

EMU AND MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION SIGN A COLLABORATION PROTOCOL IN REGARD TO PHILOSOPHY TEACHING GROUP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of National Education signed a collaboration protocol regarding the “Philosophy Teaching Group Certificate Program”. The signing session of the said protocol took place on Monday, 17 February 2025 at 09:30 a.m. at the EMU Rector’s Office building where EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Ministry of National Education, Department of Education and Training’s Director Murad Aktuğ put their signatures to the protocol. Present during the signing session

were; EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Dean of EMU Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan, Vice Dean of the faculty and the Head of Department of Elementary Education Assist. Prof. Dr. Hatice Nilay Hasipoğlu, Vice Dean and the Head of Department of Foreign Language Education Assist. Prof. Dr. Fatoş Erozan, the Head of Department of Educational Sciences Prof. Dr. Canan Perkan Zeki and Turkish Education Board member Yonca Karaca. The signed collaboration protocol seeks to establish guidelines **cont. p. 3**

EMU-MARMARA MEDICINE PROGRAM - FIRST JOINT PROGRAM IN TÜRKİYE AND TRNC TO RECEIVE INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The International Medicine Program run jointly by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and Marmara University (MU) Medicine Faculty has been accredited by the Medical Education Programs Evaluation and Accreditation Association (TEPDAD). The said accreditation reaffirmed the validity of the International Joint Medicine Program both on national and international levels.

TEPDAD is an institution authorized by the World Federation of Medicine Education (WFME) on the evaluation of international standards and accreditation. Moreover, TEPDAD is a full member of the Central and Eastern European Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education.

A First in Both Türkiye and TRNC

The International Joint Medicine Program carried out by EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and Marmara University Medicine Faculty is the first joint medicine program in Türkiye and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to hold the international accreditation. This accreditation not only maintains international career opportunities for students but also reinforces the global prestige of the EMU Dr.

Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty. Acting Dean of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Program Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu highlighted that the faculty will uphold its commitment to training exceptional future physicians by continuously advancing its standards, reinforced by TEPDAD accreditation. In her remarks, Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu said; “Our program, already featured in the World Directory of Medical Schools and with numerous



graduates advancing their careers through international examinations, will further enhance its educational standards with this accreditation, securing its place on these esteemed lists. In particular, the opportunity to take international equivalency exams—most notably the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), which, as of 2023, requires graduates from accredited medical schools—offer a significant

advantage for our students. We sincerely thank all our academic and administrative staff, students, and alumni who contributed to the accreditation process”. Dean of MU Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Ümit Şehirli also made comments on the topic saying, “This accreditation reaffirms the compliance of our joint program with international standards and enhances the global career prospects of our graduates”.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç made remarks on the topic, saying; “The TEPDAD accreditation once again showcases the high quality of medical education at our university. At EMU, our vision extends beyond being the leading and most sought-after university in the region—we are committed to providing our students with a globally recognized and prestigious education. The international accreditations obtained by our faculties

play a crucial role in enabling our graduates to pursue successful careers abroad. I wholeheartedly congratulate all our academic and administrative staff, students, and graduates who have contributed to the TEPDAD accreditation process. We are proud to be the first and only Faculty of Medicine in the TRNC to obtain international accreditation and the first joint medical program in Türkiye to achieve this milestone.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION MOVE FROM EMU AND KOOPBANK



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Cyprus Turkish Cooperative Central Bank (Koopbank) signed an agreement concerning the mobile application titled EMU PASS which would offer the students and personnel members the opportunity to carry out their financial and other operations in a digital environment. The agreement was signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, the Chairperson of Koopbank Board of Directors Haluk Yerli and Koopbank General Manager Kemal Ataman. The signing ceremony was attended by EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Salih Katırcıoğlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Rector Coordinatör Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga Çelik, Koopbank Vice General Manager Kemal Özçınar, EMU Information Technologies Director Aytaç Çerkez, EMU Transportation Services Unit Section Chief Aykut Türkmayaya and authorities from Koopbank.

“It is Prestigious Institutions like EMU that propel us toward These Advancements”

Delivering the opening speech, the Chairperson of Koopbank Board of Directors Haluk Yerli emphasized the significance of introducing such innovations in an era of advancing technology and institutional

structures. Yerli remarked, “Institutions with deep-rooted histories, like EMU, propel us toward these advancements. This development will provide our students with automation convenience and greatly simplify payment processes”.

