



PRESIDENT TATAR VISITS EMU



President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ersin Tatar visited Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) at 10:30 on Friday, 19 August 2022. Present at the visit to the EMU Rector's Office to exchange information about EMU's activities prior to the starts of the 2022-2023 Academic Year were EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, TRNC Presidential Political Affairs Advisor and EMU Board of Trustees Member Anıl Kaya, EMU Board of Trustees Members Ersun Kutup and Halil Orun, and EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu.

“EMU Has Reached Highest Occupancy Rate in Its History”

Speaking at the visit, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın noted that as a state university, EMU continues to fulfill its responsibilities in education, research and community service in an increasing fashion. Stating that in the 2022 Higher Education Institutions Exam (YKS), EMU reached the highest occupancy rate in its history with a figure of 93.72%, Prof. Dr. Hocanın thanked all EMU staff who contributed to this success. Noting that the EMU Board of Trustees quickly took decisions that would pave the way for the university, Prof. Dr. Hocanın stated that this success is a team effort. Underlining that EMU provides reasonable scholarships for students from the Republic of Turkey, so that students can access cheap and quality education at EMU, Prof. Dr. Hocanın stated that the university is ready to welcome new students.

Stating that more than half of the students who graduated from TRNC high schools prefer EMU, Prof. Dr. Hocanın pointed out the importance of continuing to work in collaboration with the government, the Board of Trustees and the people of Famagusta in particular, in order for EMU, which is an international university, to go even further.

“We are Proud of Being a Member of EMU”

Emphasizing that they are very proud and happy to serve this important and valuable institution, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk stated that the achievements are an indication of this. Stating that EMU has come a long way in the international arena, Dr. Özçenk, on the other hand, noted that they successfully survived the pandemic process. Stating that when they were appointed to the Board of Trustees, EMU was in the 601-800 band in the Times Higher Education world university rankings and climbed up to the 501-600 band last year. Dr. Özçenk reminded that EMU has been placed in the 201-300 band in the Times Higher Education world university impact rankings announced this year, and ranks first throughout the island of Cyprus and in the second band across Turkey. Expressing that these are proud achievements, Dr. Özçenk thanked President Tatar for their support in these processes and all EMU staff for their success. Emphasizing that they are proud to be a member of EMU, Dr. Özçenk stated that EMU is the locomotive and pearl of Famagusta in particular and the TRNC in general.

“We Have All Witnessed What can Be Achieved under the Leadership of EMU”

President of the TRNC Ersin Tatar stated that the Eastern Mediterranean is included in the name of EMU and that the Eastern Mediterranean has become the backbone of the TRNC politics at the moment. Tatar also pointed out the importance of working in harmony with the Republic of Turkey in the Eastern Mediterranean policy in order for the TRNC to maintain its existence in the geography on the basis of sovereign equality. Pointing out that the Abdülhamit Han Ship's research in the surrounding seas has appeared in news in the world and that these ships are in the Eastern Mediterranean. President Tatar stated that EMU is also in the Eastern Mediterranean, and conveyed his respect to those who contributed to its establishment for giving this name to EMU. Stating that this name has a great vision and farsightedness, President Tatar said that there were some mentalities that thought that there could not be a university in Cyprus at that time, but despite this, the foundations of these educational institutions were laid with the will and later on, noted that they could all see what has been achieved under the leadership of EMU for the development of Famagusta and the TRNC in general.

Expressing that the TRNC's search for qualified students, under the leadership of EMU and with the success of other universities, encouraged them with the figures announced by the official authorities of the Republic of Turkey this year, President Tatar congratulated EMU for this success. President Tatar also emphasized that the success of EMU is very important for the development of Famagusta and for the TRNC's economy to reach the desired points. Stating that more than 70,000 students from over 100 countries graduated from EMU and that they returned to their countries as honorary representatives of the TRNC, President Tatar also pointed out that this has a political dimension beyond the economy. Pointing out that the government should do everything in its power for EMU to be successful, President Tatar stated that they expressed their hope to see more students from the Republic of Azerbaijan in the TRNC during the meeting he had with Azerbaijani President İlham Aliyev last week, and that he received the reply “Gladly”. He emphasized that all these developments are very important for the TRNC's economy and political success.

After the speeches, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın presented TRNC President Ersin Tatar an EMU cap.



