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Springs are Festive at EMU!



Academy and ending within EMU campus. The walk on the 17th of May 2017 started at 17:30. The official opening of the ceremony took place at 19:00 with the participation of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rectors and Chair of the Board of Special Olympics Turkey Mehmet Civelek at the Festival Area

Visual Arts Workshop

As part of the program for the first day of EMU's 23rd Spring Festival, a workshop with Visual Arts Club artist Prof. Martin R. Baeyens will take place at 11:00. The workshop took place at the Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department Exhibition Hall.



On the first night of the festival, Bob Marley's son Ky-Mani Marley performed a concert on the main stage after a DJ performance at 22:00. Participation was high for the concert during which Marley performed reggae and hip-hop songs. At the end of the concert, Marley was presented a plaque of appreciation by Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden.

Parade Walk

The 23rd Spring Festival commenced with a parade walk starting from the Famagusta Youth

During the day, a backgammon tournament, a Mathematics Club Go-Sudoku-checkers and Rubik's cube game, an ultrAslan banner painting competition, Genetics Club DNA isolation, a Mountaineering and Nature Sports Club climbing activity, Gnçtrkçll reaction games and a Cinema Club open air cinema screening will also be took place. In addition, the Consonants performed on the second stage of the festival from 7:20 p.m. followed by international student community performances, an EMU Music Club performance and a Zumba show.



İlker Başbuğ Gave a Conference in EMU



Within the framework of the 23rd Spring Festival, Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Ideology Club hosted the 26th Commander of the Turkish Armed Forces İlker Başbuğ. On the first day of the 23rd Spring Festival, İlker Başbuğ gave a conference entitled "Current Problems of Turkey" at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 17 May 2017.

After a moment of silence and the national anthem, Atatürk Application and Research Center Academic staff member Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk delivered the opening address of the event. Dr. Göktürk expressed his pleasure in hosting Başbuğ in EMU and read his biography.

After Dr. Göktürk, Başbuğ started his speech by commemorating the late leaders Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, TRNC Founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş, Cyprus Turkish Community Leader Dr. Fazıl Küçük and all martyrs. Stating that during his former conference in EMU he talked about the Cyprus conflict, Başbuğ put forth that he wants to talk about Turkey's current problems in this year's conference.

Başbuğ stated that in Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's 8th notebook written in 1922, he wrote about the foundation phase of the Republic of Turkey and emphasized the importance of schools, education, economy, arts and construction for the strong standing of a government. According to Başbuğ, one of the most important problems of Turkey is fully related to education as compared to other countries, Turkey has not yet reached the desired level in education. In this respect, Başbuğ provided his recommendations for the betterment of the educational system in Turkey, with a

special focus on teachers and pre-school education.

"Syria is a Giant Hive"

Another current problem of Turkey according to Başbuğ is the Syrian conflict as he described Syria as a giant hive which has chaos and turmoil. Describing the Syrian conflict as one of the most challenging and tragic international problem of the 21st Century, Başbuğ highlighted the fact that more than 50% of the Syrian population has been relocated and that Turkey is hosting the largest population of the refugees. Başbuğ also added that external forces are trying to establish a Kurdish formation in Northern Syria, which poses a great threat for Turkey.

"It is due to the Turkish Armed Forces that the 15th of July attempt was not successful"

In his speech, Başbuğ also talked about the coup attempt on the 15th of July. According to Başbuğ, it wasn't a military coup attempt but another coup attempt initiated by an illegal religious organization infiltrating into the Turkish Armed Forces. Başbuğ also stated that it is due to the efforts of the Turkish Armed Forces that the 15th of July attempt was not successful.

At the end of the conference which attracted great interest, İlker Başbuğ was presented a plaque of appreciation by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and EMU Atatürk Ideology Club Chair Çağatay Kır. After the conference, İlker Başbuğ signed the books he authored. Alongside with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, President of the Board of Trustees İlker Edip, Famagusta District Governor Dürdane Acı, academic and administrative staff members and students attended the conference.



