

THE IMPORTANCE OF AFRICA AND TÜRKİYE-AFRICA RELATIONS DISCUSSED AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), International Relations Club organized a certificated conference event on Thursday, 19 December 2024 at 12:30 p.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. At the conference titled “The Increasing Importance of the Africa Continent in World Politics, Global Balances and Türkiye-Africa Relations”, Republic of Türkiye (TR) Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Dr. Hasan Yavuz met with the participants. The event received outstanding interest from university students and academic personnel members.



EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu, EMU Political Science and International Relations Department Chair Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen, Union of the Chambers of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB) General Director Tunç Adanır and EMU Political Science and International Relations Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. Kudret Özersay as well as many students attended the conference.

“Our University Hosts A Large Number of Students from Africa Region”

Delivering the opening speech of the event, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; “As is known, Africa’s significance in global politics continues to grow, driven by its economic, strategic, political, and security dynamics, as well as its global standing. The continent is endowed with abundant natural resources and holds considerable economic potential, which is expected to increase substantially in the years to come. Türkiye-Africa relations have achieved significant progress, particularly in political, economic, and cultural aspects. Our university proudly hosts a large number of students from the African region, underscoring the critical importance of Africa to our institution. In this regard, I wish to highlight the value of the insights our Ambassador will share and extend my sincere appreciation to the International Relations Club for their efforts in organizing this distinguished conference”.

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“Africa is the Continent of Kind-Hearted People, Peace and Tolerance”

Following the opening speech, TR Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Dr. Hasan Yavuz thanked everyone who have contributed to the actualization of the conference and, expressed his hope for the conference to be beneficial for all. Underscoring that Africa is the continent of kind-hearted people, peace and tolerance,

Dr. Yavuz delivered a presentation on “The Increasing Importance of the Africa Continent in World Politics, Global Balances and Türkiye-Africa Relations”. In his presentation, Dr. Yavuz discussed the African continent and its relations with Türkiye, noting Africa’s considerable tourism potential, young population, rapidly developing regions, and growing educated workforce.

Ambassador also highlighted that Africa’s Islamic history is a crucial part of the continent’s resistance to colonialism. Dr. Yavuz concluded his remarks with the saying, “Countries are not learned from Google Maps; they are learned by experiencing them”, emphasizing that a true understanding of a nation’s culture and realities can only come through direct experience.

The conference concluded with a plaque presentation to Ambassador Dr. Hasan Yavuz by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç.

A visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç
Prior to the conference, TR Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Dr. Hasan Yavuz paid a courtesy visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. During the visit, mutual exchanges of information took place regarding Türkiye-Africa relations and the international student profile at EMU. After the meeting, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his appreciation to Dr. Yavuz and presented him with a gift.

News from Our Alumni

EMU GRADUATE ALİHAN KESKİN TAKES PART IN RESTORATION OF ONE OF A KIND ‘KUBBE-İ HADRA’



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture graduate Dr. Alihan Keskin has gained significant recognition for his construction work both domestically and internationally. Dr. Keskin worked as a site manager on restoration projects for historical buildings belonging to public institutions in Türkiye’s Central Anatolia Region, particularly between 2011 and 2023. Dr. Keskin contributed to the restoration of the Mausoleum of Hazrat Mevlana and, from 2020 to 2024, oversaw

the restoration of the Kubbe-i Hadra, a one-of-a-kind structure in the world.

Led Restoration Work of a Unique Architectural Work

Construction of Kubbe-i Hadra began in 1274 and is distinguished by its unique turquoise-colored tiles. The structure underwent its most extensive restoration phase in 2020 as part of a project involving Dr. Keskin who led the restoration efforts, overseeing the replacement of the mausoleum’s tiles, the design of the wooden interior scaffolding, and the preservation of the structure. The wooden scaffolding designed by Dr. Keskin was officially recognized by the Konya Branch of the Chamber of Architects (TMMOB) and was showcased in national architecture exhibitions.