“We will continue our Efforts in line with the Need for Innovation and Developments”

Making remarks, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç pointed out the digital transformation process, saying “Our University is currently in the midst of a digital transformation. In this regard, automating all processes to speed things up is a crucial step. This innovation, which is now available both on and off-campus, will allow us to perform transactions more swiftly. We are grateful to Koopbank for their support. As EMU, we are proud to be at the forefront of such an innovation. I would like to thank all EMU staff who played a role in this process. We will continue our efforts focused in line with the need for innovation and growth.”

“Great Advantages to be brought to Students and Personnel”

EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk conveyed his thanks to those who have contributed to the process and stressed that the rapid advancement of technology makes it essential for institutions to keep up with

these changes. Dr. Özçenk pointed out that digital transformation will provide significant benefits to the education sector. In this regard, Dr. Özçenk noted that the partnership between Koopbank and EMU will offer valuable advantages to both students and staff.

“We are Proud to Be Collaborating with EMU”

Koopbank General Manager Kemal Ataman also made remarks during the signing ceremony, expressing that their cooperation with EMU goes back 35 years. Stating that the current state is a result of technological development and transformation. Ataman expressed pride in collaborating with EMU and hoped the agreement would be fruitful for both institutions.

“A Huge Contributions towards Digitalization of the University”

Lastly, EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu made a speech, stating that they have turned a dream into a reality through the collaboration initiated with Koopbank. Expressing her gratitude to Koopbank team and EMU Information Technologies Directorate for their great efforts, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu noted that such projects are to provide huge contributions towards digitalization of the university.

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for the Philosophy Group Teaching Certificate Program for TRNC citizens, covering areas such as program level, student admission, curriculum, assessments, and graduation requirements.

A First in TRNC

Delivering a speech during the signing session, Prof. Dr. Pehlivan underscored that

the 'Philosophy Teaching Group Certificate Program' led by EMU, would be the first of its kind to be introduced in the TRNC. He also expressed his hopes for it to contribute positively to the education system.

Also expressing that the certificate program will be a first in the TRNC, Murad Aktuğ, the Director of Department of Education

and Training, touched on the importance of the said program on meeting the criteria for becoming a Philosophy Group teacher, noting that it ensures all the necessary qualifications for teacher appointments are fulfilled.

On the other hand, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that, as the EMU, they strive to contribute to the country by working in collaboration with governmental institutions. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized his belief that the 'Philosophy Group Teaching Certificate Program' would significantly contribute to the education sector. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also conveyed his hope for the continuation and growth of similar collaborations and wished for the cooperation protocol to be fruitful. At the end of the signing session, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented a plaque to Murad Aktuğ, Director of the Department of Education and Training, in recognition of his support.

News from Our Alumni

ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUCCESS OF AHMET BİLGEN - EMU GRADUATE AND FIRST CERTIFIED ANGEL INVESTOR OF TÜRKİYE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Arts and Sciences Faculty, Applied Mathematics and Computer Science undergraduate and master's programs graduate Ahmet Bilgen has become a source of pride for EMU with his success story in the entrepreneurship and technology world.

From Academic Foundation to International Success

After completing his undergraduate education at EMU, Ahmet Bilgen pursued his master's degree on Parallel Computer Architecture. During that period, he worked as a research assistant at EMU for two years. Bilgen frequently highlights how EMU's diverse educational approach and multicultural atmosphere have played a key role in building a solid foundation for his career.

A Step Taken into the International Software Industry

Relocating in Istanbul in 1995, Bilgen worked as a technology engineer in various companies. Then, in 1997, he stepped into the international software world when he started working as a Technology Consultant in Izmir Office of SAP. In 1999, Bilgen established FIT Consulting with four friends of him, embarking on a journey with the aim of achieving a global success in SAP technologies (Data Processing System, Applications and Products).

Great Success despite the Challenges

In 2009, FIT Solutions (later rebranded as Foriba) transitioned to a product-oriented technology

company, continuing its development in the international field. The company grew into a global leader in digital transformation, providing services to over 650 international companies and 18,000+ SMEs across 6 countries. Led by Bilgen, Foriba attracted investment from Revo Capital in 2014, followed by a subsequent funding round in 2018 from esteemed international investors, including IFC and Endeavor Catalyst. In 2019, Bilgen successfully executed one of Türkiye's most significant exits by selling Foriba to Sovos, a company owned with the British fund HG Capital.

