

EMU 27TH SPRING FESTIVAL TO COMMENCE

Festival. The 27th edition of the Spring Festival will take place on 14-17 May 2025 at EMU campus, with the theme "Let's Bloom". The 4-day long 27th Spring Festival will be held in communication sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell and media sponsorship of NRG Creative.

The festival will feature various events including numerous talks with participation of prominent names from Türkiye and, social, cultural and sports activities as well as competitions. As part of the 27th Spring Festival, booths will be set around the EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium, offering food and beverage services, sales and promotion, along with other booths by Student Council, Student Clubs and International Student Societies.

Festival to Commence with a Parade

The 27th Spring Festival will begin on Wednesday, 14 May 2025 at 05:30 p.m. with a parade commencing from the Famagusta Development Center (MAGEM) and ending at the university campus. Following the parade, an opening ceremony will be held at 07:00 p.m. at the Festival Area. Within the scope of the opening ceremony, Search and Rescue Club (EMU-SAR) will perform a High Line Descent show.

Members of EMU will Get Carried Away with Concerts

Within the scope of the EMU 27th Spring Festival, numerous artists will perform, bringing joy to the festival. On Wednesday, 14 May 2025, the first day of the festival, one of Türkiye's famous artists Mabel Matiz will take on the stage at 10:00 p.m.,

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED

EMU AND ADANA ALPARSLAN TÜRKİŞ SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY SIGN A PROTOCOL FOR ORGANIZING JOINT CONGRESS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Adana Alparslan Türkeş Science and Technology University signed a protocol for organizing a joint congress. The protocol was signed on Friday, 25 April 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at EMU Rector's Office by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and the International Researchers, Statisticians and Young Statisticians Congress (IRSYSC) 2025 Congress Organizing Committee Chairperson Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selim Gündüz. EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe was also present during the signing session.

With the signed protocol, it is aimed to co-organize the annual International Researchers, Statisticians, and Young Statisticians Congress (IRSYSC) in 2025 through a collaboration between Eastern Mediterranean University and Adana Alparslan Türkeş Science and Technology University.

Making remarks on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç explained that the university organized the signing ceremony to host an international conference aimed at promoting academic development, emphasizing that one of its key responsibilities is to produce and apply science. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also stated that the International Researchers, Statisticians, and Young Statisticians Congress, which will be held jointly with Adana Alparslan Türkeş Science and Technology University and hosted by EMU, will be a prestigious event. Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his hope that the congress would meet the expectations of both institutions and focus on scientific innovation.

In his address during the protocol signing session, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gündüz expressed their contentment on signing the protocol with EMU and that the said congress is a prestigious event held especially in the field of statistics in Türkiye. Providing more information about the congress, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gündüz shared their excitement to be organizing the 9th edition of the congress in collaboration with EMU.

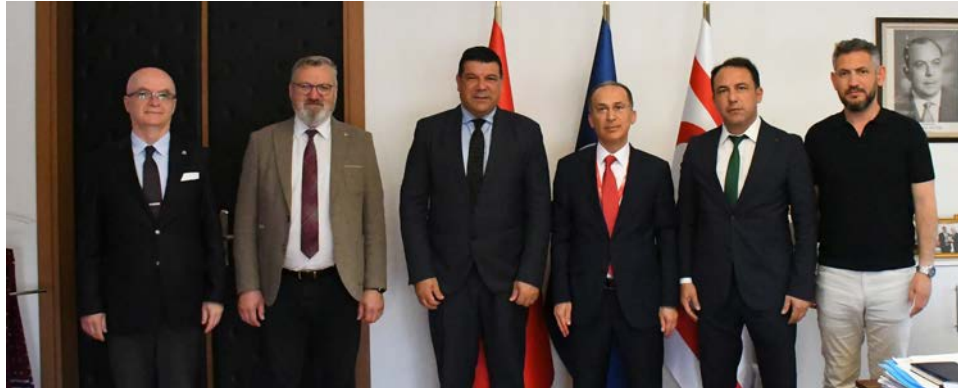


A VISIT TO RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ

SÜLEYMAN DEMİREL UNIVERSITY RECTOR PROF. DR. MEHMET SALTAN VISITS EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ

Süleyman Demirel University Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Saltan and a delegation accompanying Prof. Dr. Saltan paid a courtesy visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe was also present during the visit.

