

EMU PASSES TSE QUALITY INSPECTIONS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has successfully completed the audit conducted by the Turkish Standards Institute (TSE) on ISO 9001-2015 Quality Management System and ISO 10002-2018 Student Satisfaction Management System between 19 and 22 October 2020. The closing meeting of the said audit was held online on Thursday, 22 October 2020, at 2:00 p.m.. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy, TSE TRNC Director Kemal Kızıltan, EMU Total Quality Management Center Director Hasan Kavaz and Consultant Latif Sakar, as well as EMU Quality Unit Representatives were present at the said meeting.

“We are in a Continuous Improvement Cycle”

Delivering the opening speech of the meeting, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın expressed that quality is a culture and understanding and thanked the TSE evaluation team for providing valuable feedback to EMU upon their observations and evaluations in quality processes. Prof. Dr. Hocanın said, “The tasks

carried out to operate certain processes in order to reach the targets set for quality and to eliminate the shortcomings in the meantime continue in the ongoing improvement cycle. Our university believes in this quality-oriented work in terms of academic, administrative and total quality management; Thus, it has organized its culture, studies and goals accordingly. I thank our Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy, EMU Total Quality Management Center Director Hasan Kavaz, and our staff who worked hard in quality processes in all our units”.

Prof. Dr. Hocanın underlined that EMU, as an institution with full self-confidence and aiming at institutional development, always wants to voluntarily participate in high-quality inspection processes.

“I Congratulate EMU”

TSE TRNC Director Kemal Kızıltan thanked the EMU staff who participated in the inspections and expressed his hope that the inspections be efficient in providing added value to the university. Stating that nearly 20 departments were

inspected during the inspection process and that the situation of the employees was positive, Kızıltan said, “EMU actively met the new requirements of the updated standard. I congratulate all EMU Quality Unit Representatives for their successful work”.

“You will See an EMU That Has Gone Further”

EMU Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy thanked all EMU staff and TSE inspectors in his speech and said, “Quality is a process. We are taking steps that will raise our goals even higher. Although there were some difficulties especially during the pandemic process, we put them aside and prepared for this audit. We took steps to keep the process going. Management systems are in place. Therefore, I thank the whole team. I am sure that you will see an EMU that goes further in the next period”.



EMU ATAUM CHAIR ASSIST. PROF. DR. GÖKTÜRK TO DONATE THE PROCEEDS OF HIS NEW BOOK TO THE EMU STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU ATAUM) Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk's new book has been published under the title "Famagusta Sancak in the Struggle for Existence from the Archive of Hilmi Kılın (Commander Kılın). Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk decided to donate the proceeds obtained from 500 copies of his book to the EMU Student Scholarship Fund. The book will be on sale at Deniz Shop on EMU Campus and Deniz Plaza in Famagusta city center on Saturday, 24 October, 2020.



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EMU Rector's Office Thanks Göktürk
EMU ATAUM Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk visited the EMU Rector's Office at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 19 October 2020, and presented his book to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın and Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın and Vice Rector Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu thanked Asst. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk for introducing his work that sheds light on history to our country and for supporting the education of students in need by contributing to the EMU student scholarship fund. Asst. Prof. Dr. Göktürk expressed his feelings on this issue as "It gives us a different honor to support our students, who are the guarantors of our future."

Based on Official Documents

The personal archive of the deceased Hilmi Commander, who served as Dal 2 in the Sanjak of Famagusta, was used as a source and was completed in about one and a half years, and it is explained on the basis of official documents on Hilmi Kılın's and his friends' experiences during the Struggle for Existence.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Göktürk explained the preparation process of the book as follows: "The son of the deceased Hilmi Kılın, who came to visit me in my office in February 2019, said that he had