New Endeavours and Angel Investing

Following Foriba, Ahmet Bilgen carried on his entrepreneurship journey without letup. Throughout this journey, he established numerous new generation technology companies, namely TrendBox, FigoPara and Caretta Robotics. In 2023, Bilgen once again executed another successful exit by divesting from FigoPara. Being one of the first certified angel investors of Türkiye, Bilgen contributed to development of the ecosystem through investing in more than 30 enterprises up to date.

EMU has always been a Guiding Force on My Path to International Success

After returning to Cyprus in 2021, the place where he was born and raised, Bilgen has continued to manage his business from there while also sharing his expertise and experiences in entrepreneurship. Reflecting on the importance



of his education at EMU, Ahmet Bilgen said; "The multicultural environment and comprehensive education I received at EMU have always been a guiding force on my path to international success. I am deeply grateful to all my professors for their invaluable contributions". Alongside his achievements in entrepreneurship, Bilgen aims to inspire the younger generation, offering this message of encouragement to the EMU community: "Always remember that each crisis brings opportunity with it. Pursue your dreams and never give up!".

TURKISH AND DUBAI CITIZEN BUSINESS PERSON DR. İDRİS DEMİRHAN VISITS EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted an important guest in line with its goal to increase the university's international collaborations and to enhance its impact in the global arena. GYODER Gulf States Representative, Member of the Turkish Business Council Dubai founding Executive Board, CEO of the Gate World – Dubai, Turkish and Dubai citizen business person Dr. İdris Demirhan paid a visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç at his chambers.

The visit which took place on Tuesday, 18 February 2025 at 01:00 p.m. was also attended by EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici and Rector Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga Çelik. As one of Türkiye's leading organizations representing real estate developers, GYODER

actively participates in international projects, fostering global partnerships within the industry. Meanwhile, the Turkish Business Council Dubai works to enhance trade and economic relations between Türkiye and Dubai, striving to strengthen the position and influence of Turkish companies in the region.

The visit focused on strategic partnerships to enhance EMU's visibility in the Gulf region and expand its global influence. Discussions focused on developing internship and training programs with major regional companies and fostering stronger academic and industry collaborations. Dr. Demirhan conducted a detailed review of EMU campus and its infrastructure, praising its modern educational facilities, advanced technical resources, and world-class campus

environment. Dr. Demirhan was particularly impressed by the extensive opportunities provided to students and the university's academic excellence. Moreover, Dr. Demirhan expressed his willingness to support EMU's international growth initiatives. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his satisfaction with Dr. İdris Demirhan's visit and emphasized the importance of strong collaborations in alignment with EMU's international vision. Noting that EMU distinguishes itself as an institution offering world-class education, with a robust academic team and state-of-the-art infrastructure, Prof. Dr. Kılıç added that partnerships with Gulf countries would further elevate the university's international presence.

Dr. Demirhan mentioned that moving forward, he would begin the necessary actions and establish contacts to boost EMU's recognition and impact in the Gulf countries. He also highlighted that EMU, as the sole state university and pride of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), would pursue regional and international strategic collaborations with firm resolve. During his visit to the TRNC, Dr. Demirhan met with TRNC President Ersin Tatar to discuss EMU's position as the only state university in Northern Cyprus, its role on the international stage, and potential strategic collaborations in the region. The visit is expected to be followed by more tangible projects and partnerships in the future. EMU will continue to strengthen the connection between education and the business sector, further expanding academic and industry collaborations through its upcoming projects. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented Dr. Demirhan with a gift representing Cyprus.

THE UNION OF TURKISH - ISLAMIC CULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS IN EUROPE VISITS EMU



The Chairperson of the Union of Turkish – Islamic Cultural Associations in Europe, İmam Cengiz and a delegation accompanying him paid a visit

to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) on Wednesday, 19 February 2025 at 03:00 p.m. Visiting EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç,

Chairperson Cengiz expressed their contentment on being at EMU.