EMU BECOMES THE HIGHEST RANKING UNIVERSITY IN THE TRNC WITH A STUDENT PLACEMENT RATE OF 93.72% ACCORDING TO YKS RESULTS



Results of the 2022 Higher Education Institutions Exam (YKS) have been announced on Monday, 15 August, 2022. According to the results, while universities in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) filled 7,560 of the 13,369 YKS quotas during the former year, this year they filled 11,141 of

the 14,895 YKS quotas, reaching 74.80% in general total. A total of 2,285 students have been placed into Eastern Mediterranean University's undergraduate (1,809 students) and associate programs (476 students) through YKS this year. With these figures, EMU has achieved a student rate of 93.72% with an increase compared to the previous year's figure which was 52.33%. Hence, it ranks first amongst TRNC universities during the current year. Last year, 1,500 students, 92% of whom registered, were placed in EMU.

EMU, having succeeded in being the most preferred university in the TRNC in terms of the number of equivalent students (the number of equivalent students obtained by evaluating the scholarship rates), has become the only

university with the placement of the highest number of undergraduate students in the TRNC, taking into account its undergraduate programs.

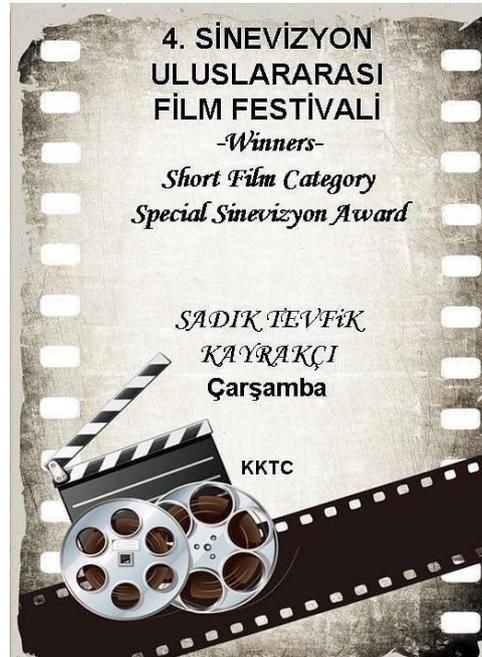
TRNC universities will continue to admit students from the Republic of Turkey with the results of the additional placement and Vertical Transfer Exam (DGS) to be held in the coming days.

In his statement on the subject, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın emphasized that EMU has achieved a remarkable success by reaching the highest placement rate in the last 15 years. Addressing all new students who are planning to enroll in EMU, Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın said "Welcome to the EMU Family".

EMU CINEMA AND TELEVISION DEPARTMENT STUDENT SADIK TEVFIK KAYRAKCI WINS THE "BEST SHORT FILM AWARD"



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Cinema and Television Department final year student Sadik Tefik Kayrakci won the Best Student Short Film Award at the Anatolian Film Awards Festival and "Special Cinevision Award" at the 4th Cinevision International Short Film Festival with his short film "Wednesday" both written and directed by him. Described as the "New Talent of Cinema" in the Republic of Turkey media, Kayrakci appeared among the successful directors of the future by signing many award-winning projects at a young age.



"Success is No Coincidence"

Kayrakci, who also appeared as an actor in the production of "Cyprus – Towards Victory" broadcast on TRT screens, stated that EMU Communication Faculty, Cinema and Television Department played a major role in his success. Commenting on Kayrakci's success, EMU Communication Faculty, Cinema and Television Department Head Prof. Dr. Bahire Efe Özad

noted that the success of department students in the national and international arenas is not a coincidence, and that success is the outcome of the quality education provided at EMU and curriculum they created. Expressing that Sadik Tefik Kayrakci has made EMU proud with his achievements, Prof. Dr. Özad wished her student success in his academic and professional life.

EMU-GİMER ORGANISED A VISIT TO TURKEY FOR FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS

TRNC high school students who ranked within the top three in the High School Entrepreneurship Competition hosted by the Eastern Mediterranean University Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center (EMU-GİMER) in March 2022 with the contributions of the Embassy of the Turkish Republic in Nicosia and the Cyprus Foundations Administration visited Ankara and Konya to examine successful workplaces on site and to receive training on entrepreneurship. The said visits started in Ankara at the Small and Medium Enterprises Development and Support Administration (KOSGEB) Headquarters and Ankara Technopark Building, and then continued in Konya.