Within the scope of the visit, Prof. Dr. Saltan provided information about the Süleyman Demirel University and expressed their contentment on visiting EMU. Potential collaborations that could be initiated between the two education institutions were discussed during the said visit. At the end of the meeting, Prof. Dr. Saltan and Prof. Dr. Kılıç exchanged souvenirs and, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented a traditional Cypriot Lefkara work panel to Prof. Dr. Saltan.



MARMARA UNIVERSITY RECTOR PROF. DR. MUSTAFA KURT AND FACULTY OF MEDICINE DEAN PROF. DR. ÜMİT S. ŞEHİRLİ VISITS EMU

Marmara University (MU) Rector and Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Board of Trustees (VYK) member Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt and Marmara University, Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ümit S. Şehirli visited EMU.

Within the scope of their visit, Prof. Dr. Kurt and Prof. Dr. Şehirli met with EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Acting Dean Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu and her team. Views were exchanged regarding the Joint International Medicine Program carried out by the two education institutions.

Visiting the EMU Faculty of Dentistry, Prof. Dr. Kurt and Prof. Dr. Şehirli obtained detailed information about the said faculty. At the end of their visit, Prof. Dr. Kurt presented Prof. Dr. Kılıç and Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu souvenirs. On the other hand, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented a traditional Cypriot Lefkara work panel to Prof. Dr. Kurt.



EMU REPRESENTED AT THE 10TH EURASIA HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT BY EURASIAN UNIVERSITIES UNION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) attended the 10th Eurasia Higher Education Summit (EURIE 2025) organized on 8-10 May 2025 by the Eurasian Universities Union (EURAS). EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and EMU Institutional Development and International Academic Relations Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Cahit Ezel represented EMU at the said event.

Annually organized in Istanbul, the summit comes to forefront as an international

education. Featuring over 400 higher education representatives from over 60 countries, this year's summit consisted of academic presentations and workshops. Moreover, prominent participants leading the sector delivered various speeches within the scope of the event. Esteemed figures such as the Minister of Higher Education of Malaysia, President of Association of International Educators (NAFSA), President of Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and the President of EURAS were among the participants of the event.

During the summit, participants engaged in strategic sessions highlighting EURAS's current activities and outlining future initiatives. The event also provided a valuable platform for representatives of EURAS member universities to connect and explore potential avenues for institutional collaboration. These discussions reinforced the network's commitment to fostering international partnerships and innovation in higher education.

“EMU – The Gateway of TRNC to the Global Stage”

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted that the university continues to make significant progress in line with its internationalization efforts. Emphasizing the importance of EMU, as the gateway of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to the global stage, in representing the TRNC on esteemed international platforms, Prof. Dr. Kılıç also mentioned that these events play a key role in fostering academic and research collaborations with universities worldwide, further solidifying EMU's strong position in the international higher education landscape.

EURAS

Established in 2008, EURAS is a non-profit international organization that brings together almost 140 member universities from regions including Western and Central Europe, the Balkans, the Caucasus, the Middle East, and Asia. Its mission is to promote cooperation among universities in the Eurasian region and to support the global advancement of educational standards in these areas.



event bringing universities, institutions and organizations operating in the field of higher

APPLICATION PERIOD HAS BEGUN

Applications for the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2025 – 2026 Academic Year Entrance and Scholarship Exam commenced on Friday, 2 May 2025. The said exam is organized for students who are citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC); Republic of Türkiye citizens who have completed four uninterrupted years of high school or an equivalent institution in the TRNC; and international students studying in either the TRNC or Türkiye who wish to apply to Medicine or Dentistry programs. The applications can be submitted online until Thursday, 29 May 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

Entrance Exam to Take Place on 1 June

EMU Entrance and Scholarship Exam will take place on Sunday, 1 June 2025 between 10:30 a.m. and 01:00 p.m. in Famagusta, Nicosia, Istanbul and Mersin.

