

Second Laureate Applied Research



- ◆ **Project Title:** Shahrake Alephba (drama in education)
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Abstract:

I received the honorary diploma of Iohannis Amos Comeni in October 6th, 1998. Then I Wrote / Performed and directed 2000 minutes of television program. This program is a starting of new movement in education system. The students are taught knowledge/ skill and conception by an indirect way. The message of peace culture/ literacy and global dialogue are transmitted by Amoo Ferdos and Mahda (a puppet). "Mahda" was taken from the first letters of kindness (Mehrabani)/ cooperation (Hamkari)/ friendship (Dusti) / and peace (Ashti) of persian dictionary. "Mahda" comes to the classroom from "Sadako" side, the little girl who is a victim of Hiroshima`s atomic explosion and wants to take the message of peace with Iranian children to the all parts of the world. He is anti-war and when she saw paper cranes and white pigeons in Amoo Ferdos' classroom, she prepares the way for the plan of world peace and alliance of cultures. Amoo Ferdos and Mahda taught students and adults by dramatic arts (poem/music/painting) and technology. In this way, the new Shahrake Alephba is organized with these aims: permanent peace / sustainable development and defense of human rights. This method of teaching is based on cooperation and partnership. The 8000 year old culture and civilization of Iran are introduced as a peace/ friendship and sustainable development civilization while introducing other civilizations. Innovation and flourishment are the speciality of this teaching method.