



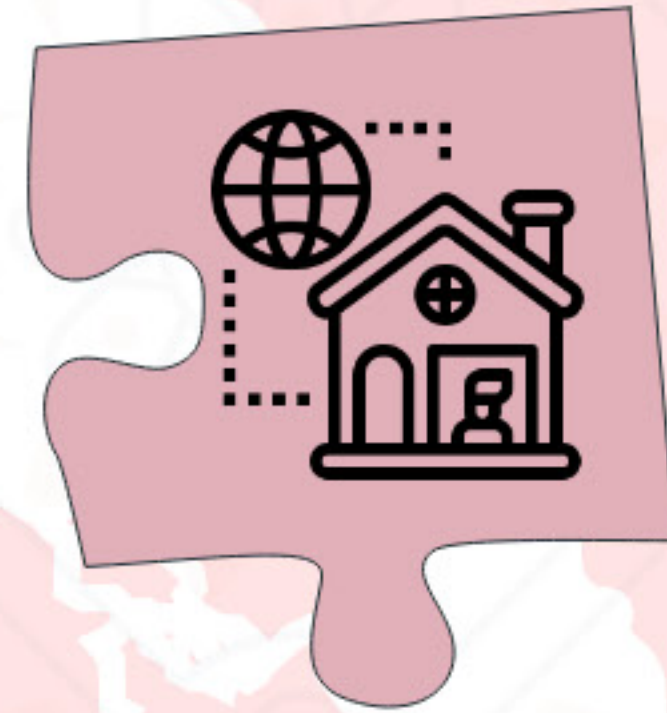
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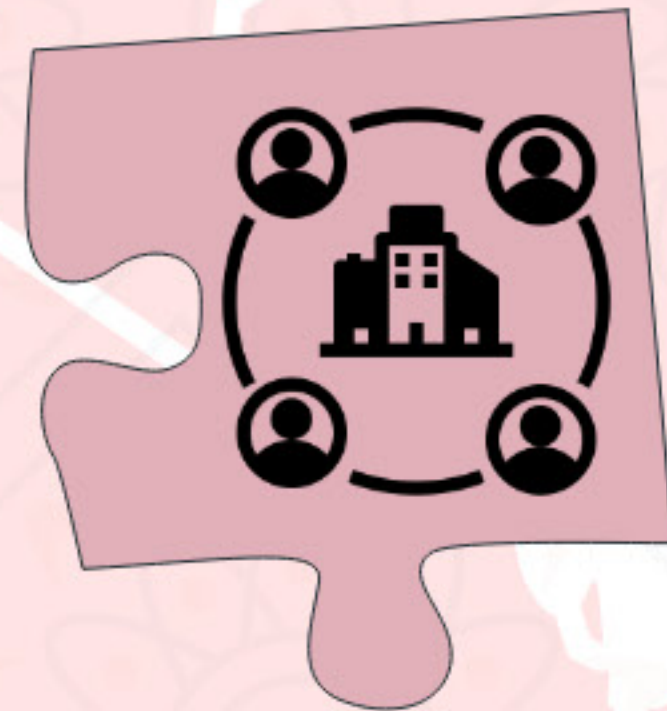
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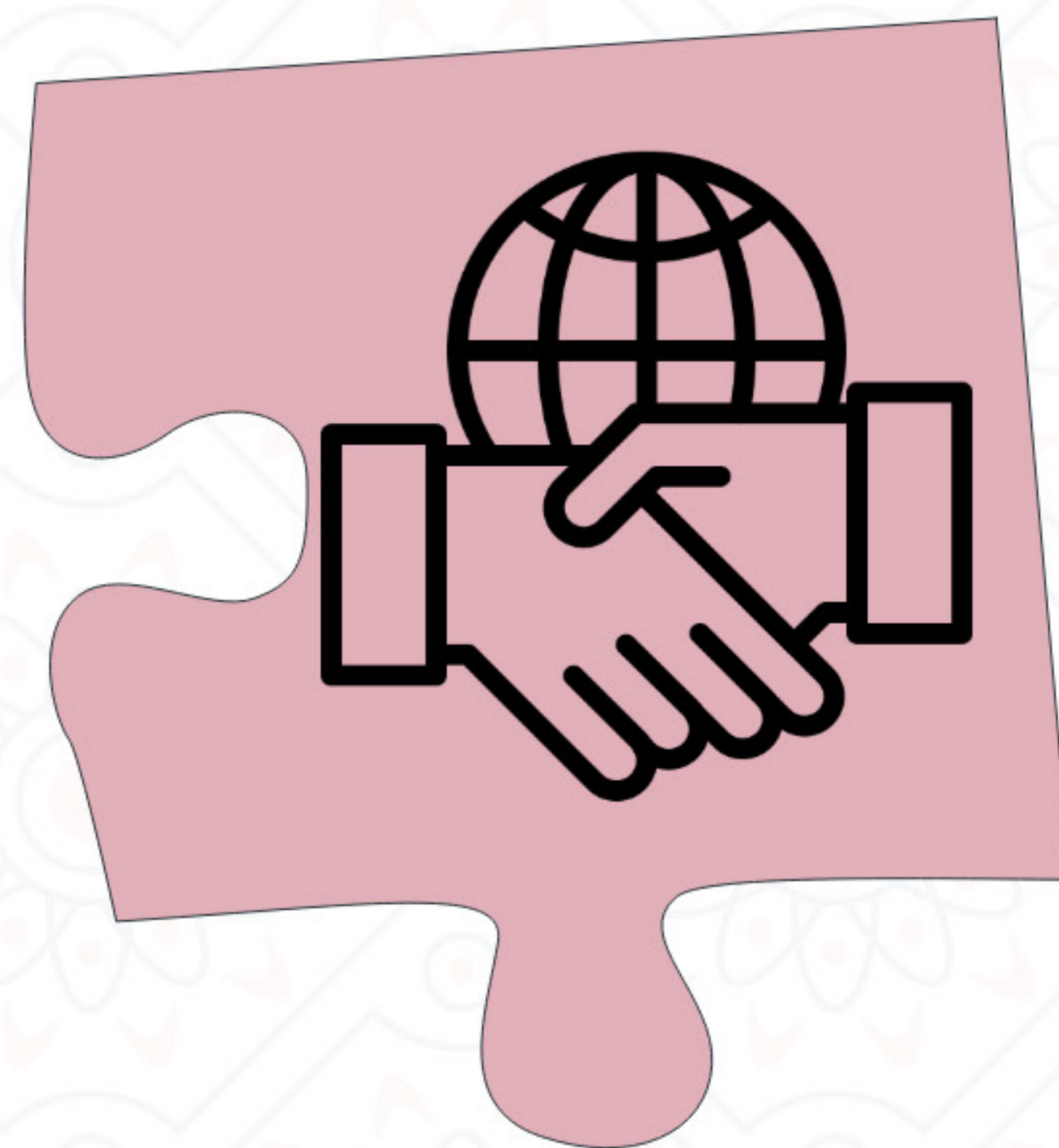