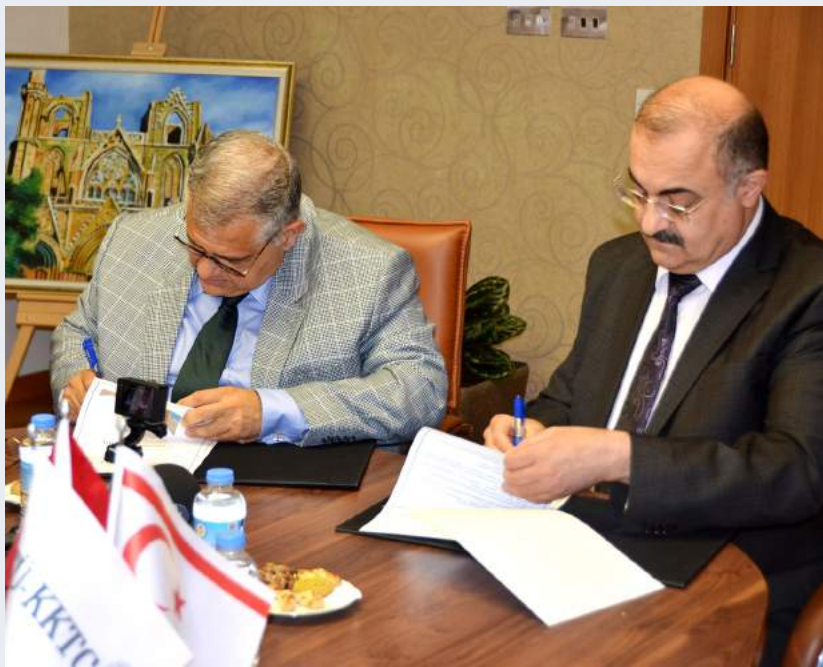
Member of the Parliament Akansoy Visits EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam

Member of the Parliament from the Republican Turkish Party (CTP) Asım Akansoy paid a visit to Eastern Mediterranean University Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. During the visit which took place at the Rector's Office, both parties exchanged information on different issues of higher education and also talked about Eastern Mediterranean University's noteworthy appearance within the top 200 universities of the Times Higher Education's (THE) "Emerging

Economies University Rankings" and within the top 50 universities of THE's The World's Best Young Universities Rankings 2017', also known as 'Under 50 Rankings'.

The meeting also hosted information exchange on the development and establishment of universities within the TRNC as well as EMU and YÖDAK statutes. Among those present at the meeting were Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hamit Caner and Senior Instructor Ulaş Gökçe.

EMU Signs a Collaboration Protocol with ITU - TRNC



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) signed a collaboration protocol with İstanbul Technical University TRNC Education – Research Campus. The protocol signature ceremony took place on the 12th of May 2017. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and ITU-TRNC Rector Prof. Dr. Ercan Kahya put their signatures on the protocol, which will allow the two universities to develop joint programs in both undergraduate and postgraduate levels and to carry out educational, scientific and administrative collaborations.

Speaking at the protocol signature ceremony, ITU TRNC Rector Prof. Dr. Ercan Kahya expressed his pleasure in signing a protocol with EMU, the most prominent university in TRNC. Stating that EMU and ITU-TRNC are sister universities from the same city, Prof.

Dr. Ercan Kahya highlighted that with the signed protocol the two universities will be walking side by side in order to achieve the set goals.

After the signature ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam expressed his pleasure in signing the protocol with ITU. Prof. Dr. Osam stated "As a result of the protocol signed, I believe that we will carry out all sorts of scientific and cultural collaborations with ITU-TRNC, a university that is in very close proximity to EMU." Present at the signature ceremony were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren and Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Rector's Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş and ITU – TRNC representatives.

Education Faculties of Turkish Cypriot Universities Assemble Deans Council



Upon a call from the TRNC Higher Education Planning, Evaluation, Accreditation and Coordination Council, Education Faculty Deans gathered on the 7th of March 2017 setting up a council to evaluate Faculty problems based on scientific data and to ensure that education, research/publication and social responsibility activities are run in a productive manner.

Founding Chair from Eastern Mediterranean University

The Council aims to coordinate with the Education Faculties Deans

Council in Turkey. The first Chair of the council became Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam.

The deans who met at EMU for the first time on the 24th of March 2017 soon settled on the name EFDEK-TRNC. The council members that also set up a Directive in order to arrange the procedures and principles of its formation, aims, areas of activity, tasks and mode of operation carried out their second meeting recently.

Dialogue and Collaboration Spirit Blossoms

EFDEK-TRNC Chair Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam pointed to a newly blossoming collaboration spirit and dialogue between TRNC University Education Faculties as a result of the formation of the council. Indicating that she is very pleased about this, Prof. Dr. Vancı Osam highlighted that this Faculty is one of the most popular Faculties whose contributions to their respective universities is a lot higher than other faculties. Prof. Dr. Vancı Osam also maintained that Education Faculties play vital roles in increasing the quality of educational operations of universities.

