

Prof. Ali Eqbali, The Founder

Professor Ali Eqbali, was a distinguished scholar who traveled to faraway universities to study and brought back to the youth of his beloved country advances in science and technology. Throughout his life he always expressed his unconditional love and dedication for the education of young Iranians. Born in 1911 in Hamedan in a cultured and highly respected family, Ali Eghbali began to study in the advanced Amir Touman Gharegozlou Elementary private school in Amzajerd of Hamedan, learning : Farsi,, French, Arabic, and Quranic writings, finally the elementary Nosrat primary School.

He continued his High Education in Tehran in the well-known Secondary School of Servat and the Prestigious College of Darolfonoun.

On 1930, Granted by a Governmental Scholarship, passed at Chambery and Louis Le Grand Lycee in Paris - France passing his Bachalorea.

He continued his Study at Paris University. He obtained a government scholarship to study Agronomy and Environmental Sciences at the School of Maisons-Alfort, now a part of Paris University of, France.

Torn by Second World War, He left Europe on 1940, returned to Iran. After 2 years Military Services , headed a Branch of National Agronomy Bank.

Since 1946 to 1956, Faculty Member and leading Scientific, Academic positions in several state universities. These included University of Tabriz, Agriculture Faculty of Oroumieh, newly founded, part of University of Tabriz. The outcome of his tireless work in the University of Tabriz was graduation of record number of over 600 Postgraduates, who joined the work force of the Country. Later, in 1952 to 1957, University of Shiraz and foundation of Agriculture Faculty of Shiraz University.

In 1956 Professor Eghbali was granted by the United Nation Educational Scientific Cultural Organization, UNESCO Paris branch, to investigate Iran ground- waters and its applications on Iran's water-deprived regions. Issue much needed field research for this Iran. Best solution to compensate low amount of rains and water needed for agriculture. With this grant, he returned to University of Paris, the Faculty of Sciences, and obtained Ph.D degree. in Hydrogeology, in 1958.

Doctor Ali Eghbali as the Professor of Tehran University, was commissioned by Khuzestan's representatives in the National Assembly, to develop & extend the University of "Jundi Shahpur" in Khuzestan. With his persistent efforts , Joundi Shahpour faculty of Agriculture established in Ahwaz, when Doctor Ali Eghbali obtained a legendary 1000-hectare Molla-Sani Agro-land, transferred by the National Iranian Oil Company, to Khuzestan University. This center is actually named Ramine University.

On 1962, through coordination of Tehran University, joined a UNESCO Project Grant , Doctor Ali Eghbali returned to the University of Paris to study the water sources of the "Paris Seine River" providing water supplies in southern Paris. The research study, co-investigated with Professor Magnine, the conclusion of this study was a thesis accepted by Paris University with "Excellent" and "Honors", published later in 1967 in France. So Professor Eghbali for this Outstanding Scientific achievement was promoted as Deputy-Director of "UNESCO" ,Paris branch.

Professor Eghbali continued his prodigious scholarly career for two more Decades, as Chairman and Professor of Hydrogeology & Underground Waters in the University of Tehran.

Despite his Academic Activities, Doctor Ali Eghbali never forgot his beloved Native City of Hamedan, where his family history was a part of the Region history.

On 1967 as Faculty Member of Tehran University, by founding “The Agricultural School of Hamadan” based on family lands and properties, he established the “High Education” in Western Iran. This was the first Center High Education outside the Capital Tehran & the second Agricultural School after “Karaj”.

Dean of his private Agricultural School of Hamedan, since 1967-1979, the Academic Center graduated 1200 engineers who joined the country’s work force. The School now is a prestigious part of the State University of Avicenna of Hamedan, one of the greatest Universities in the Region.

In 1994, Professor Ali Eghbali, founded in Hamedan a second nonprofit higher educational institution, the University College of Omran and Tosseh (UCOT). UCOT was oriented in training engineers needed for local communities of the Eastern Region of the country, where Hamedan is located.

enough in prosperity in such a way that people will enthusiastically stay and work in their native regions. In year 2000 Doctor Ali Eghbali’s name was added to the Iranian National Society Hall of Fame of Distinguished and Honorable Scholars.

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The 10th March 2009, The National Association of Cultural and celebrities Commemorated Prof. Ali Eghbali.

Professor Ali Eghbali, the founder of Higher Education in the Eastern Region of the Country passed away on the 13th of March 2013 –(23rd Esfand 1391 Shamssi). May his soul rest in eternal peace.