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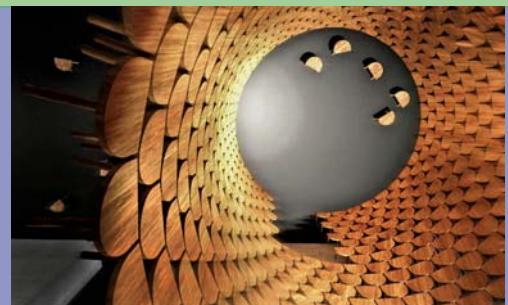
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Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports solemnly allocated state rewards for the judoist Majlinda Kelmendi for Gold Medal won in European Championship of Judo held in Montpellier of France in value of 20 thousand Euros, and for Driton Kuka as trainer of the winner of Gold Medal, in value of 10 thousand Euros.

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Minister Memli Krasniqi, President of Kosovo Olympic Committee (KOC), Besim Hasani and heads of federations were present in the public presentation ceremony.

Minister Krasniqi having congratulated the athletes for the World Olympic Day emphasised that this day is special also for sport in Kosovo, as the opening of projects for construction of Kosovo Olympic Palace, of the sports house of Kosovo is taking place today.

"This is going to be a building that was missed by Kosovo sports in the past; it is a house of all federations, for Kosovo Olympic and Paralympics Committee. It is go-

ing to be an important institution of ours", minister said.

He expressed the pleasure regarding this ambitious project, which has been as an idea since the beginning of mandate to be accomplished.

"I would like to congratulate Kosovo Olympic and Paralympic Committee, the sports federations for the great work they have carried out continuously, and this project is also in the range of joint works that we are doing, and it also is a gratitude to the work of those and all sportsmen of Kosovo", minister said.

Whereas the president of KOC,

Besim Hasani, estimated that it is a remarkable day, given that presentation of projects for Olympic Palace is taking place, because space is being created for the sports leaders in order to carry out their tasks and activities.

"This is a building which we have missed, and now it is the one that is getting realised, therefore, I sincerely want to thank the ministry for all these obligations that they have fulfilled towards athletes till now", president of KOC Hasani said.

Designs in form of models shall be assessed by the professional jury composed of representatives of the ministry, those of KOC, Sports Journalists' Association and from the public through voting. Citizens shall be able to vote for three best projects and 20% in the final assessment of the competing projects go for voting. 80% of assessment belongs to the Professional Jury. Public voting lasts 5 days.

This building is an investment of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, reaching an amount of 1.5 million Euro, planned to begin construction this year. ■





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In the ceremony organised in MCYS, Minister Memli Krasniqi pursuant to regulation on allocation of state rewards for athletes reaching culminant results in international competitions, allocated rewards to judoist Kelmendi and her trainer.

Minister Krasniqi qualified that successes of Majlinda Kelmendi have become a routine for her in winning all gold medals and considered that it is honour and privilege as an institution to allocate this reward congratulating for the new video of the promotion campaign of European Union.

"This is evidence that through sports, but also through you, the image of Kosovo is more positive, and it has its impact just as your successes have", Minister expressed in this case.

Whereas for the judoist, the fact that many new athletes are being inspired from her makes her to feel happy. She said that "culminant successes in Kosovo are being supported and I strongly believe that the Olympic cycle which begins now will work as it is planned and we will be together

in Olympic Games".

The trainer Driton Kuka recalled the difficulties and challenges which have been faced to reach the successes, and this reward allocation today, according to him closes a chapter of success, by bringing one missed medal for the sport of Kosovo.

He also mentioned that it is a special pleasure that after a hard work, EU has chosen as an image of Kosovo, a person of sports thus

stamping our engagement as athletes but also as a state.

"For the image of our state, exactly Majlinda was chosen, but I would not say only this, but in general the institution that is led by minister Krasniqi and this indicates that from all ministries for the state of Kosovo, MCYS has done a great work", Kuka said, considering sport as the most powerful pillar of the state in the four last years. ■



# MCYS distributes 5 thousand copies of books for Kosovo libraries



**M**unicipal libraries of Kosovo cities have enriched their funds with new titles. Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports in an official ceremony distributed today in "Pjetër Bogdani" National Library of Kosovo more than 5000 copies of books for these libraries, where 60 new titles are included.

In the ceremony organised in this case, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports Memli Krasniqi, acting Director of NLK, Ramize Bajraktari, members of the Steering Council of NLK and directors of municipal libraries and publishers attended.

Minister Krasniqi emphasised that it is a remarkable day for the libraries, publishers and readers, because book is very important for all, and it has an irreplaceable meaning, stressing that MCYS in continuity has increased support for the book.