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International Affairs



AMF delegation partakes at BRICS+ in Kazan



The “BRICS+ Association of Cities and Municipalities” has been founded in a ceremony in Russia’s Kazan with the participation of AMF. The meeting, kicked off with an official ceremony and a message from Russian President Vladimir Putin, saw a speech by AMF SG Hamidreza Gholamzadeh on the necessity of forming such association and its key role in bolstering the inter-city ties between countries of BRICS+. AMF is attending the event with a delegation of mayors from its member cities including Mashhad, Isfahan, Shiraz, Tabriz, Ramsar, Kerman, Karmanshah and Arak.



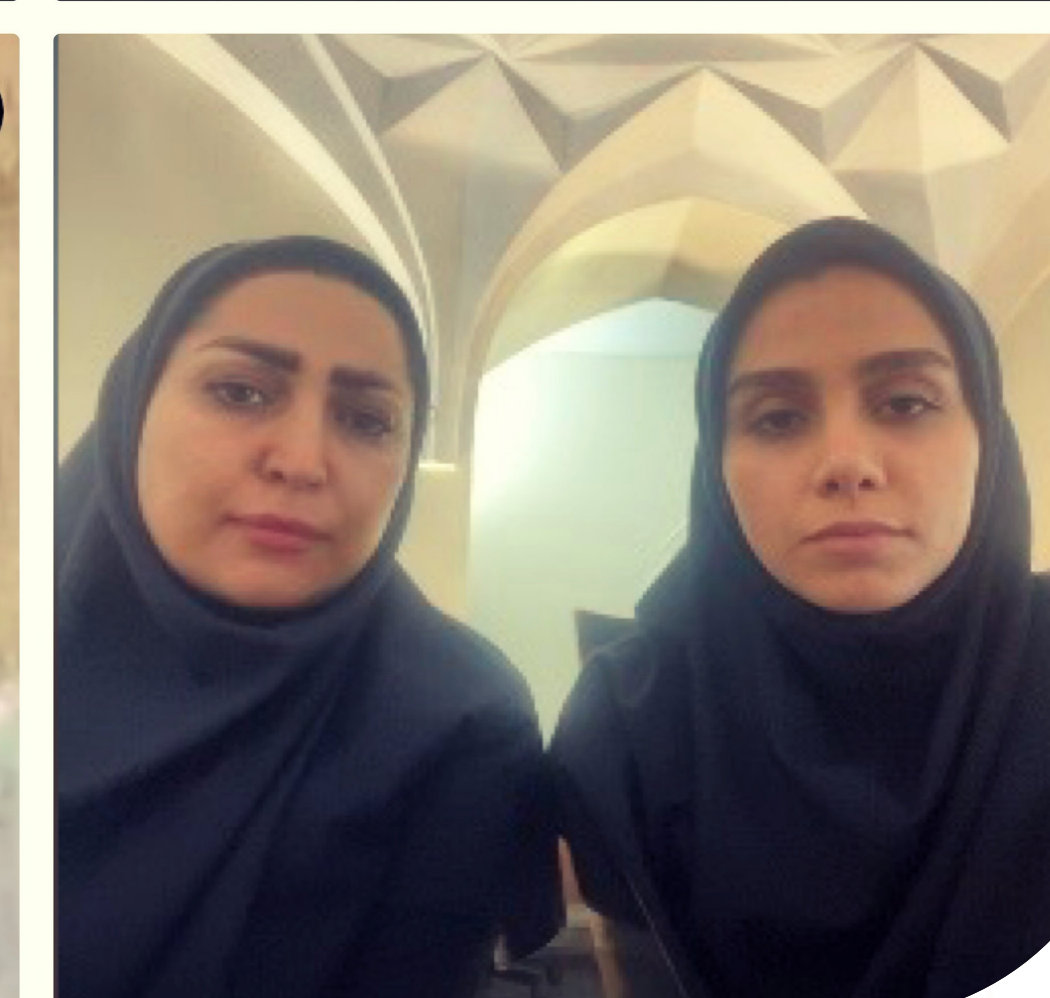
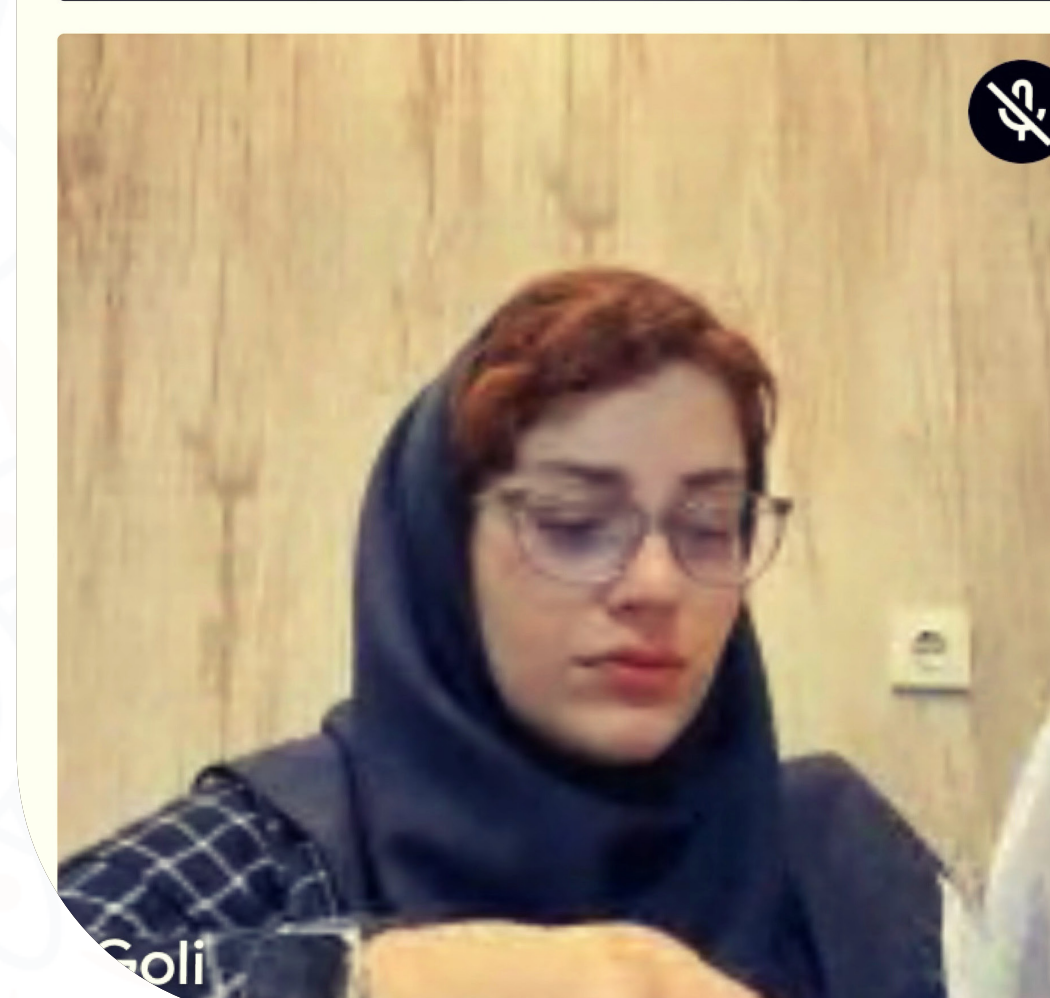
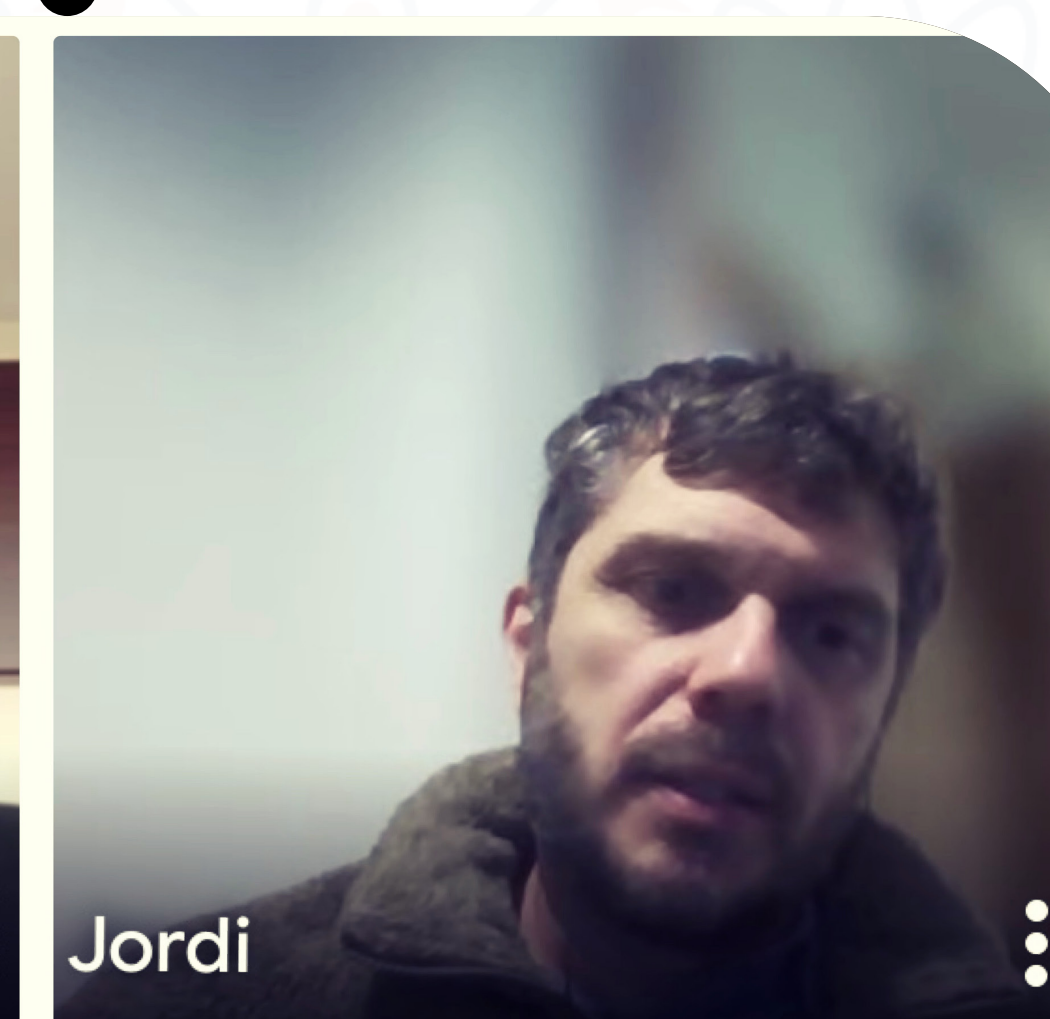
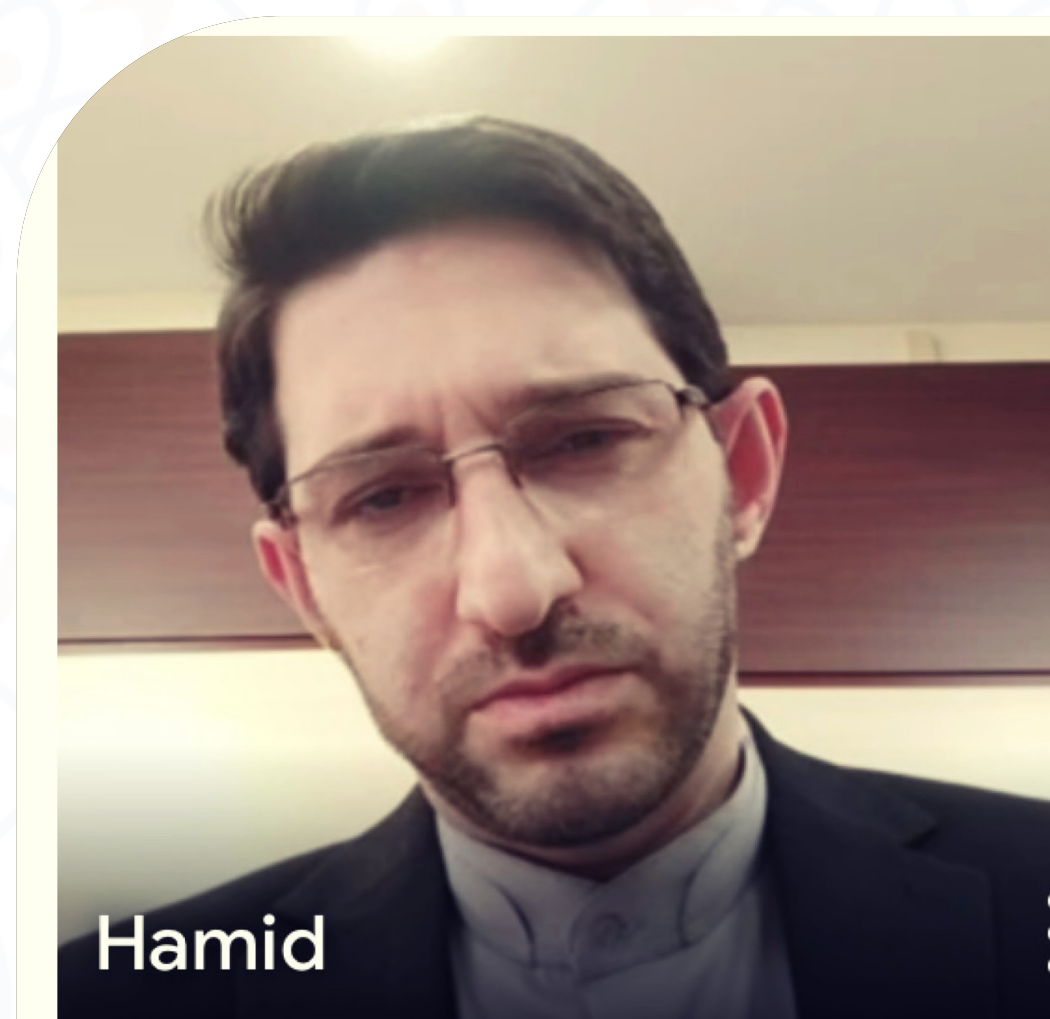