Exam performance results of the candidates will be announced on the exam day which is 1st of June. Candidates may submit appeals until 02:00p.m. on Monday, 2 June 2025. The placement and scholarship results will be announced following the evaluation of submitted appeals are finalized. Candidates who are unable to take the exam for any reason may still be placed into programs, excluding joint programs, based on their Secondary Education Success Score.

Those wishing to take the exam can submit their applications online via <https://www.emu.edu.tr/kktcsinav> web adress.

More information regarding the topic can be obtained by contacting 0533 845 09 24, 0542 877 99 18, 0533 849 56 23 or 0539 107 16 16.



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EVOLVING DYNAMICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOLLOWING 7 OCTOBER 2023

"7 EKİM 2023 SONRASI ORTA DOĞU'DA DEĞİŞEN DENGELER" PANEL HELD AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University Center for Strategic Studies (EMU-CSS) organized a panel titled "7 Ekim 2023 Sonrası Orta Doğu'da Değişen Dengeler / Evolving Dynamics in Middle East Following 7 October 2023" on Wednesday, 7 May 2025. Taking place at EMU BEA 5 Amphitheatre, the event approached the latest developments in the Middle East through various different academic perspectives.

"Holds Great Importance in Terms of Social Consciousness"

Making the opening remarks of the panel, Chair of EMU-CSS Assist. Prof. Dr. Gülay Umaner Duba stated that the center has recently restarted its activities after a long break. Assist. Prof. Dr. Umaner Duba underscored that EMU-CSS does not only aims to produce knowledge under the roof of the university, rather its goals also consist of sharing the social and regional impacts of this knowledge with the public. Moreover, she noted that the main purpose of the center is to closely follow up the geopolitical, diplomatic and security developments within the Eastern Mediterranean. Assist. Prof. Dr. Umaner Duba emphasized their goal of fostering a culture of strategic thinking within the context of Türkiye–Cyprus relations, while also creating a scholarly platform to examine the political dynamics confronting the people of Cyprus. Assist. Prof. Dr. Umaner Duba underscored the Mediterranean's strategic significance from both diplomatic and military standpoints, and noted that the panel would explore the shifting dynamics of the Middle East through a multidimensional lens. She further highlighted the importance of these analyses in enhancing public awareness.

"A University Paving the Way for Strategical Thinking"

Also making an address, EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe stressed the current and strategic importance of the event. Prof. Dr. Karatepe noted that the panel, organized under the leadership of the Center for Strategic Studies, seeks to examine the far-reaching developments shaking geopolitical stability across the Middle East, not limited to the Israel–Palestine conflict, through a rigorous academic framework. Saying: "Following 7 October 2023, we have been witnessing a multi-layered transformation process with military, political and humanistic aspects", Prof. Dr. Karatepe underlined that the regional power dynamics and security paradigms have changed. Prof. Dr. Karatepe stated that EMU strives to be a university that not only delivers high-quality education but also lays the groundwork for strategic thinking as a key aspect of its social responsibility. Lastly, Prof. Dr. Karatepe extended his thanks to all the speakers and participants, expressing his hopes for a beneficial panel discussion.

Following the opening speeches, the panel continued with the "Orta Doğu'da değişen paradigmlar ve ABD Dış Politikası: Gazze Savaşı sonrası yeni bir bölgesel siyasete doğru mu?" / Shifting Paradigms in the Middle East and U.S. Foreign Policy: Is a New Regional Political Landscape Emerging After the Gaza War?" presentation by Prof. Dr. Nur Köprülü from the Near East University, moderated by EMU-CSS Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Gülay Umaner Duba.