Carried Out Scientific Studies and Academic Publications

Dr. Keskin played a crucial role in the restoration of the Kubbe-i Hadra, not only as an architect but also as an academic researcher. His research on the materials and techniques used in the restoration was presented at international conferences and featured in prestigious publications. Dr. Keskin

conducted scientific studies on various aspects of the restoration, including testing the adhesives for the mausoleum’s tiles and designing the wooden interior scaffolding, while documenting each phase of the process. His work gained significant attention in both national and international media, with interviews on television channels like TRT Avaz and Kanal 3. Dr. Keskin also gave presentations to students and public officials during the restoration, sharing his insights and expertise on cultural heritage preservation.

A Proud EMU Graduate

Stressing that his education at EMU has been key to his professional and academic success and noting that the university’s solid academic foundation and forward-thinking approach to education have had a significant impact on his achievements internationally, Dr. Keskin pointed out that the practical training and innovative architectural approach provided by EMU have enabled him to reach such notable accomplishments in his field. As an EMU graduate, he expressed immense pride in contributing to such a major project, stating, “It is a great honor for me to be involved in such an important project as a graduate of EMU”.

“ATÖLYELERDE BULUŞALIM” EVENT HELD AT EMU FOR HEALTHY LIVING



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences and Center for the Application and Research for Healthy Life (SAYMER) organized an event titled “Atölyelerde Buluşalım” (Let’s Meet at Workshops) within the scope of 14 November – World Diabetes Day. Held on Friday, 13 December 2024 with the contributions of Cyprus Turkish Diabetes Association (KTDD) and Municipality of Famagusta (GMB), the event included a “Healthy Snack Preparation Workshop” to encourage healthy eating habits, a “Self-Care and Management Workshop” to enhance diabetes management, and an “Exercise Workshop” to emphasize the importance of physical activity. The workshops were led by expert faculty members.

The event was attended by EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Mayor of Famagusta Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, Director of Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment, Department of Culture Şirin Zaimağaoğlu, EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, EMU Dentistry Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Ozan Gülcan and the Chair of KTDD Specialist Physiotherapist Handan Bilgehan Mert.

Delivering the opening speech of the event, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Malkoç mentioned the vision and mission of SAYMER which operates within the faculty. Providing information on the “Blue Circle”, the symbol of World Diabetes Day, Prof. Dr. Malkoç stated

that this day is observed with a different slogan each year and this year’s slogan was determined as “healthy life”. Noting that the workshops held were prepared in line with this theme, Prof. Dr. Malkoç thanked the chair of SAYMER Assoc. Prof. Dr. Angın and all the academic personnel members who contributed to the process. Taking the stage after Prof. Dr. Malkoç, the Chair of KTDD Specialist Physiotherapist Mert emphasized the importance of raising awareness about diabetes and pointed out the necessary steps in the fight against it. She also stated their willingness to continually support such initiatives and thanked EMU and the Faculty of Health Sciences for hosting the event.

In his speech, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay stressed that the quality of services in the city has significantly improved over the past two years, thanks to the valuable contributions of EMU and its students. Mayor Uluçay noted that a joint protocol has been established between the GMB and EMU, leading to collaboration on various matters. Moreover, he pointed out the rising number of diabetes patients, emphasizing the importance of the event in raising awareness about this issue.

“As a University, We Take the Responsibility to Organize Beneficial Events and Inform the Society”

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted that diabetes is one of the major health challenges of today and emphasized that the university has a responsibility to organize events and provide information to benefit society. Pointing out that this responsibility is being met through the

events and workshops held, Prof. Dr. Kılıç also shared that, with the input of the experts present, participants would gain important knowledge in the fight against diabetes. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stressed the necessity of raising awareness and acquiring more information about diabetes and expressed his hope that the event would be a step toward a healthier life for everyone. Lastly, Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by thanking those involved in organizing the event.

EMU VYK President Dr. Özçenk underscored that diabetes is a disease that profoundly impacts the individual, their environment, and public health. In his speech, Dr. Özçenk discussed global developments regarding diabetes, mentioning that the number of diabetes patients worldwide has reached 800 million. He also referenced a 2022 study in the TRNC, which found the diabetes rate to be 36%. Emphasizing that diabetes is a genetic condition, Dr. Özçenk highlighted the importance of taking preventive measures before developing the disease. Dr. Özçenk concluded by expressing that the event organized by the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences was highly beneficial and extended his thanks to everyone involved.