The Objective is Quality Assurance in Teacher Training

During the recently held second meeting of EFDEK-TRNC a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats analysis of TRNC Education Faculties took place. Especially focusing on weaknesses and threats the analysis aimed to capitalize on opportunities in order to increase the Faculties teacher raising quality. To reach this aim work will be carried out on a strategic plan that will lead to Education Faculties in the TRNC collaborating with

Turkish and international educational institutions.

The aims of the strategic plan are as follows: developing scientific work, public service and the educational structure of Education Faculties in the TRNC, applying for national and international accreditations, developing collaborations in Turkey and international collaborations, collaboration with the government.

Work Initiated by YÖDAK

TRNC Education Faculty Deans Council Chair Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam noted "We would like to thank YÖDAK for initiating this work. As soon as the National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education in Turkey is completed we will revise the programs of Education Faculties accordingly", indicating that a lot of work awaits them.

As a result of the Directive based on the articles of YÖDAK legislation, each university Education Faculty Dean will in turn be Chair of the Council for a period of one year. The council will meet at least twice a year.

Famous Journalist Cüneyt Özdemir Gives Talk at EMU



Famous journalist, writer and TV program producer Cüneyt Özdemir came together with Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) students as part of the 23rd Spring Festival. Özdemir who is best known for his multi award winning CNN Türk program 5N1K gave a talk at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall touching-upon how he started his career, his experiences and his success stories. Stating that he has carried out all forms television journalism, written books, filmed documentaries and been part of the 32. Gün crew, Özdemir indicated that he also carried out war journalism, monitoring Israel's clashes with Hizbullah on the Israel, Lebanon border.

Stating that he has been involved in the news profession for 27 years, Özdemir indicated that with the development of technologies the execution of the job has started to change and that the profession requires new success stories and new role models. Touching upon his

experiences in England and the USA, Özdemir spoke about the Turks he met and made programs with. Going on to talk to the students about Turkish success stories Özdemir also took questions from the audience.

Cüneyt Özdemir Visits EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

During his time at EMU, famous journalist Cüneyt Özdemir paid a visit of courtesy to Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. Expressing his happiness about being in Cyprus on a beautiful state university's campus, Özdemir received information about the university's student and academic personnel profile, campus facilities and accreditations. Also present at the meeting were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren and Prof. Dr. Sevin Uğural, Rector's Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş as well as Public Relations and Press Director (a.) Murat Aktuğralı.

EMU Hosts Famous Scriptwriter and Director Gani Müjde

Turkey's popular humorist, director, caricaturist, presenter, scriptwriter and writer Gani Müjde was at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) for the 23rd Spring Festival.

During his talk at the EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, Müjde told his success story, both entertaining and informing students with his humorous personality. Stating that he likes EMU a lot, Gani Müjde noted that students receiving their education at the university are very lucky. Reminiscing about his experiences in Cyprus, Gani Müjde stated that he was in Cyprus whilst writing 'Yahşi Cazibe' noting that he also gained the opportunity to meet Founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş.

Speaking about his career, Müjde stated that he broke ground in Turkey. Touching upon his rise to prominence with a number of TV series projects, Müjde indicated that he ventured onto the silver screen with the film Arabesk and directed for the first time in the 1999 film Kahpe Bizans. Müjde also stated that he was both scriptwriter and director of the movies Osmanlı Cumhuriyeti and



Bizans Oyunları. In addition, Gani Müjde pointed out that he has also written books and participated in the writing of plays. Interest towards Gani Müjde's talk was significantly high.

Gani Müjde Visits Rector Prof. Dr. Osam

Gani Müjde also met with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office. Receiving information about EMU, Müjde stated that he really liked university and is happy to be at EMU.



Cansel Poyraz Akyol at EMU



Whatever Happens The Broadcast Must Go On

After sharing a documentary on what went on at CNN Türk on the night of 15 July, Akyol stated "A reporter's shift is never over. On that extraordinary night we showed extraordinary effort. In critical moments you must be able to get organized quickly and correctly. We managed to do this. Whatever happens the broadcast must go on."

The workshop ended with a live phone call between a student and one of the planned participants of the program "Gündem Özel" which will be broadcast on CNN Türk on Sunday night. In

her closing speech, EMU Cinema and Television Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad thanked Cansel Poyraz Akyol for her energy endeavor and everything she added to the department highlighting that they will continue to organize new activities. Certificates of participation were handed to the students and members of academic staff who attended the 5-day long workshop by Communication Faculty Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agah Gümüş and a group photo was taken.

