



## EMU IS AMONG THE MOST EFFECTIVE UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD IN 2020



Times Higher Education (THE), which is the UK's publisher of the world's most widely referenced university rankings, announced the impact ranking of universities according to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals launched last year. According to the ranking, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is within the 401-600 band, among the 766 universities from 85 countries that successfully made it in to the listings this year. While two universities from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) are on the list; EMU ranked 1st among these two universities. A total of 36 universities from Turkey entered the list.

### Assessed Across 17 Articles

According to the THE United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the universities effective rankings were organised according to the following 17 articles consisting of partnerships to achieve goals on; zero poverty, zero hunger, good health and welfare, quality education, gender equality, clean water and health services, economic and clean energy, good work and economic growth, industry innovations and infrastructure, reduced inequalities, sustainable cities and societies, responsible consumption and production, climate movement, underwater life, land life, peace, justice and strong traditions.

### EMU and World Listings

In the world's top physical sciences subjects (Mathematics, Physics & Astronomy, Chemistry and Statistics) for the year 2020, and with university giants such as Princeton University, California Institute of Technology, University of Cambridge, Stanford University and Harvard University among those on the list, only the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) was included, taking place on the 601-800 band. EMU achieved in making it on the 501-600 band of the 2020 engineering and technology education

listing published 16th October 2019. In this area of world listing where only 1,008 universities achieved a place, EMU was the only university from the TRNC, 5th university across Turkish Universities and 2nd university from Cyprus to achieve a place. At the same time, EMU achieved a place on the 201-250 band on the THE 2020 business and economics education listing published 6th November 2019. Among the 632 universities that achieved a place on this listing, EMU again was the only university from the TRNC, and took first place among all of the universities that made it on this listing from Turkey and South Cyprus.





## EMU VISUAL ARTS AND COMMUNICATION DESIGN DEPARTMENT HOSTS GINETTE CARON



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communications and Media Studies, Visual Arts and Communication Design Department (VACD), with the aim of arranging the meeting of one of the worlds most successful designers and students, and within the scope of the course “Learn Design from the Masters” as the 4th semester guest, design teaching staff Ginette Caron was hosted. This semesters subject was established as branding and packaging. In this context,

the packaging that the students will produce during the course will be entered in to an international competition to be held at the Czech Republic named “Model Young Package Competition 2020”, in the category of personal care.

After Ginette Caron worked as a designer at a number of important companies, such as Benetton and Prada (branding, graphic design, packaging, directional signs, exhibition design etc.) and as an art

director, she currently works in her own studio in Milan called “Ginette Caron Communication Design”. She currently works with important clients such as Barilla, Bulgari, Fabriano Butique, Ferragamo, Knoll, Moleskine, San Carlo, Swatch and TV5.

Making an announcement on the subject, EMU Visual Arts and Visual Design Department Chair Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu stated that within the context of the same course, they will again bring more of the worlds most succesful designers to meet with students.

### Caron visited EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel

Caron visited EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel at his office, and expressed her joy at being at EMU. During the visit Prof. Dr. Demirel gave information in relation to EMU. Also present during the meeting were Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu and VACD teaching staff Fırat Tüzünkan.

## EMU TO ADMIT STUDENTS VIA AN ONLINE SYSTEM FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), every year organises an entry exam for Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and Republic of Turkey students, in order to place them in university programs. In light of the pandemic being experienced this year, and keeping the process in mind, a decision has been made to implement a new format.

According to decision taken by the senate during a meeting held on 29th April 2020, high school graduates or students that have studied the 12th grade, will be able to apply to all programs providing education within EMU via an online system created,

and will be placed in the programs they prefer after an evaluation of their success during their high school education. Students who will receive scholarships in EMU programs in the 2020-2021 Academic Year will also be determined through the same system and by considering their success during their high school education. Students will be able to submit their applications to the EMU Student Selection and Placement System online for free between 18 May and 10 June 2020. Placement results will be announced on 24 June 2020. Detailed information on the subject will be given in the coming days.



## EMU SUPPORTS THE FAMAGUSTA PUBLIC HOSPITAL MOLECULAR GENETIC RESEARCH LABORATORY



Pioneered by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), COVID-19 testing is being administered at the Famagusta State Hospital, and with the support of the TRNC Ministry of Health and hospital chief physician Dr. Mustafa Kalfaoğlu; the laboratory that has been established in a short period of time, with scientific support from EMU Faculty of Dentistry Vice Dean, Molecular Biology and Genetics Professor Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen, EMU Faculty of Medicine Vice Dean and Medicine Microbiology Specialist Assist.