"I am pleased that we as institutions, in the three last years have managed to triple the support for the book, this year in

three competitions we have allocated about 100 thousand Euros. Besides the support for publication of books and magazines, we have begun two years ago to buy new titles from publishers of Kosovo", minister said.

"When we made the law for the libraries, we put as obligation to ourselves to allocate a certain fund of budget for support of municipal libraries in enriching the book funds and towards building capacities, through competition of cultural projects", he said.

He also said that through these new titles, the reader is also helped, thus enabling them direct access into these recently published books, through libraries in localities where they live.

Minister also mentioned that MCYS has supported book also in other forms, through support of various book fairs inside Kosovo but also presentation of publishers of Kosovo abroad.

"We have to agree that there

are challenged ahead of us, for what we must work even more in the future for further support to the book".

Whereas Acting Director of NLK, Ramize Bajraktari, thanked MCYS for enriching for two years now the funds of municipal libraries with new titles. She mentioned that libraries have the moment that through this fund, with new titles the readers are benefiting.

Teuta Demiri, Director of Municipal Library of Ferizaj considered that every time when books are donated for the libraries they make a remarkable day because through this enriching, the reader is getting closer to the library, and more opportunities are offered to them.

Whereas on the name of Kosovo publishers, Xhemajl Avdyli stressed that this activity is a contribution for supporting culture and knowledge, and considered that besides the publication of books, we as society are obliged to serve them to the readers. ■

# Isa Qosja, laureate of the National Prize for Life's Work 'Bekim Fehmiu' for Cinematography

**D**irector Isa Qosja is laureate of this year of the National Prize for Life Work "Bekim Fehmiu" in Cinematography. While the director Lendita Zeqiraj won the Annual Prize for Cinematography for the year 2013. With her film titled "Balcony" she marked remarkable international successes.

Prizes were allocated to laureates in a ceremony in MCYS, from Minister Memli Krasniqi. He said that these prizes above all are an appreciation for the work the film creators in Kosovo do, and it also is a motivation for young generations in this field that their work will be appreciated.

"It is a special moment. We mark today the birthday of our great actor Bekim Fehmiu, and under his name we allocate prizes for people of film in Kosovo who for decades contributed to our cinematography, and also young people who are excelling around the world with their creations. These may not be the greatest rewards in your career, but above all is the significance of these prizes, showing care and appreciation from the state", minister Krasniqi said.

He highly estimated the work of the director Qosja which has been done for years, and also of the young director, Lendita Zeqiraj.

"Lendita Zeqiraj with her film "Balcony" has made a great fame all over the world, thus taking prizes and participating in nearly 40 festivals.

Success of Lendita is an indica-



tor that we are building a successful generation of directors. And this generation has of course had good teachers such as Isa Qosja who belongs to the golden generation of our directors who still gives for our cinematography.

Qosja undoubtedly remains a name that represents Kosovo in cinematography and who has a large baggage behind consisting of film creation, but also in education of new filmmaking generations", he said.

Director, Isa Qosja expressed that he is quite honoured for this consideration.

"For me, such a prize has an extraordinary significance, because when your country rewards you, I believe that this is the greatest prize that an artist can get. I am honoured and I must thank the institution which entrusts this prize to me, which has really increased in the recent years the dedication to the cinema" Qosja asserted.

"We are people who have this profession, we want to make films. I understand the condition in Kosovo and the Ministry that it could not work to its maximum in all fields, but especially for the film and the cinema a lot has been done, and this has given good signs even in international level" director Qosja asserted.

Also the director Zeqiraj said that for her it is a very important prize.

"I am very happy for this prize. I have already taken several prizes, but this is the most important for my artistic career" Zeqiraj asserted in the ceremony of Sunday.

This is the second year these prizes are allocated, and based on the regulation, the ceremony of awarding prizes is held on 1 June, date of birth of our famous actor, Bekim Fehmiu.

Process of awarding prizes begins with the proposals provided by individuals and various institutions and afterwards a jury appointed by the Minister selects the winners.

This year the jury had the following composition: Agron Vula, Blerim Gjoci, Zana Radogoshi, As-trit Kabashi and Ardianë Pajaziti.

National Prize for Life Work 'Bekim Fehmiu' has the financial value of 5 thousand Euros, whereas the annual one in cinematography has the value of 2500 Euros. ■





**GOLDEN AND SILVER STATUETTES  
FOR CINEMATOGRAPHY PRIZES**

# MCYS allocates over 80 thousand Euros for female sports clubs in football, handball, volleyball and basketball



In order to enable a better functioning and raising awareness, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports allocated 82 thousand and 500 Euros for 45 clubs of females in football, handball, basketball and volleyball. Decision was signed today in an official ceremony where athletes, heads of respective federations and heads of clubs participated. Minister Memli Krasniqi was present at this ceremony.