Cansel Poyraz Visits EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam

Whilst at EMU, Cansel Poyraz Akyol paid a visit of courtesy to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam during which she received extensive information about EMU and expressed her satisfaction regarding being at the university.



Dr. Cansel Poyraz Akyol shared her knowledge and experience with participants on the practice of news meetings, news bulletin, broadcast schedule and debate program preparations as well as practice on being a news reporter or correspondent.

Cansel Poyraz Akyol Announces Internship Opportunity

On the second day of the workshop Akyol informed the students that she would provide an opportunity for one student to carry out an internship practice at CNN Türk. Upon answers given to the question "Why do you want to be a CNN Türk intern?" Semih Arslan who stated 'Even if there is a coup I will not leave my camera' won the opportunity for CNN Türk internship.

Featuring CNN Türk News Programs Center Director Asst. Prof. Dr. Cansel Poyraz Akyol, a Department of Cinema and Television workshop titled "Television Reporting" was completed at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication.

The workshop lasted for a period of five days and included the interactive participation of Faculty of Communication academic staff and students. During the workshop students carried out practice of being CNN Türk news channel personnel. During the organization Asst. Prof.



EMU Visits Lebanon

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) attended a workshop titled "Pioneer Development Projects: Experiences and Lessons" organised by the University of Lebanon in collaboration with the Middle East Technical University, North Cyprus Campus. Eastern Mediterranean University was represented at the said workshop by EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Civil Engineering Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy, Vice Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Eriş Uygar and Academic Staff Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Giray Özyay. A collaboration protocol between one of the reputable universities of Lebanon, Al Manar University and Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) was also signed during the visit.

On the first day of the visits, EMU team visited Lebanon Al Manar University Rector Prof. Dr. Sami Menkara at the Rector's office and a joint collaboration protocol was signed between the two institutions. During the said visit, the visiting team exchanged information on prospective accreditations and joint collaboration projects. EMU team then visited the Chair of the Lebanon

Chamber of Engineers on the same day and possible accreditations and future collaborations were discussed. On the second day of EMU's visit to Lebanon, a joint workshop titled "Pioneer Development Projects: Experiences and Lessons" took place. Touching upon the topics of petrol and gas management, the importance of water in environmental management, renovation of the historical buildings and waste management, the workshop also hosted EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren's speech delivered on behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University.

As part of the event, Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren and Asst. Prof. Dr. Eriş Uygar delivered presentations on "Waste Management" whilst Assoc. Dr. Giray Özyay gave a presentation on "The Renovation and Rehabilitation of Historical Buildings".

At the end of the speeches, Lebanon Prime Minister Saad Hariri, Lebanon University Rector Prof. Dr. Fouad Ayoub and workshop organizer Dr. Rouba Dalati were presented silver plates on behalf of EMU.



Multicultural Art And Drawing Event Takes Place Under the Collaboration of EMU Interior Architecture Department and Nicholas Panayi Art Studio

Eastern Mediterranean University, Architecture Faculty, Interior Architecture Department, in collaboration with Nicholas Panayi Art Studio, organized a multicultural art and drawing event.

Having taken place with the participation of 14 people from Nicholas Panayi Art Studio located in South Cyprus and around 20 students from the freshman year of EMU Interior Architecture Department, the event took place at two of the magical locations of Famagusta, Buğday Mosque and Namık Kemal Dungeon. Despite the fact that they did not speak a common language, participants demonstrated intensive interest towards the event and produced unique pieces of art with charcoal and water paint. Analysing each other's work, the participants carried out their work in an environment facilitating multicultural collaboration. Commenting on the event, Nicholas Panayi stated his happiness and

added that more events as such should be organized. Panayi also put forth that three participants from their group crossed the border to the Northern Side for the first time and thus were really excited about it.

Coordinators of EMU Interior Architecture Department ITAS106 course Münevver Özgür Özersay and Leyla Çınar Algül expressed their pride in being a part of the event and added that joint projects as such should continue to take place.

EMU Interior Architecture Department Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı stated her happiness in the organization of the event bringing together individuals from different cultures, and age groups. Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı also put forth that she finds the event successful as it addressed different qualities including productivity, peace and serenity.