The EMU Faculty of Health Sciences indicated that similar events focused on raising social awareness will continue and extended their thanks to all participants and supporters, particularly the Cyprus Turkish Diabetes Association and Famagusta Municipality. The event concluded with the distribution of participation certificates to those who attended the workshops.



PERSONAL BRANDING SEMINAR HELD AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Business Administration and Faculty of Tourism co-organized personal branding seminars within the scope of “Career Development Series”. The seminars took place at the Faculty of Business and Economics where Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School academic staff member and Strategical Planning Specialist Ozan S. İnamlık delivered a presentation titled “Create Your Personal Branding on Digital Media – LinkedIn”.

During the seminar, which included Head of the Business Administration Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burak Erkut, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Tourism Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mine Haktanır, Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. İlçay Yorgancı Maloney, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Tuna Karatepe on behalf of the Organizing Committee, İnamlık shared advice on creating impressive LinkedIn profiles and utilizing the platform effectively for career advancement.

The seminar which attracted great interest from the students of Faculty of Business and Economics and, Faculty of Tourism, offered effective insights on creating personal branding on LinkedIn.

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS ADİL KAMAL BATCHA WINS “PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD”



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture 4th year student Adil Kamal Batcha has been granted with the “People’s Choice Award” (Premio del Pubblico) in 2024 Golden Trezzini Awards. Entering the competition with his sixth semester architectural design project, Batcha received an award in the category of “Best Project of Building

or Facility by Student”. Batcha participated in the competition with the his “Mixed-Used Development” project that he designed, under the guidance of EMU Department of Architecture academic staff member Zafer Cafer Volkan, within the scope of ARCH 392 – Architectural Design Studio IV course. The project reflected an innovative approach blending multi-functional spaces and sustainable design principles together.

Batcha’s award marks another significant international success for EMU students. Furthermore, the competition allowed participants to receive professional-level feedback on their projects, which were assessed by a panel of expert jurors.

Golden Trezzini Awards

The Golden Trezzini Awards is a renowned international architectural design competition, organized every year in Saint Petersburg, Russia, since 2018. The competition provides a platform for architects, designers, and students globally to display and promote their work, while recognizing innovative trends in modern architecture.



“YALDA NIGHT” CELEBRATED AT EMU



“Yalda Night”, the longest night of the year, celebrated at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) with an event held on Wednesday, 18 December 2024 at 08:00 p.m. Said event that took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center was organized in collaboration with the Scientific and Cultural Association of Iranian Students in Cyprus, sponsored by Kurtsan Group.

As part of the event, Iranian students gathered together and celebrated Yalda night with various activities. Products unique to Yalda Night were exhibited during the night where pomegranate which is the symbol of abundance, and dried nuts and fruits were offered to the participants. Receiving great participation, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Cyprus Science University’s (KIU) Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Fatma Nur Aydın and KIU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Rukiye Kilili, EMU Visual Media Affairs Coordinator Specialist Ş. Serkan Şen and many students attended the event. Addressing the participants at the beginning of the event, the Chair of Scientific and Cultural Association of Iranian Students Nima Mostafazadeh welcomed everyone to the event and hope for a joyful night. Then, Yasin Kurt, one of the Directors of the Kurtsan Group, took the stage and thanked those who have contributed to the organization of the event, saying; “As Kurtsan family, we will continue our collaborations with

our Iranian friends as we have always done, in the future as well. I wish everyone a joyful Yalda night, filled with health and peace”.

