

## EMU HOSTS IFTAR PROGRAM WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS DR. OSMAN AŞKIN BAK



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted an iftar program with participation of Dr. Osman Aşkın Bak, the Republic of Türkiye, Minister of Youth and Sports. Held at the Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex, the event aimed to foster solidarity and fellowship by gathering in the sacred spirit of Ramadan.

The said program was attended by the President of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ersin Tatar, TR Ambassador to Nicosia Ali Murat Başçeri, TRNC Minister of National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu, EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Cyprus Foundations Association General Director Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, TRNC Presidency Officials, Republic of Türkiye Nicosia Embassy Officials, EMU VYK Members, EMU Vice Rectors, EMU General Secretary, EMU Rector's

Office Coordinators, EMU academic and administrative staff as well as students.

The program commenced with a Quran recitation, followed by opening speeches from Ersin Tatar, President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus; Dr. Osman Aşkın Bak, Minister of Youth and Sports of Türkiye; Nazım Çavuşoğlu, Minister of National Education of the TRNC; and Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Rector of Eastern Mediterranean University.

### “An Important and Special Timeframe”

Commencing his speech at the iftar program by greeting those attending the iftar dinner, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç thanked everyone for their participation. Expressing that Ramadan is not merely about fasting, but also an important and special timeframe reminding us cooperation, sharing and unity, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that by sharing the iftar

in this beautiful atmosphere, participants would reinforce the ties of friendship and brotherhood, thus enhancing the meaning and importance of the day with solidarity and togetherness. Stressing that, with the iftar dinner held, the spiritual significance of Ramadan would be experienced in a deeper level, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that EMU reflects the spirit of unity and wished everyone a Ramadan filled with health, peace and joy.

### “Most Distinguished State University of TRNC”

Conveying his joy on participating the iftar dinner held at EMU and pride to share the same feeling with all the attendees of the event, TRNC Minister of National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu said, “I am delighted to experience this pride with all of you. Welcome to the EMU iftar program, it is a great honor to have you with us”. Underscoring that the month of

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Ramadan is all about sharing, Çavuşoğlu said, “It is crucial for the Muslim world to be strong and united”, and shared his joy in breaking fast together at this iftar event held by the TRNC’s distinguished state university. Minister Çavuşoğlu also highlighted the historical connections of the TRNC, stating, “These lands, where the Mujahideen and Turkish soldiers fought side by side, are our homeland”.

## “Everything for the Youth”

Dr. Osman Aşkın Bak, the Turkish Minister of Youth and Sports, mentioned that his visit to the TRNC was aimed at discussing topics such as dormitory investments and sports facilities, while also meeting with students at the iftar event hosted by EMU. Minister Dr. Bak pointed out that the main purpose of this visit was not just to come together for iftar but to have conversations with students as well. Dr. Bak shared details about the Youth Office planned to be launched at EMU, describing it as a significant project focused on the well-being of young people. Dr. Bak remarked, “Everything is for the youth”, emphasizing that the Youth Office was created with young people in mind. Reflecting on the blessings of Ramadan and the importance of sharing, Dr. Bak highlighted Türkiye’s strength as being vital for the Muslim world. Dr. Bak concluded with, “We have trust in our youth and our country. You are our future. Everything is for a strong Türkiye and a strong TRNC,” reaffirming Türkiye’s unwavering support for the TRNC.



## “TRNC has become a Significant Educational Hub”

Also making remarks at the event, President Ersin Tatar said, “It is a great pleasure to be here with you having iftar dinner with you on this meaningful night”. Tatar pointed out that despite the embargoes and isolation, the TRNC hosts students from 144 different countries, stressing that the TRNC has become a significant educational hub. Reflecting on the resilience of the Turkish Cypriot people, who resisted all forms of attack 60 years ago, Tatar said, “On this special Ramadan evening, I want to express once again how meaningful it is for us to share this iftar meal with you.” Tatar also wished the youth success in their studies and highlighted the importance of lifelong education. Following the speeches, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented a silver plate to Republic of Türkiye

Minister of Youth and Sports Dr. Bak for their contributions. The program continued with Sufi music recital.

## Visits to Various Places

Prior the iftar dinner, Republic of Türkiye Minister of Youth and Sports Dr. Osman Aşkın Bak and the visiting delegation paid a visit to General Directorate of Higher Education Credit and Hostels Institution (KYK) Necmettin Erbakan Dormitory and Youth Office located within the EMU campus.

Accompanying Minister Dr. Bak and the delegation during the visit were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici and EMU Rector’s Office Coordinators.



# TDK CHAIRPERSON PROF. DR. OSMAN MERT TALKS ON “COMMON ALPHABET STUDIES IN TURKIC WORLD” AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organized a conference on “Common Alphabet Studies in Turkic World” on Friday, 14 March 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, Republic of Türkiye, Turkish Language Association (TDK) Chairperson Prof. Dr. Osman Mert attended the event as a guest speaker.

The event was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Director of Atatürk Teacher Academy (AOA) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Güner Konedraı, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Ankara University (AU) Faculty of Language, History and Geography, Turkish Language and Literature Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. Paşa Yavuzarslan, Dean of EMU Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan, department chairs, academic personnel and many students.

## “TRNC Participating in a Common Alphabet Study for the First Time”

Delivering the opening speech of the event, Dean of EMU Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Pehlivan touched on the contributions of TDK Chairperson Prof. Dr. Osman Mert on grammar in TRNC and, that the inclusion of TRNC in a common alphabet is a huge step taken. Moreover, Prof. Dr. Pehlivan provided information on the efforts of EMU Faculty of Education in terms of improving and popularizing the Turkish language.

## “To Enhance the Interaction within the Turkic World”

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underscored the historical and cultural significance of the Turkish language, emphasizing that a unified alphabet would play a key role in laying solid foundations for cultural heritage. Prof. Dr. Kılıç remarked that the common

alphabet would foster scientific, artistic, and economic cooperation.

