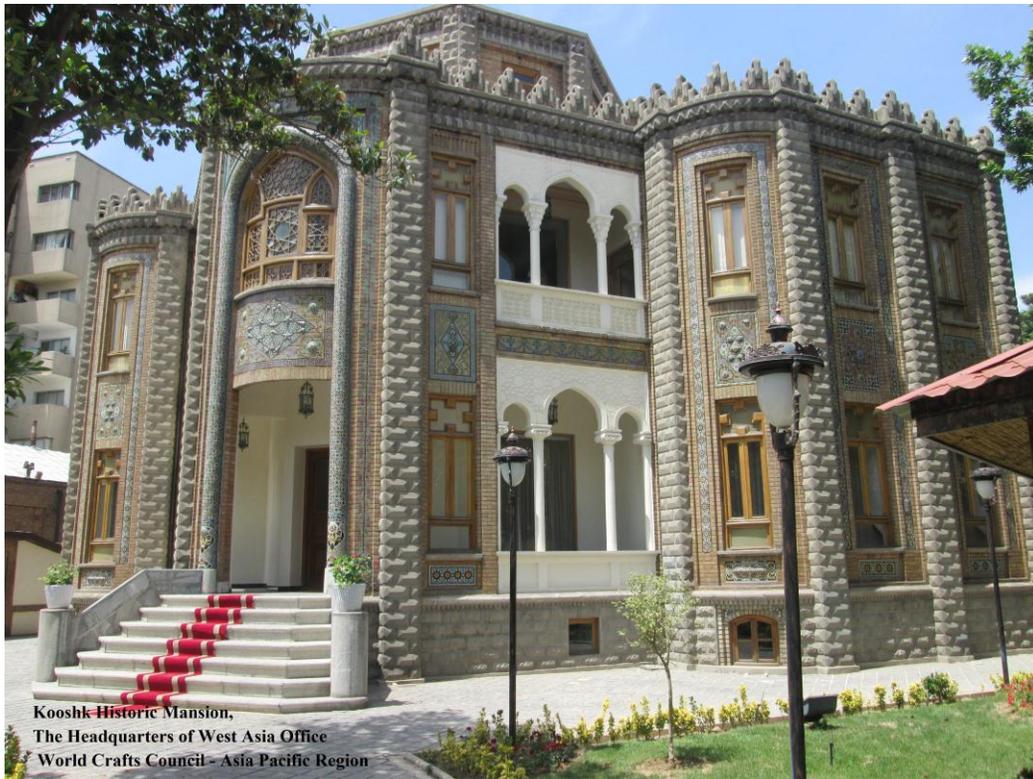
During this event, Dr. Namvar Motlagh gave a keynote speech on the opening ceremony and addressed the key issues and possible scenarios for handicraft in future. He remarked that the ICHTO has an overwhelming desire to establish handicraft bases in these World & National Crafts Cities and Villages.



All the secretaries of the cities and villages who were already appointed and mandated by Dr. Namvar Motlagh delivered a general report to the meeting and depicted the time procedure in which the promotion was occurred before and after designation of their cities and villages. At the end, they shared the potential problems and demanded more facilities to be granted to artisans in future by the Iranian parliament. The main request mostly focused on how the Iranian parliament could play a bigger role to exempt artisans from value added tax. Furthermore, they talked about the Persian carpets and rugs and stated that it would be better off it returns to the body of the ICHTO and will work under the supervision of this organization.



Later, Dr. Vaghfchi, the head of handicraft parliamentary caucus spoke to the audiences and emphasized on the importance of insurance which need to be issued for artisans; moreover, he uttered that how parliament in this regard is seriously working on to eliminate legal barrier.



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