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Finnish writers to participate in children's literature festival in Tehran

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TEHRAN (MNA) — Finnish writers will be displaying their books for children and young adults and actively participating in the upcoming Festival of European and Iranian Children's Literature in Tehran.

The Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults (IIDCYA) is one of the sponsors of the festival, which is being held from September 22 to October 8.

According to the IIDCYA Public Relations Office, Finnish writers Tove Jansson and Alexis Kouros and several other cultural figures will be coming to Iran to participate in the event and to hold drawing and writing workshops for children and young adults.

Tove Jansson has written many stories which have enchanted children and has won numerous literary prizes.

She is known as the creator of the Moomintroll books and is also a talented artist. Her books have been translated into 34 languages and have sold millions of copies worldwide.

Jansson received the Great Prize of the Swedish Academy on December 20, 1994. In 1966 the International Board on Books for Young People awarded her the prestigious Hans Christian Andersen Medal for her lifetime contribution to children's books.

Sixty writers, illustrators, and scholars from Austria, Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Iran will be participating in the festival.

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Works of Iranian youth adults to be published in Europe

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TEHRAN (MNA) — Iranian children and young adults are writing stories and drawing illustrations inspired by European books which will be published in Europe after the text is translated as part of the upcoming Festival of European and Iranian Children's Literature.

According to the Public Relations Office of the Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults (IIDCYA), 2500 Iranian children and young adults will be writing stories and drawing illustrations inspired by European books under the supervision of scholars, authors, and artists.

IIDCYA is one of the sponsors of the Festival of European and Iranian Children's Literature, which will be held from September 22 to October 8 in Tehran. Sixty authors and artists from five countries are scheduled to participate in the festival.

Detailed information on all the programs is available at www.xchange.at, the website of the Austrian nongovernmental organization X-change.

X-change invited the children and young adults to draw illustrations based on several texts by European writers and to write stories based on six illustrations by European artists and to e-mail their works to the festival's workshops for illustration and writing.

