

## COLLABORATION PROTOCOL SIGNED BETWEEN EMU AND MINISTRY OF TOURISM, CULTURE, YOUTH AND ENVIRONMENT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) signed a collaboration protocol with Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Office of Deputy Prime Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment with the intention of carrying out joint studies in order to develop and enrich the cultural, artistic and educational life of the country. The parties signed the protocol on Thursday, 8 December 2022 at 09:30 at TRNC Office of Deputy Prime Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment, Hakan Ataöv Meeting Hall. TRNC Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment Fikri Ataoglu and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın signed the said protocol. EMU Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan, State Opera and

Ballet Coordination Office Director and General Art Director Tuğrul Enver Töre operating under the TRNC Office of Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment were present during the signing session.

### “As a State University, EMU Supports Art”

Delivering a speech during the signing session, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın stated their contentedness on making a collaboration with the TRNC Office of Deputy Prime Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment on such an important issue. Noting that as a state university, EMU also cooperates with different ministries of the state in arts and other fields, Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın expressed that with the protocol

to be signed, EMU Education Faculty, Music Teaching Program academicians and state artists are to contribute to the organization and support of various events with the State Opera and Ballet Coordination Board and, pointed out that EMU has a general mission in education, research and community service.

### “I wish the Protocol to be Beneficial for the Youth”

TRNC Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment Fikri Ataoglu stated that they have made many protocols with EMU and that such collaborations are to continue in the future as well. Minister Ataoglu expressed his belief that with the protocol signed in the field of culture and art, will contribute to the academic organization of the activities to be carried out in this field and to the dissemination of the society in general. Minister Ataoglu continued his speech by saying: “With this signature in the field of culture and art, we aim to support our youth in the field of culture and art, and to ensure that cultural and artistic activities are spread throughout the society. As in every field, we are excited to bring together our young people, who have made important works in the field of culture and art, nationally and internationally, with an academic structure”.

## EMU ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAM TO BE HELD ON 4 JUNE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2023 – 2024 Academic Year Entrance and Scholarship Exam will be held on Sunday, 4 June 2023 between 10:30 – 13:00. Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) citizen students and Republic of Turkey citizen students who completed their high school studies in TRNC within 4 uninterrupted years will be able to apply to the exam. Applications will be made online between 2 May and 30 May 2023. More information regarded the exam will be announced in the upcoming days.





## EMU URDC GIVES “BARRIER-FREE ACCESS AWARD” TO BUSSINESSES ON THE OCCASION OF 3 DECEMBER INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



Within the scope of 3 December, International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Urban Research and Development Center (EMU URDC) presented “Barrier-Free Access Award” to business corporations located at Famagusta İsmet İnönü Boulevard which are “accessible without the help of a second person” for individuals with special needs.

On 3 December 2022, a team consisting of EMU URDC Executive Board Members paid a visit to business corporations located on İsmet İnönü Boulevard, especially the ones between EMU entrance and Osman Fazıl Polat Paşa Mosque and, presented awards to the places that are accessible by persons with special needs. In this context, total of 15 corporations received “Barrier-Free Access” awards including Ada Pharmacy, Ertuğ Emin Pharmacy, Telsim Sakarya Shop, Turkcell Kuzey Kıbrıs, Loof Coffee & Shopping, Cortado, Gloria Jeans, Deniz Döner, Doyis Döner, DeFacto, Koton-Journey, LC Waikiki, Adidas, Near East Bank and Akay Saat.

On the other hand, in the aforementioned examinations, it was observed that although some businesses work for disabled access, they could not serve disabled access because they were not done correctly. EMU URDC emphasized that they intend to have meetings with the said corporations with the intention of correcting

the deficiencies. EMU URDC Executive Board Chair Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara stated that the İsmet İnönü Boulevard is not pedestrian and disabled friendly and that it is impossible to walk with a wheelchair and / or a pram on this road, which is one of the most important public open spaces and main axis of the city, and that all people - women, children, the elderly and emphasized that individuals with special needs should have access to walkable and accessible public spaces, safe, inclusive and accessible green and public spaces, universal transportation, safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transportation systems. Prof. Dr. Hoşkara invited all the shareholders of Famagusta to make contributions for “a barrier-free life and places”.

Drawing attention to the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals for 2030, Prof. Dr. Hoşkara stated that it is also important to eliminate gender inequalities in the field of education and to ensure that persons with disabilities and all people have equal access to education at all levels.