## “Unity in Other Fields cannot be achieved without Unity in the Alphabet”

Stating that youngsters are assurance of the future, Prof. Dr. Mert said, “You are the entirety of our future”. Pointing out that without achieving unity in the alphabet, unity in other areas cannot be realized, Prof. Dr. Mert stressed that culture is encoded in words and transmitted through them. Prof. Dr. Mert emphasized that the TRNC is a part of the Turkic world, and underlined the significance of the Turkish language with the statement, “Imagine removing Turkish from Anatolia, we would disappear”.

## A Visit after the Event

Following the conference, Prof. Dr. Osman Mert paid a courtesy visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç in his office. During the said visit, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented extensive information regarding EMU and expressed their contentment on hosting Prof. Dr. Mert at EMU. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented a traditional Cypriot Lefkara work embroidery to Prof. Dr. Mert, who in exchange presented a book to Prof. Dr. Kılıç.



# MAYORS DISCUSSED “EQUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE” AT EMU



Within the scope of the “13th International Career Days” annually organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (MIKA), Mayors of Famagusta, Iskele and Lefke participated in a panel held at EMU. Moderated by Assist. Prof. Dr. Burak Ali Çiçek, the event took place on Wednesday, 12 March 2025 at 02:30 p.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. Nicosia Mayor Mehmet Harmancı, Iskele Mayor Hasan Sadıkoğlu and Lefke Mayor Aziz Kaya who are all members of EMU alumni gathered together and discussed the topic of “Equality and Social Justice” during the event which was hosted by the Famagusta Municipality Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay.

Present during the event were TRNC Member of the Parliament Teberrüken Uluçay, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu, Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, academic staff and students.

### “The Experience of Mayors are a Valuable Guide for Students”

In his address, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underscored the vital role of local governments in promoting equality and social justice, emphasizing that mayors’ experiences could serve as a valuable guide for students. Prof. Dr. Kılıç pointed out that local governments are responsible for ensuring equal opportunities for all members of society, distributing resources fairly, and maintaining social justice. He highlighted that the panel provided a meaningful opportunity for students interested in municipal governance and other socially responsible fields.

### “Always Possible to Rise Again After a Fall”

Providing information on municipalism, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay shared his experiences with the participants. In his address to students, Dr. Uluçay spoke about the significance of forgiveness in every aspect of life. Emphasizing that self-forgiveness is the first step, Dr. Uluçay pointed out that individuals should learn to forgive both themselves and others,

reminding them that life is filled with ups and downs and that overcoming setbacks and standing back up is always possible.

### “Lefke is the Oldest Turkish Municipality in Cyprus”

As one of the first graduates of EMU, Aziz Kaya, the Mayor of Lefke, talked about his experiences after graduation. Kaya stated that Lefke is the oldest Turkish municipality in Cyprus, discussing its historical, cultural, and governance importance. Kaya provided significant information on municipalism for students.

### “Being Aware and Resolute is Important”

Nicosia Turkish Municipality Mayor Mehmet Harmancı stressed that he has been advocating for justice and equality since his student days. Harmancı discussed the presence of injustice and social inequality in the country and highlighted the importance of being aware and resolute in tackling these issues. Harmancı provided information on Social Municipalism and underlined that

justice starts with taxation, pointing out the need for reforms in property taxes in Northern Cyprus.

### “Persons with High Ability to Empathize Make an Impact on the Society”

In his speech, Iskele Mayor Hasan Sadıkoğlu provided information about his professional journey after graduating from EMU. Sadıkoğlu explained that municipal governance offers the opportunity to be closely involved with the public, emphasizing that this is an essential aspect of the sector. He noted that individuals with high empathy can have a strong influence on society. Sadıkoğlu shared details about the municipality’s efforts to promote equal opportunities, ensuring they remain connected with the people.

At the end of the panel event, the questions of students were addressed by the panellists. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented appreciation plaques to the moderator and panellists of the event.



# EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY ORGANIZES AN EVENT ON 14 MARCH MEDICINE DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty organized a ceremony on Friday, 14 March 2025 at 12:30 p.m. at EMU Atatürk Square on the occasion of Medicine Day which is annually observed on the 14th of March. The Medicine Day celebrates the contributions of healthcare professionals, acknowledges the challenges they encounter, and emphasizes their impact on science and society.

The ceremony was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Salih Katırcıoğlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty's Acting Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yasin Kurt, EMU Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department Chair Prof. Dr. Mitat Koz, academic staff members and students.

Following the observance of A Minute of Silence and National Anthem, Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç and Acting Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu placed a wreath in front of the Atatürk bust at the Atatürk Square. The ceremony continued with the speech of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty student representative Arda Özgöz who touched on the history of Medicine Day and underscored that medicine is a profession that requires not just knowledge and skills, but also conscience, patience, and compassion for people. Offering his sincere wishes to all healthcare workers who devote their knowledge and effort to safeguarding human health on 14 March – Medicine Day, Özgöz expressed his hope that healthcare professionals receive the recognition and rewards they deserve for their dedication and hard work.

### “Make the Most of Your Professors’ Experiences and Knowledge”

Making remarks at the ceremony, Acting Dean of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu expressed that the faculty celebrated the 14 March – Medicine Day with great pride along with its accreditation awarded in the field of Medical Education. Emphasizing the importance of Medicine Day by saying, “14 March is a significant date in Türkiye, as it marks the establishment of modern medical education and the founding of the country’s first medical schools”, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu stated that they commemorated Dr. Fazıl Küçük, one of the



significant founding members of TRNC, on this special day. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu gave professional advice to the faculty students, urging them to “make the most of your professors’ the experience and knowledge”. Noting that this year marks the first time Medicine Day is celebrated with sports activities, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu explained that they aimed to emphasize the close relationship between health and sports. Güzoğlu also touched on the issue of violence in healthcare and wished all healthcare professionals a happy Medicine Day.

