Year of revision to pattern of consumption - 20 /Mar/ 2009

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei in a New Year Day statement described the new Iranian Year 1388 as a crucial year, adding that in light of the vitality of rationality in consuming the country's resources, he considers the new Iranian year as the year of revision to pattern of consumption nationwide.

Ayatollah Khamenei in the statement expressed hope the Iranian nation would prevail over any likely problems in the New Year through its faith.

The IR Leader said the Eid-e Nowruz (Iranian new year day) had got further glorious after coinciding with the lunar birth anniversary of the Last Messenger of Allah (S.A.) and his descendant Imam Jafar Sadeq (A.S.).

Ayatollah Khamenei congratulated the nation's populace residing in home or abroad as well as other nations which mark the traditional New Year day on the auspicious holiday and expressed hope that everybody would find the solar Persian year 1388 abundant with prosperity.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the previous Iranian year was an eventful one, commencing with the good news of nuclear advances which indicated the capacity of the nation and its experienced researchers and continuing with the launch to orbit of Omid Satellite which fetched Iran a place among a few countries in possession of the technology.

"These truly magnificent advances helped bring a fresh credibility and grandeur for the Iranian nation," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei then touched on the pre-commissioning phase of Bushehr nuclear power plant late last Iranian year, adding that the world following the event got convinced that no one could block the nuclear advances of the nation.

"Iran's progress in different scientific and non-scientific fields proved that sanctions are useless and that the nation has a spontaneous growth and is able to foil enemy propagandas and plots by reliance on its hyperactive, honored youths," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei in another part of the statement touched on the beginning of the eighth term of Parliament and the favorable cooperation among the body and the Administration, hoping that the two would keep cooperation.

Ayatollah Khamenei then pointed to the current big global economic crisis, saying that despite the crisis which began from America and sparked a destructive storm throughout the world and despite a slew of sanctions against the nation, the country's authorities could largely steer the country out of the colossal wave of problems, adding however that the authorities should keep alert so that the country would maintain and boost pace of progress.

Ayatollah Khamenei was pleased about the levels of "innovation and prosperity" (the theme of the previous year) in the past year, adding however that unlike a preliminary gain on the theme in the year 1387, the nation must pursue the theme seriously until it achieves its deserved status under the auspices of God.

Ayatollah Khamenei then touched on the bungled 22-day war of the Zionist regime against a besieged Gaza and its innocent Palestinians who mounted a robust resistance, adding that the disgraceful defeat of the Zionists developed an invaluable lesson for the world people namely that they could strand against tyrants and overcome them.

Ayatollah described the Year 1388 as a crucial year and invoked the New Year prayers (O, The One who changes

hearts and states over … change our states over to the best) in saying that the changeover of the state of the Iranian nation to the best required the favor of God while at the same time the nation must note that the favor would not be conferred unless the people strive to overhaul their personal and social living style.

Ayatollah Khamenei then outlined "waste of personal and public resources" as well as unbridled consumption of country's resources as two scopes of Iranian life which seriously needs some touch of overhaul.

"The dear Islam and every wise man in the world rigorously call for rational and prudent consumption," Ayatollah Khamenei noted.

The Islamic Revolution Leader at the end his statement said all Iranians especially the authorities and personalities in the New Year must follow the crucial and vital theme of revision of pattern of consumption in every domain so that through a correct and prudent use of resources, a notable aspect of changeover of state to the best would emerge within the nation.