Prof. Dr. Mümtaz Güran and Dr. Cemal Gürkan, of the EMU Faculty of Medicine, Molecular Biology and Genetics Specialist and TRNC Presidential Missing Persons Committee Turkish Cypriot Member Office DNA Laboratory Manager. EMU Faculty of Medicine and Molecular Genetics and Biotechnology Specialist Dr. Özge Cumaoğlu Eker will pioneer the team that will be conducting COVID-19 tests. The laboratory in question was established

with the aim of reaching a wider audience of COVID-19 tests. The MDH-EMU Molecular Genetic Research Laboratory is establishing biosafety standards by observing standards set by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The infrastructure of the laboratory that was established by evaluating the existing opportunities in the country, with any deficiencies quickly met with hospital facilities and donations.

## EMU PHYSICS DEPARTMENT ACADEMIC STAFF ASSIST. PROF. DR. ALİ ÖVGÜN RECEIVES SUPERIOR REFEREE AWARD



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics Academic Staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün,

was awarded the “Outstanding Reviewer” award by “IOP Publishing (Institute of Physics)”, one of the world’s most prestigious scientific publishers. He was deemed worthy of the award for his quality referee work for the magazine “Classical and Quantum Gravity (CQG)”, one of the most respected Physics journals of IOP Publishing and scanned by the Web of Science in the SCI & Q1 category. Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün, in his statement said, “It was a pleasure for me to win this award for the EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics, and for

my country. I am also happy to be the only referee from Cyprus to achieve this success in 2019 and for this to be an occasion for EMU to be included in the list of world-renowned scientific institutions.”

### Within the Top 1%

EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics Academic Staff Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün, was once again deemed worthy of receiving the “Global Independent Reviewer Award 2019” by PUBLONS, founded by Web of Science, for entering the 1% slice in the SCIE indexed scientific article evaluation in Physics. In receiving this award, he is the only individual from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and Turkey to have achieved this.



## EMU HAS BECOME ONE HEART FOR STUDENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC PERIOD

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the aid mobilisation initiated by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rectorate for the students who were unable to return to their home countries, saw thousands of parcels of food packages delivered to those living within the dormitories in the campus. Additionally, the EMU academic staff Syndicate (EMU-SEN), EMU Unity and Solidarity Syndicate (EMU BIR-SEN) and EMU Personell Syndicate (EMU PER-SEN), provided students residing within dormitories cleaning and hygiene materials. Within the context of aid activities, EMU-SEN and EMU BIR-SEN have donated 50,000 Turkish Lira each to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Health Fund.

Aside to this financial support, a group of volunteers from EMU are distributing donations from markets, EMU-KOOP, EMU Canteen-Cafeteria Association and business people, consisting of food and cleaning materials, for students in need on and off the campus. The team of 15 volunteers are made up of EMU's academic staff, administrative staff and students.

### Free Food Service for the Students residing at Doritories

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), continues its efforts without interruption in all areas in a healthy, effective and efficient manner, in order to manage the crisis that has arisen due to the Corona Virus Outbreak, that continues on a global scale. In this context, the aid mobilization activities initiated by the EMU Rector's Office for EMU students continue with great solidarity and dedication

In relation to this subject the EMU rectorate made the following statement, "EMU Rectorate Tabldot restauarant has become funtional again. During this process, all permissions were obtained from the necessary authorities, with



all of the disinfection works of the restaurant carried out meticulously, necessary information given to the working personnel, health tests carried out, and all of the necessary tools provided, in short, all hygiene and health precautions have been taken. These measures will continue to be carried out meticulously during this process. After all the precautions were taken, carefully prepared menus under the supervision of EMU dieticians and scientists will be made available at

the Tabldot restaurant. In this context, meals will be distributed daily to our students who are still residing in the dormitories, free of charge. Again, as a requirement of the process we are currently in, the students will not be admitted to the EMU Tabldot restaurant, with the meals being served to the students in hygienic packages by the EMU Dormitories Directorate."

With a decision taken by our Rectorate, the capacity of the Tabldot restaurant



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has been increased. In this context, the increase in capacity not only allows for the free meals distribution to be provided to the students residing at the EMU dormitories, but for other students in need residing in private dormitories also. Meals are served to students' doors in hygienic packages by EMU Dormitories. Based on the principle of "There is Abundance in EMU Kitchen, Have Salt Ready in Your Kitchen", business people, institutions and individual charitable people in the

region and people and institutions from different parts of the island support our kitchen. This togetherness makes us stronger. The value of giving hands and being a family becomes more evident in these days.