Mor ve Ötesi Perform at EMU Spring Festival



Within the framework of the 23rd Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Spring Festival that took place between 17-20 May 2017, popular Turkish rock band Mor ve Ötesi performed a magnificent concert at the EMU Stadium on Thursday, the 18th of May 2017.

As part of the festival with the theme "No Limits" that included an array of social, cultural and sporting activities, alternative rock band Mor ve Ötesi took to the stage at 22:00 performing their popular songs such as "Bir derdim var", "Deli", "Şehir" and "Cambaz" in front of a very large crowd. Music lovers that filled the stadium sang-along with the band during the concert that was open to the general public and free of charge. At the end of the concert that lasted for approximately two hours lead singer Harun Tekin was awarded a plaque of appreciation by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam.



Demet Akalın Shakes EMU



Within the framework of the 23rd Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Spring Festival popular Turkish singer Demet Akalın performed at the EMU Stadium on Friday, the 19th of May 2017. The concert that commenced at 22:00, featured Demet Akalın and her orchestra who participated in the creation of an unforgettable night for the thousands in attendance.

Performing her most popular songs such as "Ah Ulan Sevda", "Bebek", "Hayalet", "Pırlanta" and "Çalkala" for EMU and the TRNC, Akalın along with her orchestra and dancers electrified the audience. At the end of the concert, Demet Akalın was presented a plaque of appreciation by EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden.

"1000'de 1 Gece Diyalogları" Play Takes Place at EMU



Within the framework of the 23rd Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Spring Festival, the play "1000'de 1 Gece Diyalogları" (One in a thousand Night-time Dialogues) took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall before a significantly large audience. The play that started being staged by the Çolpan İlhan & Sadri Alışık Theatre in January is led by famous thespians Begüm Küçük Yaşaroğlu and Hakan Meriççiler.

The play written by Birol Güven and directed by Galip Erdal uses humour to commentate on familiar problems in relationships and marriages as well as the conflict between traditional and modern thought. The comedy with the slogan "Marriage necessitates falling in love with the same person on countless occasions" was watched by EMU students and the Famagusta public with great excitement.

After the play that lasted for approximately two hours Begüm Küçük Yaşaroğlu accepted a plaque of appreciation from EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam on behalf of the cast and crew.



Aref Casts a Spell on EMU!



Illusionist Aref Ghafouri who came to prominence with the talent show TV program Yetenek Sizsiniz in 2011 made his mark on the 23rd EMU Spring Festival. Aref performed at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall on Friday, the 19th of May 2017 in front of a capacity crowd comprised of members of the EMU community and the general public.

Prediction based demonstrations were at the forefront of Aref's performance. Revealing 4 boxes, Aref told the audience that one of the boxes contained 3 thousand dollars. Aref then selected three members of the audience and brought them up on to the stage to try and find which box contained the money. Aref stated that he would give the person who finds the money the three thousand dollars also

noting that they would not be able to find it. During his performance Aref ensured that all three of the individuals opened empty boxes rather than the box with the three thousand dollars, leaving them empty handed. At the end of the performance Aref received a standing ovation. Aref also brought another audience member on stage making the individual lie on a table and then rise off the ground without being tied to anywhere. The moment when he divided a woman in half was one of the moments when he received the loudest applause.

At the end of the performance also watched by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and his wife, EMU Faculty of Education Dean Prof. Dr. Ülker Vancı Osam, Aref was presented a plaque of appreciation by the Rector Prof. Dr. Osam.

Cisco Networking Academy Meeting Takes Place in EMU



Organised under the auspices of Eastern Mediterranean University Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Cisco Networking Academy Meeting took place at EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall under the theme "Information Technologies and Communication Training".

In his opening address, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden stated that Cisco Networking Academy is the largest worldwide organization in its field. Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden also highlighted the significance of EMU's collaboration with this important organization. Prof. Dr. Özden went on to state the important role of education in competing with the numerical transformation taking place between companies and countries. Director of EMU Computer Center Aytaç

Çerkez delivered a presentation on the importance of the industrial certificates in the field of "Information Technologies and Communication". In his presentation, Çerkez provided information on the informatics assets of EMU and added that the university possesses test centers for certification.

Following Çerkez, staff member in charge of EMU Cisco Networking Academy Yusuf Küçük talked about the partnership model aiming to reach a wider audience in the TRNC regarding "Information Technologies and Communication Training". Küçük added that with the introduction of the new model, EMU will provide services as the Academic Support and Trainer Development Center. Küçük

put forth that trainers who can provide countrywide courses on Networking, Security, IoT, OS&IT, Programming, Operation and Numerical Literacy are already available at the center. In his presentation, Küçük also talked about the main target of Cisco Networking Academy, which is the formation of a strong bridge between education and recruitability. Towards the end of his talk, Küçük provided information on the operations and achievements of EMU Cisco Networking Academy since the year 2002.

