



THE TUMS BRIEF

May-June 2014

TUMS School of Public Health

HEADLINES

- TUMS held an integrated graduation ceremony for all of its students on May 27, 2014. Though rain poured and winds howled, TUMS students took their professional oath and celebrated their graduation with spectacular fireworks.
- TUMS ranked third, after the Scientific Information Database (SID) and University of Tehran, in the new web evaluation system of Iran's higher education centers and institutes. Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Isfahan University of Medical Sciences, Sharif University of Technology, Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, Mashhad University of Medical Sciences, Isfahan University of Technology and Amirkabir University of Technology are ranked 4th to 10th, respectively.
- The 6th International Neurosurgical Congress, as a joint venture between Tehran University of Medical Sciences and Hanover University, was held on June 12-15. Presided over by renowned Professor Majid Samiee at Tehran's Milad Hospital, this conference witnessed the presence of key speakers and numerous scholars from various countries around the globe, including Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France, China etc.
- TUMS Chancellor, Dr. Jafarian, along with other high-ranking TUMS officials, participated in a mini FIFA World Cup group stage tournament at the university's Children's Hospital. During the tournament, a group of children currently admitted at the hospital played as Iran's national soccer team, while TUMS officials, along with staff members from the hospital and some of Iran's renowned former soccer players, played the parts of Nigeria, Argentina and Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Professor Peter Labas, Dean of Medical Faculty at Comenius University, Slovakia visited TUMS School of Medicine and two hospitals of the university. His meeting with TUMS officials resulted in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with TUMS Children's Medical Hospital.
- Dr. Olivia N. Muchena, Zimbabwe's Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development had a meeting with officials from the Office of Vice-Chancellor for Global Strategies and International Affairs. During this meeting, held in Esteghlal Hotel, both sides expressed interest in near future cross-country academic and scientific cooperation.

RAMADAN

Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic (lunar) calendar and is considered as one of the holiest of times throughout the Islamic world.

Ramadan is a month of fasting, a practice which is obligatory for every adult Muslim (except those who may be exempted due to certain circumstances such as having an illness) during this period. In this month, people fast for almost a whole day, immediately after sunrise until and after sunset prayer time. Muslims must refrain from eating and drinking, as well as avoiding any sinful act such as swearing. Ramadan is known as a time of self-control, not only controlling one's appetite but also controlling one's behavior, thoughts, deeds etc.

The last day of Ramadan is known as Eid al-Fitr. On this day, fasting is forbidden, and Muslims are advised to visit their friends and relatives, hold festivities and enjoy their time after a month of fasting and observance.





IRAN INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, 2014

TUMS Student Scientific Research Center, IFMSA and IPhSa, in partnership with TUMS and the Iranian National Commission for UNESCO, have organized the Iran International Summer School of Reproductive Health 2014.

This academic course, which is to be held on 16-22 August, 2014, has been designed for undergraduate medical sciences students and has a thirty-participants limit.

Various social activities have been prepared besides the main educational program, including an optional trip to the historical city of Isfahan. Included in the registration price are meals, accommodation in a student guesthouse and various social programs.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity! Apply now!



UNIVERSITY RANKING SYSTEMS

In today's world of higher education in which competition and improvement are constant trends, university ranking systems play a major part in determining the current and future state of this landscape. Each ranking system has different sets of criteria and focuses on various factors for putting universities together in a ranked order. They can be of great help to individuals who are looking for an academic destination, though one should be aware of each system's criteria and tendencies for ranking institutes of higher education. Three of the most prominent ranking systems are:

- Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)
- Times Higher Education (THE) Ranking System
- Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)