### Charitable People and Organizations in Solidarity with EMU

In a statement made by the EMU Rectorate, "During this process, as the EMU family, we are in great

cooperation with our academic and administrative staff, students and alumni. Also; EMU-SEN, EMU-BIR-SEN, EMU-PER-SEN, EMU-KOOP, Cyprus Foundations Administration (EVKAF), Ministry of National Education, Red Crescent, Prime Ministry, Cyprus Turkish Municipalities Union, Municipalities, Mukhtars, and many charitable institutions and organizations, volunteer business people, local producers and charities, in total, we have received support from more than 40 people, institutions and organizations, and we continue to receive them. We hereby would like to extend our endless thanks to everyone who has contributed to us in maintaining the process we are in.

### All the Necessary Preparations Have Been Made

Due to the crisis EMU today tries to provide support to more than 6,000 students. For this reason the university utilises all of its resources in an effective, efficient and sustainable manner. In a statement made by the EMU rectorate, "It is at this point the help given to our university is extremely valuable. From the day our support campaign began to this day, our help to our students have continually increased. We will become stronger if these contributions continue. In this context, we would like to thank all the benevolent institutions and individuals who have contributed to our university in particular. Initially, the Rectorate of our University prepared 2,700 aid packages for our students, and later a further 2,000, and for the free meals to be possible, all the necessary organisation was made in the kitchen. The volunteer group of EMU's academic and administrative staff and students strives to be more active every day. In addition, our graduates are in great cooperation with our university also."



## EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE DEAN PROF. DR. UĞUR ULAŞ DAĞLI MAKES A STATEMENT IN RELATION TO PANDEMIC HOSPITAL



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture Dean Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı, made a statement in relation to the Pandemic Hospital. Prof. Dr. Dağlı said the following in her statement:

“The Turkish Republic Of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Health, has taken the first steps for the new Pandemic Hospital; with an announcement that the preliminary project of the hospital is being prepared and the building is aimed to be completed in 45 days. In the press release made by the TRNC Ministry of Health, the Pandemic Hospital is planned to be constructed on the land of the Nicosia Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu Public Hospital, and is planned to have a total of 92 rooms, 182 beds, and a closed area of 6 thousand square meters, together with an emergency room, intensive care, operating room, tomography and laboratory service.

The preparation of an architectural project requires a serious process; especially if this is a hospital project, successful results can be achieved when different disciplines work together. In this sense, the design and implementation of the hospital project must be handled with many stakeholders such as doctors, architects, interior designers, engineers and city planners.

In the statement, answers to many questions regarding the hospital project should be urgently given. How was the hospital project designed in such a short time? Who was involved in the design of the project? Besides these questions, the most important question is; what is the main idea of the project? Is it a design for a possible situation that will serve the situation we are in and will emerge in a short time depending on COVID-19; Or is it a design to be prepared for any future pandemic situation?

First, if the hospital is to be built for the situation we are in today, the determination of the existing and empty buildings and emergency transformation projects should be realized. This can be achieved by bringing together all the disciplines associated with the profession of architecture and making quick decisions. Building a new building fast means putting to work many people in an unprotected project. This endangers public health. In this sense, practical and fast solutions should be produced. The best example of this is the conversion of the 87-acre exhibition building, which was put into service in London this month and transformed into NHS Nightingale Pandemic Hospital in 9 days. The hospital, which was put into service with 350 fully equipped beds, has the

opportunity to expand to 4,000 beds. It may be much faster and easier to make a much smaller sample of this in our country.

The second one should be a design that will be produced with flexible solutions that will easily adapt to the possible pandemic situation, as it will be a long-term project. It should have a flexible design that can easily be converted in any pandemic situation, with temporary accommodation for healthcare professionals. Here, analysis of the connection with cities and climatic factors is as important as the organization of the health locations. Whatever purpose it will serve in this sense, hospital design should be made with the contribution of experts. If we focus a little on how the fire occurred that happened here recently, we have learned that decisions made daily and distant from the experts in the division of rooms is an important factor in the cause of fires. If the division of a room causes a big fire; a hospital building that is far from being scientific and whose goals are not clearly set, made with daily decisions, can take on a function that is far from social benefit. In this sense, if there is a public health issue, we need to act with scientific facts on this matter as required.