After Küçük, Deniz Sungurlu, person in charge of Turkey Cisco Networking Academy Program, talked about how they introduce new paths for people with their unique training program.

Sungurlu also added that boasting 70000 staff members working in 470 offices in 165 countries, Cisco Systems have an important role in Internet development. Sungurlu concluded his speech by stating that Cisco Networking Academy provides training services for around 1 million individuals annually and expressed his hope to have an increasing number of students and trainers in the TRNC.

The last presentation of the day was delivered by Marc Khayat, Director of Cisco Academy Turkey, Middle East and North Africa (TMENA) Technical Affairs. Having worldwide fame in the field of Industrial Information Technologies and Communications, Marc Khayat talked about Cisco Networking Academy's most recent portfolio. Khayat also talked about the qualities sought in numerical economy, which are Numerical Transformation, IoT establishment, Large Data and Logic Analysis and Numerical Licence. At the end of his presentation, Khayat provided information on over 30 training programs appearing within Cisco Academy Program.

The meeting was participated by web administrators of many local universities, representatives of government offices and a large group of students.

Cisco Networking Academy Administrators Visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam

Prior to the meeting, Deniz Sungurlu, Marc Khayat, Aytaç Çerkez and Yusuf Küçük paid a visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Osam. Thanking Prof. Dr. Osam for his support, the visiting group shared information about Cisco Networking Academy. At the end of the visit, Rector Prof. Dr. Osam presented Sungurlu ve Khayat a gift made of traditional Lefkara lace. Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren was also present at the meeting.

EMU International Design Week Commences



Organised by Eastern Mediterranean University Architecture Faculty, "International Design Week" commenced with an opening ceremony at Faculty of Architecture at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 15 May 2017. EMU's Architecture Faculty hosted an important activity to cover design which has gathered global momentum in recent years. The annual "EMU International Design Week" took place with the theme "The HUB" this year.

In his opening address, Dean of EMU Architecture Faculty Prof. Dr. Özgür

Dinçyürek provided information on the program of the "International Design Week" and expressed the faculty's pride and pleasure in hosting world-famous professionals within the framework of the event. Putting forth that EMU International Design Week aims to approach design as a requisite vision and cultural factor in order to create a better world by questioning, re-thinking and giving rise to thought, Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek added that 7th International Design Week has a rich program including workshops, conferences, seminars and presentations. Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek also provided information on the theme of the event, "the HUB". At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek thanked EMU Rector's Office, TRNC Ministry of Exterior Affairs, Chamber of Architects and all supporting institution or organisations.



Following Dean Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam delivered a speech in which he stated that this is his third time at "International Design Week" and that he is very happy to observe the ongoing rise in its quality. Putting forth that EMU provides high quality educational services to around 20,000 students from 106 different countries, Prof. Dr. Osam added that the International Design Week poses an important contribution to the internationalization of the university. Thanking all those who contributed to the event, Prof. Dr. Osam wished all participants a productive event.

Students Met with Three Famous Architects

On the first day of the "International Design Week", workshop sessions took place after the opening ceremony. A talk titled "Mimarlarla Kalebodur Söyleşileri" took place at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 1:30 p.m. Having taken place under the moderatorship of the Middle East Technical University academic staff member, Architect Prof. Dr. C. Abdi Güzer, the talk was participated by one of the leading architects of Turkey, Nevzat Sayın, who was nominated for Ağa Han Architecture Awards twice and Famous architect Han Tümertekin, who is a faculty member at Harvard University.



Othello Castle Hosted Legendary Designer Karim Rashid



Eastern Mediterranean University Architecture Faculty hosted the 7th International Design Week between 15 and 18 May 2017. During the said week, doyenne of the design world, also known as the pop star of design, Karim Rashid gave a seminar at Othello Castle on Tuesday, 16 May 2017. Visionary and prolific, Karim Rashid is one of the most unique voices in design today. With more

than 4000 designs in production, nearly 300 awards to his name, and client work in over 40 countries, Karim's ability to transcend typology continues to make him a force among designers of his generation.

During the seminar titled "Ambiguous Limits", Karim Rashid talked about how democratic the digital age is in today's

world. Karim Rashid also talked about the effect of design on the world.