In his speech, minister Krasniqi said that this is a decision that was earlier in program and he expressed to be very happy that the state has the opportunity to allocate funds for development of sports of females.

"I am very pleased today as we are fulfilling today an initiative which has been in our vision. The special support for female sports is a global program, and our state too is realising it. It is for admiration and congratulation for all this work that has been completed till now, by all these clubs, to keep the female sports alive. Seeing this motive, successes and needs, this support shall be facilitation for you. We have supported you in

various forms even earlier, and I believe that we have already created a standard for the support to continuously be higher", he said.

Minister also added that women in Kosovo have shown high potential in sports and have brought good results for Kosovo.

"At the time we are living, the first medals we have won as a state by a female, a colleague of yours, Majlinda Kelmendi. I hope that this tradition continues, and in one way a message will be given to men to sweat a bit more", minister Krasniqi said. ■





## KOSOVO'S WOMEN HANDBALL NATIONAL TEAM

## Minister Memli Krasniqi was named Honorary President the Kosovo Judo Federation

**M**inister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Memli Krasniqi was announced as President of Honour of Kosovo Judo Federation. This title was accorded to him in an official ceremony in Prishtina, organised by Judo Federation, where successes of this Federation were presented for the four past years. Decision for announcement of Minister Krasniqi as President of Honour of the Federation was unanimously taken by the Board of KJF in March this year.

Minister Krasniqi said that this title for him is the highest honour made to him. He said that since the first day his main priority was Judo team, as the most successful sportsmen in Kosovo, to support it in continuity.

"We have experienced in these three years many moments, joy and sometimes may be discourage too, but never together with each other. I know that in some cases there were dishonest doubts for our relations. What I want to say today is that at no time, in no moment since I was appointed as a minister have I withdrawn myself from supporting Majlinda and Driton.

**O**n the occasion of the International Olympic Day, Besim Hasani, the President of the Olympic Committee allocated acknowledgement to Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Memli Krasniqi, on behalf of Olympic Movement in the Republic of Kosovo.

The acknowledgment was allocated to Minister Krasniqi with the motivation "for the outstanding contribution in spreading, development and protection of the Olympic Movement in the Republic of Kosovo".

Minister Krasniqi during his visit in the residency of KOC felicitated the International Olympic Day to all athletes and sport lovers and congratulated the directors of KOC for their work and engagement in the development of sports in our country.



I would never forgive myself if the flag of Kosovo had not been raised in world arenas, even in Russia. I am sports minister today, but my support in any position I will be in the future, in any circumstances shall never cease for you as federation, as champions but also for other federations", minister Krasniqi said.

"I will be with you also in the other mission, to bringing Kosovo an Olympic medal".

He said that in these recent years, sport has been an important priority and thanking to it, big changes have been made. In the future too, he said that sport must be an important agenda of institutions.

On the other hand, Judo trainer,

Driton Kuka said that since the first day he met minister Krasniqi, he has become a part of the team, and at every moment he has been close to them. All these successes are a result of his immense work. Changes that have been made for the sportsmen have been so important", he added.

Judoist Majlinda Kelmendi said that it has been so important for her to have support in all aspects and expressed that her intention is to bring Kosovo Olympic medal too.

"Whoever wins from our team is important, it does not matter if that is me or anyone else", she said.

President of Judo Federation, Agron Kuka said that KJF in the four past years has continuously had the support of institutions but also of many other partners. Kuka also added that they are working hard in order to achieve more results and to create more talents in this sport.

In this ceremony a documentary was shown for the journey of Majlinda Kelmendi and other judoists to the top of success in this sport. ■

## On Olympic Day, KOC honors Minister Krasniqi

He also promised that the cooperation and support for the sports and KOC shall precede in the future as well, via investments in infrastructure and also via support on broadening and internationalization of sports.

"We have always assisted the Kosovo Olympic Committee, and for sure this shall continue further. Together we have marked many successes, but we have also had



challenges and lots of works are waiting in the future, as well" said the Minister.

In his turn, President Hasani said that KOC is grateful to the Minister and the staff of MCYS for their readiness to assist and cooperate with the Olympic Committee.

"We are grateful to the Minister for his contribution made on sports, especially on the role he played in the internationalization of the Kosovar sport", said Mr. Hasani.