### “We are Grateful to the Healthcare Professionals”

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç also delivered a speech, highlighting the importance of this special day in recognizing the devoted work of healthcare professionals. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that health is one of the most vital values in human life and expressed his gratitude to all healthcare professionals who work selflessly to protect, improve, and enhance health and quality of life. Acknowledging the rapid progress in the medical field, Prof. Dr. Kılıç pointed out that the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, through the Marmara University Joint Medical

Program, educates doctors who stay abreast of scientific developments, have strong ethical principles, and effectively utilize technology. He also stated that Medicine Day is a valuable opportunity to appreciate the efforts of healthcare workers and raise health awareness in society. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by wishing a happy Medicine Day to all healthcare professionals.

### 14 March Medicine Day Message from EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk

The ceremony concluded with a message from Dr. Erdal Özçenk, President of the EMU Board of Trustees (VYK). In his message for 14 March Medicine Day, Dr. Özçenk congratulated the future doctors and healthcare workers on this significant occasion. Dr. Özçenk expressed his confidence that young professionals, who take on the responsibility of safeguarding and sustaining human health in the light of medicine, will become strong physicians who will lead public health, guided by science. Dr. Özçenk also reiterated the sacredness and honour of the medical profession, wishing all healthcare workers who pursue this path with dedication and perseverance a successful career.



## EMU DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS PRESENTS A PAPER AT INTERNATIONAL NECMETTİN ERBAKAN SYMPOSIUM ON SCIENCE, CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Business presented two papers at the International Necmettin Erbakan Symposium on Science, Culture and Development organized in Konya in collaborations of Necmettin Erbakan University (NEU) and Konya Plain Project (KOP).

During the symposium which was held at the Necmettin Erbakan University, the symposium, the paper titled “Two ‘Fair Order’: An Analysis on Necmettin Erbakan and Süleyman Karagülle’s Fair Order Theories” written by the Chair of EMU Department of Business Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burak Erkut and Cyprus Evkaf Administration General Director Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer was presented in the fair order session by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erkut. The report presented both the economic perspectives of Karagülle and Erbakan, as well as the ideological and methodological principles behind the concept of a just order.

On the other hand, “The Impact of Industrial Production on Economic Growth: New Empirical Evidence for Turkey within the Framework of Material Development” paper written by the Department of Business academic staff member and EMU



Board of Trustees, Financial and Economic Affairs Counsellor Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murad Kayacan and research assistant Ali Dođdu was presented in development themed session by Ali Dođdu. The study,

utilizing time series analysis, assessed the impact of Erbakan’s heavy industry push on the economy. The 11-session symposium features total of 42 guest speakers, 30 of which from Türkiye and the remaining 12 from abroad.

### News from Our Alumni

#### EMU GRADUATE ATIL BERK – A COMMUNICATION PROFESSIONAL STEERING THE GLOBAL BRANDS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Public Relations and Advertising Department graduate Atıl Berk makes an indelible impression with his achievements. With the solid foundation he built through the theoretical and practical education at EMU, Berk now creates strategic projects for global brands in marketing and corporate communication. Leveraging the knowledge and experience gained during his university years, he has specialized in communication strategies, brand management, and event planning. Berk highlights that project-based courses, graduation projects, and active student involvement at EMU played a crucial role in preparing him for the professional world.

#### A Broad Range of Expertise

Atıl Berk started his career in the communication industry by taking on key roles at several agencies and corporate organizations. With a broad range of

expertise in media relations, crisis communication, internal communication, and brand identity, he is now advancing his career as a corporate and marketing communications manager. Berk has held senior positions at prominent companies such as OPPO Türkiye, DIAS Corporate Group, and Re-Pie Asset Management. He is currently the Marketing Group Manager for the brands Realme, Tineco, and Ecovacs.

#### “Laid a Solid Foundation for Me”

Atıl Berk emphasized that the education and experiences he received at EMU played a crucial role in preparing him for his professional journey. Berk expressed his gratitude for EMU and said, “Eastern Mediterranean University Public Relations and Advertising Department laid a solid foundation for my development, both in theory and practice. Beyond making some of the best friendships and spending memorable years, the department provided me with valuable skills in areas like communication strategies, brand management, event management, integrated marketing, and a wide array of elective



courses. Moreover, through project-based courses, graduation projects, and the active roles I took within the university, I had the chance to prepare myself for the real business world”.

# NEW PRACTITIONERS COMMENCE PROVIDING SERVICES AT EMU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY CLINICS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Dentistry continues to enhance the quality of its services with the addition of new practitioners to its clinics. Specialist Endodontist Dr. Dt. İlkin Şemi Boyana, Dr. Mustafa Alp Boyana and Dr. Berk Karadağlıoğlu who have recently commenced admitting patients, aim to provide high standard health services.

## “EMU Clinics Offer an Opportunity to Experience a Multidisciplinary Environment”

In her remarks, Specialist Endodontist (Root Canal Treatment) Dr. Dt. İlkin Şemi Boyana underscored that working at EMU clinics offer an opportunity to experience a multidisciplinary environment.

Dr. Dt. Şemi Boyana said, “Along with providing services to university staff and students, we also serve the entire island. All our equipment and clinics are supplied by EMU, making it a great convenience for both our team and our patients”.

## “With the Multidisciplinary Approach, We Attain Solution-Oriented Results at EMU”

Dt. Mustafa Alp Boyana also made a statement, stating that they attain solution-oriented results in every case through a multidisciplinary approach at EMU.

Dt. Boyana said, “EMU clinics provides us with all necessary facilities and our aim is to deliver the most suitable care to the patient”.