Delivering a speech at the event opening, Dean of EMU Architecture Faculty Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek stated the faculty's pleasure and happiness in hosting world famous Karim Rashid. Thanking all those who contributed to the organisation of the event, Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek added that both Famagusta and Othello are undergoing a historical night..

In his seminar, Karim Rashid stated that 9 billion visuals are viewed throughout the world each day, giving independence to creativity in the world we live in. Highlighting his theory as "to create", Rashid also focused on the essence of creativity for the advancement of humanity. Rashid also added that he is a supporter of democratic design, and that the future can only be shaped

with modern criteria. Rashid put forth that when talking about creativity, the first thing coming to his mind is photographers as it requires outstanding creativity. Talking about the rapidly increasing numbers of entrepreneurs in the world, Rashid stated that anything can be achieved with determination and passion. Stressing on the fact that digital age is rather democratic, Karim Rashid added that some people believe that the past is better than the current digital age.

At the end of the seminar Karim Rashid was presented a gift and a bouquet of flowers by Dean of Faculty of Architecture Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek and Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Banu Çavuşoğlu. Among notable names present at the event were Member of the Parliament Hakan Dinçyürek and Mayor of Famagusta İsmail Arter.

AEHT Youth Parliament Takes Place at EMU for the First Time



Known as the educational institution in the tourism sector and hospitality industry with the broadest participation, the European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools' (AEHT) 5. Youth Parliament took place at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) from the 2nd to the 6th of May 2017. Students from all across Europe came to North Cyprus to participate in the Parliament and to search for an answer to the question of whether or not "mass tourism" and "slow tourism" can be carried out at the same time.

The official opening of the Youth Parliament took place on the 3rd of March 2017 with the attendance of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren, Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Prof. Dr. Turgay Avcı, Vice Deans Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and Asst. Prof. Dr. M. Güven Ardahan, Asst. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı Maloney, academic staff members Nejla Çancı and Koral Karamanoğlu, EMU Tourism Club Chair Çağatay Kaan Eren as well as instructors and students from the AEHT membering schools.

Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç: The topic of debate isn't just important for European countries but for our country too; The aim is to form collaborations between students and institutions

In his opening speech, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted that they are very proud to be hosting this organization indicating that the fact that the European Youth Parliament is taking place at EMU for the first time in the TRNC is indicative of the importance the university places on Tourism education which is also bearing its fruit in Europe. Indicating that the report created at the end of the parliament will shed light on the future of tourism, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that it will no doubt be taken into consideration and evaluated in the development of European tourism. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by indicating that the debate topic isn't just important for European countries but also for our country stating that the main aim is to form collaborations

and networks between participating students.

Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam: Tolerance is at the core of the tourism sector

In his opening speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam noted that the removal of borders in the globalizing world is being consolidated by the tourism sector as tourism has no borders. Stating that tourism isn't only an economic phenomenon Prof. Dr. Osam stated that it brings about cultural interaction, requires mutual tolerance and provides the opportunity to gain a wider perspective on life.

Global Practice Examples from Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren

After the opening speeches the rules, limitations and responsibilities of the 5. AEHT Youth Parliament were specified by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren acting as moderator. After Assoc. Prof. Dr. Öztüren's presentation titled "Mass Tourism, Slow Tourism and Global Practices" parliament member students

carried out presentations on examples from their own countries. Students who came to North Cyprus to attend the Youth Parliament from many different tourism centres voted in a democratic environment to determine the 5. AEHT Youth Parliaments' Chair, Vice-Chair and General Secretary. The parliament members divided into seven groups after a decision from the Presidential Council.

After debate on the economic, social and environmental effects of Mass Tourism and Slow Tourism, the groups presented their views on the matter. After the declarations and debates, the chains of thought were reported and sent to the AEHT headquarters to be shared with AEHT members and the general public.

5th AEHT Youth Parliament members, also explored North Cyprus' historical, cultural and natural touristic centres via the tours they attended. All of the 5th AEHT Youth Parliament members noted that they would return to the island either for education or holidays.



Future of Tourism Presidents' Camp Took Place at EMU



Hosted by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Tourism Faculty and the Tourism Club "Future of Tourism Platform Presidents' Camp" took place. Taking place at EMU Senate Hall, the

"Future of Tourism Platform Presidents' Camp" commenced with the opening speeches. The Future of Tourism Platform President Çağatay Kaan Eren and club members visited the TRNC

Minister of Tourism and Environment Fikri Ataoglu in his office and an information exchange took place. EMU Tourism Faculty Vice Dean Asst. Prof. Dr. Güven Ardahan was also present at the said visit.

