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Taking part in 2011 Global Enterprise Experience was one of the best things that happened in my educational life. Studying in BIHE University has its own limitations and unfortunately we as students do not have the chance to experience these kinds of happenings.

Being born in a Baha'i family, my parents had always taught me to like other people and respect their beliefs, but as far as I remember Baha'i people have never been treated so in my country. As a Baha'i we believe that people are able to choose and others should respect their opinions even if they do not think the same, but unhappily our country's government does not believe in this. In our own country a lot of things are forbidden for us. We even do not have the primary rights that most of the people have in other countries, one of which is having higher education.

Since BIHE is not approved by Iran Government, studying is somehow under pressure and the courses are offered via internet which has its own problems because of low internet speed and poor connections. Our university is very much different in compare to other universities. We even do not have campuses, laboratories and libraries. Most of the courses are offered online and if a class is needed, that class will be held in students' houses. But on the other hand we have volunteer professors who have devoted their time and energy and are always ready to help the students and that's why we thank God for having this opportunity to study and continue our education.

Three months ago I became aware of Geebiz through one of my professors and I got the chance to participate in this global competition. It was a great chance because I became familiar with other people from all around the world. In our group we had the nation diversity all from Iran, New Zealand to Colombia and the United States. Through Geebiz I was able to make friendships that I could not have made before that, people from other continents but all kind, friendly and responsible. I think one of the most important elements of partnership is responsibility and luckily all my group members had this characteristic. They were all very cooperative and punctuate. The group leaders were great who did their job very professionally.

In Geebiz I learned that though we have not the same mother tongue we are still able to cooperate through the second language. Although people like me that English is not their native language might have more problems than others, but my friends were all very supportive and helped me a lot. Though there was a huge time difference, we came to an agreement on a time and we were able to have an online meeting in order to communicate our thoughts which felt so great.

Taking part in Geebiz contest was very interesting for me. I learned lots of new things and made new friends. I am really glad to have participated in this match, because it gave me the chance to learn new aspects of business and broaden my view in this regard. Though at first I registered in Geebiz because it was a necessary part for one of my university courses, I think it was something very special which I appreciate it now. Whether our group wins or not wins we have achieved the goal of this contest which is in my opinion cooperation, teamwork, friendship and punctuality.

At the end I should thank all my dear professors who helped me to be where I am now and I should also thank Geebiz directors who have created this atmosphere so that we have the opportunity to learn new things. And as a student I hope that all my friends in BIHE University would have the chance to participate in Geebiz one day so that they can experience what I have experienced so far.