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Editorial

We congratulate all of our colleagues on the birth of Hazrat Fatimah Zehra S.A, the beloved daughter of prophet Mohammad S.A.W.

Hazrat Fatimah Zehra S.A. were born in 605 in Mecca to Hazrat Khadija, the first wife of prophet Mohammad S.A.W.

After her birth she was personally nursed by her mother Hazrat Khadija contrary to local customs where the newborn were sent to "wet nurses". She spent her youth under the care of her parents in Mecca in the shadow of the tribulations suffered by her father at the hands of the Quraysh.

Following the death of her mother, she was overcome by sorrow and found it very difficult to come to terms with her death. She was consoled by her father who informed her that he had received word from angel Gabriel that God had built for her a palace in paradise.

Many companions of prophet Mohammad S.A.W asked for Fatimah's S.A hand in marriage including Abu Bakr and Umar. Mohammad S.A.W turned them all down saying that he was awaiting a sign of her destiny. Hazrat Ali A.S also had a desire to marry Fatimah S.A. Mohammad S.A.W put forward the proposal from Ali A.S to Fatimah S.A who remained silent, Mohammad S.A.W took to be a sign of affirmation and consent. The marriage took place in 623, the second year of the Hijra, at the time of marriage Fatima S.A were 18 and Ali A.S were between 21 and 25. Mohammad S.A.W told Ali A.S that he had been ordered by God to give his daughter Fatima Zehra S.A to Ali A.S in marriage. He said to Fatima S.A "I have married you to the dearest of my family to me". For several years after her marriage, she did all of the work by herself. Ali A.S worked to irrigate other peoples lands by drawing water from the wells which caused him to complain of chest pains. Following the battle of Khaybar, Fatimah S.A gained some maids but treated them like her family and performed the house duties with them. Fatimah S.A was survived by two sons, Hazrat Imam Hasan and Hazrat Imam Hussain, and two daughters Zaynab S.A and Umm Kulthum S.A..

Editor

BSI Opened Its Second Branch in Qatar



Bank Saderat Iran opened its second branch in Qatar (Salwa Road Branch) on June 1, 2008

Shaikh Ahmad Al Thani Finance Manager of Qatar Central Bank, Iran's Embassodor to Qatar Mr. Mohammad Taher Rabbani, Chairman and Managing Director of Bank Saderat Iran Dr. Hamid Borhani, Mr. Abdulreza Shabahangi and Mr. Mohammad Yousefi Paihani Assistant Regional Managers, Human Resources Manager Mr. Majid Tavasoli, some prominent Qatari and Iranian businessmen and local authorities were present at the inauguration ceremony.

In Dr. Borhani's speech at the ceremony, he noted the trade volume between Iran and Qatar stands at \$300 million and expressed hope that opening this branch would help expand the bilateral trade between Iran and its Muslim and friendly neighbor, Qatar.

"The new branch is equipped with all the latest banking technology systems and is ready to render banking services to Qatari and Iranian businessmen in Qatar. Dr. Borhani said. "The first branch in Qatar was established in 1970 (38 years ago)," he added.

Bank Saderat Iran has the largest network of branches in Iran and has relations with more than 700 foreign banks.

News In Brief



Congratulations on the birth anniversary of Hazrat Fatima Zahra (A.S.). We celebrate Mother's day and Woman's Day on this day, in the holy memory of Fatima (daughter of Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H.).

Equation Training Course



Under the supervision of the H.R. and Organization Department, and in accordance with the Bank's Annual Training Plan for 2008, the Equation System (Basic) training course was held in May 2008 for the staff of our branches in the UAE. The course was conducted by the IT Assistant Manager Mr. Reza Issa Nejad.

