Goals of our revolution are like bright stars - 5 /Sep/ 2009

A group of poets, cultural elites, and scholars met the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei, Saturday.

Ayatollah Khamenei approved recent poetic developments and said, "Everything (in today's poetry); its diction, meaning, rhythm, choice of words, and imagery are signs of a fruitful movement in the poetry of our country."

The leader of Islamic Revolution referred to post-revolution (1979) poetry as a continuous movement towards new heights in poetry and said, "The poetry of revolution has successfully passed the exams and should continue this way till it achieves all the goals of the revolution."

"The goals of our revolution are like bright stars, high in the sky. They show us where to fly," Ayatollah Khamenei added.

"This poetry should serve the goals of the revolution. Justice; morality; independence, particularly cultural independence, and revivification of our Iranian-Islamic identity are some of these goals," the IR Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei also touched on the incidents before and after the presidential elections in June and said these incidents were a blessing and like a war game revealed our weaknesses.

"The burden of retelling the truth about these incidents lies on the shoulders of men of letters and artists. It is their duty to distinguish friend from foe," the IR Leader urged.

Ayatollah Khamenei added that wisdom is a necessity in understanding the situation. "Men of letters form only a portion of Islamic Revolution's movement. They ought to talk or write their take of the truth in a way that is intelligible to everyone and avoid political vagueness."

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution referred to soft warfare as a reality and pointing to his previous warnings about the issue, he said, "When one sees the formation of clenching teeth against the Late Imam Khomeini, the Revolution and its cause he will definitely believe in the soft warfare.

"It is the duty of the cultural association to appropriately employ art against the soft warfare," the IR Leader urged.

Ayatollah Khamenei advised the poets to read classical Persian poetry and internalize them so as to use them as a touchstone in evaluating and elevating their poetry.