In his presentation titled "Recent Tendencies of the Tourism Sector" EMU Tourism Faculty Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren expressed his admiration of the young professionals' attempts to better the existing conditions of the tourism sector and advised all the participants to keep their enthusiasm and determination.

Young Skal Turkey and A.D. 1644 Worldwide Agency President Erhan Us provided training on "Digital Media Management in Clubs and Associations" and "Management and Organisation in Non – Governmental Organizations". In his presentation Us described the

important role of social media for digital and strategic agencies as well as clubs, while sharing his professional experiences with the attendants.

During the camp, new members of the Future of Tourism Platform Executive Board were also elected. Çağatay Kaan Eren was elected as the Platform President, Semih Yaman as the Secretary General, Mustafa Selim, Cem Mengüllüoğlu and Yaşar Mete as Vice Presidents, and Melda Erdir as the Executive Board Member for Public Relations and Communication.

In addition, an Advisory Board that will unite graduates and honorary members under a single roof was established. The position of Honorary President was also added to the bylaw. Erhan Us was selected as Honourary President unanimously by the participant president and acting presidents.

Photography Exhibition by EMU Communication Faculty Students for the Benefit of SOS Children's Village



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Basic and Advanced Photography Instructor Mert Yusuf Özlük and his students

organized a Photography Exhibition for the benefit of the SOS Children's Village. The opening speech of the exhibition that

took place at the EMU Communication Faculty was given by EMU Communication Faculty Dean (a.) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agah Gümüş. The exhibition opening took place at the Communication Faculty Exhibition Area on the 23rd of May 2017 at 11:30. In his speech Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gümüş thanked instructor Mert Yusuf Özlük and his students for organizing this meaningful activity in aid of the SOS Children's Village and in memory of photography artist Prof. Dr. Sabit Kalfagil.

75 photographs were selected out of 2000 photographs taken by 90 students for their Basic and Advanced Photography courses. Özlük thanked his students for their selfless work and endeavor stating "We are selling the photographs in our exhibition for the benefit of the SOS Children's Village. This exhibition is also very meaningful for me, I remember with respect and love photography artist Prof. Dr. Sabit Kalfagil who greatly influenced me. We have organized this exhibition in his memory."

"The value of photography is hidden in the meaning that renders it ever-lasting"

Highlighting the fact that the proceeds of the exhibition were donated to the Kemal Saraçoğlu Children with Leukemia Foundation last year, Özlük underlined that this year's proceeds will be donated to the SOS Children's Village. Özlük went on to state: "The value of a photograph is hidden in the meaning that renders it ever-lasting. When art or anything we do in life meets with social responsibility projects, the layer that gives it meaning is formed. This is the spirit of social responsibility. I want university students to gain this conscience during their period of education and I am working for them to do so.

The second leg of the exhibition will open in Kyrenia on the 29th of May 2017 at 10:00. The exhibition taking place at the Girne Youth and Education Centre (GİGEM) will be open until 16:00 on the 2nd of June 2017. The photographs will be on sale and the proceeds will be given to the SOS Children's Village.

A Panel on the Past and Future of an Elite Sportsman Takes Place at EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Sports Sciences held a panel titled "The Past and Future of An Elite Sportsman". Beşiktaş legend Metin Tekin, nicknamed Yellow Storm and successful Turkish Cypriot volleyball player and Turkish National Team player Ali Osman Nurettin were speakers at the event.

EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç was the moderator of the panel that took place on Wednesday, the 17th of May 2017 at 14:30. Participation to the panel which took place at the Health Sciences Faculty Amphitheatre was considerably high.

During the panel, Tekin and Nurettin spoke about Turkish football's past and future as well as elite sportspeople and

professionalism. Answering audience's questions throughout the panel, Tekin and Nurettin were presented a plaque of appreciation by Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden.

Visit to Prof. Dr. Osam Before the panel, Tekin and Nurettin visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam in his office speaking about sports in Cyprus and the TRNC. Also present during the visit were Rector's Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş and Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç. Expressing his satisfaction regarding being at EMU, Tekin presented Prof. Dr. Osam and Prof. Dr. Malkoç a signed Beşiktaş jersey. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Osam handed Tekin a unique Cypriot Lefkara frame.

This Week's Academic Publications

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