# INTERNATIONAL MONUMENTS AND SITES DAY ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EMU KENT-AG PRESIDENT PROF. DR. ŞEBNEM HOŞKARA



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Center for Cyprus Studies  
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18 Nisan 2020  
Dünya Uluslararası  
Anıtlar ve Sitler Günü

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ortak miras  
ortak sorumluluk**

18<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
International Day for  
Monuments and Sites

**shared culture  
shared heritage  
shared responsibility**



Eastern Mediterranean University Urban Research and Development Center (EMU KENT-AG) President and Faculty of Architecture teaching staff Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara, has published an article titled "18th April During the Corona Days - Remembering the International Day of Monuments and Sites." Prof. Dr. Hoşkara made the following statements in her article: "During these days, when we have had to rethink and question many life related issues, we are at the same

time trying to live life normally. Our habits, general behaviors, ongoing work, plans, are always with us. We all have mood changes from day to day. On the one hand, we continue to do things that motivate us or that we are obliged to, and on the other hand, we question life. We think that we will live our lives before and after Covid-19; We now see more clearly that after Covid-19, nothing will be the same, "yesterday" is now "today" and "tomorrow" will never be "yesterday" again. It is during

days like this that it suddenly comes to your mind: April 18 - International Monuments and Sites Day. Across the world every year the International Council of Monuments and Sites – ICOMOS organization leads the celebrations on 18th April, to raise awareness regarding the protection of cultural heritage and contribute to the creation / increase of public awareness.

Starting in 2011 for the first time in Northern Cyprus, every year in partnership with EMU KENT-AG, the EMU Cyprus Research Center, (EMU-KAM) and / or in partnership with the Faculty of Architecture; for 9 years without interruption and using different methods, we have been celebrating this day with awareness raising panels, exhibitions, interviews, and trips oriented for primary, secondary and high school students. And now we want to celebrate the tenth April 18th today, but not actively!

Saturday, April 18, 2020. We are all at home, except for those friends who are compulsory workers. We stay at home to stay healthy. We are focused on other issues. None of us think of cultural heritage, monuments, sites, protection. However, monuments, archaeological sites, historical urban landscaping areas located in various parts of the world etc. are our #sharedcultures #sharedheritage #sharedresponsibility.

Like living organisms, our cities, living environments and historical urban-cultural heritage are breathing, walking, developing and even sometimes fall ill; we must, for the future of our societies, ensure sustainable development processes, harmony of our urban-spatial quality and economic welfare and social life. In today's extraordinary environment, it is our responsibility to live without forgetting to be individuals that respect the natural and built environment, cultural assets, tangible and intangible cultural heritage, as well as human health. With these feelings and thoughts, I congratulate the 18 April International Monuments and Sites on.

## 2020 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY WEEK MET IN THE SHADOW OF COVID-19

Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) week during 4th – 10th May this year was met in the shadow of Covid-19. Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering academic staff and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) OHS expert Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mürüde Çelikağ, made some statements in relation to ISG week. In her statement Assoc. Prof. Çelikağ made the following comments:

During the year of 2008, relevant regulations were made under the Occupational Health and Safety Law, with them coming in to force in 2009. These are Ministry of Labor and Social Security, Labor Office Laws and Regulations. As a result of the courses organized by the Labor Office in 2011 and 2015, OHS Specialists received certificates, and with this, the period of more active implementation of the Laws and Regulations began. Since 2009, 12 Regulations have been prepared and updated under the Law.

As OHS Specialists, and as people who are conscious about OHS due to their fields of work and their experience abroad, we know very well the importance of OHS practices in terms of public health and safety. For this reason, we have been working hard for OHS to be a part of our community life for years. On the other hand, Labor Inspectors contribute to the implementation of OHS Laws and Regulations through their inspections.

Today, OHS practices have become more important than anything else. At this time, when Covid-19 has enveloped the world and taken a lot of lives, besides security in working life, health has become forefront. But Covid-19 is a deadly epidemic, and while trying to ensure the continuity of our country in economic terms, we also need to pay close attention to job security and health. OHS specialists are valuable employees and service providers who have been trained with this knowledge and awareness, striving to fulfill legal requirements. The duty of the state is to determine that the workplaces fulfill their legal obligations under the supervision of an OHS specialist with effective supervision.



