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Iran named CIO of Walt Disney Co.

Iranian-American Michael Tasooji, 43, has been promoted to senior vice president and chief information officer for The Walt Disney Company, according to a company announcement last thursday.

Tasooji has been with The Walt Disney Company since 1995, when he was hired as vice president for information services at Disneyland in Anaheim, California. He developed the information services strategic plan for Disney's California Adventure Theme Park, which is scheduled to open next year.

In January, Tasooji was promoted to senior vice president for information services for Walt Disney Attractions, with responsibility for developing information systems, strategy, and planning for all the company's diverse attractions and

ventures them parks, resorts, cruise ships etc.

Prior to joining Disney in 1995, Tasooji worked with the Bergen Brunswig Corporation, Getty Oil Company, and Columbia Pictures.

Born in Iran, he holds BS and MBA degrees from the University of Southern California. He and his wife, Linda, have three children and live in Newport Beach, California.



Googoosh in Canada

Googoosh, the most famous Iranian popular singer of all time, has arrived in Canada, where she will perform a concert tour during July.

This is Googoosh's first trip out of Iran since the revolution, and the first time she has given a concert since 1979. Her singing career was cut short by the revolution, whose leaders singled her out as an example of "Western decadence" and banned her voice from stage, radio and television.

The sale of tapes and records of Googoosh's songs also was banned, although they continued to be available on the black market in Iran.



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