On the international Olympic Day, ten project proposals were presented in the form of models for the building of the Olympic Palace, which is MCYS investment, where Kosovo Olympic Committee, Kosovo Paralympics Committee as well as Kosovo Sports Federations shall be located. ■



## KOSOVO'S CORNER IN CANNES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

# Kosovo for the third time in Cannes



Cinematography of Kosovo was presented for the third time in the World's biggest cinematographic event that was organised in Cannes of France.

Kosovo has opened its Pavilion at the European Film Festival in Cannes that was held for the 67th time. Same as in previous years, our country was presented again with catalogues and data for films produced by Kosovo Cinematography Centre this year and during the last year.

Among the Kosovo productions presented in this cinematographic event were also the film such as: "The world" of the producer Iris Elezi, "The Marriage" of Blerta Zeqiri, "Ncuk, ncuk, ncuk" under the production and stage management of Visar Arifaj.

Director of Kosovo Cinema-



tography Centre, Arben Zharku, notified that Kosovar Film was presented at the 225th Pavilion of "Village International Panterio".

Director of KCC, Mr. Zharku, had many meetings, informing stakeholders for film and projects that were developed in the field of Kosovo Film. In the first week, he met Diego Garcia Cruz, of Gijon International Film Festival, in the promotion of Kosovo Film.

Moreover, he notified that the meetings were arranged with different world foundations and organisations which are interested to produce films together with Kosovo, in which KCC organised a cocktail, too, for the participants of Cannes festival.

Participation of Kosovo was estimated as an opportunity for the promotion of cinematography, a way for new cooperation and opportunity to develop new projects, thus, increasing, in general, the presence of Albanian cinematography in the world.

Kosovo also in this edition was the only representative of Albanian film in this festival, since Albania is not yet part of this prestigious cinematography event, however, it is expected to become part of it next year. ■

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# “Baby, press the button and erase my memory”, exhibition of Petrit Halilaj



The exhibition titled “Baby, press the button and erase my memory” includes five projects of the artist Petrit Halilaj was presented in the National Gallery of Kosovo, which opened the door and welcomed the art lovers to have the possibility to see for one month the paintings of Halilaj, which cover the period from 1997 up to date.

The artist Halilaj, whose fixation are birds and hens, stressed that he feels privileged and lucky for presenting his work before the public of the country where he got the first inspirations.

“Starting point of my works is Kosovo, but the point of arrival always depends on where the works are presented, in what competition or museum, by which curator and by which culture I am facing in those moments”, Halilaj said.

Curator of Halilaj’s exhibition is Vesa Sahatçiu. She said that exhibition is a collection of artist’s work for years, starting from childhood, memories and experiences with his most beloved animals.

“The exhibition is a collection of Petrit’s work. It interrelates with

his themes of memory and a wish not to lose the memory but to forget the past for a moment in order to remember it at a later moment,” Sahatçiu said.

On the other hand, the director of Gallery of Arts of Kosovo, Erzen Shkololli, expressed that he is honoured and has the pleasure that the institution he is leading makes a presentation of exhibition of the artist who successfully represented Kosovo in Venice Biennale.

