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Iran Supreme Leader:
“Imam Sadiq University is an outstanding phenomenon; it is not merely a university like others that simply aims to educate students and scholars. It certainly does this, but beyond that, it seeks to be a model of an Islamic university in every aspect. This includes faith-driven motivation, practical and behavioral adherence, and a deep, passionate, and faithful love for knowledge and learning.”

INTRODUCTION TO IMAM SADIQ UNIVERSITY

Imam Sadiq University is one of the prominent universities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, established in 1982 with the goal of training specialized and committed human resources. As a governmental institution, it plays a vital role in educating the future managers of the Islamic Republic, equipping students in various scientific fields alongside religious and Islamic teachings so that they can assume key managerial roles in the country in the future.


The founder of the university, Ayatollah Mohammad-Reza Mahdavi Kani, was one of the prominent and influential figures of the Islamic Republic. During his lifetime, he held significant responsibilities, including membership in the Expediency Discernment Council, representation in the Assembly of

Experts, and the position of Prime Minister. Ayatollah Mahdavi Kani aimed to create an educational system that combined modern sciences with religious knowledge, leading to the establishment of this university.

One of the notable features of Imam Sadiq University is the membership of Ayatollah Khamenei, the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, as a member of the Board of Trustees since its founding, highlighting the special status of this university within the Islamic Republic. The university plays an effective role in training specialized and committed forces for the management of various sectors of the country.

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The Research Institute of Imam Sadiq University has been established from the bottom up, starting with the researchers themselves, leveraging existing human capacities. Supported by the university's research vice presidency and faculty members, the institute has created legal, organizational, and financial infrastructures and collaborates with students and graduates to establish various research units. These units focus on theoretical and practical issues and undertake activities such as producing research content, organizing scientific events, conducting outreach and media activities, and establishing connections with

government institutions and policy-makers. Additionally, by conducting research activities and attracting external funding, the institute provides opportunities for students to settle in these units and concentrate on various issues.

The collection of these research units, which are named based on their human capacity and type of activities (such as research circles, research groups, or think tanks), collectively forms the identity of the institute, with the university and the research vice presidency committed to supporting these research initiatives.

INTRODUCTION TO THE RUSSIA STUDIES CENTER

In today's world, where international developments are occurring at an unprecedented pace, a precise and deep understanding of major countries like Russia is crucial for effective policymaking and deepening international relations. The Russia Studies Center, under the Research Institute of Imam Sadiq University, was established specifically for this purpose, with a focus on increasing international cooperation.

Russia, as one of the major global powers with influence in political, economic, and military spheres, has always played a significant role in shaping regional and international equations. For Iran, which seeks to strengthen strategic relations with allied countries and enhance its position on the global stage, the establishment of this research center is an effective step toward achieving these goals.

The positive effects of this research center are significant for

both Iran and Russia. On one hand, Iran will be able to develop its relations with Russia based on precise and scientific information by leveraging specialized knowledge and analyses. This research center can help in better understanding the opportunities and challenges present in the bilateral relations of the two countries and provide solutions for enhancing cooperation in economic, political, and cultural fields.

On the other hand, Russia will benefit from interacting with a specialized scientific center capable of analyzing regional and global issues. This center can help strengthen Russia's relations with Iran as one of its important regional partners and facilitate joint interactions. Additionally, training a new generation of Iranian experts and researchers familiar with Russian issues can pave the way for strategic and knowledge-based decision-making for both countries.

The Russia Studies Center not only serves as a bridge between academia, elites, the private sector, and the Iranian government but can also become a reference scientific hub for analyzing and examining the relations between Iran and Russia. Exploring the necessities, goals, and operational actions of this research center will pave the way for a fundamental transformation in understanding, interaction, and constructive cooperation between the important countries of Iran and Russia. In general, the goals of the Russia Studies Center have been shaped to enhance mutual awareness and understanding, strengthen collaborations, and leverage common opportunities between Iran and Russia. The most important of these goals include:

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1

Strengthening Strategic Communications

The primary aim of this center is to establish and strengthen strategic communications between Iran and Russia. By thoroughly examining political and economic issues and analyzing bilateral relations, the center seeks to identify and exploit strengths and cooperation opportunities to bolster common positions on the international stage.

Goals of the Russia Studies Center

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Synergy Between Elites and Governance

This center acts as a communication bridge between academic elites and governance, providing an opportunity for the transfer of ideas and scientific experiences to executive policymaking. Its goal is to develop more effective and comprehensive policies through synergy between the two groups.

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Enhancing Economic and Trade Cooperation

Another goal of this center is to identify and create new areas of economic and trade cooperation between the two countries. Through precise analyses and studies, the center can help elites and private sector actors gain a better understanding of each other's markets and establish more effective collaborations in trade and investment.

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Expanding Scientific and Cultural Cooperation

Another aim of the center is to expand scientific and cultural cooperation between Iran and Russia. Through student exchanges, organizing joint conferences and workshops, and conducting research projects, the center can aid in developing cultural and scientific relations between the two countries, fostering better mutual understanding.

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Empowering Students and Researchers

The Russia Studies Center focuses on training experts and researchers specialized in bilateral issues. This goal can help empower a new generation of researchers and strengthen the scientific and research foundations in both countries.

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Addressing Information and Research Needs

This center will serve as a source to meet the informational and research needs of both countries. By collecting and analyzing data related to bilateral relations, the center can assist decision-makers in having more accurate and comprehensive information, thereby enabling better policymaking.

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8 Functions of the Russia Studies Center

To strengthen cooperation and deepen the understanding of relations between Iran and Russia, the Russia Studies Center at Imam Sadiq University is pursuing the following actions:

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Organizing Conferences and Seminars

Regularly organizing conferences and seminars focused on various aspects of Iran-Russia relations such as economic cooperation, security issues, and cultural exchanges provides a platform for experts, decision-makers, and academics to share current perspectives, challenges, and opportunities.

2

Conducting Scientific Workshops

The center can hold workshops that bring together researchers and practitioners to explore specific topics in depth. These workshops can address issues such as trade, technology transfer, and diplomatic strategies, fostering collaboration and innovative solutions.

3

Producing Analytical and Policy Reports

Regularly producing analytical reports and policy briefs can provide valuable insights for decision-makers. These reports can include emerging trends, risk assessments, and strategic recommendations to assist in better decision-making in negotiations and collaborations.

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Establishing a Research Network

Creating a network of researchers and experts from both countries can promote joint research projects. This network can focus on common interests such as energy security, agricultural development, and regional stability, enhancing mutual understanding and cooperation.

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The necessity of cooperation between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation

Joint cooperation between Iran and Russia is particularly important in today's world. As key players in the region and globally, the two countries can contribute to stability and progress by strengthening their relations in security, economic, and cultural fields. Enhancing regional security, developing joint economic projects, and collaborating in international arenas are among the benefits of this cooperation. Furthermore, expanding scientific and

cultural exchanges can help increase mutual understanding between the peoples of the two countries.

Given the growing global challenges, the time has come for Iran and Russia to collaborate effectively and cohesively in pursuit of their common interests and to act as a united front against new threats and opportunities.