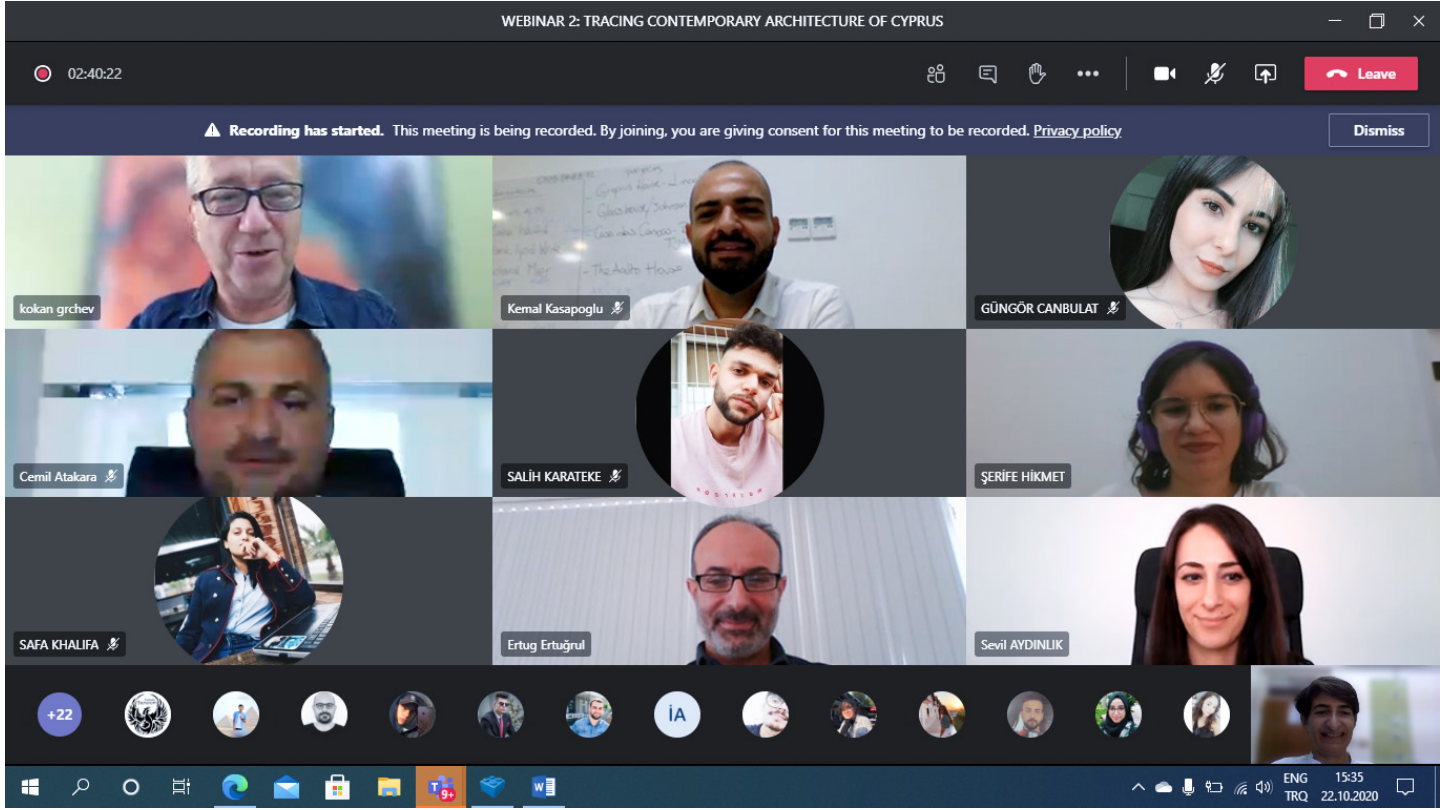
a significant part of his father's archive, stated that he wanted to keep his father's memory alive with the correct evaluation of these and asked me for support. We started the work immediately."

During the process, most of the handwritten or typed articles were transferred to the computer. After the classification and evaluation had been completed, I first considered that it would be appropriate to create a book describing the place of Famagusta in the Struggle for Existence in the light of these documents. Within this framework, a book, whose framework was formed by Sancak Ceridesi and supported by other documents, was created. Some events were confirmed by the statements of living witnesses who encountered the events in those times.

Finally, I think that a work worthy of the memory of the deceased Hilmi Commander came into existence at the end of nearly one and a half years of work. We are happy if we were able to convey to future generations what our heroic warriors experienced in the past and what they could not, in order to ensure a free and peaceful life today. For this purpose, we commemorate all our martyrs with mercy and gratitude and offer our feelings of gratitude to our veterans. "



EMU DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE STARTS WEBINAR SERIES – TRACING CONTEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE OF CYPRUS



The first session of webinar series titled “Tracing Contemporary Residential Architecture of Cyprus” organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture took place on online platforms on Monday, the 19th of October, 2020 at 13:30. Middle East Technical University graduate architecture Onur Olguner shared the story of his two residential architecture projects with Architectural Design I students. The second session of the webinar series took place on Thursday, 22nd of October, 2020 between 13:30 and 16:30. Cemil Atakara, Ertuğ Ertuğrul and Kemal Kasapoğlu made presentations during the second session.