## “At EMU Clinics, We Use Advanced Diagnostic and Treatment Methods”

Another newly joint member of EMU Clinics, Dr. Berk Karadağlıoğlu expressed that they provide high standard healthcare services to patients thanks to the advanced

technology and multidisciplinary approach EMU provides to them. Underlining that they use advanced diagnostic and treatment methods there at EMU Clinics, Dr. Karadağlıoğlu said, “We utilize panoramic and radiological tests to evaluate our patients accurately. Our aim is to offer the best personalized solution for each patient, helping them achieve healthy and aesthetically pleasing smiles”.

## Faculty Members Also Admit Patients at the EMU Clinics

Dean of EMU Faculty of Dentistry Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak and EMU Faculty of Dentistry academic staff member

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Işıl Özgül Kalyoncu continues to see patients at EMU Clinics.

## Access to Faculty Clinics

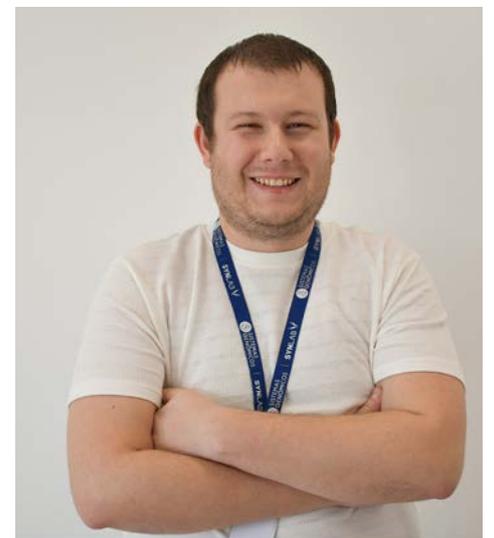
EMU Faculty of Dentistry provides the opportunity for dentists who are registered with the Cyprus Turkish Medical Association (CTMA) and hold citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to use its clinics. TRNC citizen dentists can apply to the EMU Faculty of Dentistry Dean’s Office to access the clinics. Individuals interested in receiving services at the EMU Dental Clinics can schedule an appointment by calling +90 533 824 43 43 or +90 392 630 32 60.



Dr. Dt. İlkin ŞEMİ BOYANA



Dt. Mustafa Alp BOYANA



Dt. Berk KARADAĞLIOĞLU

## EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ'S 14 MARCH MEDICINE DAY MESSAGE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç released a message on 14 March – Medicine Day. The message by Prof. Dr. Kılıç reads as follows:

“Every year in our country, the 14th of March is observed as ‘Medicine Day’ to honour the dedicated work of healthcare professionals. This special day is celebrated with various different events. Undoubtedly, health is one of the most essential values for humanity and a cornerstone of every society. Leading a healthy life is the greatest aspiration and wish for all of us. We are truly grateful to all the doctors, nurses, healthcare technicians, and every individual working in the healthcare sector who tirelessly work to protect, improve, and enhance human health, saving lives with immense dedication and sacrifice.

Doctors and all healthcare professionals in the health sector engage in some of the most demanding, selfless, and responsibility-laden professions in the world. Especially our doctors, along with all healthcare professionals, selflessly serve day and night for public health, doing everything they can to provide healing in our most challenging moments. As one of the professions that have the greatest impact on human life, healthcare workers sacrifice their personal time and moments with their families daily to save lives.

The field of medicine is one that continuously evolves and progresses with new information every day. In order to support this advancement, we are committed to educating our students, who will be the future healthcare professionals, by equipping them with scientific knowledge and ethical values, shaping them into individuals who will contribute to humanity. Within our university, the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, through the Marmara University Joint Medical Program, trains high-quality doctors who are aware of global health issues, inquisitive, closely follow developments in science, contribute to



universal knowledge production, and possess strong ethical consciousness, analytical skills, and the ability to transform technology into knowledge.

14 March, Medicine Day, provides a great opportunity to appreciate the efforts of our healthcare professionals and raise awareness in society about the significance of

healthcare services. Reaffirming our commitment to working together for a healthier society, I extend my sincere appreciation to all doctors, healthcare professionals, and staff in this field at our university, and students who will become future healthcare professionals, on the occasion of Medicine Day. I wish all our citizens health, happiness, and peace.”

Fedakarca çalışan  
Tüm Doktorlarımızın ve Sağlık Çalışanlarımızın  
**14 Mart Tıp Bayramı'nı**  
**En İçten Dileklerle**  
**Kutlarm**

*On the Occasion of*  
**14 March, Medicine Day,**  
**I express My Deepest Gratitude**  
*to Our Dedicated Physicians and Healthcare Professionals*

**Prof. Dr. Hasan KILIÇ**  
Rektör | Rector

# 18 MARCH ÇANAKKALE VICTORY AND COMMEMORATION DAY OF MARTYRS EVENT HELD AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) and EMU Atatürk Ideology Club (ADK) organized a “18 March Çanakkale Victory and Commemoration Day of Martyrs” event on Tuesday, 18 March 2025 at Rector’s Office building.

The event which commenced with observation of A Minuet of Silence and National Anthem, was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Salih Katırcıoğlu, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, academic and administrative staff and, students.

As part of the event, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU ATAUM academic staff member Dr. Devran Kaya and the Chair of EMU ADK Yağmur Gözder delivered speeches.

## “One of the Biggest Examples of Patriotism and Sacrifice”

During her speech at the ceremony, Chair of the EMU ADK Yağmur Gözder highlighted that the 18 March Çanakkale Victory stands as a legendary chapter in history. Gözder emphasized that this victory was not merely a battle but a profound demonstration of faith, patriotism, and selflessness. Gözder also noted that the spirit of Çanakkale continues to symbolize national unity and solidarity, underscoring the importance of preserving this legacy and protecting the nation’s core values as a fundamental duty.