“Yalda Night is a Special Occasion”

Delivering the opening speech of the event, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç said; “Today, we have come together to celebrate Yalda Night, a tradition that has lasted for thousands of years. On this night, the longest and darkest of winter, we also welcome the promise of light, hope, and new beginnings. Yalda is not merely a milestone in the calendar, but a special occasion that reminds us important values such as love, friendship, and solidarity. Yalda Night is one of the most

significant cultural symbols of the Iran. This night is regarded as a symbol of the sun’s renewal, as it marks the moment following the longest night of winter when the days begin to lengthen. This celebration signifies the promise of brighter days ahead. It is truly valuable and meaningful for us to share this night with nearly 800 Iranian students from our university and from other universities. I would like to express my gratitude to those who have contributed to this event. I wish you all a great night”. Following the opening speeches, the event continued with a musical performance by Iranian artist Dima Derakhshande. At the end of the event, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented Iranian artist Sina Derkhshande a souvenir.



RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ PRESENTS A PLAQUE TO ASSOC. PROF. DR. FAHME DABAJ

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented a plaque of appreciation to the retired academic personnel member of the Faculty of Education, Department of Education Sciences, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fahme Dabaj, who have served as an Academic Evaluation Commission (ADEK) Coordinator between 10 April 2007 and 30 September 2024. EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karetepe was also present during the plaque presentation session that took place at the Rector’s Office building. Conveying his gratitude to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dabak for their precious contributions and service to the university, Prof. Dr. Kılıç wished Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dabaj a peaceful retirement.



EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY PLANT INVENTORY, NATURAL CULTURAL HERITAGE PROJECT BOOK PUBLISHED



With the coordination of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Project Affairs Directorate and the contributions of its staff member, Landscape Architect, Environmental

Education, and Environmental Management Specialist Dr. Gülizar Eroğlu, the book titled “Eastern Mediterranean University Plant Inventory and Natural Cultural Heritage Project” has been published. The said book, created with the technical and academic support of EMU, provides an inventory of the green spaces, plant diversity, and cultural values on the EMU campus. It serves as a guide to help preserve these natural and cultural treasures and ensure their transfer to future generations. Stating that she has been designing spaces that connect nature and people on the EMU campus since 1999, Dr. Eroğlu said; “We initially set out to identify the number and distribution of plants, but this project, enhanced with photographic records, has evolved into a valuable resource for preserving the natural and cultural heritage of the campus”. The book offers a comprehensive inventory of plant species in the

campus’s natural areas, while also emphasizing their cultural and aesthetic significance through photo-based narration. Dr. Eroğlu extended her thanks Vice Rector for Technical Affairs Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy at the time, and Ersin Özeygin, the Director of Project Affairs at that time, for their support of the project. In a statement released by EMU, it was noted that the “Plant Inventory and Natural Cultural Heritage Project” book would serve as a guide for both the academic and campus communities, with an emphasis on its potential to be a valuable resource for future environmental initiatives. Dr. Eroğlu expressed her hope that the project would contribute to preserving the campus’s natural landscape and support education. Through this book, EMU reaffirmed its commitment to preserving its natural heritage for future generations.

“MOBILE GAME PROGRAMMING” WORKSHOP CARRIED OUT AT EMU FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER ENGINEERING



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Engineering carried out the first laboratory workshop of 2024-2025 Academic Year with the participation of Bülent Ecevit Anatolian High School (BEAL) students. 17 high school students attended the workshop titled “Mobile Game Programming”. The 3-hour event was carried out by Emre Rifat Yılmaz, Mahmut Sevince and Tansel Sarihan. Computer teachers from Beal; Meltem Yağlı, Duygu Akarsu and Aygün Şehsüvaroğlu and, Assistant Principal Hacer Çobanoğlu accompanied the students participating who had the opportunity to explore the basics of programming by engaging in application development processes with modern programming languages. In the said event, Assistant Head of the EMU Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Engineering Assist. Prof. Dr. Ahmet

Ünveren provided the high school students information regarding the Computer Engineering, Software Engineering and Artificial Engineering programs available within the body of the faculty. It was highlighted that the Computer Engineering and Software Engineering programs are internationally recognized through accreditation by the American organization ABET, and that there are plans to seek accreditation for the newly established Artificial Intelligence program in the future. During the certificate ceremony held after the laboratory workshop, Assistant Head Assist. Prof. Dr. Ünveren presented certificates to the participants, underscoring that the EMU Department of Computer Engineering is determined to maintain its efforts to carry out similar laboratory activities with other schools, driven by a sense of social responsibility.

