

Bakhtar Institute Newsletter

Bakhtar Institute signs MoU with ARG Organization

In an online meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Bakhtar Institute and Afghanistan Rehabilitation and Growth (ARG). The aim of the MoU is to establish a joint cooperation to explore and identify opportunities and provide resources for projects such as education, research, and coordination and undertaking measures in the fields based on the conditions and requirements of the society.

The directors of both organizations hoped that both sides will be able to jointly work towards facilitating education, research, capacity building and empowerment to the people in need in Afghanistan and the Afghan women, girls and the youths in the European Union.

Meeting Between Board Members and New Supporters of Bakhtar Institute

A two-day online meeting was held in two parts among the founding and board members and the new supporters of Bakhtar Institute who joined from different cities and countries. In the meeting, the policies of departments such as gender, human resource, education, finance and communication as well as the activities, progress, and the challenge, and ultimately, introduction of new members and supporters of Bakhtar Institute were discussed. On the other hand, presentations regarding the structure of Bakhtar Institute, research on the empowerment and capacity building of Afghan youth through holding different types of activities in Germany, economic problems of people in Afghanistan were also made.

Other issues were also discussed, such as: preparing the action plan of the year 2023, education, awareness raising, pursuing education, provision of scholarships to the youths inside Afghanistan, and promoting higher education for the Diaspora and facilitating them German language programs.

In the end, ideas, suggestions, and proposals from the participants regarding improvement of activities of the institute were presented and discussed.

Deputy Director of Bakhtar Institute met with Roshan Production members

A meeting was held between Bakhtar Institute and the official of Roshan Production. The main point of the meeting was introductory, networking and also exploring ways for future cooperation.

In the meeting, deputy director of BI talked about the establishment, goals, and programs of the institute and asked for cooperation based on mutual consent and interests. In response, the program manager of Roshan Production hoped that both sides with the collaboration of and coordination with Europe-based organizations and the Afghan Diaspora will be able to serve the compatriots in terms cultural aspects.

Bakhtar Institute signs MoU with Afghanistan Peace and Justice Organization

Bakhtar Institute (BI) signed MoU with Afghanistan Peace and Justice Organization (APJO). Based on the content of the MoU BI and APJO will have joint cooperation in the fields such as the Capacity building, research, Public awareness, empowerment, peace and conflict resolution, and participation in society development through convening educational programs, seminars, and gatherings (in person/online).

Celebration of the Global Day of Peace

Based on the initiative and MoU between Bakhtar Institute (BI) and Afghanistan Peace and Justice Organization (APJO), on the occasion of 21 September, Global Day of Peace, articles and messages on peace were published on the websites of both organizations.

Following a call for articles and messages of peace which was published by both organizations, more than a hundred articles, opinions and suggestions mainly in English, German, and Persian from people across the world were received. The said call was widely welcomed by many authors, academics, students, and civil rights activists from different countries.

One year after the collapse: A reflection from the field

Bakhtar Institute called for papers on the occasion of one year after the collapse of Afghanistan in the hands of the Taliban militants. In the meantime, various articles in English, German, Persian, and Pashto languages were also published on the social media pages of the institute. The articles included issues such as humanitarian assistance, economic problems, assessment of poverty and unemployment situation, media, freedom

of speech, open/limited space for civil and political activities, participation and civil rights of women particularly women's right to education, memories and experiences during evacuation from Afghanistan, migration, and challenges of new life. In addition, within the framework of "Bakhtar Talks" many people especially women were interviewed and the interviews were also published on the website.

A Meeting was held between Bakhtar Institute and Asia University of Heart city

On 25 September, 2022, an online meeting was held between Bakhtar Institute and Asia university of Heart. In the meeting, board of directors and leadership of both organizations were present. In the said meeting problems, challenges, and solutions on the ground were discussed and programs and plans that can facilitate a better communication between both organizations were explored. Both sides agreed to focus on activities that support the students' particularly the girls' awareness, encouragement, and motivation.

Both sides agreed to introduce their focal points for the follow up of the discussed issues, to hold meeting every two months, and to develop the research subjects for Asia university. In the meantime, Bakhtar Institute promised to provide English and German language courses to the Asia university students. Both sides also agreed that addressing the current needs of the students of Asia university especially girls will be a priority for both organizations.

Research on the Dynamic of Youth Activism in Afghanistan

Mr. Abdullah Athayi, founder and head of research and knowledge transfer of Bakhtar Institute co-authored an article under the name of "the Dynamic of Youth Activism in Afghanistan: A Journey between Hope and Desperation" which was published on the BI's website.

In the article, interviews were also made with young and human rights activists, journalists, and students (under the age of 35) who are committed to liberal values and have had substantial contribution in the democratization process of Afghanistan in the last two decades.