Indicating that URDC “Barrier Free Access Award” aims to draw attention to Sustainable Development Goals, Prof. Dr. Hoşkara issued a call for other commercial venues on İsmet İnönü Boulevard, which have so far ignored the access of individuals with special needs, to correct their deficiencies as soon as possible. Prof. Dr. Hoşkara made the following statement on the topic:

“EMU URDC calls on relevant persons, institutions and organizations to realize the following changes especially in Famagusta as it is also aimed all around the world until the year of 2030;

- 1- Creating and developing gender-sensitive educational opportunities for children and individuals with special needs, and creating safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all;
- 2- Ensuring that all women and men, including young people and persons with disabilities, have access to full and productive employment and decent work, and full adoption of the principle of equal pay for equal work;
- 3- Promoting the empowerment and social, economic and political inclusion of all, regardless of age, gender, disability, race, ethnicity, religion, economic or other status;
- 4- Ensuring that everyone has access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems by improving road safety, especially by improving the public transport system, with particular attention to the needs of people in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and the elderly;
- 5- Ensuring universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible green spaces and public spaces, especially for women, children, the elderly and the persons with disabilities.”



## EMU SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUB ORGANIZES A CONFERENCE ON 3 DECEMBER INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Special Education Club operating under the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate organized a conference for parents' of individuals with special needs on the occasion of 3 December, International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Held at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall at 15:00, the conference was delivered by EMU Faculty of Law Member Ulvi Nail Gün on TRNC Regulations for Persons with Disabilities and the rights of the families. In his speech, Gün focused on the process of diagnosis, evaluation, placement and training programs



of individuals with special needs in the TRNC, the legal rights of individuals with special needs and their families, and how they can benefit from these laws. EMU Education Faculty, Special Education Teacher Department Head Assist. Prof. Dr. Selma Akalın also delivered a speech during the event, emphasizing the utmost importance of the families being aware of their rights and responsibilities.

A parent attending the conference took the stage and said; "I have put in effort for this law for 30 years. I frequently visited the relevant

authorities with the intention of helping our children. We believe that this will continue". At the end of the conference, faculty member Gün and Assist. Prof. Dr. Akalın answered the questions of participating families and students. At the conference attended by the parents with their children, the children had a fun time with the students of the Special Education Teaching Department in another classroom while the presentation was going on. The students of the department did various activities such as painting and dancing with the children.

## EMU PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS CLUB ATTENDS THE CALL TO "DO A KINDNESS ON CAMPUS"

The Psychology Students Club operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate attended the Community Involvement Center's "Do a Kindness on Campus" call and organized a social responsibility and awareness event on 5 December, International Volunteer Day. With the contributions of Famagusta Ravelin Lions Club, volunteering students from the Psychology Students Club put food for the dogs that live around the campus and also organized a trash collecting event. Psychology Students Club Advisor Assist. Prof. Dr. Pelin Karakuş Akalın, Famagusta Ravelin Lions Club Chair Esin Oza, club members and Animal Aid Club members took part in the event. Having over 400 members, the Psychology Students Club is one of the most popular Student Clubs in EMU. The club is to continue organizing various academic and social event throughout the year.





## EMU TOURISM FACULTY EMPHASIZES THE PLACE AND IMPORTANCE OF TURKISH COFFEE IN CULTURE



Within the scope of the collaborations of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty and the EMU Gastronomy Club operating under Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, an event titled “5 December, World Turkish Coffee Day – The Past, Present and Future of Turkish Coffee” was held on Monday, 5 December 2022 at 14:00 at EMU Tower Barista Café. Receiving great interest from both the students and academics, the event hosted Oza Coffee Director Ergün Oza and the Chairman of Turkey Barista Academy’s Executive Board Naim Koca.

### “Determined as a Special Day by UNESCO”

Hosting the event that aimed embracing coffee culture and carrying it to the future, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that 5 December,

Turkish Coffee and Tradition Day, was declared as a special day in 2013 in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Representative List of Humanity. Saying that the adoption of the coffee drinking culture in Cyprus, which started with the spread of Turkish coffee from Yemen about 500 years ago, dates back to the 1900s, Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized the importance of coffee culture for the people of Cyprus and stated that coffee also shapes social life, and especially thanked the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate and the Gastronomy Club members who organized the organization.

### Oza and Koca Shared Their Experiences in the Field of Coffee

During his speech, Oza Coffee Director Ergün Oza conveyed his experiences about coffee culture from the

past to the present, adhering to family traditions and stated that he is the third generation coffee maker in the family. Naim Koca, the Executive Board Chairman of the Turkey Barista Academy, stated that he was interested in this field from a young age and took steps to train himself in coffee. Expressing how happy he is in his profession, Koca also pointed out the importance of coffee culture.

Following the speeches, different flavors of coffee were served to the participants. At the end of the event, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented appreciation plaques to Oza Coffee Director Ergün Oza and Barista Academy Executive Board Chairman Naim Koca.

## EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR FROM EMU TOURISM FACULTY STUDENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty and Gastro EMU Club operating under Social and Cultural Activities Directorate organized a joint

event within the scope of the “Do a Kindness on Campus” slogan. Within the scope of the event which was held on Monday, 5 December 2022, EMU Tourism Faculty

students and Gastro EMU Club members visited Özen Elderly Care Facility located on Ziya Gökalp Avenue in Famagusta. In the event, the elders of the community enjoyed the pastries prepared by EMU Tourism Faculty, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department Senior Instructor and Chef Oğuz Babacan. EMU Tourism Faculty members Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso and Assist. Prof. Dr. Özlem Altun accompanied the students during the visit.