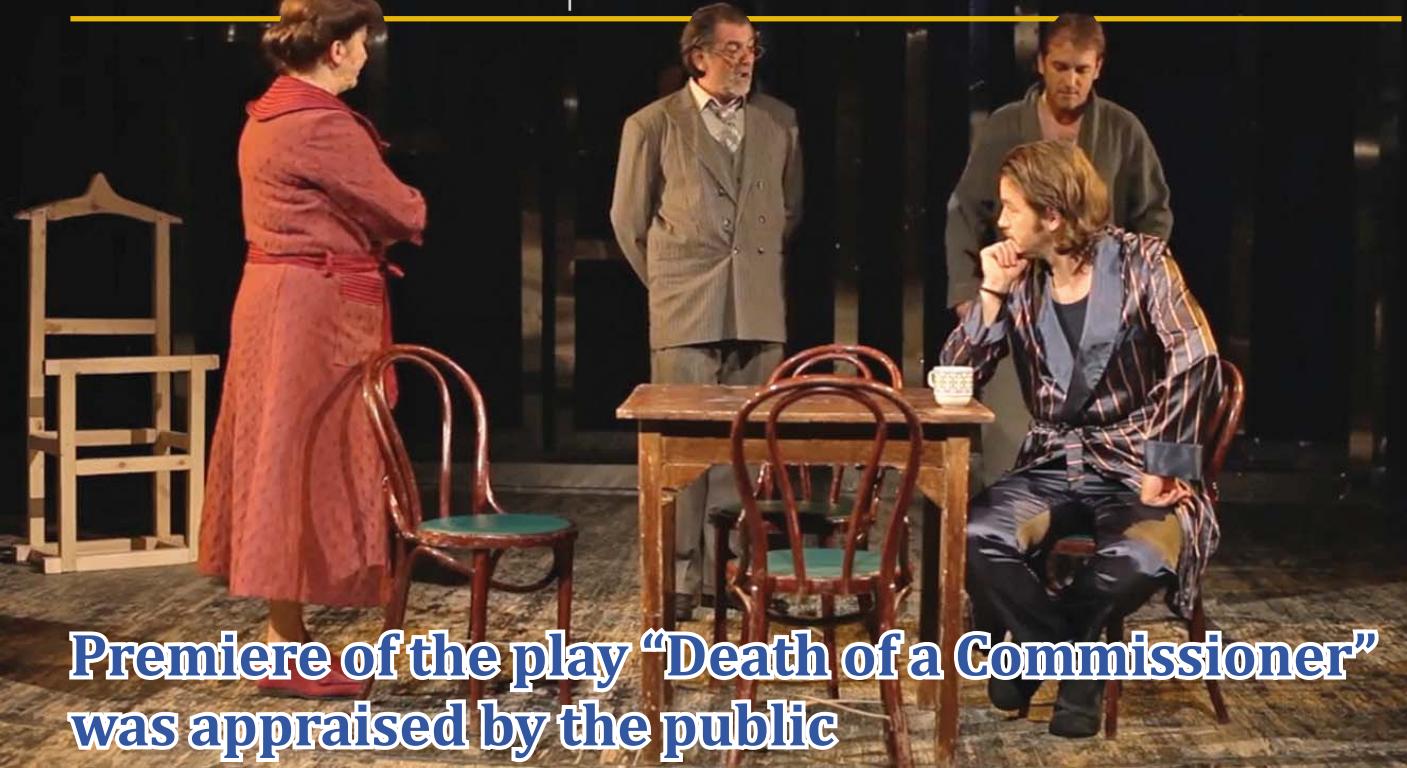
“It is worth mentioning the fact that exactly today a year has passed since the presentation of works of the artist in Venice Biennale, we of course have the pleasure to present works of an artist who has marked the history for the contemporary art of Kosovo” Shkololli said.

The exhibition “Baby, press the button and erase my memory” is the third exhibition for this year in the Gallery of Arts of Kosovo. ■





Petrit Halilaj  
**Wooden stack**



## Premiere of the play "Death of a Commissioner" was appraised by the public

National Theatre of Kosovo showed for the public the first premiere from its repertoire of 2014, the drama titled "Death of a Commissioner" with direction of Ljupčo Georgievski, a director from Macedonia, whereas its screenwriter is Arthur Miller.

The show was masterly presented by the group of actors who were selected through an audition. The drama which was prepared for forty-five days was welcomed by the public.

In the main roles were the following actors: Ismet Azemi in the role of Will Loman, and the actress Igballe Qena who played the role of Linda, the wife of Will, thus marking the 40th anniversary of her career in the field of acting.

In drama, a story of a family that is in the centre of moral dilemmas is shown, where the contemporary climate of society is commented. Between the reality and the wish for success to realise the dream (to be rich and successful), the family easier turns the back to the reality than realising the dream, and in the end Will sacrifices his life for realisation of the dream in a ruthless capitalism.

The actor Ismet Azemi, who played the protagonist in this

show, Willy Loman, expressed that the drama "Death of a Commissioner" is amazing and it was prepared under a military discipline. "I was wholly relaxed in the course of playing my role, because for forty-five days there was a professional and disciplined work done, I would say in a military discipline in order to achieve to this success. I am thankful to the director, who was so friendly", Azemi said.

Whereas the actress Igballe Qena who played the role of Linda, the wife of Willy, marked the fortieth anniversary of her career in acting. She stated that she made a surprise to herself by celebrating her anniversary of work by work. "I believe that public is satisfied by this show, we really had a very good experience, we had quite tiring work to do. I do not remember to have played any other role with such sensation as in the drama which is the premiere in this evening", Qena said.

The drama "Death of a Commissioner" has been brought to stage 743 times around the world, includ-

ing its premiere in Prishtina. In the premiere public, various dignitaries participated from the world of politics and art. The president of the country, Atifete Jahjaga was present in the premiere and she highly considered this drama, in particular the acting of the actress Igballe Qena.

"Ms. Qena is an artist of extraordinary skills, from whose performance as an artist, I have always been satisfied", Jahjaga said.

The evaluation for the show was also given by the director Fatos Berisha, where he said words of commendation for the work of his homologue from Macedonia and for the main actor of the show Ismet Azemi. "This drama depicts the dissipation of a family at a time of capitalism which becomes ruthless. I am really glad to see Ismet Azemi in the role of the main actor, it has been quite long not seeing him in such a role", director Berisha said.

