

## Management of Fruit and Vegetable Organization of Tehran Municipality and IFOAM-IRAN joined to the Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA)



The 3<sup>rd</sup> ALGOA Summit, successfully hosted by Goesan County, South Korea in August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Andre Leu (President of IFOAM-International), Mr. Zhou Zejiang (President of IFOAM-Asia) and Mayor Na, Young Chan (holder of the Presidency of ALGOA) were among the VIPs as well as more than 100 participants. Also, the invited speakers were from different countries such as South Korea, Philippines, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, India, Japan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, USA, China, Vietnam, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, etc.



Regarding to the novel supportive activities by the Tehran Municipality- Management of Fruit and Vegetable Organization in Cooperation with IFOAM-IRAN and Iran Organic Association for organizing a very efficient yearly organic festival “ Tehran Organic Week Festival” with the aim of developing and promoting production and marketing of organic products in Iran, a joint application by above mentioned organizations sent to ALGOA in order to being a register member among other active Asian municipalities from different countries. In this event, Dr. M. Reza Ardakani the Director of IFOAM-IRAN participated as one of the invited speakers and on behalf of the head of Tehran Municipality-Management of Fruit and Vegetable Organization (Mr. Abdolhossein Rahimi), Head of the Board of Iran Organic Association (Mr. Seyed Reza Nurani) and IFOAM-IRAN signed the MoU for further cooperations with ALGOA and its members. The purpose for the establishment of ALGOA is to facilitate the 100% adoption of organic agriculture in Asia.

The following activities of ALGOA are based on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that has been signed among the founding local governments and IFOAM Asia.

- Policy Support for countries developing Organic Agriculture
- Information Exchanges on the best practices and innovations on Organic Agriculture
- Mutual exchanges of local government personnel / experts & organic stakeholders
- Education for local government officials on organic agriculture
- Hosting of the Annual ALGOA Summit
- Others