EMU THEATRE COMMUNITY HOSTS İSTANBUL STATE THEATRE ARTISTS HAKAN MERİÇLİLER AND VEHBİ AKINTÜRK

As part of the 4th “Duvar” Workshop Days organized Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Theatre Community, Istanbul State Theatre Artists Hakan Meriçliler and Vehbi Akıntürk got together with the students. First workshop took place on Friday, 13 December 2024 at 07:00 p.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall where Hakan Meriçliler carried out a talk titled “Oyunculuk Atölyesi” (Acting Workshop) moderated by EMU Theatre Community Chair Can Birlik. On the other hand, the second workshop took place on Saturday, 14 December 2024 at 02:00 p.m. at EMU Activity Center. Polat Emence moderated the said event that hosted Vehbi Akıntürk as a guest speaker who delivered a talk titled “Oyun Çalışması ve Topluluk Yönetimi Atölyesi” (Play Study and Community Management Workshop).

“University Education is not Only Limited to Attending Classes”

Delivering the opening speech of the event, EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu said; “Dear friends, I welcome you all. It is amazing to see such a vibrant crowd here today. We are honored to host some incredibly talented artists. As Eastern Mediterranean University, we take great pride in having our students organize events that allow us to make an impact. A university education goes beyond attending classes in lecture halls; it also plays a crucial role in social development. Therefore, I encourage you to keep activities like theatre, music, and sports as part of your life. Even if you are not actively involved, take time to watch theatre performances, enjoy music, and stay active through sports. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate and the EMU Theatre Community for their efforts in making this event a reality.

“Oyunculuk Atölyesi” With Hakan Meriçliler

The workshop, moderated by EMU Theatre Community Chair Can Birlik, explored various aspects of Hakan Meriçliler’s acting career. Meriçliler shared stories about his early days in acting and his journey through the worlds of theatre

and television, offering valuable insights into his career path. Discussions about the prominent projects and characters he brought to life captured significant attention. Meriçliler also inspired the audience with his detailed analysis of characters from his work in television and theater. Furthermore, the experienced actor led a comprehensive on-stage acting workshop for the theatre club members, focusing on acting techniques, stage presence, body language, and role interpretation. At the end of the event, Prof. Dr. Zorlu presented Meriçliler with a plaque as a gesture of gratitude.

“Oyun Çalışması ve Topluluk Yönetimi Atölyesi” With Vehbi Akıntürk

On the second day of the event, Vehbi Akıntürk met with students during a workshop moderated by Polat Emence. The workshop attracted great interest from the participants. Akıntürk shared his experiences from the play study process and offered key advice on managing

communities. Underlining the importance of thorough preparation before performing on stage and stressing the value of strong communication within the team, Akıntürk spoke about the critical role effective management plays in ensuring the success of theatre groups. At the end of the session, the EMU Theatre Community presented Akıntürk with a plaque in recognition of his contributions.



RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ'S MESSAGE ON 21-25 DECEMBER NATIONAL STRUGGLE AND MARTYRS WEEK



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kiliç released a statement on 21-25 December, National Struggle and Martyrs Week. The statement by Prof. Dr. Kiliç reads as follows: "From 21 to 25 December, we observe National Struggle

and Martyrs Week, a significant symbol of our nation's fight for independence. This week holds great significance as it provides an opportunity to honor the noble martyrs who sacrificed their lives for our homeland and to reflect on the exceptional struggle our nation endured in its quest for independence.

As Eastern Mediterranean University, we commemorate the 61st year anniversary of 21-25 December National Struggle and Martyrs Week with great respect. 61 years ago on 21 December 1963, the attacks referred as "Bloody Christmas" began, resulting in significant suffering for the Turkish Cypriot community. These assaults, aimed at removing the Turkish Cypriots from the island, led to the forced migration of tens of thousands of individuals, the destruction of villages and settlements, and

the loss of many lives. Despite these extreme conditions, the Turkish Cypriot community, led by the Turkish Resistance Organization, displayed extraordinary resilience, maintaining their presence on the island and refusing to surrender to the Akritas Plan.