## “Symbol of Turkish Nation’s Fight for Independence”

EMU ATAUM academic staff member Dr. Devran Kaya also delivered a speech on the 110th year anniversary of Çanakkale Victory, stating that it has become a huge turning point



for world history and Türkiye. Dr. Kaya pointed out that the Çanakkale Victory, won under the leadership of Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, became a symbol of the Turkish nation’s fight for independence and reinforced the National Struggle. He also highlighted that the Battle of Çanakkale serves as a testament to the Turkish people’s resilience, driven by faith and sacrifice. In his speech, Dr. Kaya paid tribute to all of our martyrs, especially Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, with respect and gratitude.

## “We will strive to contribute to the Future of the Country”

In his remarks, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that the Çanakkale Victory was a pivotal moment in history where the Turkish nation not only made its mark but also forged a heroic legacy. Pointing out that this victory was not merely a military achievement, but a symbol of the nation’s fight for independence and freedom, Prof. Dr. Kılıç described Çanakkale as a powerful example of the unity and heroism of the Turkish people. He also highlighted the bravery of Turkish Cypriots who participated in the Battle of Çanakkale and their efforts to support prisoners of war, reflecting the nation’s spirit of sacrifice. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by stating that, as a university, they will continue to contribute to the country’s future by educating young people who are aware of this proud history, and he paid tribute to all martyrs and



veterans, especially Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, with deep respect and gratitude.

The event concluded with a musical recital by Music Teaching Undergraduate Program students Selen Beyaz and Cenkay Vudalı guided by Music Teaching Undergraduate Program academic personnel Dr. Destine Talu Wera.



# EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ RELEASES A STATEMENT ON 18 MARCH ÇANAKKALE VICTORY AND COMMEMORATION OF MARTYRS DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç released a statement on the 110th anniversary of 18 March – Çanakkale Victory and Commemoration of Martyrs Day. In the statement emphasizing the gratitude and respect for the Çanakkale Victory, a key moment in the Turkish nation's fight for independence, and the heroic martyrs who gave their lives to achieve this victory, Prof. Dr. Kılıç made the following remarks:

“Today, with great enthusiasm and pride, we mark the 110th anniversary of the Çanakkale Victory, a pivotal moment in which the Turkish nation made its mark in history and forged a legendary tale of heroism. 18 March 1915, stands as a symbol of our nation's unparalleled resistance, determination, and courage in defending our homeland. The battle

at Çanakkale was not merely a military victory, but also a testament to our nation's fight for independence and freedom.

The Çanakkale Victory, a crucial turning point in world history, demonstrated to the world that even nations with the latest military technology, massive fleets, and vast colonial empires could be defeated. By achieving this victory, the Turkish nation's unwavering determination to protect its existence and independence for eternity was reaffirmed to the world. This triumph is a tangible example of the heroism of the Turkish soldier and the Turkish people's ability to overcome any challenge through unity and solidarity.

The Çanakkale Victory, a great triumph won through the brilliance and foresight of Anafartalar Group Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Mustafa Kemal, the unforgettable



hero of the Çanakkale Campaign, holds immense importance in Turkish history. This victory not only spread Mustafa Kemal's success nationwide and sowed the seeds of unwavering confidence in him but also paved the way for his future role as the leader of the Independence War. Mustafa Kemal's command to the soldiers with depleted ammunition to 'fix bayonets' and his iconic words 'I do not order you to attack, I order you to die' have been engraved in history

The Çanakkale Victory, in which a group of Turkish Cypriots courageously participated on the Turkish front, is not just a part of our past but remains an inspiring legacy. Turkish Cypriots also set a remarkable example of dedication by offering significant help to the Çanakkale war prisoners brought to our island from the motherland. As Eastern Mediterranean University, we will continue to do our part in educating our youth with a deep understanding of this glorious history and in contributing to the future of our nation. On this momentous day, the 110th anniversary of the Çanakkale Victory, I respectfully and gratefully honor all the martyrs and veterans who defended our homeland, especially Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, and I wish for the enduring unity and solidarity of the Turkish nation.”



## EMU VICE RECTOR PROF. DR. OSMAN M. KARATEPE RELEASES A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF EMU-ATAUM ON 18 MARCH ÇANAKKALE VICTORY AND COMMEMORATION OF MARTYRS DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU)  
Vice Rector for Academic Affairs

Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe released a statement on behalf of EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) on the 110th anniversary of 18 March, Çanakkale Victory and Commemoration of Martyrs Day. The statement reads as follows:

“The Republic of Türkiye, which has been evolving for more than a century and holds significant influence worldwide, was founded through a monumental struggle led by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. The turning point of this struggle was the Çanakkale Battles, which consisted of naval, land, and minor air operations, and it ignited the first spark of the National Struggle. The Çanakkale Naval Victory of 18 March, 1915, holds a distinguished place in Turkish history as the first major victory won by the Ottoman Empire, once described as the ‘sick man’ by Europe, after a long period. It was a battle of life and death, where the strength of the Turks and Mustafa Kemal was demonstrated with a resounding victory over the great powers. Mustafa Kemal had the opportunity to showcase his military genius and leadership qualities in Çanakkale, earning a special place in the heart of the Turkish nation. The Çanakkale Victory also paved the way for the War of Independence, the founding of

the Republic, and the reforms that followed. The Turkish nation, after the collapse of their previous way of life, rebuilt everything from the ground up in a completely new and revitalized system, guided by the visionary leadership of Mustafa Kemal.

The Çanakkale Victory, born from immense struggle and faith, marks a pivotal moment in world history. It demonstrated to the world that even overseas colonial empires with the most advanced weapons and enormous navies could be defeated. Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary at the time, highlighted the historical significance of the Çanakkale Victory, stating, “No event in history has nullified plans and forecasts, disrupted decisions, or broken strategic rules as much as the Çanakkale Battle”.