Cengiz provided information regarding the activities of the Union based in Germany and, underscored TRNC's significance as Turkish land. Moreover, Cengiz emphasized the importance of strengthening relations to help Turkish people living in Europe gain a better understanding of the TRNC.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç conveyed their pleasure to be hosting İmam Cengiz, the Chairperson of the Union of Turkish – Islamic Cultural Associations in Europe, within the scope of their TRNC visits. Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç provided the visiting delegation extensive information about EMU. During the visit, views were exchanged in regards to possible collaborations which would be initiated between the two parties. At the end of the meeting, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented Cengiz a traditional Cypriot Lefkara work panel.

EMU CLINICS OPEN THEIR DOORS TO TRNC CITIZEN DENTISTS REGISTERED TO KTTB

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Dentistry commence to offer the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) citizen dentists who are registered to the Turkish Cypriot Medical Association (KTTB), the opportunity to use the clinics affiliated with the faculty. TRNC citizen dentists can benefit from the facilities by submitting applications to the EMU Faculty of Dentistry Dean's Office.

Quality and Patient Satisfaction are Always a Priority

In his remark, the Dean of EMU Faculty of Dentistry Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak stated that the Dental Clinic established in December 2021 and operating under the EMU Faculty of Dentistry has been providing services since its establishment, including the pandemic period. The clinic attaches great importance to health precautions at the highest levels. Underscoring that the said clinic has always set quality and patient satisfaction as a priority, Prof. Dr. Solak added that they efforts towards new collaborations are to continue.

Expressing that the Faculty of Dentistry is on the path to become an institution which offers world-class services, Prof. Dr. Solak stated that by



making EMU's state-of-the-art clinical facilities available to colleagues who are members of the KTTB and legally authorized to work, the university also creates a high-standard working environment for specialist dentists. Prof. Dr. Solak expressed his gratitude for the public's strong interest and stated that this new initiative has enabled them to reach and serve a larger number of people.

Most Suitable and Effective Treatment Methods Being Identified

Individuals seeking treatment at EMU Dental

Clinics will receive a panoramic X-ray as part of the examination package, allowing for the identification of the most suitable and effective treatment methods. The cost of treatments will be determined based on the pricing set by the Turkish Cypriot Medical Association. This initiative is designed to offer the community more cost-effective dental care services.

Appointments

Those wishing to benefit from the EMU Dental Clinics' services may make appointments via +90 533 824 43 43 or +90 392 630 32 60.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION ORGANIZES A SERIES OF CONFERENCES FOR ACADEMIC PERSONNEL MEMBERS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Education organized a series of conferences for academics in collaboration with the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Ministry of National Education, Department of Education and Training. The event took place on Thursday, 13 February 2025 at 10:00 a.m. hosted by the members of the Educational Programs and Teaching Association (EPÖDER) in the EMU Faculty of Education, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Hikmet Civelek Conference Hall. Present during the event were TRNC Ministry of National Education, Director of Department of Murad Aktuğ, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Dean of EMU Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan, Dean of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. Ozan H. Gülcan, Head of EMU Department of Educational Sciences Prof. Dr. Canan Zeki, Head of EMU Department of Foreign Language



Teaching Assist. Prof. Dr. Fatoş Erozan, Head of EMU Department of Cinema and Television Prof. Dr. Bahire E. Özad, EMU personnel and students.

Topics Important in the Field of Education were discussed

The conference, which included specialist academics like Prof. Dr. Kıymet Selvi, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Cem Babadoğan, and Prof. Dr. Kerim Gündoğdu as speakers, covered important topics such as contemporary educational paradigms, program literacy, and human rights education.

In the first session of the conference, Prof. Dr. Kıymet Selvi delivered a presentation titled "Paradigm Shift in Education and New Learning Skills", sharing ever-changing approaches in education and contemporary learning methods. Then, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Cem Babadoğan



emphasized the importance of communication in understanding educational programs during his presentation titled "Program Literacy or Communication and Listening Skills?". Lastly, in the "Why and How Implicit Curriculum Should Be Applied in Human Rights Education?" presentation, Prof. Dr. Kerim Gündoğdu explored how implicit curricula can enhance human rights education.

Exchange of Presents

Speakers of the conference were presented with traditional Cypriot hand-work Lefkara panels. The souvenirs were presented by the Director of TRNC Ministry of National Education, Department of Education and Training Murad Aktuğ, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Dean of EMU Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan,

EMU STUDENTS ORGANIZES A DAY FILLED WITH FOOD AND MUSIC FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students organized a meaningful event for the students of Rauf Raif Denktaş School for the Visually Impaired. Led by the Chair of EMU Community Involvement Center (CIC) and EMU Faculty of Tourism academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir, the event which included a pizza making

workshop and a guitar recital hosted visually-impaired children.