As the first and only state university of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) established by law, it is within our most important responsibilities to eternally honor and uphold the legacy of our heroes, both martyrs and veterans, who contributed to the foundation of this homeland and the sacrifices they made for us. On this occasion, we remember our Martyrs, our Leader Dr. Fazıl Küçük and our Founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş with great longing and respect, also expressing our deepest gratitude to our Veterans and Mujahedeen."

EMU IDEA AND DEBATE CLUB ORGANIZES A CAMPING EVENT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Idea and Debate Club organized a camping event with the aim of improving students' effective communication and cultural sharing skills. Held with the slogan of "A unique experience where thoughts meet the shore and ideas compete with the waves", the event took place on 6-8 December 2024 at Lapta Youth Camping Site with the participation of 50 students.

During the camping event, the students started their day with a morning yoga and breathing exercise, getting the opportunity of keeping both their bodies and minds fit. Moreover, students had joyful time with the sports activities and competitions with awards. During the event, students,

who connected with the beauty of nature, took part in a creative activity called 'Collaborative Painting'. In their free time, they worked together to complete the artwork, each adding to it from where the previous person had left off.

On the other hand, at night, the students gathered around a camp fire, singing songs and delivering dance and theatre performances. Participants expressed that the camp helped them gain new perspectives, enabled them to freely express their ideas, and offered a chance to boost their creativity through teamwork. They also highlighted the importance of such club activities in university life.

DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE ORGANIZES “FINANCE DAY” EVENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Banking and Finance organized an event titled “Finance Day” that took place on Wednesday, 18 December 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Faculty of Business and Economics. The event commenced with a debate competition with behavioural finance theme, held among the students. The team showcasing an outstanding performance in the debating competition received voucher sponsored by EMU KOOP MAR.

Dean of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim delivered the opening speech of the event which offered detailed information on EMU Centre for Financial Regulation and Risk Management, master’s and PhD programs and, Investment Appraisal and Risk Analysis Certificate Program carried out in collaboration with Queen’s University, Canada.

Honour, High Honour and CFA Certificates Presented

As part of the Finance Day event, students entitled to receive Honour and High Honour Certificates as a result of their achievements in the 2023-2024 Academic Year Spring Semester, and students who participated in the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Research Competition were presented with certificates. The event ended with a photoshoot. Chair of Banking and Finance Department Assist.



Prof. Dr. Nigâr Taşpınar made a statement at the end of the event, saying; “I would like to express our pride with the achievements of our students.

We will continue contributing the personal and academic development of our students by organizing such events”.

PROF. DR. OSMAN M. KARATEPE RELEASES A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF EMU-ATAUM REGARDING 21-25 DECEMBER NATIONAL STRUGGLE AND MARTYRS WEEK

On behalf of Eastern Mediterranean Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM), Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe released a statement on 21-25 December National Struggle and Martyrs Week. The statement by Prof. Dr. Karatepe reads as follows:

“Following the temporary transfer of Cyprus to British administration in 1878, the Turkish Cypriot community endured significant challenges in their pursuit of independence, freedom, and sovereignty. Their efforts were marked by a determined struggle to assert their existence and to secure recognition of their presence on the island, along with their language, religion, traditions, and cultural heritage. A close look at Cyprus’s modern history distinctly highlights this enduring struggle. The Constitution of Cyprus was signed on 6 April 1960, and the Republic of Cyprus was officially established on 16 August 1960, under the guarantorship of Türkiye, the United Kingdom, and Greece. This marked the transfer of sovereignty in Cyprus to the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities. However, the republic endured for only three years, effectively collapsing on 21 December 1963. President Makarios’ proposal for

