


The Chamber in its New Round of Activities



The holding of the annual general assembly of the Irano-British Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Mines on June 13, 2007; the president's lauding of the Board and the Secretary General in contradistinction to other joint chambers; and the approval of the Chamber's proposed plan of activities for the current year, on the one hand; and the election of the Board members, representing a change of almost 40% from the previous Board, on the other hand; in particular at the eve of the anniversary of the promulgation of the general policies of the article 44 of the Iranian constitution declaring the abrogation of government monopolies and the opening of the way for participation of the private sector to all economic activities, except of course, in extraction of oil and gas; and finally preparation of ground for the participation of economic activities, domestic and foreign, in investment and production would undoubtedly mean greater responsibilities for the Chamber than ever before.

A review of bilateral commerce between the two countries demonstrates the fact that in spite of prevailing unfavorable atmosphere, the volume of Iran's exports to Britain shows a considerable growth for the first time in the past several decades which also improved the country's balance of trade. Therefore, it seems clear that with a view to the above mentioned factors, the bilateral trades must expand even more considerably. To achieve this, however, requires a greater degree of cooperation between the two Chambers in Tehran and in London, more frequent exchange of trade and investment missions, organizing explanatory seminars, participation of trade fair organized in the two countries, facilitating the travel of the members of the two chambers to the country of other, receiving government financial aid for the development of foreign commerce, and finally organization of more general conventions to encourage greater and more active relationship between the members of the two Chambers. Good luck

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