

# — NIPO celebrates 12th anniversary —

**T**he National Iranian Productivity Organization (NIPO) commemorated its 12th anniversary by holding a congress with the theme “Productivity and People.” This was the sixth national congress on productivity. The opening ceremony was graced by the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran Mohammad Khatami. Some 1800 participants including Vice-Ministers, Directors, and experts from public-sector organizations, corporations, and institutions attended.

President Khatami, in congratulating NIPO on its 12th anniversary, said that Iran was taking steps toward achieving sustainable development by adopting new productivity programs and pointed out that increasing productivity was the most important objective of the country’s economic system. He also acknowledged that the issue of productivity is multifaceted and comprises social, cultural, political, and scientific domains as well as foreign relations.

Outlining the features of the Fourth National Development Plan, the president mentioned that the policies and programs forecast in the plan would help Iran move faster toward sustainable development and he expressed the

hope that focusing on the issue of productivity at both government and organization levels would accelerate the national objective of productivity promotion. 🌀



*President Khatami at the congress (first row, center)*