Industry Platforms Visited

The second day of the tour started with a visit to the Konya Kapsül Zindankale Site. Here, young entrepreneurs were informed about the Capsule Technology Platform. Afterwards, the visit continued with Innopark Konya Technology Development Center. Then, the visit continued with Meram Vineyards. On the third day of the trip, young entrepreneurs visited the Konya Chamber of Commerce Vocational Training Center and then toured the Mevlana Museum. The third day was completed with the training of

young attendees on machines. On the fourth day, young entrepreneurs visited the leading industrial companies of the Konya Organized Industrial Zone and then toured the Konya Science Center. On the fifth day of the tour, Sille and Sille Dam Park were visited. The trip, which continued with a city tour, ended with a visit to the Social Innovation Agency and Necmettin Erbakan University. The young attendees who visited Butterfly Valley on the last day of the trip returned to the island the next day.

“We will Continue to Pave the Way for Young Entrepreneurs”

Stating that the trip was quite productive, EMU-GİMER President Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer thanked the instructors Cemile Erengin, Gamze Bender and Şerife Kıvanç who accompanied the teams, Mithat Tekçam for his support in the realization of the organization, the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Industry and Technology, Konya Metropolitan Municipality Presidency and KOSGEB Presidency. Prof. Dr. Tümer underlined that as EMU-GİMER, they always stand by young entrepreneurs and will continue to pave the way for young entrepreneurs in the TRNC through the realisation of such events.



EMU'S SUMMER WORKSHOPS COMMENCE



Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) for high school students in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Summer Workshops commenced on Monday, 15 August, 2022 with 9th-10th-11th and 12th grade students attending the event from 17 high schools across the country. The Summer Workshops, which started at EMU School of Computing and Technology, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Health Sciences and Faculty of Tourism, will continue until Friday, 26 August, 2022.

The courses in the program, which will provide students with the opportunity to develop themselves academically as part of the university life and gain information in various fields before their university choices, are offered by EMU faculty members and research assistants. Students also have the opportunity to discover the campus life and the opportunities offered by EMU. All courses offered

are designed with a consideration of the current courses and topics offered to EMU undergraduate students.

As part of the workshops, students will attend classes and activities in their chosen program every weekday for two weeks. Students who complete the program will be awarded a certificate. Classes and activities are held between 10:30 and 15:30. The following high schools are participating in the EMU Summer Workshop: 19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College, Bekirpaşa High School, Bülent Ecevit Anatolian High School, Değirmenlik High School, Doğa College, Erenköy High School, Famagusta High School of Trade, Famagusta Turkish Maarif College, Güzelyurt Turkish Maarif College, Iskele Evkaf Turkish Maarif College, Nicosia Anatolian Fine Arts High School, Nicosia Turkish High School, Levent College, Namık Kemal High School, Polatpaşa High School, TED Northern Cyprus College and Near East College.



ASTRONOMY WORKSHOP SUCCESSFULLY HELD IN COLLABORATION WITH CYPRUS ASTRONOMY AND SPACE SCIENCES INITIATIVE



In scope of the Summer Workshop started by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) for high school students in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), in collaboration with New Horizon – Cyprus Astronomy and Space Sciences Initiative, a workshop has been organised by EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics and Chemistry Departments under the title of “Astronomy Workshop”..

Presentations Delivered

Organized in collaboration with EMU and the New Horizon Initiative, which aims to introduce astronomy to the youth on the island, the Astronomy Workshop was held at EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences on 15-

16 August 2022. Volunteer members of the New Horizon Initiative Yenal Ögmen, Sedat İzcan, Tutku Kolcu, Asst. Prof. Dr. Huriye Gürsel Mangut, Mert Mangut, İbrahim Ekin Erkan and Gözde Soyel gave presentations to students on basic astronomy topics such as space-time, space missions, formation of the universe, evolution of stars, subatomic particles and CERN, black holes, big bang and galaxies. In addition to New Horizon members, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Halilsoy delivered a speech and shared his experiences with the students.

Students Discovered Sky

On the second day of the Astronomy Workshop, high school students observed the sky at EMU Beach Club

between 21:00 and 23:00, accompanied by volunteer members of the New Horizon Initiative and EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Physics and Chemistry Department instructors. During the observation made with telescopes, EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü, EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan and Head of Department of Physics and Chemistry Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı were also present. EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics and Chemistry Departments and New Horizon Initiative Presentation Team, the members of whom provided education to students as part of the Astronomy Workshop, were honored by Prof. Dr. İscioglu and Prof. Dr. Sakallı through the presentation of plaques and gifts.