The impact of this significant conflict on Cyprus unfolded in a unique manner. Unfortunately, the reunion of Turkish Cypriots, who harbored the belief that one day they would reunite with Turkish administration, with the Turks who arrived from the mainland after a long time occurred under bitter circumstances when Turkish prisoners of war from the Çanakkale battles were brought to the Karakol Prison Camp in Famagusta by the British authorities. These Turkish prisoners endeavored to



break free from captivity and reach Anatolia before being apprehended by the British. The primary support and assistance in this endeavor originated from within the Turkish Cypriot community. We hold deep respect and gratitude for the Turkish Cypriots who selflessly supported the Çanakkale war prisoners brought from the mainland.

On the 110th anniversary of the Çanakkale Victory, we commemorate with gratitude and reverence our Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and his comrades, who achieved a great victory for the Turkish nation. We also commemorate our martyrs who lost their lives while fighting for our country, with our deepest appreciation, gratitude and longing.”

## EMU FACULTY OF LAW MAKES STATEMENT ON 15 MARCH - WORLD CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY

Within the scope of Consumer Rights Day and under the leadership of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Law academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Emine Koçano Rodoslu, students of Consumer Law course taught in Private Law Master’s and Doctoral programs, released a statement titled “Get Stronger with Consumer Rights” with the aim of emphasizing the importance of consumer rights.

### “Get Stronger with Consumer Rights!”

In 1985, the United Nations designated 15th of March as “World Consumer Rights Day” by adopting the Universal Declaration of Consumer Rights. The declaration, also accepted that year, acknowledged key rights such as the right to fulfil basic needs, the right to health and safety protection, the right to safeguard economic interests, the right to be informed, the right to education, the right to compensation, the right to



representation, and the right to live in a healthy environment.

The goods and services we buy in our daily lives make us consumers. Therefore, it is our societal responsibility to act thoughtfully by being aware of our rights. Gaining awareness as consumers and standing up for our rights when needed makes our purchases of goods and services safer and more equitable. It is our basic

right to ensure that the products and services we receive are trustworthy, that we are properly informed, and that we are protected from misleading practices.

The key to protecting consumer rights is educating consumers. In today’s world, ensuring that consumption is as informed and responsible as production plays a vital role in the development and advancement of nations. “Consumer Rights are a Right for all!”

## AIESEC EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REPRESENTATIVES SHARED THEIR VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCES ABROAD

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) representatives of International Association of Students in Economics and Business (AIESEC) and AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean members shared insight on their experiences of volunteering projects abroad. Under AIESEC, one of the world's largest student volunteer organizations, these projects bring together cultural exchange and social impact, playing a key role in students' personal and academic growth.

### Volunteering Experience in Tunisia

EMU Faculty of Pharmacy student Melek Deniz who participated in volunteering projects of AIESEC for 1.5 months in Tunisia, shared her experiences. Stating that she had the opportunity to discover the rich culture and history of Tunisia during the process, Deniz said, "I had the chance to explore the beautiful cities, ancient ruins, and welcoming people of Tunisia first-hand. The relationships I developed with local communities and the cultural exchanges with fellow volunteers deepened my passion for volunteering and fostering intercultural understanding".

On the other hand, EMU Faculty of Education, Department of English Language Teaching student Ayse Ecem Korkmaz expressed that she had unforgettable memories with her students whom she taught

English language to, in Tunisia. Stating that she had great satisfaction when her students began speaking in English, Korkmaz said, "That day was one of the most special days I spent in Tunisia. During this experience, there were times I struggles and times when I cried with joy. As a future English language teacher, this first step holds great importance for me".

An Unforgettable Experience in Sri Lanka Through the agency of AIESEC, Ecem Kazan from EMU Faculty of Pharmacy, took part in a volunteering project in Sri Lanka. Kazan said that the project was a life-changing experience for her. Stating that she had great joy in helping children, discovering new cultures and bonding with different people, Kazan said, "This experience became something unforgettable with the precious memories I created for both others and myself".

### About AIESEC

Since its establishment in 1948, AIESEC has grown into one of the largest student organizations globally, providing young individuals with opportunities to enhance their leadership abilities, engage in cultural exchange programs, and gain international experience. With a presence in over 100 countries, AIESEC focuses on contributing



to the professional and personal growth of youth through international internships and volunteer projects.

### AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean

AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean, the only local branch of AIESEC in Northern Cyprus, has been active since 1992, providing young individuals with opportunities for international exchange, leadership, and career development. In line with AIESEC's global mission, the organization helps young people enhance their leadership abilities and gain international experience. Through its independent and neutral approach, it continues to strengthen the cultural awareness and professional development of youth in Northern Cyprus.



## AIESEC EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN EDUCATION AND MOTIVATION CONGRESS COMPLETED

AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean held its annual "AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean Education and Motivation Congress" on 15-16 March 2025 in Iskele. Taking part with contributions of the Municipality of Iskele, the congress was completed with a busy program. The congress was also attended by Baran Ensarioğlu, the Youth-Oriented Marketing Director of AIESEC Türkiye.

The Chair of AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean Belemir Aydın made remarks on the purpose of the congress and said, "Our goal was to enable our new members to understand the AIESEC culture, connect with one another, and enhance their skills in their respective areas. Moreover, we aimed to expand participants' perspectives through the speakers we invited, support their growth with technical skill training, and ensure they are fully prepared for the objectives we will focus on throughout the year".



### 6 Students Got Internship Opportunity

Organized with great support provided by EMU and referred as the biggest local congress of the last few years, the event was attended by 51 AIESEC members. Following the congress, AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean has been working tirelessly

and, managed to increase the number of students securing internship opportunities abroad to six by March, They also mentioned that they are continuing efforts on various projects, events, and seminars. Interested students can either visit the AIESEC office at EMU or stop by the booths set up around the university.

# EMU DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOTHERAPY AND REHABILITATION MAKES A STATEMENT ON 9-15 MARCH PULMONARY REHABILITATION WEEK

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Health Sciences Faculty, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. İlker Yatar made a statement regarding the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week.