Students Met with Experts

Cemil Atakara who owns the Cemil Atakara Architecture Office is an academic staff member and also the vice dean of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture Faculty in International Cyprus University. Moreover, Atakara is a graduate of EMU Faculty of Architecture and, he still works on projects in Turkey,

Syria and North Cyprus. The second presentation was made by Union of The Chambers of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB) Executive Board member architect Ertuğ Ertuğrul. Following his undergraduate study on Architecture in Yıldız Technical University, Ertuğrul completed his postgraduate degree on Residence and Urbanization field in Architectural Association School in London. Working on various projects in Turkey and France, Ertuğrul still works Ertuğrul Architecture Office. The last speaker in the second session of the webinars was Eastern Mediterranean University Architecture Faculty and Sheffield University graduate Kemal Kasapoğlu who is a present academic staff member in EMU. Kasapoğlu presented two of his architectural projects with students and other participants of the webinar.

Webinar Series to be continued

The event designed in a way that would service as an experimental studio work focusing on collaboration-oriented learning approach is coordinated by

EMU Architecture Faculty, Department of Architecture ARCH 291 Architectural Design I studio team members Prof. Dr. Kokan Grchev, Asisst. Prof. Dr. Pınar U. Righelato, Dr. Sevil Aydınlik and research assistant Şerife Hikmet. The aim of the event is to encourage active student participation in design-oriented education as well as help students to improve their problem solving and decision making skills.

The event aims to reach a wider amount of audience during the 2020-2021 Academic Year Fall Semester by the help of the collaborations with Research Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Built Environment (ISBE) and, Housing Education, Research and Advisory Center (HERA). Another objective of the webinar series is to raise awareness on architecture occupation and importance of residential design within the society and, provide clues on the ways of interaction between user/client and architects. The webinar series are planned to continue during the 2020-2021 Academic Year Spring Semester.

COLLABORATION BETWEEN EMU ACCOUNTING AND TAXATION APPLICATIONS PROGRAM AND ANALIZ SYSTEMS LTD.

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) School of Computing and Technology (SCT) Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nazife Dimililer hosted Analiz Systems (Özgü) Ltd. Director Sultan Taçyıldız. EMU SCT “Accounting and Taxation Applications” program coordinator Ayhan Tecel and, Analiz Systems (Özgü) Ltd. Software Support Personnel Cansu Avcı whom herself is a graduate of EMU SCT “Accounting and Taxation Applications” were also present at the meeting.

Collaboration Between Parties

At the meeting held, according to the lockdown period imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the 2019-2020 Academic Year Spring Semester and, thus the experience gained during online education; things that can be implemented in education which is to continue on digital platforms during the 2020-2021 Academic Year Fall Semester was discussed. Parties reached a consensus on establishing a separate server in order to provide the opportunity with remote and free access to the “Expert Systems” program for the students of the EMU SCT Accounting and Tax Applications program. It was also decided to give a certificate of achievement and excellence to the students who successfully complete the courses in which “Expert Systems” accounting program is used.

The certificates that enable graduates to easily document the practical skills they have gained, will increase their employment and, allow employers to make healthier decisions. During the meeting, the importance of qualified intermediate

staff with business skills was emphasized and what can be done to take the necessary steps to encourage employment on these issues was touched on. Within this respect, EMU-SCT, Accounting and Tax Applications program graduates, SCT and Analiz Systems (Özgü) Ltd. agreed on granting a certificate of achievement or excellence approved by the company and offer a discount for organizations which would employ the graduates who have these certificates.

FIBAA-certified

A statement made by EMU SCT regarding the Accounting and Taxation Applications programs stated; “ “Accounting and Taxation Applications” programs, 2-year Associate Program and 3-year Technician Program, are the only education programs that hold FIBAA certification in Cyprus. The FIBAA seal of quality certifies that the education offered is in accordance with the academic compliance with European standards and, is given according to the needs of the sector. FIBAA certification requires the acquisition of professional skills, the integration of theory and practice, and cooperation with relevant professional institutions and businesses. In this way, as our programs certify that they provide training in accordance with the European Qualifications Framework (EQF), the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) and, also the European Quality Assurance Standards and Guidelines (ESG), they both increase the employment opportunities of their graduates with their diplomas valid all over the world”.

