

## **Iran Engipedia**

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**Speech title: Iran Engipedia, necessity and application**

**Speakers: Mr. A. Tavafoqhi, Mr. M. Golabchi and Mr. M. Kiani**

Mr. Tavafoqhi presented himself as civil engineer, specialized in structural and earthquake engineering. He admitted to be the youngest and less experienced speaker of the session. Mr. tavafoqhi explained that in his speech he will focus on four principal arguments that are the existing situation regarding the edition of encyclopedias, the necessity and application of engineering encyclopedia, proposed structure of the encyclopedia and a limited conclusion.

Mr. tavafoqhi presented some of existing engineering encyclopedias in Iran and abroad, where architecture is more considered. Some of them are the encyclopedia of architecture and urban planning, encyclopedia of architectural works, Iran architecture word book and Iranshahr architecture history encyclopedia.

Mr. Tavafoqhi explained that actually in Iran exist many encyclopedias and others with different structures are being edited and the goal and intent of Islamic Great Encyclopedia Center is to apply the former experience for the edition of Iran Engipedia that should be more comprehensive, complete and accessible.

After talking and presenting the most famous encyclopedias in various countries, Mr. tavafoqhi talked about the phenomenon of Wikipedia founded in 2001 containing more than 40 million articles on different arguments in 300 languages, with about 5.5 million articles in English and 600 thousand articles in Farsi. He also asserted that even though Wikipedia is not very reliable, but is very useful for the search of arguments. Talking about Wikipedia Mr. Tavafoqhi talked about the content and characteristics of this universal encyclopedia. As an example he presented the case of Azadi (former Shahyad) square and tower and which could be the results in English and Farsi versions.

Continuing his speech Mr. Tavafoqhi explained tree and complicated structures used in Wikipedia and other encyclopedias. He explained that there exist other structures too for the edition of encyclopedias. In his opinion considering the existing structures it's better to use the complicated structure for the edition of electronic version of Iran Engipedia that can be also published on paper version.

In the final part of his speech Mr. Tavafoqhi presented the searching manners that in his opinion could be more appropriate and useful. Regarding the use of Iran Engipedia he proposed that the potential users must make a special registration, for some categories the service can be free (like university professors and scientific board members) and for others the access the users must pay a fixed fee.

Concluding his speech Mr. Tavafoqhi he expressed the desire that other engineering fields would be presented in Iran Engipedia, that in his opinion it should have the complicated structure and published in electronic version.