Said statement reads as follows:

## “Let’s Strengthen the Respiratory Health”

### “Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week: Let’s Strengthen the Respiratory Health!”

Observed every year on the second week of March, the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week aims to create awareness on chronic respiratory diseases within the community, as well as underscoring the importance of Pulmonary Rehabilitation (PR). Although the efficiency and benefits of pulmonary rehabilitation has been recorded, the number of centers in our country and all around the world are rather low and, the patients’ accessibility rates to these centers are limited. Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Health Sciences strives its efforts to raise awareness and support public health.

### “What is Pulmonary Rehabilitation?”

PR is a comprehensive, science-based program aimed at enhancing respiratory function, improving quality of life, and supporting the management of respiratory diseases. It is designed for individuals with conditions such as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), asthma, Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD), Pulmonary Hypertension, Cystic Fibrosis, post-COVID syndrome, and those undergoing lung surgery or

transplantation. The program is personalized based on a detailed assessment of the patient’s medical history, symptoms, exercise capacity, quality of life, and psychological well-being.

### “Exercise is An Inseparable Part of Training!”

Exercise training which is a core element of PR, focuses on improving patients’ cardiovascular endurance, muscle strength, and respiratory capacity. Furthermore, patients are educated on:

- Effective breathing techniques,
- Energy conservation methods,
- The significance of adhering to treatment.

The program includes initiatives that encourage behavioural changes, such as smoking cessation, enhancing physical activity, and developing healthy eating habits.

### “Psychological Support is Also a Must!”

Chronic respiratory diseases like COPD impact not only physical health but also mental well-being. Conditions such as anxiety and depression can reduce patients’ quality of life. To address this, PR programs offer counselling and psychosocial support to enhance mental health and overall well-being.

### “PR’s Contributions to Health are Immense”

- Enables patients to carry out daily tasks with reduced shortness of breath.
- Improves respiratory muscle strength and overall physical stamina.
- Lowers the number of hospital admissions and frequency of flare-ups.



- Improves quality of life by simplifying symptom management.

### “Efficiency of PR by the Virtue of Scientific Evidence”

Global health guidelines highlight the importance of incorporating PR as the standard treatment for chronic respiratory conditions. Research has demonstrated that PR enhances exercise tolerance, decreases hospital admissions, and allows patients to carry out daily activities with greater ease.

### “EMU’s Contribution to Public Health!”

In line with its mission of protecting and improving public health, Eastern Mediterranean University, Health Sciences Faculty continues to carry out awareness projects within the scope of Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week. It’s important to remember that preventing the onset of a disease is more effective and easier than treating it. Educating the community about the risk factors and prevention strategies for chronic respiratory diseases is essential for the development of healthy generations.

Lastly, remember to take these steps to maintain your respiratory health and enhance your quality of life:

- Engage in regular physical activity,
- Quit smoking,
- Maintain a balanced and healthy diet,
- Benefit from professional support opportunities such as Pulmonary Rehabilitation.
- A healthier breath and a much more active life are possible with Pulmonary Rehabilitation!

# EMU DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS RELEASES A STATEMENT ON WORLD KIDNEY DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Mùjgan Öztürk released a statement on World Kidney Day. The statement reads as follows:

## “Protect Your Kidney with Mediterranean Diet”

“Every year, the second Thursday of March is observed as the World Kidney Day. The purpose of this day is to increase awareness on kidney health and kidney-related diseases. Globally, 843.6 million people suffer from kidney disease, affecting one in every ten individuals. In the TRNC, screenings among the adult population indicate a 14.1% prevalence of chronic kidney disease. Studies show that men are more affected than women, and among those diagnosed, 68.3% also have hypertension, while 53.5% suffer from diabetes.

The theme set for the World Kidney Day 2025 is ‘Are your kidneys OK? Detect early, protect kidney health’. Moreover, by 2040, kidney diseases are projected to become the 5th leading cause of reduced healthy life expectancy, surpassing diabetes. It has been highlighted that early diagnosis and effective policies can help mitigate the financial and emotional burden of kidney failure worldwide while enhancing overall quality of life.

Nutrition plays a critical role in both prevention and treatment of kidney diseases. The first step in kidney related diseases is to increase the variety of food included in our diet and to healthily consume different food groups. Numerous different research indicates that the Mediterranean diet



which is rich in whole grains, olive oil, greens, vegetables and fruits, fish and legumes and, low-fat dairy products, on the other hand low in red meat, saturated fats and sugar, plays a protective role against kidney diseases. Therefore, Cyprus as a Mediterranean island, should incorporate Mediterranean diet into its lifestyle.

To maintain kidney health, it is vital to focus on regulating blood sugar and blood pressure. We can achieve this by sticking to regular mealtimes, opting for fiber-rich foods, ensuring sufficient vegetable intake at each meal, including whole grains in our diet, adopting the Mediterranean diet, and steering clear of sugary foods and drinks, all of which help manage blood sugar and protect kidney health.

Another important factor is salt intake. Reducing the amount of salt, we

consume daily helps regulate blood pressure and eases the workload on the kidneys, which are responsible for maintaining sodium balance in the body. A large portion of our daily salt intake comes from purchased foods. For this reason, we should pay attention to food labels, opt for low-salt or salt-free versions of products like cheese, halloumi, and olives, and avoid pickled and brined foods. Adding flavor to meals with herbs and lemon instead of salt can also help reduce our overall salt consumption.

A regular lifestyle is just as essential for kidney health as a balanced diet. To protect against kidney diseases, key steps include not smoking, limiting alcohol intake if we consume it, getting 7-8 hours of sleep every night, losing excess weight, and staying physically active.”