Fun and Educational Workshop

As part of the event, a pizza workshop was held led by the chef candidates who receive training at the Department of Gastronomy. The fun and educational workshop was also accompanied by a guitar recital. Batuhan Kibritçi, a guitarist from

the EMU Music Club, performed a mini concert for the children in the music room. The event also featured a fun activity where different musical instruments were introduced. EMU students involved in the project stated that the event helped them gain important experience in communicating more effectively with visually impaired children.

“A Significant Experience in terms of Humanitarian Values”

Assist. Prof. Dr. Kandemir mentioned that the event offered EMU students a valuable experience, not just professionally but also in terms of human values. Prof. Dr. Kandemir emphasized that the project aimed to foster the creative abilities of the children. Additionally, Kandemir thanked Ülkü Şah, the coordinator of Rauf Raif Denktaş School for the Visually Impaired, for the ongoing collaboration.

Following the event, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mine Haktanır, the Acting Dean of the EMU Faculty of Tourism, noted that their faculty prioritizes not only academic achievement but also the development of students’ social responsibility. She stressed that they have always supported such initiatives and will continue to do so in the future.

MEANINGFUL RECYCLING PROJECTS FROM DEPARTMENT OF GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students carried out yet another significant project which aimed increasing environmental consciousness and public awareness. The project based on zero waste theme, items created from recycled materials were arranged for the nursing home residents, offering them a morale boost while also promoting awareness about environmental responsibility. During the first event held at the Gazimağusa Ay Işığı Care Home, soaps made from waste oils collected in the EMU Gastronomy Department’s kitchen and compotes made from surplus fruits

supplied by Arkin Iskele Hotel were presented to the nursing home residents. The students explained the recycling process, demonstrated how these products were made, and inspired others with their environmentally friendly approaches. The project resulted in products that benefited both the environment and the community. Another similar project was carried out in an Elder’s Home located in Lapta where the zero waste theme was highlighted. Students gifted soaps made from recycled materials to the residents. The event, enriched with homemade pastries and lively conversations, provided a meaningful experience for both the residents

and participants. Both projects emphasized key messages on sustainability, waste reduction, and community solidarity. Expressing their contentment and satisfaction on successfully carrying out the specified projects, the Chair of EMU Community Involvement Center Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir said; “Through these projects, we aim to contribute to both the community and the environment. Our students have created meaningful awareness by showing how waste can be converted into valuable products through recycling. At EMU, we consistently prioritize sustainability and social responsibility”. Following the event, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Tourism Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mine Haktanır made remarks on the projects, saying; “It is a valuable accomplishment for our Department of Gastronomy students to participate in such meaningful projects, both from an academic and social responsibility perspective. Introducing these recycled products to the nursing home residents helps promote environmental awareness and fosters stronger community solidarity. I sincerely congratulate all the students and our coordinator involved in this project”.

EMU VICE RECTOR PROF. DR. OSMAN M. KARATEPE HOSTS NEW STUDENTS

New students continue to be acquainted with the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) within the scope of the EMU 27th Orientation Days organized with the aim of supporting the new students' adaptation process. In this regard, a group of new students paid a courtesy visit to EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe at his office and received detailed information about EMU.

During the visit, Prof. Dr. Karatepe stressed that EMU is a state university and, pointed out that it is also a world university, having graduated over 76,000 students so far. Prof. Dr. Karatepe also mentioned that EMU's quality has been continuously recognized by several independent ranking bodies, emphasizing the university's achievements in renowned international rankings like Times Higher Education (THE), Shanghai Ranking, and QS.

Stating that EMU offers education with its robust academic staff, Prof. Dr. Karatepe noted that many programs of EMU are accredited by international accreditation bodies. Prof. Dr. Karatepe added that, in 2025, Faculty of Pharmacy has been accredited by ACPE and TEPDAD accreditation in the field of Medicine has also been granted to the university.

Multicultural Environment and Rich Social Life

Prof. Dr. Karatepe underlined that one of the greatest features of EMU, which distinguishes it from other institutions, is its multicultural environment and rich social life. Vice Rector reminded that the



university is a mosaic of cultures with its students from 110 different countries and academic staff from 35 different countries. Prof. Dr. Karatepe stated that having students from diverse cultures learning together plays a significant role in fostering a global vision and helping them acquire an international outlook.