To play in the drama titled "Death of a Commissioner", in other roles the following actors played: Hazir Haziri, Armend Ismajli, Basri Lushtaku, Eshref Durmishi, Bislim Muçaj, Shpëtim Kastrati, Sheqere Buçaj, Albulena Kryeziu and Shota Baraliu. ■

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Arthur Miller

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Ismet Azemi  
Igballe Qena  
Hazir Hoziri  
Armend Ismajli  
Bislim Muçaj  
Basri Lushtaku  
Eshref Durmishi  
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# MCYS allocates 100 thousand Euros for the stadium in Drenas and 50 thousand for the Culture Palace in Gjakova



**M**inistry of Culture, Youth and Sports allocated 100 thousand Euros for renovation of the football stadium 'Rexhep Rexhepi' in Drenas and 50 thousand for renovation of 'Asim Vokshi' Culture Palace in Gjakova. Memorandums of Cooperation have been signed with both mayors, with Mimoza Kusari - Lila and with Nexhat Demaku. On behalf of MCYS the memorandum was signed by Permanent Secretary Veton Firzi.

Municipality of Gjakova, based on the Memorandum shall under-

take to invest the other amount determined by renovation contract for the Culture Palace.

The same rule shall apply also in the case of the investments in football stadium in Drenas. Mayors of these municipalities, Kusari - Lila and Demaku estimated that this support by MCYS is quite significant for development of culture, respectively for the sports in these municipalities.

Meanwhile, the secretary Firzi stressed out that MCYS has invested in the past in many projects in these municipalities and the support will continue in future too. ■





## Unique presentation of Kosovo by Paçarizi at the Venice Biennale

In this year's, 14th edition in the Exhibition of Architecture, in Venice Biennale, Kosovo was represented by the architect, Gëzim Paçarizi who chose a cylindric installation built of 692 three leg stools made of wood and named as "Imposed Modernity", and the second part of exhibition consisting of

320 wall cards, indicating the cities of Kosovo in various time periods, before and after modernisation.

Biennale shall be open for visitors starting from 7 June and shall last until 23rd of November. Interest of the public for the Pavilion of Kosovo was very high, and it was counted amongst the ten most interesting pavilions of this edition.

"We have done an extraordinary job and we have managed to open exhibition according to what has been planned to be realised in time. There was a high interest for our pavilion from the media and from the public", the architect Paçarizi said.

The work of Paçarizi is related to modernity in the architecture and which is related to cultural and socio-economic identity of Kosovo and which is more explained through the second part of the exhibition, consisting of wall cards where 320 photographs present the cities of Kosovo before and after its modernisation.

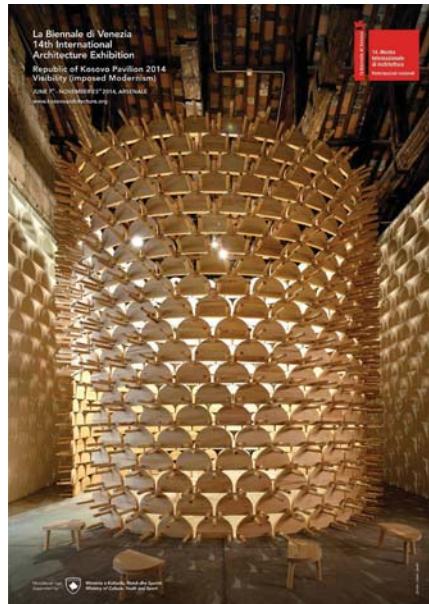
the British architect, Ron Arad

was selected as advisor to the curator Gëzim Paçarizi and of the whole Pavilion of Kosovo.

Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports was the commissioner of the Pavilion and covered the expenditures for presentation of Kosovo in Biennale, and it is the third time of participation, the second time for Exhibition of Architecture.

Last year Kosovo participated in Venice Biennale in the category of art through artist Petrit Halilaj, whereas for architecture in 2012 Kosovo was represented by the architect Përparim Rama. ■

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Gëzim Paçarizi

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**MCYS HAS INCREASED THE SUPPORT  
TO YOUTH IN THESE THREE YEARS**

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## MCYS is going to support innovative ideas of youth

Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports is going to support innovative ideas of youth progressively, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Memli Krasniqi said in opening the 'Fair of Science and Culture 2014' in Mitrovica, which is an organisation of pupils of 'Frang Bardhi' high school in Mitrovica, where pupils from high schools of Mitrovica, Vushtrri and Skenderaj participate. This fair is held in the Centre of Culture "Rexhep Mitrovica" in Mitrovica. From many sectors in this fair the following are presented: cultural values, knowledge and achievements in the school subjects they learn.

Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Memli Krasniqi said that this fair is a traditional activity and which may serve as a model also for many other regions in Kosovo. He further added that from here the future scientists will be borne.

Minister Krasniqi stressed out that by making such organisations, awareness for education increases amongst the youth, and they consequently become initiators of many various projects for the society.

MCYS has given greater support to youth in these three years, and in particular with the project for

entrepreneurship. Around 1 million dollars have been allocated in these two years for supporting businesses of youth and their training in professional fields. There are around 1500 young people who benefited from these programs and hundreds of young people from subsidies for youth organisations.

"We will continue increasing the support, and I hereby encourage you to follow your dreams, your ideas, to be educated practically too,

so the state will undoubtedly be by your side to support you", he said.

On the other hand, the Mayor of Mitrovica, Agim Bahtiri, estimated this fair as an important event for the town, and added that this is evidence of work done in schools.

Afërdita Syla, director of CBM organisation, that supports this activity, promised that support for youth will not stop only with this, but it will continue because they are the future of this country. ■



## Enhancement of cultural and sports cooperation between France and Kosovo

Deputy Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Gjergj Dedaj had a visit in France where he realised meetings with French officials and representatives and attended the opening of Exhibition of Ferizaj Art Gallery in Villa le Grand in France.

Deputy Minister Dedaj was also accompanied by Tahir Shabani, Head of Association for French-Albanian Cooperation. They met representatives of the municipality Villa la Grand, with whom he discussed the opportunity of enhancing the cooperation in the fields covered by MCYS.

In the course of the meetings, Deputy Minister Gjergj Dedaj also met Member of Parliament of France, Virginie Duby-Muller, who also is member of Culture Commission, and Marc Francini, Mayor of the city of Evian and at the same time Member of Parliament of France. Deputy Minister informed the French representatives about the achievements and challenges of culture and sports in Kosovo and estimated that cooperation between the countries of Kosovo and France must advance further through exchange of experiences between our artists and athletes. ■



## Deputy Minister Dedaj for an official visit to Austria

Deputy Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Gjergj Dedaj stayed for a work visit in Vjena, where he held meetings with baseball representatives of the Austrian state in a bid to explore opportunities for cooperation and promotion of the sport in our country.

Deputy Minister Dedaj, originally met Rainer Husty, the President of the Austrian Baseball Federation, who informed him of the organization and the successes of the country with the popularized American sport, the baseball, and offered support and experience to help Kosovo.

Deputy minister on the other hand informed President Husty and activities of the sport will be organized in June in Kosovo, too, at a baseball camp to be organized in Gjakova.

Deputy Minister Dedaj was also welcomed by Brian Williams of the international school in Vienna and held a lecture for the students of this prestigious school, where he spoke of the position of the Kosovar youth and the history and developments of the Kosovo's country. He asked the authorities of this school to invest in Kosovo and establish a school of this profile in our country, too.

At the invitation, of the "Aleksandër Moisiu" Albanian League of Writers and Authors in Austria, the Deputy Minister attended the promotion of several poetic works of Albanian poets living in Austria. ■

## Baseball camp opens in Gjakova



Deputy Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Gjergj Dedaj participated in the opening of baseball sport camp which was organized in the primary school "Anton Çetta" in Dol village of Gjakova, where the promotion of this popular American sport started in our country.

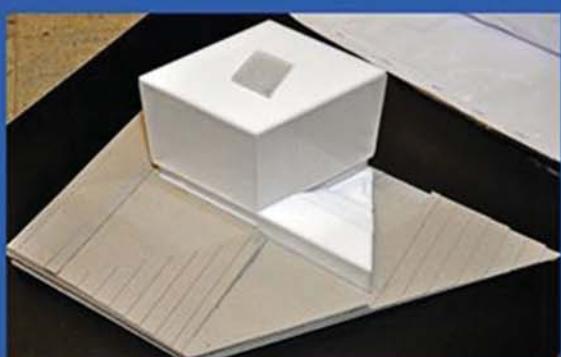
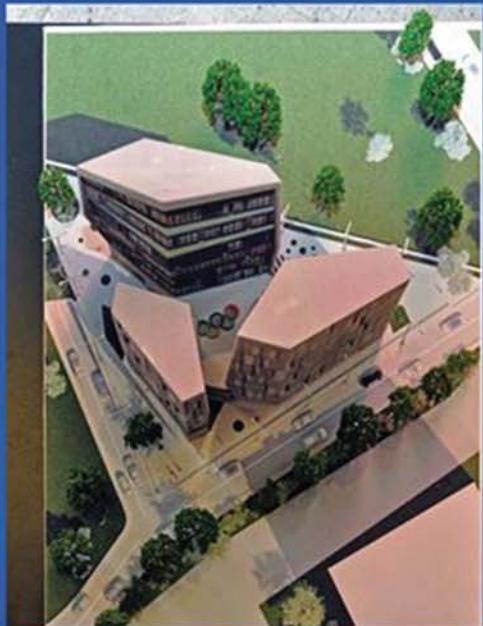
This sport activity was attended by representatives and trainers from USA and Vienna.

