

# **Iran, sole center producing wind turbine in Mideast**

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Ardebil – Iran is the sole center producing wind turbines in the Middle East, said managing director of Iran's New Energies Organisation. In a meeting with the Ardebil province's governor general, Yousef Armoudli added that based on the latest studies, due to its geographical location, Ardebil province has the capacity for installing wind turbines to produce some 500 megawatts of electricity.

Touching on geothermal energy, he noted that some 14 areas have been identified in the country including Ardebil which is among the best in the field.

Meanwhile, governor general Mansour Haqiqatpour commented on the project to supply electricity to the provincial branch of Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB) in Ardebil and said that efforts are underway to complete the project by the end of May 2009.