



## TRNC PRIME MINISTER ERSİN TATAR VISITS EMU



Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Prime Minister Ersin Tatar and his committee visited Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın. The meeting that focused on COVID-19 pandemic and the new academic semester took place on the 21st of August, 2020 – Friday at 13:00.

During the statement released prior to the meeting, Prof. Dr. Hocanın touched on the fact that as a state university, EMU always feels the support of the state and continued by thanking state for the support especially provided during the COVID-19 pandemic process which started in March. Stating that the insight received during the meeting regarding the measures to be taken for the upcoming academic year, Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın emphasized that EMU is to realize such measures without question. Expressing his appreciation, Prof. Dr. Hocanın thanked Prime Minister Ersin Tatar for the visit.

Emphasizing that EMU is the locomotive of the higher education sector, Prime Minister Tatar stated that they benefited from EMU, which is a nest of science, during the pandemic process, and that this process has been managed successfully. Stating that the

normalization process has started step by step due to the economic conditions as of July, Prime Minister Tatar added that the TRNC has proven to be clean and reliable in this process. Emphasizing that students can come to the country with peace of mind, Prime Minister Tatar stated that the arrivals of students are planned to take place within a certain period and program. Prime Minister Tatar also gave information about Closed Varosha upon the question of press members.

Following the statements made to the press members, Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın presented a memorial plate to Ersin Tatar in memory of the day. Among those present during the visit were TRNC Prime Minister's Office Undersecretary Suat Yeldener, President of EMU Board of Trustees Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Board of Trustees member Ersun Kutup, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu.



## TRNC DEPUTY MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROF. DR. KUDRET ÖZERSAY VISITS EMU



Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Prof. Dr. Kudret Özersay visited Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) with his delegation.

The visit which took place on Wednesday, 19 August 2020, at 11:00 a.m. hosted information exchange on some projects carried out between the TRNC Deputy Prime Ministry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and EMU and the decisions to be taken in the new academic year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In press statement before the meeting, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın expressed that the meeting will focus on some of the projects carried out within the framework of the protocols between the Ministry and EMU and the measures taken and planned to be taken for the new academic year. Aykut Hocanın also stated that EMU,

as a state university, will fulfill its duty by providing quality education and is fully ready for face-to-face, mixed or distance education, prioritizing the safety of its students and employees. Noting that they are trying to progress by producing systematic solutions in this developing process, Prof. Dr. Hocanın thanked Özersay for his visit.

Expressing that he feels at home at EMU, a distinguished institution he is proud to be a member of, Prof. Dr. Özersay stated that they came together for institutional collaborations and mutually benefit from each other's expertise. Prof. Dr. Özersay added that as a state university, EMU provides assistance to the government by providing expertise on different issues. Prof. Dr. Özersay stated that one of the most important collaborations is Varosha. Putting forth that during this visit, within the context of the protocol, technical work and reports to be carried out by EMU in Varosha will be discussed and the next stage

will be determined. Dr. Özersay noted that the second important issue to be discussed is the measures taken and planned for the new academic year in scope of the pandemic seriously affecting both our country and the world.

Prof. Dr. Özersay emphasized that the procedures applied especially for foreign students coming from abroad will be reviewed. Noting that the visit is covering these two basic issues, Prof. Dr. Özersay also wished EMU's new administration every success in this difficult period. After the press statements, Prof. Dr. Özersay and Prof. Dr. Hocanın answered the questions of the press members. Prof. Dr. Prof. Aykut Hocanın also presented a memorial plate to Prof. Dr. Özersay.

Among those present at the meeting were TRNC Deputy Prime Ministry and Ministry of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Güneş Onar, General Coordinator Mustafa Kendir, Director Sonat Altuğ, President of EMU Board of Trustees Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Board of Trustees members Ersun Kutup, Halil İbrahim Orun, Assist. Prof. Dr. Hicran Bayraktaroğlu Fırat, Vice Rectors of EMU Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu.

## SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT FROM SAMTAY FOUNDATION

Within the scope of the New Scholarship System initiated by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) on 23 July 2020, charitable persons, institutions and organizations, under the title of ‘Scholarship Provider’, continue to offer scholarships to successful students or students with financial difficulties who have gained the right to study at the university. Another institution supporting EMU’s New Scholarship System is Suna and Ata ATUN, History of Famagusta, Research and Literature Foundation (SAMTAY).

### “I Thank SAMTAY Foundation”

An agreement was signed between EMU and SAMTAY Foundation on Tuesday, 18 August 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın’s office under the title of “Suna Atun Special Student Scholarship Agreement”. Among those present at the ceremony were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, SAMTAY Foundation Managers Asu Atun and Sunat



Atun and Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu. Speaking at the Signing Ceremony EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın stated that with the scholarship system developed by EMU, students who are successful and have financial difficulties are supported by charitable business people, institutions

and organizations. Rector of EMU went on to state “I thank SAMTAY Foundation for this charitable and noteworthy behavior.”

### “We are Happy to Be Supporting Students”

SAMTAY Foundation Manager Asu Atun said, “Our foundation was established in 2000 by my mother Suna Atun and my father Ata Atun. We currently have a library belonging to our foundation. We continue to serve Famagusta and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). We are very happy that we have given such a scholarship and also proud to be sharing it with EMU.” In his speech,

SAMTAY Foundation Manager Sunat Atun said, “My father, as a scientist, left important legacies to future generations. My late mother liked to take care of people with educational problems. We are pleased to sign such a social responsibility project on behalf of our foundation”.

## CYPRUS EVKAF FOUNDATION GRANTS

# 15 EMU STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS



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A Student Scholarship Agreement was signed between EMU and Cyprus EVKAF Foundation on Monday, 17 August 2020, at 3:30 p.m. at Aykut Hocanın’s office. Among

those present at the signing ceremony were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, EVKAF Foundation General Director Prof. Dr. İbrahim F. Benter, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu, Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu, and Vice Rector for Administrative and Technical Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy.

### 15 Students to Receive Scholarships

In scope of the agreement, the EVKAF Foundation provided 15 students with financial difficulties with full scholarships for four years. Speaking at the Signing

Ceremony EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın stated that with the scholarship system developed by EMU, students who are successful and have financial difficulties are supported by charitable business people, institutions and organizations. Rector of EMU went on to state “I thank EVKAF Foundation for this charitable and virtuous behavior.” General Director of the EVKAF Foundation Prof. Dr. İbrahim F. Benter said, “EMU’s New Scholarship System a suitable program for our foundation’s tradition. We watch with commendation. As the Cyprus EVKAF Foundation Administration, we will give every support we can”.

## SUPPORTS CONTINUE TO NEW SCHOLARSHIP SYSTEM

### SUPPORT FROM PETEK PATISSEIRE

Contributions to the New Scholarship System of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) continue. Another institution that supports EMU's New Scholarship System was Petek Patisseries.

A Student Scholarship Agreement has been signed between EMU and Petek Patisseries at Vice Rector Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu's Office at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 August 2020. The protocol has been signed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu on behalf of EMU and Mehmet Petek on behalf of Petek Patisseries.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Assoc. Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu said "We would like to thank Petek Patisseries for their contribution to the new scholarship system initiated by



EMU and for being a scholarship provider for our successful students with financial difficulties. Mehmet Petek thanked EMU for implementing such a project and asked business people to support this project.

Reminding that Mustafa Kemal Atatürk entrusted the future of the country upon young people, Petek called on business people to support this project.

## NOYANLAR GROUP ALSO SUPPORTED NEW SCHOLARSHIP SYSTEM

Noyanlar Group of Companies, one of the leading construction companies in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), has also supported the New Scholarship System launched by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) on 23 July 2020.

### "I Thank Noyanlar"

At 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, 20 August 2020, a Student Scholarship Agreement was signed between EMU and Noyanlar Group of Companies at Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc.

Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu's office. Vice Rector Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu and Noyanlar Group of Companies Sales Director Zarif

Noyan signed the aforesaid agreement. Speaking at the signing ceremony, Assoc. Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu thanked Noyanlar Group of Companies for their contribution to the new scholarship system initiated by EMU and for being a scholarship provider for our successful students with financial difficulties.

