

## **The Visiting of the Indian Cultural Counselor from Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies**

On Monday, May 13, 2019, Professor Abhay Kumar Singh, the cultural counselor of India, together with the delegation visited the Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies in order to discuss with the head of the Institute and to pay homage to the memorial statue of Rabindranath Tagore, the national poet of India which was presented to the library of the Institute by the embassy of this country.

At the beginning of the visiting, the Indian cultural counselor thanked the Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies for effective role of previous collaboration (Panini Conference) in establishing a bilateral scientific and cultural link between Iran and India. Furthermore, he emphasized that the first priority of the Indian cultural consultation was to cooperate more and more in scientific and cultural fields and human sciences with the Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies.

Dr. Ghobadi, the head of the Institute, also welcomed to the Indian delegation and emphasized on the interest of the Institute in expanding the bilateral cooperation with regard to the historical record of extensive communication between Iran and India.

India's cultural counselor said about Rabindranath Tagore: Tagore is a poet belonging to the entire world and his thoughts and works confirm this point. He continued that Tagore was celebrating his 71st birthday in 1932 in Iran, and this is the second time that the birth of this great poet is being celebrated in Iran, he expressed the satisfaction of the embassy and country of India to head of the Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies.

Subsequently, a meeting was held at the head office of the Institute for planning and negotiating future cooperation.

Peace and justice in the culture of Hinduism and Islam, culture and art in the service of peace, Kalila and Demna, the dictionary writers and linguists of Iran and India, and the influence of Al-Biruni on Indian scholars were titles that were proposed by the two sides for joint seminars this year and it was recommended that the parties review the details of the program and announce the opposite.

At the end, India's cultural counselor donated flowers and gifts to Dr. Ghobadi, the head of institute.