Deputy Minister Dedaj emphasized that the popularization of this sport is an additional enrichment of general sport activities and events in our country.

Opening of this camp shall be a beginning of the spread and development of baseball in the Republic of Kosovo. ■



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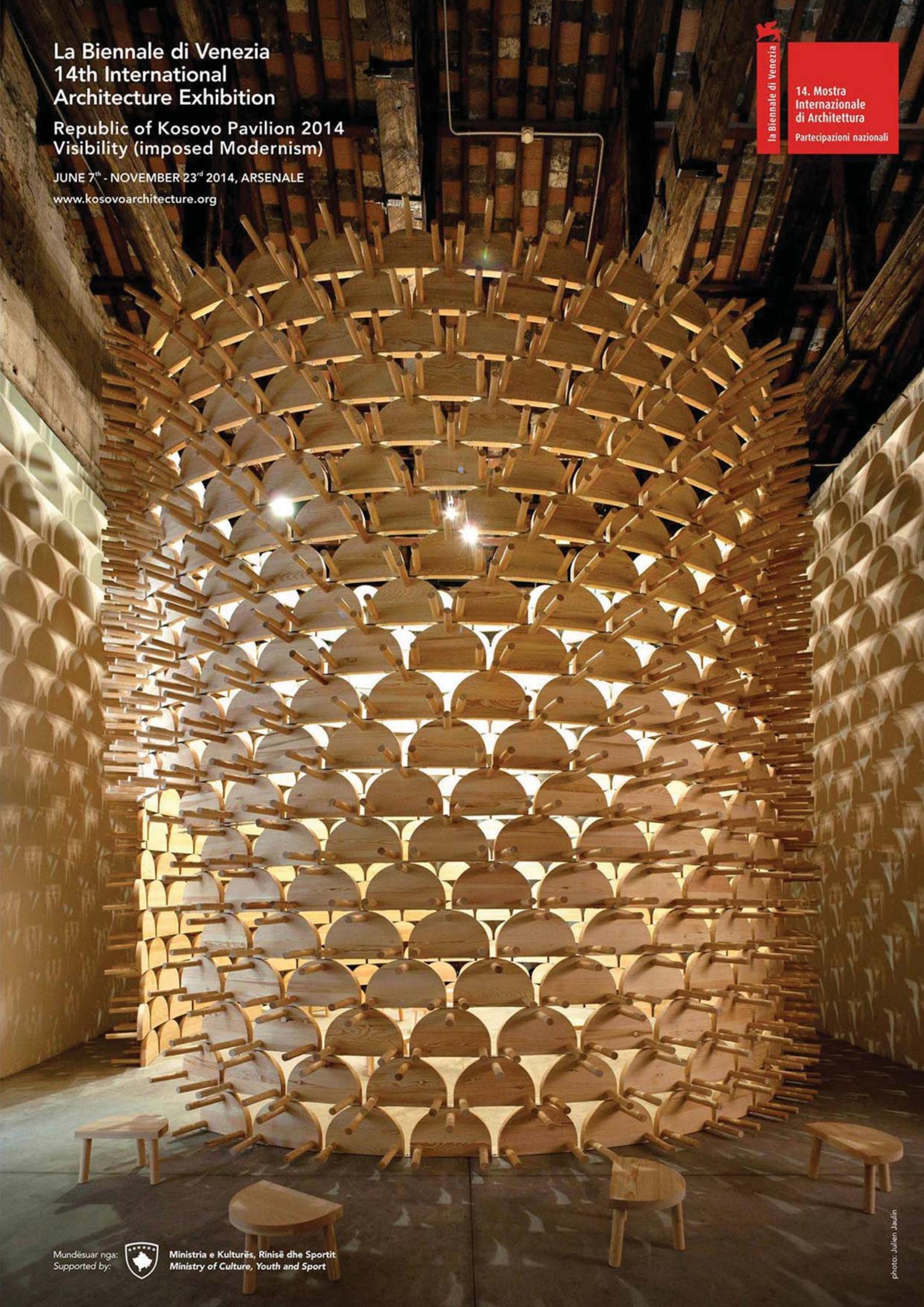


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