EMU FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS, WHICH AMONGST THE WORLD'S BESTS, AWAITS ITS NEW STUDENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics, which is among the world's leading faculties in the field of Business Administration and Economics, awaits its new students in the Fall Semester of the 2022-2023 Academic Year with faculty members who are on the world's most influential academics list. EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, having brought up around 9,000 successful graduates from all over the world, boasts the Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA) accreditation. EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, which provides education through 4 departments, 15 undergraduate programs, 24 postgraduate programs and 4 doctorate programs, also has memberships in The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR).

EMU has successfully moved from the 401-500 band to the 201-250 band in Business and Economics category of the UK-based Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking, the publisher of university rankings that are widely referenced in the world. On the other hand, EMU is the only university from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to be included in the list, which includes a total of 795 universities. It

is worth mentioning that EMU shares the first place among Turkish universities in the 201-250 band with Koç University. EMU also has the quality of appearing as the only university from the island of Cyprus in the field of Economic Sciences in the 2022 ShanghaiRanking World Universities Academic Ranking. Amongst Turkish universities, only Koç University, EMU, Bilkent University and Istanbul Medeniyet University have made it to the list.

Amongst the World's Bests

The international achievements of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics are not limited to this. Three master's programs have been included in the list of the top 200 master's programs for 2021 in the report prepared by the rating agency Eduniversal, which evaluates master's programs at the global level. It is worth mentioning that over 22,000 programs from around 4,000 institutions from 154 countries were evaluated in this evaluation. According to the aforesaid ranking, EMU Business and Economics Faculty's Economics and Banking and Finance Departments' joint master's program, which is Energy Economics and Finance Master's Program, ranks 5th in Eurasia and the Middle East in Energy and Natural Resources, whilst Banking and Finance Master's program ranks 10th in the Corporate Finance field in Eurasia and the Middle East and 10th in the Eurasia and Middle East region in the field of Economics Master's Program in Economics.

World's Most Influential Academics

EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Economics Department Chair Prof. Dr. Mehmet Balçılar ranked 163rd, appearing within 0.27% band according to the publications of the last 10 years, in the ranking of the most influential researchers by "Research Papers in Economics (RePEc)", referred to as the most important publication and researcher database in the field of economy. Boasting more than 60 thousand registered members as of September 24, 2020, the list, in which the departments and researchers registered on the IDEAS site of RePEc are ranked, is known as the most important

ranking in the field of economics. Prof. Dr. Balçılar is 1,504th when all years are taken into account, ranking in the top 2.5%.

At the same time, EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Faculty Members Prof. Dr. Salih Katırcıoğlu and Prof. Dr. Mehmet Balçılar succeeded in appearing in the list of the world's most influential scientists. In the study conducted by the USA Stanford University and published in the journal PlosBiology, Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Banking and Finance academic staff member Prof. Dr. Salih Katırcıoğlu is in the 2% of the world's most influential scientists in the one-year impact and career-long impact categories. In the said study, Faculty of Business and Economics, Economics Department Chair Prof. Dr. Mehmet Balçılar, on the other hand, appears within the 2% of the world's most influential scientists in the one-year impact category.

Commenting on the subject, EMU Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim said, "We continue to offer the knowledge, skills and equipment required by the age with our distinguished faculty staff to more than 2000 students from different countries of the world. Thanks to the knowledge and skills they have acquired during their education, our graduates pursue employment opportunities in many countries of the world and successfully climb to senior management levels. A very good example of this is an EMU Business and Economics Faculty graduate, Dr. Mehmet Muş, has been appointed as the Minister of Commerce of the Republic of Turkey. We are proud of our thousands of graduates who have taken senior positions in both public institutions and private enterprises in Iran, Azerbaijan, Nigeria and other countries in the region."

Detailed information on the programs and application requirements of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics can be obtained from the website <https://fbe.emu.edu.tr/>, at 0392 630 12 81, via e-mail fbe@emu.edu.tr and WhatsApp (+90 533 844 9170).



EMU TOURISM FACULTY, WHICH IS AMONG THE WORLD'S BESTS, AWAITING ITS NEW STUDENTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty continues to bring up high-level and intermediate-level qualified labourforce who will contribute to the tourism sector economically and socially, and possess the know-how, skills and awareness level required by the current age where international competition is increasing, the economy is developing and technological developments are accelerating. EMU Tourism Faculty awaits its new students for the 2022-2023 Academic Year Culinary Arts, Pastry and Bakery, Civil Aviation Cabin Services, Tourism and Hotel Management Associate degree programs, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts, Recreation and Tourism Management undergraduate programs, Gastronomy, Hotel Management, Tourism Management postgraduate programs and Tourism Management doctoral programs.