AMF hosts high-ranking delegation from Shanghai

AMF has hosted a high-ranking municipal delegation from Chinese city of Shanghai, led by Representative of the Mayor of Shanghai Municipal Government Peng ChenLei. In the meeting, AMF SG Hamidreza Gholamzadeh called the Forum a gate to cooperation with Iranian cities, calling for establishing stronger ties, particularly in fields of technology, waste management and electric transportation. Mr. ChenLei, for his part, hailed AMF for providing an opportunity to share the experiences, expressing full readiness of Shanghai to foster cooperation.

AMF, Metropolis discuss future projects

AMF and Metropolis, World Association of Major Metropolises, have explored future cooperation. Attended by AMF SG Hamidreza Gholamzadeh and his Metropolis counterpart Jordi Vaquer, the online meeting discussed joint projects and events for the coming months. Metropolis is a cooperating partner of AMF.



AMF receives condolences over Pres. Raeisi martyrdom

Condolence messages has poured in following the martyrdom of President Ebrahim Raeisi and his entourage in a helicopter incident in northwestern Iran. Mayors of Russia’s Kazan Mr. Ilсур Metshin, Secretary General of UCLG-MEWA Mr. Mehmet Duman and Secretary General of UCLG-Eurasia offered their condolences to AMF SG, calling the incident a tragic loss for the region. They also prayed for the Iranian nation to be strong and patient in this difficult time.



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Mr.Hamidreza Gholamzadeh,
Secretary General of
the Asian Mayors Forum

Dear Mr.Hamidreza Gholamzadeh,

At this time of sorrow, on behalf of UCLG-Eurasia and on my own behalf, I express our deepest sympathy for the tragic helicopter crash on Sunday.

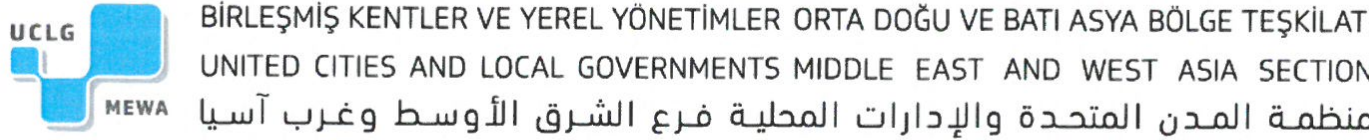
I know that words are not enough in these awful situations, but in this heartbreaking moment, the words of support are all that I have. We share the pain of the dear people of Iran and sincerely grieve for the victims with you.

Please take care of yourselves and your beloved families in this anxious time.

With great respect,

Secretary General

Rasikh Sagitov



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Hamidreza Gholamzadeh
Secretary General of Asian Mayors Forum
Tehran, Iran

Distinguished Secretary General,

It is with profound sorrow that we have learned of the tragic incident resulting in the martyrdom of His Excellency Sayyid Ebrahim Raisi, the Honorable President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, along with Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian and others. This loss is deeply significant, particularly during these times of heightened tension in our region, and has left a profound void in political leadership.

As UCLG-MEWA, we stand in solidarity with the people of Iran, who mourn the loss of statesmen admired for their leadership and dedication to the nation. Mr. Raisi will be remembered for his support and advocacy of the Palestinian cause and his unwavering commitment to fostering peace in the MEWA Region.

We express our deepest condolences over this tragic incident. Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families, and we pray for the Almighty's mercy on the departed souls. May Allah grant patience and strength to the entire nation of Iran during this challenging period.

With deep regrets,

Dr. Mehmet DUMAN
UCLG-MEWA Secretary General

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Ha № от

Secretary General of the Asia
Mayors Forum
Mr. Gholamzadeh Natanzi
Hamidreza

Dear Mr. Gholamzadeh Natanzi Hamidreza!

On behalf of the Kazan City Council, the Executive Committee of Kazan, the residents of Kazan, and on my own behalf, let me express our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of the victims, as well as to all the friendly people of Iran on the passing of the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran Mr.Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr.Hossein Amir Abdollahian and the persons accompanying them.

The President Mr.Seyed Ebrahim Raisi made an invaluable contribution to the development and prosperity of Iran, to maintaining security and stability in the Republic. The outstanding politician and leader was rightfully respected by fellow citizens and significant prestige abroad. He made a huge contribution to the development of Russian-Iranian relations, and was not only an outstanding political figure, but also a comprehensively developed person, an example for many people.

At such a sad time, I would like to convey the words of deep sympathy and support to the families of the victims and all residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and sincerely wish them spiritual strength in the face of an irreparable loss. Kazan grieves with the Iranian people.

Sincerely,

Ilсур Metshin

AMF SG meets with Kuwaiti diplomat



AMF SG has hosted Kuwait Counselor Meshari Saleh Al-Muzaini in a meeting on bilateral relations. The capacities of AMF, its international activities, and areas of interest for developing inter-city ties were topics discussed by Hamidreza Gholamzadeh and the Kuwaiti official.

Iranian chef judges culinary event in Kazan

Kazan's Young Chefs International has hosted an Iranian female chef as a member of its international jury for tourism and halal industry events. Ms Sanaz Sadeghian, introduced by AMF under a cooperation agreement between the organization and Kazan, while evaluating the culinary events, held a workshop on maximizing the extraction of saffron color for the participants. The participation was part of efforts to foster Iran's public diplomacy in Kazan Forum 2024, this year dedicated to Russia-Islamic World cooperation and attended by hundreds of representatives from OIC countries.



AMF Women Network takes part at Kazan Forum 2024



Coordinator of AMF Committee for Women, Youth and Family has addressed “Women Role in Politics” at Kazan Forum 2024. Ladan Ranjbar, while underlining the importance of female participation in political arena of the society, called it an issue of developing countries. Mrs. Ranjbar has also held talks with several attending officials including Senator Ekaterina Lakhoava, Deputy Director of the Directorate “New Tashkent” Sharaf Sharofovich Radjabov, as well as Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Khusnullin Marat Shakirzyanovich on AMF and bilateral cooperation perspectives.

AMF, IOM discuss cooperation, joint projects

AMF SG has met with Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Iran. In the meeting, held on June 6, Hamidreza Gholamzadeh and Lalini Veerassamy discussed areas of interest and future joint projects and events. The two organizations had held an event on International Migrants Day last year for the Afghan migrant community in Tehran.



AMF, DLA jointly visit Al-Zahra University



A delegation from AMF and Diplomatic Ladies Association has taken a tour of Al-Zahra University. The visit, accompanied by a group of diplomatic spouses from several embassies, was aimed at introducing the facilities and capacities of the higher education for women in Iran as well as exploring the areas of interest. The library, laboratory, gallery and a charity student market were parts visited by the delegates. Al-Zahra is a female-only public university located in Tehran, enjoying a considerable scientific and academic reputation.