## EMU DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOTHERAPY AND REHABILITATION RELEASES A STATEMENT ON “21 MARCH - WORLD DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY”

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Ünal Değer released a statement on “21 March – World Down Syndrome Awareness Day”. The statement by Assist. Prof. Dr. Değer reads as follows:

“The United Nations has designated 21st of March as World Down Syndrome Awareness Day to promote global awareness and sensitivity toward Down syndrome (DS). This special day is observed annually with various activities in our country, just like in many parts of the world. During these events, the issues faced by individuals with DS and their families are highlighted, multidisciplinary solutions are offered, essential rights like healthcare and education are discussed, and the steps needed to help these individuals become productive, fully integrated members of society are explored.

Down syndrome is a genetic difference caused by the presence of an extra chromosome in the 21st pair of the 23 pairs of chromosomes. DS is not a disease and is not hereditary. While the exact causes are not completely known, it is believed that factors such as advanced maternal age, a history of DS in previous pregnancies, chromosomal disorders in one parent, certain medications used by the mother, vitamin deficiencies, hormonal or viral influences, and smoking may contribute.

People with DS may show both functional and structural differences. Typical facial features include a single line on the palm, a noticeable gap between the first and second toes, small hands and feet, a small mouth and nose, a flat nose, and upward-slanting eyes. Other frequently observed characteristics include muscle weakness due to low muscle tone, joint hypermobility, loose connective tissue, balance issues, mild to moderate obesity, and variations in intellectual development.

Individuals with DS are more likely to experience certain medical issues, such as heart conditions, hearing and vision problems, thyroid disorders, respiratory difficulties, and gastrointestinal diseases. However, it is important to remember that

some individuals with DS may not face any of these health concerns.

### Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation in People with Down syndrome

Children with Down syndrome have the same fundamental needs as other children. They seek to explore their environment, play, learn, and have fun. To help them succeed, the support of healthcare professionals like special education teachers, physiotherapists, and occupational therapists is vital. While special education has long been provided for individuals with DS, physiotherapy and rehabilitation have become increasingly important in recent years for enhancing their quality of life.

Starting physiotherapy at an early age has a highly positive effect on the development of individuals with Down syndrome. Physiotherapy and rehabilitation, when initiated from infancy, play a crucial role in helping individuals with DS engage in social life. Physiotherapists make significant contributions in four main areas: speeding up gross motor development, improving hand skills, preventing or correcting balance and coordination issues, and boosting respiratory function.

The physiotherapy process starts with a comprehensive evaluation. The individual’s current condition is assessed,



the expectations of both the family and the individual are determined, and a tailored physiotherapy program is then developed accordingly.

### Social Consciousness and Inclusion

Raising social awareness is essential for the participation of individuals with Down syndrome in education, gaining employment, integrating as productive members of society, and living independently. This awareness should be fostered not just by healthcare professionals, but by building consciousness throughout all areas of society.

Every person with Down syndrome has the right to lead a meaningful life and be an equal member of a compassionate society. With this understanding, we aspire to build a more inclusive society both in our country and globally”.



## EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM STUDENTS CONTRIBUTE TO FISHING INDUSTRY AND MARINE CULTURE FROM BAFRA TO HATAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Program students carried out “Fishermen’s Day” and “Sushi Day” projects with the purpose of celebrating marine culture and increasing the interaction between the locals and fishermen. Projects aimed to put an emphasis on the place of sea food within the local culture and to add value to the fishermen.

### Special Events held for Fishermen’s Day

The “Fishermen’s Day” event was held in the Famagusta/Bafra region of Cyprus and the Hatay/Samandağ area of Türkiye. The event included a variety of activities, such as fishing, watching the process of squid cleaning, and making sushi. EMU Tourism Faculty students had the opportunity to spend time with the fishermen, learn from their experiences, and acquire

hands-on knowledge about seafood processing.

### Breaking down the Prejudices of Locals against Sea Food was aimed

The “Sushi Day” project held in Bafra showcased the flavours of Asian cuisine. Participants caught fresh squid during the event, which was then used in sushi preparation. The project aimed to challenge the local community’s biases against seafood and expose them to new tastes. The positive feedback received afterward demonstrated that the project fulfilled its objective.

### Chair of EMU Community

Involvement Center and project coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir stated that the events hold great significance in terms of social solidarity and preservation of cultural heritage. Kandemir expressed that the projects not only offered



gastronomic experiences but also enhanced respect for the work of local fishermen, while helping pass down their knowledge and expertise to future generations.

On the other hand, EMU Faculty of Tourism Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı highlighted that these types of projects play a crucial role in preserving local culture, fostering respect for seafood, and allowing the community to discover diverse cultural flavours.



## EMU SENIOR MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM COMPLETES THE SEASON AS CHAMPIONS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Senior Men's Volleyball Team grabbed a slice of history in the 2024-2025 season. During the second match of the Play-off final series held on 17 March 2025 at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports complex, EMU Senior Men's Volleyball Team defeated Karpaz Gate Marina (KGM) Team with a score of 3-1 and became the champion of the season.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşiçi and EMU Sports Affairs Directorate Coordinator Aydın Kayol were amongst the audience watching the match.

### “Champion Eastern Mediterranean University”

Expressing his contentment of the achievement of the team, EMU Sports Affairs Directorate personnel member Ecevit Savaş said, “We've secured the

second cup of the season for the EMU family. I have the utmost respect for my team and their dedication. The effort they put in without expecting anything in return is invaluable. Being a coach for this team is truly a joy. I sincerely congratulate all of my athletes. I'm so proud of you, champion Eastern Mediterranean University!” In his remarks on the topic, EMU Sports Affairs Directorate Coordinator Aydın Kayol congratulated the team by saying, “Senior Men's Volleyball Champion - EMU!”

### Awards Ceremony

At the award ceremony held following the competition, commemorative plaques were handed to the referees by Devrim Alibaba, a Board Member of the Volleyball Federation. The second-place awards were presented to the Karpaz Gate Marina (KGM) team by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan



Kılıç, while the championship cup and awards were given to the EMU Men's Volleyball Team by Enver Kaya, President of the Volleyball Federation.





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