THE CELEBRATION OF THE 2500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PERSIAN EMPIRE BY CYRUS THE GREAT

Imperial Embassy of Iran
Washington, D.C.

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Dr. Fredrich G. Rainey
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Dear Dr. Rainey:

It is fitting that the University of Pennsylvania, by publishing the collection of ten articles on Iranian Archaeology from the Neolithic Age 9000 B.C. to the present time, covering a full range of Iran’s cultural history, will play a leading role in the United States commemoration of the 2500th Anniversary of the Founding of the Persian Empire by Cyrus the Great and the Declaration of Human Rights. This outstanding Institution has a relationship of over forty years with Iran in the studies of Persian Art and archaeology, highlighted by the discovery by Professor Robert H. Dyson, Jr., of the famous Hazarh gold bowl during 1000 B.C.

With the publication of these scholarly works on Persian Art the University has again demonstrated its dedication to examining the cultural heritage of our country which has been one of the foundations of Western Civilization. As President of the Western Hemisphere committee, whose United States Committee is headed by Mrs. Richard M. Nixon, Honorary Chairman, and Ralph E. Becker, General Chairman, I congratulate the University on its outstanding publication which will occupy a prominent place among the scholarly works of the art and culture of Iran.

Let this 2500th Anniversary of the Founding of the Persian Empire by Cyrus the Great, with its unprecedented Declaration of Human Rights based on freedom, morality and tolerance, renew and reaffirm the great friendship between Iran and the United States.

Sincerely,

Ashraf Ahmad
Ambassador of Iran