AMF, DLA jointly visit Pardis Technology Park

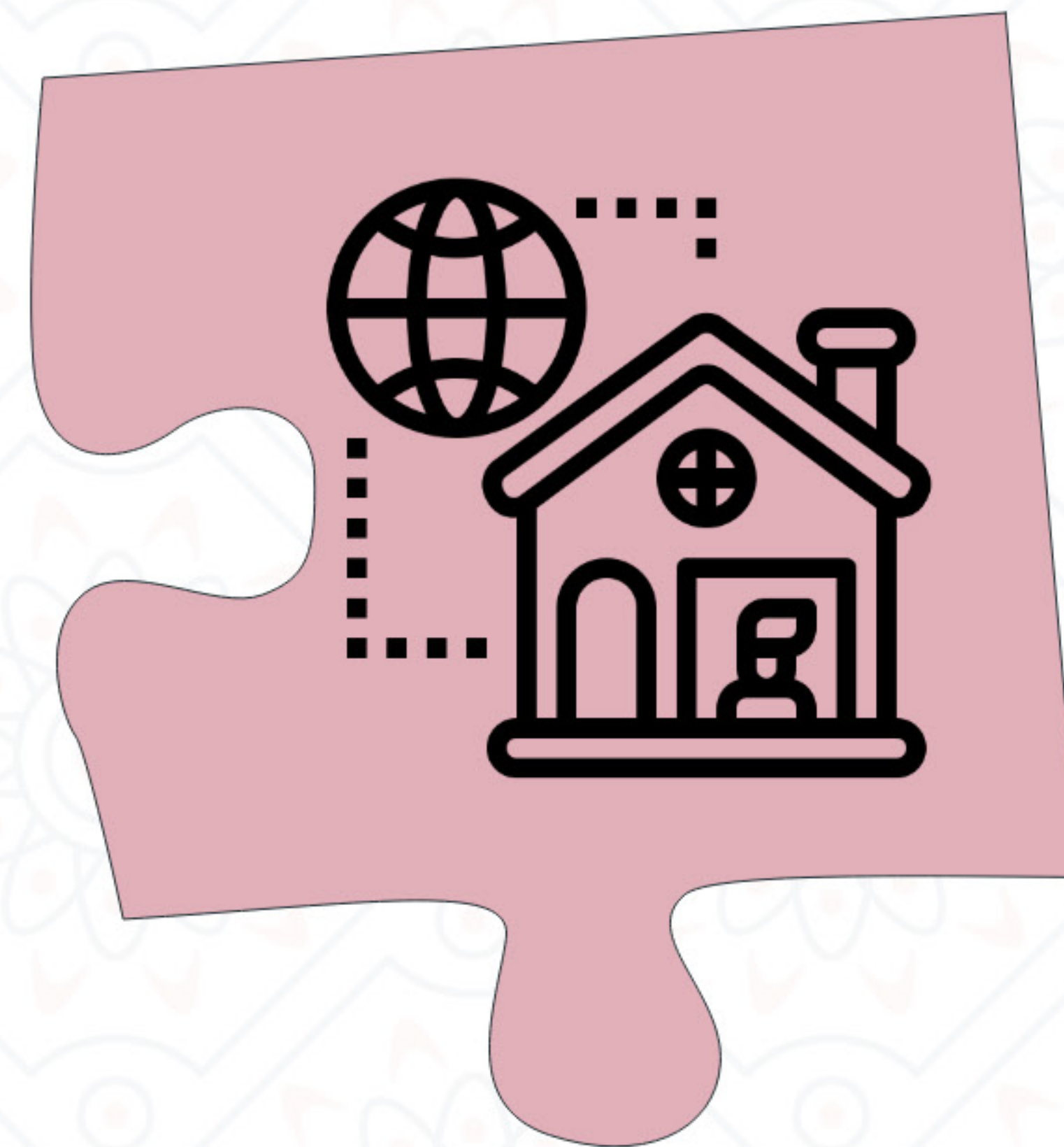
A delegation from AMF and Diplomatic Ladies Association has taken a tour of Pardis Technology Park. The visit was aimed at introducing the capabilities of Tehran in new sciences and technologies as well as their application in sustainable development. Areas of interest and fields of cooperation were also discussed in a meeting between the visitors and the officials of PTP.



Eid mubarak!



Domestic Affairs





AMF SG meets with mayor of Hamedan

AMF SG has held talks with mayor of Iranian member city of Hamedan on upcoming projects and events. The meeting saw the signing of an agreement on Hamedan being the host of the 10th Meeting of AMF Executive Board by Hamidreza Gholamzadeh and Sayed Masoud Hosseini. A meeting of AMF Committee for Urban Tourism was also scheduled to be held in the city in near future, as the city is designated as Tourism Capital of Asian Cities in 2024.

AMF, CISTC discuss coop. under InCity

AMF SG and head of Iran's Organization for International Cooperation in Science and Technology has explored furthering cooperation under AMF's InCity. Following the MoU reached between AMF's InCity and CISTC's Connect, Mr. Hamidreza Gholamzadeh and AmirHossein Mirabadi discussed capacities and capabilities to boost international cooperation, particularly in Asian cities. The parties also examined collaboration on upcoming InCity event dubbed "1st Asian Cities Innovation Challenges", scheduled for early summer. Joint scientific events, using the capacity of academia and establishing scientific bases in Asian cities were among the most important areas of interest touched upon in the meeting. The signed copies of the MoUs were also exchanged.