Noyanlar Group of Companies Sales Director Zarif Noyan expressed their happiness in offering scholarships to students in need as part of the new scholarship system initiated by EMU.



## VISIT FROM KANAL T AUTHORITIES

*KANAL T AUTHORITIES  
VISITED EMU RECTOR  
PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN*

Authorities from Kanal T, one of the leading TV channels in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), paid a visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın.

Kanal T Public Relations and Advertising Director Pınar Gözek and News Programmer Eftal Keser attended the visit which took place on the 18th of August, 2020 on Tuesday at 16:00. Gözek and Keser wished EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hocanın success for his period of service in EMU as the rector. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hocanın touched on the importance of TRNC media and thanked Kanal T members for their visit. EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioglu was present at the meeting.



## VISIT FROM PROF. DR. HALİL M. GÜVEN

*PROF. DR. HALİL M. GÜVEN  
VISITED EMU RECTOR  
PROF. DR. AYKUT HOCANIN*

Prof. Dr. Halil M. Güven, one of the former rectors of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) between the years of 2004-2007, has paid a courtesy visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın.

The visit took place on the 17th of August 2020 Monday at 2:00 p.m. at EMU Rector's Office. Prof. Dr. Güven wished good luck to Prof. Dr. Hocanın in his new duty and



expressed his belief that Prof. Dr. Hocanın will carry out this duty with great success. Prof. Dr. Hocanın stated that he was very happy for the visit and that they will do everything to bring EMU to a better position. At the visit, Prof. Dr. Güven gifted his own

book that considers Dervişe Güven and Mustafa Güven's Biography/Memories titled "Anılarımızdaki Ailemiz ve Kıbrıs'ın Son 90 Yılı" to Prof. Dr. Hocanın. Prof. Dr. Hocanın presented a unique Cypriot Lefkara frame to Prof. Dr. Güven.

## WRITER HASAN ÇAKMAK VISITED EMU

Writer Hasan Çakmak visited Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu.

Hasan Çakmak gifted his new book titled “Yol” to Assoc. Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu at the visit that took place on 19th August 2020 Wednesday at 09:30 a.m. and wished her good luck at her new duty. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu thanked Çakmak for his visit and the book. Çakmak wrote about Switzerland/ Geneva, Poland/Warshaw, Armenia/



Yerevan, Netherlands/Amsterdam, Spain/ Turkey/Ankara and Cuba/Santa Clara at Madrid, Greece/Athens, Austria/Vienna, his travel book titled “Yol”.

## EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM ALUMNI CONTINUES TO MAKE THE UNIVERSITY PROUD

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts graduate and instructor Tanya Kilitkayalı and Celal Sarigül continue to represent the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and EMU with great success at the MasterChef competition which is organized in different contexts in many countries. The program is broadcast for the first-time in Turkey on TV-8 channel. Being successful at the preselection process of the competition, instructor Kilitkayalı’s idiosyncratic interpretation of “Pirohu”, a traditional Cypriot dish, won great recognition by the jury members.

At the second round, Kilitkayalı’s cold soup “Gazpacho” took her to the finals. EMU graduate Mehmet Celal Sarigül also impressed the jury members by a delicious meal and became one of the names to go to the final auditions of the competition qualifying to compete in the last 16 at the MasterChef competition. The competitors made syrup-soaked pastry for the first captainship game



Tanya Kilitkayalı

Celal Sarigül

at the MasterChef episode broadcast on 17th August 2020. Instr. Kilitkayalı successfully made the best syrup-soaked pastry and

became the first competitor to become the blue team captain at MasterChef Turkey 2020.

## EMU'S NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) designed a new online registration system in addition to the existing registration system with the intention of easing the registration process for students bearing the COVID-19 pandemic period in mind. New students to be enrolled in our university for the first time for the 2020-2021 Academic Year Fall Semester will be able to complete their registration procedures online through the “[kayit.emu.edu.tr](http://kayit.emu.edu.tr)” website. Newly designed online registration system also

offers student the opportunity of paying the tuition fee either in full or in installments. The new online registration system will be initially used by students from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Turkey who have been qualified to register into a program in the Eastern Mediterranean University. To be in use as of the 17th of August, 2020, the new system not only aims to provide a smooth registration process by providing an online platform to complete the registrations of our students but also

to prevent the crowded environments that usually occur during the registrations period.