Touching on the open-door policy of the Rector's Office to effectively address students' expectations, Prof. Dr. Karatepe pointed out that a unique platform at EMU has been established, enabling students to share their opinions and suggestions by sending e-mails under the initiative called "Message to the Rector". Moreover, Prof. Dr. Karatepe emphasized that EMU places great importance on students' thoughts and perspectives as part of its commitment

to a pluralistic, democratic, and transparent governance approach.

Giving advice to the new students, Prof. Dr. Karatepe said; "Get the most out of EMU's academic and social opportunities. Along with being a higher education institution, EMU is also a meeting point for diverse cultures, academic achievements and social development. Furthermore, EMU supports not only academic achievement but also students' personal growth. To this end, the university provides a variety of active student clubs where students can explore their interests and talents, along with sports facilities for those who wish to engage in physical activities. Take advantage of all the opportunities available to you throughout your education. Welcome to the EMU family!"

EMU SPRING SEMESTER 27TH ORIENTATION DAYS COMPLETED

Annually organized at the beginning of each academic semester by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate for the new students joining the EMU family with the intention of supporting their adaptation period, the 27th EMU Orientation Days are successfully completed. As part of the orientations days, organized on 7-20 February 2025 with communication sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell (KKTCELL), the students had the chance to support their adaptation process by learning about the university's social, cultural, and academic aspects.

Various Events Held

A variety of activities were held to help new students experience campus life firsthand and adjust more easily. Between 11 and 20 February 2025, the Activity Center hosted movie screenings, karaoke, and game nights, where students not only had a great time but also made new friends.

Tours of the Campus and the City

A city tour of Famagusta was held on 17 February 2025, offering the new students information about the city. On the other hand, on 18 February 2025 at 10:00 a.m., EMU campus tour was held



for the new students who got the opportunity to get familiar with the university campus. The tour commenced from the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate building. During the campus tour, the students visited important spots in campus such as the EMU Özyay Oral Library, Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex and Health Center.

Welcoming Event for New Students

A Welcoming Event was organized on 18 February 2025 at 04:30 p.m. at the EMU Table d'Hote Restaurant. At the event, students got together with other fellow students as well as academic and administrative staff.

"Life in Northern Cyprus" and "Adaptation to University Life" Seminars Held

Organized by the General Directorate of Police, the online seminar "Life in Northern Cyprus" provided new students with valuable information about life on the island. In addition, the online seminar on "Adaptation to University Life" led by Dr. Fatoş Özeylem, Psychologist and Head of the EMU Psychological Counseling, Guidance, and Research Center (PDRAM), aimed to assist students in adjusting to both academic and social life.

EMU MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM WINS THE RAUF RAİF DENKTAŞ CUP



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Men's Volleyball Team became the champion of the Rauf Raif Denktaş Cup organized for the 13th time this year. Competing

against Karpaz Gate Marina (KGM) team on Saturday, 15 February 2025, at Atatürk Sports Hall, EMU team defeated its competitor with a score of 3-0.

"This Success is the Success of All of Us"

Expressing their pride on winning the first cup of the season, EMU Sports Affairs Directorate personnel member Ecevit Savaş Cankat stated; "First and foremost, we are part of a larger whole. We are members of EMU and the EMU Sports Affairs Directorate. This success belongs to our family. We appreciate everyone who contributed, and we will keep working diligently".

Plaques and Medals Presented

After the completion of the matches, a ceremony was held where the referees received commemorative plaques, and the finalist and champion teams were awarded trophies and medals. Ayşen Tansu, a board member of the TRNC Volleyball Federation, presented the commemorative plaques, while Ender Denktaş Vangöl awarded the trophies and medals to the finalist KGM and the champion EMU.

Last Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

Faculty of Education

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Faculty of Dentistry

1- Pourhassan, Behnam, Izzet Sakalli, **Sukru Tuzmen, Xiaoping Shi, and Mir Faizal.** "Higher-Order Corrections on the Denaturation of Homogeneous DNA Thermodynamics." *ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR NATURFORSCHUNG SECTION A-A JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES*, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1515/zna-2024-0200>.

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

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