a 13-point constitutional amendment, which aimed to reduce the Turkish Cypriots from an equal status to that of a minority, failed to achieve the objectives of the Enosis advocates. Consequently, they turned to armed conflict. On 21 December, the Greek Cypriot paramilitary group EOKA initiated attacks known as “Bloody Christmas”, implementing the Akritas Plan devised by Minister of the Interior Polikarpos Yorgadjis to advance the goal of uniting Cyprus with Greece. On the same day, President Makarios unilaterally declared the termination of the Treaty of Alliance, a fundamental component of the Zurich and London agreements that had established the Republic of Cyprus. 21 December 1963, represents a critical turning point in the history of the Turkish Cypriot struggle. In response to the events of that day, Turkish fighter jets conducted warning flights over Nicosia, and a ceasefire was declared following the Turkish Cypriot Regiment’s transition to a state of combat readiness. The delineation of the Green Line officially marked the separation of the Turkish and Greek sections of Nicosia for the first time. Turkish Cypriots were relocated in organized groups from the southern regions to safer zones in the north. These communities,



however, faced economic embargoes and were subjected to conditions of enforced isolation. As such, this date is widely recognized as the commencement of the Cyprus conflict. We remember our Martyrs with great longing and respect on the 61st year of 21 Aralık 1963, Bloody Christmas and on the occasion of 21-25 December National Struggle and Martyrs Week.”

CERTIFICATE CEREMONY ORGANIZED FOR THE STUDENTS OF FACULTY OF ENGINEERING



A certificate ceremony was organized for the students enrolled in Computer Engineering, Software Engineering and Artificial Intelligence Engineering

programs run within the body of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Engineering. Students who showcased

success during the 2023-2024 Academic Year Spring Semester were presented with Honour and High Honour Certificates.

During the ceremony, certificates were presented to the students by the Chair of EMU Department of Computer Engineering Prof. Dr. Zeki Bayram, Assistant Chair of the Department of Computer Engineering Assist. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Ünveren and academic staff members. Stating that they are proud of their students' dedication and achievements, Prof. Dr. Bayram congratulated all the students who have gained the right to receive certificates, advising them to keep working hard for the continuation of their success. Following the ceremony, students and academic staff members took a photo as a reminder of the meaningful day.

This week in EMU

TURGAY KARAKAŞ - THE FIRST AEROSPACE ENGINEER OF TÜRKİYE TO DELIVER A TALK AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) are getting ready to host Turgay Karakaş who holds the title of Türkiye Yüzyılı Scientist, the first aerospace engineer of Türkiye with cerebral palsy and, a senior engineer at the TÜBİTAK Defense Industry Research and Development Institute (SAGE). The event to be organized by EMU Special Education Club will take place on Monday, 23 December 2024 at 02:30 p.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall.

At the talk event titled "There is No Such Thing as Impossible, It Only Takes a Little Time", Karakaş will discuss how he overcame challenges to achieve success and share his experiences in space engineering with the attendees. The event aims to inspire students

and help them gain clarity on their career aspirations, with a strong turnout anticipated.

Who is Turgay Karakaş?

Turgay Karakaş, who was born with cerebral palsy, a condition commonly known as brain paralysis, could not walk or speak until he was six years old. Diagnosed as exceptionally gifted at the age of seven, he skipped first grade and began his education in second grade. His outstanding performance in the university entrance exam earned him the 25th spot in Türkiye, and he pursued a degree in Astronomy and Space Sciences at Ankara University. After completing three minors and two master's degrees, Karakaş became the first space engineer in Türkiye.



Last Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

- 1- **Akguen, Guelbahar, and Rza Bashirov.** "Optimal Paradigms for Quantitative Modeling in Systems Biology Demonstrated for Spinal Motor Neuron Synthesis." APPLIED SCIENCES-BASEL 14, no. 22 (2024).
- 2- **Vertogradov, Vitalii, Ali Ovgun, and Reggie C Pantig.** "Analyzing the Influence of Geometrical Deformation on Photon Sphere and Shadow Radius: A New Analytical Approach-Stationary, and Axisymmetric Spacetime." INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF GEOMETRIC METHODS IN MODERN PHYSICS, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1142/S0219887825400018>. (Early Access)

Faculty of Engineering

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