Moreover, a tuition fee loan in favorable terms with our students is also available. Certain collaborations are initiated with various banks in regards to the online payments of tuition fees in installments. Students will be able to benefit from the services once the setup process is done and ready.

# EMU'S 9th OSMAN MARAŞLI MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT CANCELLED

The 9th Osman Maraşlı Memorial Tournament which was planned to take place under the organisation of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Directorate of Sports Affairs has been cancelled in line with the precautions taken against the present pandemic. Having the quality of being the first trio beach volleyball tournament in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), "Osman Maraşlı Memorial Tournament" was planned to take place at

EMU Beach Club between the 22 and 23 August 2020. A press statement released by EMU Sports Affairs Directorate reads as follows: "Dear sports players and volleyball lovers, the 9th Osman Maraşlı Beach Volleyball Memorial Tournament has been canceled recently due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in our country. Players who have paid the tournament fee can come with the receipt of payment and receive their refund. Thank you for your understanding".



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### This Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

#### Faculty of Business & Economics

1. Ojonugwa Usman, Festus Victor Bekun, and George Nwokike Ike. "Democracy and tourism demand in European countries: does environmental performance matter?." *Environmental Science and Pollution Research* (2020). (Early Access)

2. Murude Ertac and Cem Tanova. "Flourishing Women through Sustainable Tourism Entrepreneurship." *Sustainability* 12, no. 14 (2020).

#### Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1. Benedek Nagy. "5 -> 3' Watson-Crick Pushdown Automata." *Information Sciences* 537 (2020): 452-466.

2. Faisal Suleiman Mustafa, Mümtaz Güran, and Mustafa Gazi. "Effective removal of dyes from aqueous solutions using a novel antibacterial polymeric adsorbent." *Journal of Polymer Research* 27, no. 8 (2020).

3. Wajiha Javed, Muhammad Bilal Khadim, Jameela Abbas, and Ali Övgün. "Weak gravitational lensing by stringy black holes." *The European Physical Journal Plus* 135, no. 3 (2020).

#### Faculty of Pharmacy

1. Ewelina Kozioł, Simon Vlad Luca, Hale Gamze Ağalar, Begüm Nürpelin Sağlık, Fatih Demirci, Laurence Marcourt, Jean-Luc Wolfender, Krzysztof Józwiak, and Krystyna Skalikcka-Woźniak. "Rutamarin: Efficient Liquid-Liquid Chromatographic Isolation from *Ruta graveolens* L. and Evaluation of Its In Vitro and In Silico MAO-B Inhibitory Activity." *Molecules* 25, no. 11 (2020).

2. Mehmet Evren Okur, Ayşe Esra Karadağ, Neslihan Üstündağ Okur, Yağmur Özhan, Hande Sipahi, Şule Ayla, Benay Daylan, Betül Demirci, and Fatih Demirci. "In Vivo Wound Healing and In Vitro Anti-Inflammatory Activity Evaluation of *Phlomis russeliana* Extract Gel Formulations." *Molecules* 25, no. 11 (2020).

#### Faculty of Engineering

1. Mohammed Tardi. "Economic appraisal of small-scale solar organic Rankine cycle operating under different electric tariffs and geographical conditions." *International Journal of Energy Research* (2020). (Early Access)

#### Faculty of Education

1. Esra Bellur and Sibel Dinçyürek. "Adaptation of Chabot emotional differentiation scale to Turkish language and examination of emotional differentiation levels of married people." *Current Psychology* (2020). (Early Access)

#### Faculty of Tourism

1. Murude Ertac and Cem Tanova. "Flourishing Women through Sustainable Tourism Entrepreneurship." *Sustainability* 12, no. 14 (2020).

2. Mary Magdaline EnowMbi Tarkang, Uju Violet Alola, Ruth Yunji Nange, and Ali Öztüren. "Investigating the factors that trigger airline industry purchase intention." *Current Psychology* (2020). (Early Access)

#### Faculty of Medicine

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