### “Our Social Responsibility Project will continue”

Making a statement on the topic, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted that the faculty’s social responsibility projects are to continue in future. Saying that the elders of the community are very precious and important members, Prof. Dr. Kılıç continued his words with: “Elders are our most precious members of the society who enable us to carry our values and culture to future by being the bridges between the past and today”. Prof. Dr. Kılıç thanked everyone who played a part in the realization of the visit.



## 7 DECEMBER WORLD CIVIL AVIATION DAY CELEBRATED AT EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty, Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program organized an event on the occasion of International Civil Aviation Day. The said event took place on Thursday, 8 December 2022 at 10:30 at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall.

### Importance of Civil Aerial Transportation in TRNC was discussed

Delivering the opening speech of the event, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed that, as we approach the end of 2022, air transportation and tourism have started to rise again and have started to catch up with the values before the pandemic period and noted that this situation creates a great motivation. Prof. Dr. Kılıç especially emphasized the importance of civil aerial transportation in TRNC which is surrounded by the sea. Noting that the EMU Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program aims to fulfill the great need of qualified man power in the field of international civil aviation sector, Prof. Dr. Kılıç ended his speech by congratulating the special day of all the aviators.

### Students Met with Professionals in the Field

Following the opening speeches, a panel was held where Turkish Airlines (THY) North Cyprus Director Pınar Ayvaz Arıkan conveyed her career experiences to the students underlying the key points that students should put attention to while they apply for professional positions. Explaining her experiences with examples, Arıkan also mentioned about the principles and procedures of THY in recruitment and gave detailed answers to the questions on this topic. Another panelist was Chief Pilot and Training Director Ali Karaçoban who especially emphasized the importance of teamwork in safe flight and comfortable travel. Karaçoban made a detailed presentation by showing the role of the cabin supervisor and his crew in the safe journey through examples



and videos. Pegasus Airlines North Cyprus Representative and Cyprus XP Travel Director Zeki Ziya was also among the panelists during the event and told students that civil air transportation continues to develop and grow. Stating that they have a challenging yet enjoyable career period ahead of them, Ziya emphasized that students should not be discouraged by the obstacles they will encounter and that they should not be content with their first career goals, but also pursue different goals. Mustafa Sofi, Director of the TRNC Civil Aviation Department, also touched upon the meaning and importance of the day, emphasizing the role and importance of the Civil Aviation Department as the only authorized institution in the country in

transportation in the region. At the end of the panel, students got the opportunity of asking questions to the panelists regarding their professional lives.

### Round-trip Flight Tickets to Different Destinations Gifted to Students

Successful students of 2021-2022 Academic Year Spring Semester were presented with their High Honor and Honor certificates at the event. THY and Pegasus Airlines officials made a great surprise for the students, drawing lots and gifting round-trip flight tickets to winning students to different destinations.

At the end of the event, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented appreciation plaques to the panelists.



## EMU INTERNATIONAL “BASKETBALL CUP OF NATIONS 2022” TOURNAMENT COMMENCES



The “Basketball Cup of Nations” Tournament organized annually by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sports Affairs Directorate commenced with an opening ceremony held on Tuesday, 6 December 2022 at 17:00 at EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex. EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşcioglu and Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu attended the event. Delivering the opening speech of the ceremony, Prof. Dr. İşcioglu wished success to all the teams.

To be held between 6 – 16 December at the EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex, this year's tournament

will host 5 women's teams (Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Republic of Turkey, Iran, Nigeria, Uganda) from 8 different countries and 8 men's teams (Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Republic of Turkey, Lebanon, Iran, Sudan, Congo, Nigeria and Uganda).

### Final Matches on 16 December

Men's teams will compete in two groups. Top team in each group will then compete in the semi-finals. On the other hand, in women's category the teams will compete in league-style single-circuit matches. The EMU Basketball Cup of Nations 2022 Finals will take place on Friday, 16 December 2022 at 17:00 at Lala Mustafa Paşa

Sports Complex where the third and fourth place matches as well as the championship match will be played. At the end of the tournament, successful teams will be presented with cups and medals along with various presents. First day matches played on tournament and the results are as follows:

Nigeria 40 – 16 Lebanon (Men's - Group B)  
TRNC 28 - 6 Uganda (Women's League)  
Nigeria 1 – 43 Turkey (Women's League)  
Sudan 10 – 22 Congo (Men's - Group A)  
Uganda 16 – 13 Iran (Women's League)  
TRNC 36 – 3 Nigeria (Women's League)

### This Week's Academic Publications

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