

**Celebration of the “World Crafts City” of Isfahan
on October 3rd,2015, in Isfahan, Iran.
& Celebration of the “World Carpet Weaving City”
on October 6th,2015, in Tabriz, Iran**

Along with Ms.Usha Krishna, I was invited by the Deputy of Handicrafts -Dr.Bahman Namvar Motlagh - Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization (ICHTO) and the Representative of the Vice President of West Asia sub-region, Mr.Ahmed Saleh al-Farsi, Dr.Marwan Abu Khalaf, Manager of Heritage & Research at Society of Inash Al Usra in Palestine, to attend the Celebration of the “World Crafts Council Crafts City” Isfahan on Oct 3rd,2015, and the Celebration of the “World Crafts Council City for Carpet Weaving” Tabriz on Oct 6th,2015.

It was an honor to share with the distinguished dignitaries, H.E.Dr.Masoud Soltanifar, Vice President and President of ICHTO, and both the Governor of Isfahan Province, H.E.Rasul Zargarpour, and the Governor of East Azerbaijan Province, H.E.Ismaeil Jabarzadeh, the Mayors of both cities, Mr.Mehdi Jamalinezhadeh of Isfahan and Mr.Sadegh Najafi of Tabriz, as well as General-Director of ICHTO, Isfahan, Dr.Farzin Haghparast, and General-Director of ICHTO, Tabriz, Mr.Ferydun Allahyari, Dr.Bahman Namvar Motlagh, Deputy of Handicrafts-ICHTO and Vice President of West Asia sub-region, along with other deputies and the team of ICHTO.

In Isfahan, the agenda included the following:

1. Speeches given by : H.E.Dr.Masoud Soltanifar, Vice President and President of ICHTO, Dr.Bahman Namvar Motlagh, Deputy of Handicrafts-ICHTO and Vice President of West Asia sub-region, and myself as President of WCC-Asia Pacific Region.
2. Handing over of the Appointment Certificate of Isfahan as “World Crafts Council Crafts City” by WCC-APR President on behalf of the WCC President.
3. Opening Celebration introducing Isfahan as the “World Crafts Council Crafts City”.
4. Inauguration of the Crafts Exhibition.

In Tabriz, the agenda included visits to the following places :

1. Visit to Mr.Kazemernia's workshop and dinner on the site.
2. Visit to Carpet Faculty of Tabriz Islamic Art University and meeting with the Dean of Members Faculty.
3. Visit to the Carpet Section in the old covered Mozzafarie Bazaar, where the Governor of East Azerbaijan came to inaugurate the unveiling of the Plaque of WCC Appointment of Tabriz as "World Crafts Council City for Carpet Weaving", by President of WCC-Asia Pacific Region, Dr.Ghada Hijjwai-Qaddumi, on behalf of the World Crafts Council President, Mr.Wang Shan.
4. Visit to the Qajar Museum

Photos of the Celebration of the "World Crafts City" of Isfahan on October 3, 2015, in Isfahan, Iran & Celebration of the "World Carpet Weaving City" on October 6 ,2015, in Tabriz, Iran has been uploaded in the APR Website under "Photos Gallery" – "WCC-APR Events" – "Celebration of the World Crafts City of Isfahan on 3 Oct, 2015, in Isfahan, Iran & Celebration of the World Carpet Weaving City on 6 Oct, 2015, in Tabriz, Iran".