Although all these transactions are initially considered as financial burdens, it is not more costly than long-term employee protection, accident, accidental death, loss of working days and compensation.

In the last 10 years, an awareness with relation to OHS has begun to be established in our society. Is this sufficient, of course not. OHS is an issue that needs to be continually improved and developed and should be a way of life. Beginning from pre-school education appropriately from a young age, our children should be made aware of this issue. Individuals who develop in this way will be knowledgeable and conscious and will naturally perform and demand OHS when they go into the life of business. At this point, the duty firstly falls on the state. They should be a pioneer in both education and supervision and the state should be an example by applying OHS practices to its own institutions and public employees first.

This year, we met the OHS week with the first opening day of the workplaces closed due to Covid-19. Due to Covid-19 measures, we are not able to do the activities this week we would normally have done in previous years. However, OHS is not a phenomenon that will be limited to only one week of information and awareness activities. Every day, at every

moment, everywhere, it is a part of our lives, it is indispensable like water and air. As soon as we understand this and do what it takes, we will overcome an important obstacle both as individuals and as a society. The rapid opening of many businesses at the same time after Covid-19 brought with it a serious need for supervision. This audit is not only occupational safety and general occupational health, but also Covid-19 measures and working environments where there is no risk of contamination

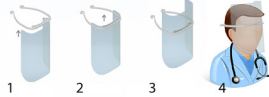
For this reason it is necessary for risk analysis to be performed by OHS experts in all workplaces, with the possible deficiencies that may arise as a result of the analysis to be rapidly resolved, and that employees are trained and informed about both general OHS and epidemics, and emergency plans are also made. This approach will make us safer and healthier as a society and will teach us what to do in an emergency. This speedy inspection process of these legally necessary audits by the state will be the most effective step in the establishment of the system.

With these thoughts during 2020 OHS week, I would like to invite all our workplaces to fulfill the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Law, and wish healthy and safe days to all employees and our society.



## EMU VISUAL ARTS AND COMMUNICATION DESIGN DEPARTMENT'S CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH WORKERS

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Health workers currently experiencing difficult times due to the coronavirus, have received a helping hand from the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Media and Communications, Department of Visual Arts and Communication Design. In order to meet the need for more ergonomic and practical medical shields,

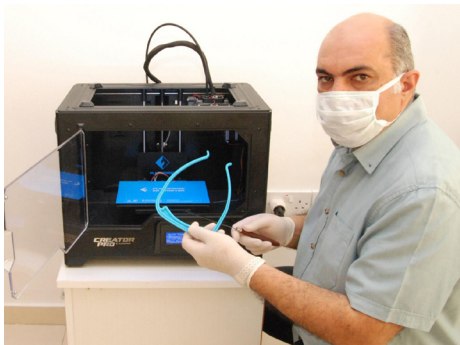
The Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department set to work immediately upon the demand of the Turkish Cypriot Physicians Union (TIP-İŞ) and with the support of the TRNC Ministry of Health.

Within the scope of the project they are working upon, Chair of the EMU Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu, Vice Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Fırat Tüzünkan and teaching staff Shahryar Mirzaalikhani, examined many different models developed previously in the world. As a result of their examination, the academics are now working on a pre-prepared open-source glasses frame model, implementing important changes to make them more practical and faster to use, as well as enabling the transparent

protective shield to be changed faster. The team that made the final touches to the medical shield, which was also tried by the doctors of our country, was successful in beginning mass production in a short period of a week. Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu who made a statement in relation to this subject, stated that they were happy to contribute to our healthcare professionals and society as part of this study, without expecting any financial support.

EMU acting Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel stated that for this need to be met as quickly as possible, they have made great effort to obtain the necessary materials as quickly as possible, and that during these difficult times, EMU will continue to do whatever they can to be supportive to our community.

## SUPPORT FROM "CYPRIOT FRIENDS" TO THE FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES, ON THE MEDICAL SHIELD PROJECT



In an effort to give a helping hand to personnel working in the health sector, who are undergoing difficult times due to the Coronavirus, Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, Department of Visual Arts and Communication Design, who designed the "Medical Shield Project" was provided support in the form of materials by the "Cypriot Friends," who are a group of individuals, majority of whom are the Turkish Cypriots, living in Turkey and mostly in Istanbul. Within the scope of the project, more ergonomic and practical medical shields were developed by the Department of Visual Arts and Communication Design, which started to work with the support of the Turkish Cypriot Physicians Union (TIP-

İŞ) and the Ministry of Health of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to meet the increasing need for medical shields due to the epidemic. The medical shields that were tried by doctors in our country and have received final touches, displayed success by entering mass production in a short period of a week.

