

## *In the Name of God*

### ***The National Library's role in cultural diplomacy***

*One of the distinctive features of any nations involved in assessing the level of thought, having an outstanding role, is society's science and culture. Undoubtedly library as a dynamic institution in the field of science and technology plays a key role in the promotion of a culture. The most important distinction between nations isn't ideology, politics, or economics, but a cultural difference. any society has its own culture, which is made up of its thought and behavior, Therefore guidelines, strategies and perspectives of cultural development in each society would be different from one another so extensive research and attempts need to be done to turn it into a social form, accordingly cultural diplomacy can be outlined as one of the newest and most efficient components of West's foreign policy.*

*The appearance of cultural diplomacy in international relations reveals a new kind of library which can be called extraterritorial libraries. As everybody may know library has a variety of definitions, but all with a single purpose which is the excellence of the human mind trough collecting, management and dissemination of knowledge and information whether the library is in its traditional form or in electronic & digital form.*

*Libraries in different societies are considered as a bank of Knowledge and thought, having access to the rich heritage of scientific thought at its heart, library is assumed as a reference for study and progress in which a librarian as a reliable consultant can help in the cultural enhancement by holding this great heritage.*

*Another role of library in cultural development is to upgrade knowledge and technologies. It is note worthy to say that Knowledge is born in universities, brought up at libraries and shows productivity at society. Since social groups need to move forward with global progresses, the task of libraries is to gather appropriate resources in the community to create balance between*

*thought & needs. In this regard, Ranganathan's Five laws of library science also emphasized on this fact that every book its reader & every reader his or her book so this main duty of every library.*

*It goes without saying that Repetition is just a waste of time, energy and money & absolutely NOTHING else. At this perspective it would be better to use the other individuals experience and knowledge which generally preserved and recorded in books. As Francis Bacon said "Book is such a Spaceship which swallowed the boundless ocean of time"*

*Due to the importance of libraries (both traditional and digital) in management, production and dissemination of knowledge and culture in a society, Intelligent Perspectives should be designed, equipped with the latest scientific achievements and information & Constantly maintained connected to the world by precisely study on scientific and cultural needs of the society.*

*The main plans and objectives of the National Library are to create a chair of Liberal and cultural location in this year. The first & most important goals in the organization is transformation into a dynamic form And for achieving this goal, the presence of experts, scholars & holding cultural regular meetings at various domains can be useful*

*Becoming an Institute for Research & national center for science and thought, revising the terms of membership, digitalization of resources and a significant increase in collecting of manuscripts are of other major plans.*

*The main feature of Iranian culture is its flexibility. In particular, Islamic republic of Iran is a cultural society taking advantage of Islamic & religious components this society has a potential ability to appear strong at the cultural diplomacy.*

*Similar national and religious traditions between Iranian and many other countries help in creating a cultural trend at foreign relations and constructive interaction at political, social and economic fields.*

*Today we can achieve balanced development through the integrity of cultural institutions, cultural approaches & change in perspectives. Hereby, I*

*firmly state that Iran has always been looking for peace & friendly communications. I hope we could project the cultural image of Iran's relations in political arena.*

*Thank you for your time and consideration.*

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