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Meeting with head of Islamic Culture and Communications Organizations as well as IRI cultural representatives - 2 /Mar/ 2010

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei in a meeting with head of Islamic Culture and Communications Organization as well as IRI cultural representatives abroad said Tuesday the real might of the country was in culture, adding that the cultural ambassadors were duty bound to help present a correct image of the IRI's Islamic system realities, reflect the advances of current Iran and promote the Persian language and literature.

Referring to the position and importance of cultural activities and communications, Ayatollah Khamenei added: "If a cultural work is done correctly so that it affects people's thought and emotions, definitely some possible vacuums in the foreign diplomacy of the country or commercial and economic communications would be filled."

The Islamic Revolution Leader pointed to the methods of colonizer countries in reaching their incorrect and unjust goals through cultural relations and influence, saying: "These countries pursue their inhuman goals with cultural moves, while in the Islamic system which is originated from genuine divine thoughts, cultural methods and tools should be used more appropriately."

Explaining the heavy duties of cultural ambassadors, the IR Leader added: "Presenting a correct image of the Revolution and the system of Islamic Republic to the world's people and the officials is one of the important duties of cultural ambassadors."

Referring to the broad propaganda efforts of the arrogance in presenting a marred image from the Islamic system, Ayatollah Khamenei said: "By presenting a marred image of the system of Islamic Republic, they intend to make the world's people and those interested in this system pessimistic and reduce the spiritual effect of the Islamic Revolution."

The IR Leader said the job of presenting a correct image from the Islamic system requires a correct definition of Islam. "Ill-wishers and bullies try to present an Islam to the world's people that is either a petrified Islam or a useless liberal Islam, while the real and genuine Islam has lofty, deep and clear concepts of human being, God, the future world and the humanity's material and spiritual needs."

Ayatollah Khamenei said another duty of the representatives was to introduce the remarkable scientific progresses and the literature and art of the country.

The Leader also urged the representatives to present the democratic manifestations of the country, adding religious manifestations are among the significant realities in this regard.

"The spiritual and amorous presence of different layers of people especially the youth in religious ceremonies including Quran and prayer recitation and mourning gatherings is a great event in the country that should be showed to the world's people through art and documentation," Ayatollah Khamenei urged.

The IR Leader also highlighted the issue of Persian language and literature and urged the cultural ambassadors to promote the Persian language through promotion of boards of Persian language in scientific and academic centers."