At the same time, "Team Ada" that is made up of EMU Engineering Faculty students, delivered to the Famagusta Public Hospital 205 personally designed and produced in a short period of time transparent face masks.

### Faculty of Architecture provide Face Shields to Dentists

EMU Faculty of Architecture delivered its face shields to the TRNC Chamber of Dentists. EMU Faculty of Architecture Dean, Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı said in a statement on the subject: "Although there are discussions surrounding mask and face shields, the protection of these have been accepted. Like many of our institutions, the EMU Faculty of Architecture has quickly produced face shields using materials that are easily available and suitable for sterilization, in line

with the opinions and approvals of doctors. Our aim here is to distribute on a sectoral basis. In this sense, we determined that the people who have the closest contact with people are dentists, and thus we contacted the President of the TRNC Chamber of Dentists, Dr. Ahmet Özant. When Dr. Ahmet Özant emphasized that dentists have an urgent need, we delivered the first produced face masks to the Chamber of Dentists, so they may assist us in getting them to dentists. As the EMU Faculty of Architecture, we will continue to provide practical and quickly produced face masks to the sector."

EMU Faculty of Architecture Dean Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı continued her statement by adding: "We have also provided face masks to personnel who are delivering meals to the dormitories in our university. Our aim is to produce a large quantity of face masks to be used, that are quick and practical to produce. Finally, in a display of sensitivity, I would like to extend my thanks to producers of face masks. However I would like for them to test them for use more. I would also like to thank my faculty for their support in providing this form of production in such conditions."

## EMU – KKTCELL COOPERATION PROVIDES FREE INTERNET FOR STUDENTS AND ACADEMICIANS



Due to the difficult period experienced because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Eastern

Mediterranean University has been offering education online since the 23rd of March 2020. Our university has expanded its learning management system that has been in place for many years, and in a very short period of time, with its strong infrastructure and experienced staff, has offered it to all academic staff and students.

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and North Cyprus Turkcell (KKTCELL), taking their existing cooperation one step further, has started a free internet campaign to meet the

needs of those students and academicians who may experience difficulties in attending classes online. The cooperation that is set to start 6th April 2020, and with the aim of supporting students education, by completing a “Mobile Internet Application Form” that can be located on their personal portals, students may apply for the internet service by completing this form.

### Free Education Support

With this campaign, existing KKTCELL members will have an additional internet package added to their internet memberships. Those EMU students and academicians who are not already KKTCELL members, may request a KKTCELL card via their portals. Via lists of KKTCELL stores provided by EMU, EMU students and academicians may visit the stores and collect their KKTCELL cards. With a code sent by EMU and to be sent via a short message to KKTCELL, they may activate their internet package. In a statement made in relation to this subject, KKTCELL said: “KKTCELL and EMU cooperation is providing free support to students and academicians during this difficult period by catering for their communication needs”.

## EMU FACULTY OF ENGINEERING STUDENTS PRODUCE TRANSPARENT FACE MASKS



“TeamAda” that is comprised of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering students, acted upon the question from Famagusta State Hospital on Thursday 26th March, 2020, as to whether EMU was able to produce transparent face masks to be used in case of a necessity. In doing so, they completed the production of 205 transparent face masks in a short period of time, and delivered them to hospital officials during the afternoon of Saturday, 28th March 2020. Under the supervision of the President of the Electric Vehicle Development Center that is affiliated with the EMU Rector’s Office; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyali, the “TeamAda” team worked hard on the design and production in an online environment, aiming to reveal a product that is ergonomic, providing the full service required in the medical sense, easy to clean, reusable, low cost and most importantly the ability to be

produced with domestic facilities.

### “I Congratulate our Engineering Children from the Heart”

The “TeamAda” first began by developing a design, followed by consultation with doctors and preparing prototypes at their homes, passing over the design again. Following the completion of the design, production started at the EMU Electric Vehicle Development Center laboratories. The students worked shifts alternately, without interruption. Masks were produced, cleaned with alcohol, and delivered on Saturday morning. EMU Electrical Research Development Center President Assist. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyali said, “I applaud and congratulate our engineering students who solved the actual problems in the most efficient way.” By thanking all of those who provided their support in the production of the masks, he stated he hoped it would be beneficial for the country.



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