3rd Urban Cinema session held at AMF

The 3rd Urban Cinema session has been held with a focus on challenges of cities' development. Opened with screening "Urbanized" documentary by Garu Hus-twit, the meeting discussed the film and the aspects it had ad-dressed with professors from Shahid Beheshti University includ-ing, Sahar Nedaei Toosi, Mozaffar Sarrafian and Azadeh Lak. The event, attended by students and enthusiasts, discussed the opportunities and challenges of urban development, as well as the process of transformations and the evolution.

AMF explores cooperation with Iranian city of Fardis

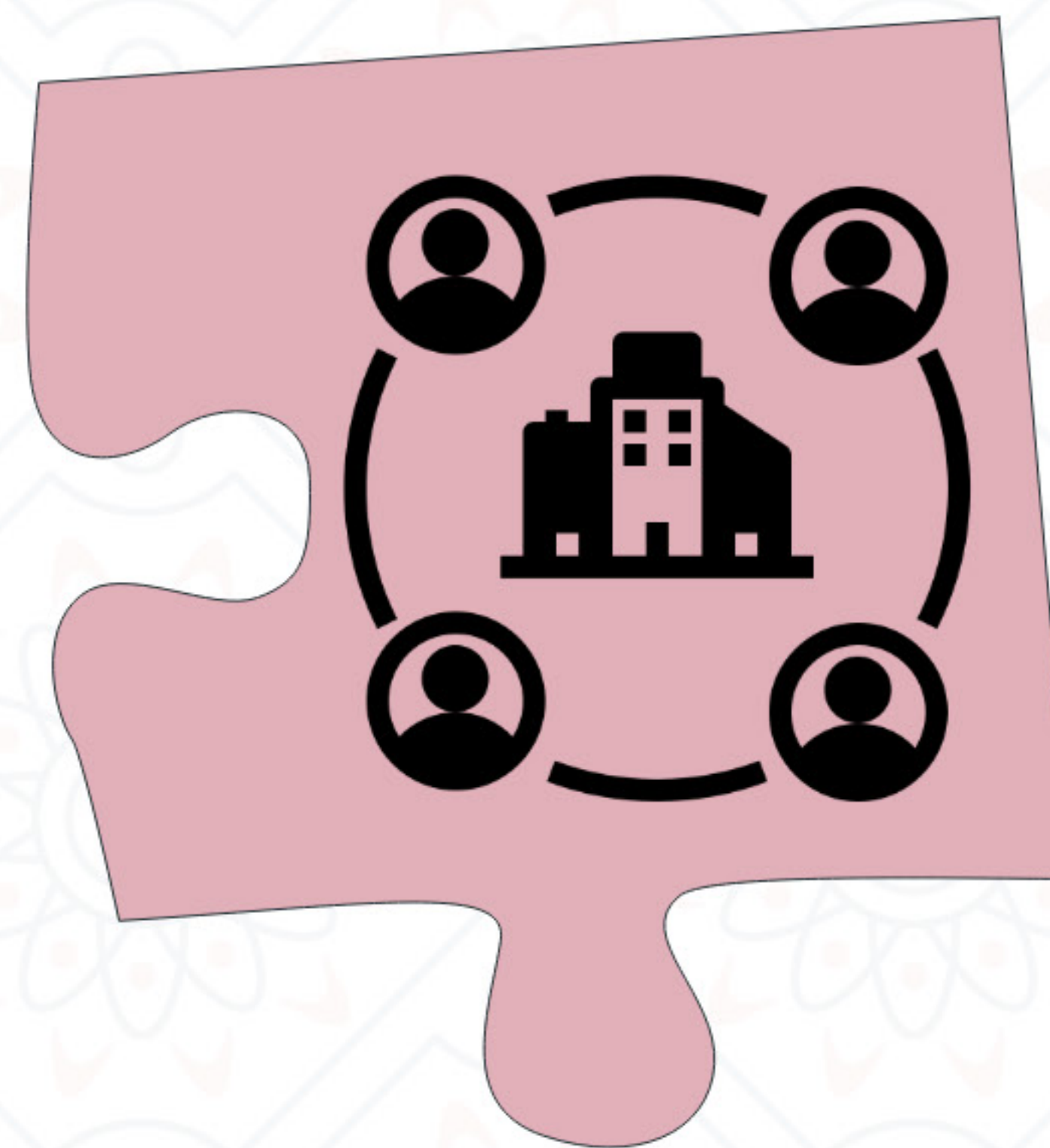
AMF SG has met with mayor of member city of Fardis on boosting urban cooperation. In a meeting hosted by Fardis, Hamidreza Gholamzadeh and Mohammadreza Ahmadinejad explored joint areas of interest as well as capacities and challenges of the city. Hailing branding and city diplomacy efforts of the city, AMF SG underlined that Fardis has the capacity to play a more effective role in the organization. The meeting also included a visit to top projects of the developing city. Fardis, located in Alborz Province, joined AMF in 2018.



AMF SG pays homage to martyrs Raeisi, Amirabdollahian

AMF SG has paid tribute to martyrs President Ebrahim Raeisi and FM Hossein Amirabdollahian in a ceremony at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Hamidreza Gholamzadeh, while singing the memorial books, condoled with MFA General Director for Protocols Mr. Mohsen Mortezaeifar over the great loss.