Gets a Direct Start in the world of Business Stating that EMU SCT’s mission is to raise graduates who are ready to get in the business, the statement included; “To achieve this, the needs of the sector are always determined and, the skills and knowledge demanded by the sector are integrated into the curriculum. Therefore, in our Accounting and Tax Applications programs, “Expert Systems”, the accounting software with the most common users in the TRNC, has been used in the laboratory applications of our related accounting courses for many years. The program in question has been donated to SCT by Analiz Systems (Özgü) Ltd to be used for educational purposes since 2000 and, has been made available to all students in our private accounting laboratory. By this way, when our students graduate, they can gain the skills of the program and quickly adapt to the business life. In general, the most important factors in the students of our Accounting and Tax Applications department to find job opportunities before graduation include gaining such practical skills, using technological facilities and informatics, mastering the procedures and rules regarding accounting and businesses in our country and adhering to business ethics”.

“I would like to thank Taçyıldız for their contributions”

EMU SCT Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nazife Dimililer also made a statement on the collaboration to be made with Analiz Systems (Özgü) Ltd.; “Due to the global pandemic affecting we moved education to the online digital platforms and, Analiz Systems (Özgü) Ltd. shared its own server with us to use in our accounting courses at SCT, enabled us to make the necessary adaptations and make the transition seamlessly and easily. Thus, our students did not experience any loss and gained all the necessary knowledge and skills. Therefore, I would like to thank Sultan Taçyıldız, on behalf of both our school and our students and the institutions that will employ our students. We will always continue to work with the industry to move vocational education forward. Our alumni are our pride”.



A FIRST FROM EMU TOURISM FACULTY



For the first time ever, 77 students studying in Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts successfully graduated from the internationally recognized “City and Guilds” program and gained the right to receive a diploma of the program. EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that, in addition to the standard curriculum applied in the EMU Tourism Faculty, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department, the department has also been training its students in line with the internationally recognized certification program “City and Guilds” since 2017, without requesting any additional charges. According to the statement made by Prof. Dr. Kılıç, 77 students who completed the 2-year training process gained the right to receive a diploma in “Level 2”. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also underlined the fact that this application is only for students studying at EMU.

Certification Trainings towards Tourism Sector Begin

By saying that obtaining the diploma will open the international doors within the food sector for EMU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Program students and

also creating employment opportunities for students in the sector all around the world, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed that the students who have various skills from international cooking technics, hygiene rules, menu preparations to much more knowledge regarding the sector, are at a level adequate enough to be eligible to work in world’s best restaurants and hotels. Prof. Dr. Kılıç gave the good news on future services to be offered to not only students but also to other sector stakeholders within the framework of an internationally recognized education program for positions that are short of such as chefs and semi-qualified staff.

What is City and Guilds Program?

“City and Guilds” is one of the most prestigious schools on vocational education and apprenticeship in the UK which has 140-year history and, offers different programs for manning qualified staff members for many industries and work fields. Offering solutions for the different needs of different company and institutions, “City and Guilds” adapts new approaches on technology and learning and, works with partners who have similar ideas in order to develop the skills requested by the industries all over the world.



21 OCTOBER WORLD JOURNALISTS DAY MESSAGE FROM EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN



Eastern Mediterranean University Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın released a message on the occasion of 21 October World Journalists Day. Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın's message reads as follows:

“Distinguished Journalists,

On 21 October World Journalists Day, I extend my best wishes to all members of press, who have undertaken the duty of bringing the developments in our country to our knowledge, regardless of time

and space. Journalism, as an honorable profession, opens the gates of truth to the society by informing the public about the developments accurately. Thanks to you, we can follow the developments on the other side of the world from our homes, workplaces or our phones and can view the world from a wider window.

You, who enable the society to develop in the light of facts, have continued to inform and raise the awareness level of the society through making many sacrifices

in the pandemic process we are going through, and you have shown everyone once again how valuable you are for us by performing your professions under very difficult conditions.

As the Eastern Mediterranean University, we extend our best wishes to all esteemed members of press on 21 October World Journalists Day and wish them continued success in their professional lives. “

This Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

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time-like naked singularities for electrically and magnetically charged black holes in a model of nonlinear electrodynamics.” *Modern Physics Letters A* 35, no. 29 (2020): 2050242.

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Faculty of Health Sciences

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