

Biography of Hamid Djodeiri Khodashenas



Hamid Djodeiri Khodashenas was born in 1963 in Tehran, Iran. He is a lawyer, and has been an active eclipse chaser since 1999. His deep passion for observing eclipses of the sun led him to found the first Iranian eclipse chasing institute called Sayeh. Sayeh, shadow in Farsi, is set to be a place to promote interest in solar eclipse observation and other astronomical activities among Iranian amateur astronomers. His institute aims to research solar eclipse effects on the earth and its creatures.

He observed and documented the 1999 totality from the remote lake of Gahar in Iran, the 2001 totality from Zimbabwe, the 2003 totality from Antarctica, the 2004 transit of Venus from Iran, the 2005 hybrid in the Pacific Ocean near the Galapagos islands, the 2006 totality from Niger, the 2008 totality from the Arctic, the 2009 totality from Fiji and Kiribati, the 2010 annular solar eclipse from Myanmar (Burma) and the 2013 hybrid from Kenya.

Going on these trips and experiencing nature in different parts of the world has made him an avid nature photographer. His photos have been shown in several exhibitions in Iran. He has taken over 40,000 solar eclipse and nature photos in his expeditions to all the seven continents around the world.

Sayeh research institute is now planning on its first observatory which is going to be located on the top of a mountain in north of Iran in 3000m altitudes. Also, he was the only foreigner who lectured in The Astronomical League of 2005 in Kansas City, USA. Tai Chi and playing the harp have assisted him to materialize his deep affection, which is bringing science and art together. Additional information may be found at: <http://www.mreclipse.ir/> and <http://www.shadow-chasers.net/>

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