Member Cities



AMF hosts photo exhibition on Shiraz attractions

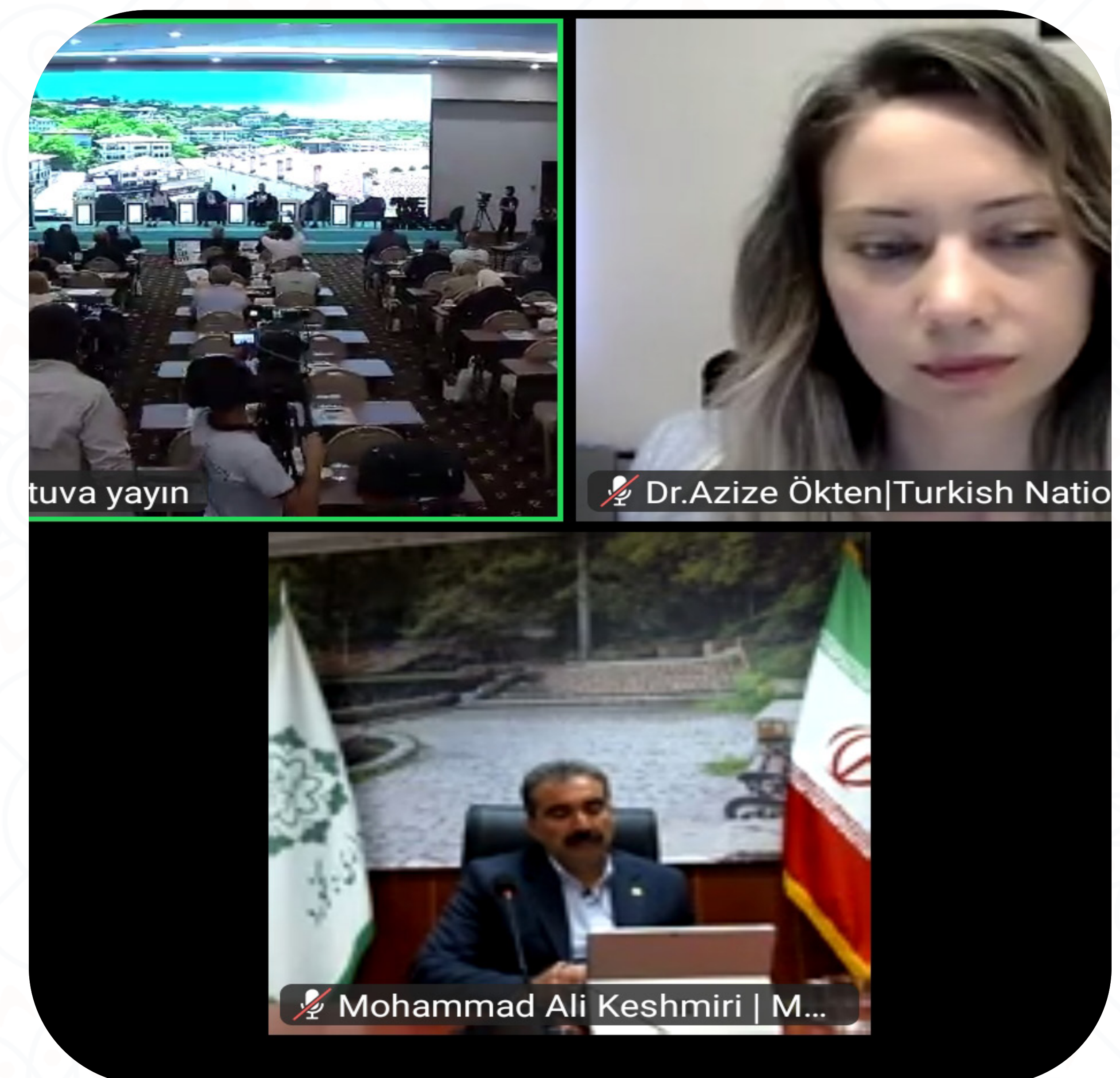


The opening ceremony of “Naghshe-e Behesht” photo exhibition dedicated to attractions of Iranian city of Shiraz was held at AMF this morning. Organized on the occasion of Week of Shiraz and attended by AMF SG Hamidreza Gholamzadeh, Shiraz Mayor Mohammadhassan Asadi as well as a number of ambassadors and representatives of international organizations, the exhibition showcases photographs from the historical and cultural attractions of the beautiful Iranian city. AMF SG hailed the event as an introduction for further international cooperation, while Shiraz mayor called it a small window to the magnificent heritage of the city.



AMF member city takes part at UCLG-MEWA meeting

Mayor of AMF member city of Bojnourd has addressed the UNESCO Heritage Cities Network Meeting at UCLG-MEWA Executive Bureau Meeting Program in Turkey's Karatay. In his online speech, Me. Mohamad Ali Keshmiri introduced the cultural heritage of his city and discussed the strategies the municipality has adopted to preserve the heritage during the sustainable development of the Iranian city. Creating public interest, branding the city based on its cultural heritage, improving local tourism as well as reviving and redefining the use of historic sites were among the topics addressed in the speech.



• About us

Asian Mayors Forum (AMF) is an international non-governmental, non-profit organization dedicated to developing friendly relations and technical, economic, and cultural cooperation between mayors and city managers in Asia. The main goal of AMF is strengthening the integration of Asian cities to have a better life for their citizens through City Diplomacy, the exchange of knowledge and experiences, and specialized cooperation. The motto of the Forum is Asia for Citizens, Integration for a Better Life. Over a decade of its activity, AMF has been influential in managing local and urban affairs in Asia. While paving the way for the exchange of information and experiences between mayors and city managers, it has held successful meetings, including six rounds of the General Assembly plus specialized conferences and nine rounds of the Executive Board meeting in Tehran, Istanbul, Bangkok, Haiku, Gaziantep and Dushanbe. As an active urban network in Asia, in line with its defined mission and tasks, AMF launches various annual programs with the participation of world-renowned specialized organizations, such as UN-Habitat, at local and international levels dedicated to cities and urban startups.

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