Amongst the Best in the World

Having ranked 40th in the field of Tourism and Hotel Management, EMU Tourism Faculty is the only faculty from the TRNC being included in the World University Academic Ranking 2022 Field Rankings List of ShanghaiRanking, a world university ranking institution based in China. EMU ranks first in the said list, both throughout the island of Cyprus and amongst the Turkish universities.

On the other hand, EMU Tourism Faculty, Tourism and Hotel Management undergraduate programs and Tourism Management postgraduate programs have been accredited by The Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA), one of the most distinguished accreditation institutions in the world. At the same time, EMU Tourism and Hotel Management programs possess the Quality Certificate in Tourism Education (TedQual) accreditation granted by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

International Collaborations

Collaborating with the Italian Culinary Institute for Foreigners (ICIF) in order for students to reach a better place in the globalizing world, EMU Tourism Faculty Gastronomy and Culinary Arts program and Tourism and Hotel Management program offer students the chance to study in Italy. In addition, within the scope of the educational collaboration agreement signed with Virginia Tech University, students can go to the USA and complete their last semester courses at Virginia Tech University.

The Faculty of Tourism opens the doors of international knowledge sharing to its students by being included in the alliance formed by The Alliance by Institut Paul Bocuse, which consists of the most important world-renowned culinary arts, gastronomy, food service and hospitality institutions in France, an organisation where only institutions with high education quality can attend.

Education in Fully-Equipped Laboratories

With 3 fully-equipped computer laboratories within the faculty, students have the opportunity to support what they have learned in theoretical courses. In addition, students receive training on the Fidelio program, which is preferred by the world's largest hotel chains. With two fully equipped and technologically equipped demo kitchens under the roof of the faculty, students have the opportunity to understand the working and operating principles of a professional kitchen. Likewise, at the Tower Barista Cafe and Education Lab, students can practice food and beverage service and management techniques.



Prof. Dr. Kılıç "We Bring Up Graduates Who are Experts in Their Fields"

Stating that the Faculty brings up qualified and expert graduates, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that the programs have a multicultural structure and that they are at a sufficient level in terms of technological equipment. Stressing the fact that EMU is the university with the best academic staff in tourism education, Prof. Dr. Kılıç pointed out that the quality of the faculty's education is also certified by international organizations such as FIBAA and TedQual.

Stating that the graduates have a wide range of job opportunities, Prof. Dr. Kılıç added that the graduates can work in the fields of accommodation, front office, housekeeping, marketing, accounting, human resources, kitchen, bar, restaurant, as well as entertainment and leisure, transportation, travel agencies, food and beverage sectors and all other sectors relating to tourism.





This Week's Academic Publications

Source: *Web of Science*

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1- Aydın, Mustafa, and Nazim I. Mahmudov. "On a study for the neutral Caputo fractional multi-delayed differential equations with noncommutative coefficient matrices." *Chaos, Solitons & Fractals* 161 (2022): 112372.

Faculty of Architecture

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Faculty of Business & Economics

1- Balçılar, Mehmet, Huseyin Ozdemir, and Busra Agan. "Effects of COVID-19 on cryptocurrency and emerging market connectedness: Empirical evidence from quantile, frequency, and lasso networks." *Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications* 604 (2022): 127885.

Faculty of Tourism

1- Dogantekin, Ali, Cihan Secilmis, and Osman M. Karatepe. "Qualitative job insecurity, emotional exhaustion and their effects on hotel employees' job embeddedness: The moderating role of perceived

organizational support." *International Journal of Hospitality Management* 105 (2022): 103270.

Faculty of Engineering

1- Safaei, Babak, Emmanuel Chukwueloka Onyibo, and Dogus Hurdoganoglu. "Effect of static and harmonic loading on the honeycomb sandwich beam by using finite element method." *Facta Universitatis. Series: Mechanical Engineering* (2022). (Early Access)

2- Nuhu, Abubakar Abdussalam, Qasim Zeeshan, Babak Safaei, and Muhammad Atif Shahzad. "Machine learning-based techniques for fault diagnosis in the semiconductor manufacturing process: a comparative study." *The Journal of Supercomputing* (2022): 1-51.

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