

DPI (Data Processing of Iran)

IBM branch in Iran, later known as “Data Processing Iran (DPI) company”, started its activity in 1957 coinciding with public census and also the exploitation of first card reader in the country. Considering the growing applications of computers in processing mathematical calculations and data storage, gradually IBM activities in many organizations, ministries and universities began growing, so that in years 1977 and 1978, with nearly four hundred expert employees, IBM exclusively undertook all processing activities and electronic calculations in important decision making, planning and academic organizations.



At the time of the victory of the Islamic Revolution, considering the particular situation in Iran, IBM branch transferred all facilities and equipment and continued its activities under the new name “Ex-IBM” and as a dependant of the Organization of Planning and Budget. Due to needs and dependency to IBM services, in the year 1984, “Organization of Planning and Budget” which is now called “Organization of Management and Planning” as the government legal representative of IBM activities, registered “Data Processing Iran” company and all Ex-IBM material and intellectual rights were transferred to this company.

During years 1991-2001, specially through the Iraqi imposed war, DPI continued its computer support and services for sensitive and strategic organizations in spite of all difficulties due to economic sanction. Moreover DPI has succeeded in showing high income and profit rates all through the above mentioned period of time.

In 2001, DPI became a Private company, listed under the Tehran Stock Exchange. Over the company's history, DPI has signed numerous technology-sharing national and international agreements till now.



DPI history in brief

1957 (Aug)	Establishment of IBM Iranian branch
1981 (Nov)	Take over agreement between IBM and Plan Budget Organization(PBO)
1960~1975	Increasing presence of IBM in Iranian DP market
1984 (July)	Renaming the operation as Data Processing Iran (DPI)
1994	Cession of 30 percent of company's shares to employees and specialists in informatics line in Iran
1999	Change the status of company to complete private one