The event also shed light on Iran's strategic moves, through the "7 Ekim Sonrası Orta Doğu'da Değişen Güç Dengesi: İran'ın Güvenlik Politikaları /



Changing Power Dynamics after 7 October 2023: Security Policies of Iran" presentation by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özüm Sezin Uzun from the Urla Institute of International Studies. On the other hand, EMU Political Science and International Relations Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. Erol Kaymak made a presentation titled "Suriye'deki Rejim Değişikliğinin Kıbrıs'a Olası Yansımaları /

Potential Impacts of the Regime Change in Syria on Cyprus".

After the presentations, participants of the event had the chance to ask questions and state their reviews during a question-answer session. At the end of the panel event, panellists were presented with plaque by EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe.

“DNA DAY” EVENT HELD AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Biological Sciences organized a special event on the occasion of “DNA Day”. This year’s event held with the titled of “Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Human Genetic Diseases” took place at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall and, was attended by academic personnel, students and everyone interested on DNA.

“To Create a Huge Difference”

Delivering the opening speech of the event, EMU Biological Sciences Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. Bahar Taneri noted that this year’s event is a milestone and that the AI will create a huge difference in the field of biological sciences. Saying; “Today, you will see that the change has already begun”, Prof. Dr. Taneri underscored that artificial intelligence offers unprecedented opportunities, especially in the processes of early diagnosis, detection, prevention, and treatment of human genetic diseases. Prof. Dr. Taneri highlighted that AI tools are currently being applied to a wide range of diseases, from neurogenetic conditions like Alzheimer’s and ALS to various forms of cancer. She also expressed her gratitude to the students who worked hard on the event despite the midterm exams period, adding, “This is a significant accomplishment for them”.

“We are at the Fore Front of Scientific Progress”

Also delivering a speech, Head of EMU Department of Biological Sciences Assist. Prof. Dr. Burak Ali Çiçek noted that this year’s theme, the use of Artificial Intelligence in Human Genetic Diseases, is one of the most thrilling and relevant topics in today’s scientific and ethical discussions. In his address, Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek pointed out two key changes. The first is the shift of science from being confined to laboratories to embracing a digital era through artificial intelligence, big data, and computational technologies. The second is the growing acknowledgment of female scientists, who were previously overlooked, now gaining the recognition they rightfully deserve. Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek mentioned that their department is at the forefront of scientific progress, making significant contributions to both academia and the future on local and global levels through research in genetics and artificial intelligence.

“Moving Forward Each Passing Day”

In his speech, EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan underlined that the department, founded in 2011, serves as a leading example in academic excellence, interdisciplinary research, and commitment to international standards. Prof. Dr. Özarslan noted that this year’s DNA Day seminars addressed crucial areas such as molecular biology, genetics, bioinformatics, biotechnology, and the application of artificial intelligence in these domains. Emphasizing the importance of the event, he stated, “These seminars showcase both our academic vision and our strong connection to science in society.” He also pointed out that EMU



is ranked among the top 400 universities worldwide in physical sciences by Times Higher Education. Concluding his remarks, Prof. Dr. Özarslan thanked everyone involved in the event and reaffirmed the department’s ongoing advancement in education and research.

“Revolutionary in Healthcare Field”

Delivering the opening speech of the event, EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe stressed that the discovery of the double helix structure of the DNA in 1953 marked a new era in molecular biology, underscoring this finding had a transformative impact not just on science but also on human health. Prof. Dr. Karatepe highlighted that DNA is the key molecule carrying the complete genetic information of living organisms and explained that, today, this information can be integrated with big data to develop more effective healthcare solutions. Prof. Dr. Karatepe pointed out that diagnosing genetic diseases now involves complex, multi-layered analyses powered by big data, with artificial intelligence playing a key role in delivering faster, more precise, and personalized diagnoses. He also emphasized that AI technologies have had ground-breaking contributions in areas such as cancer vaccine development, tumour detection, and genetic data analysis, revolutionizing healthcare.

Within the scope of the said event, the use of artificial intelligence technologies on the diagnosis and treatment of genetic diseases and, their role in predicting disease risks, and their contributions to personalized medicine were discussed. The impact of advances in health technologies on genetics were approached in detail through the presentations and discussions held.



6TH 'CAREER OVER COFFEE' EVENT HELD AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Business and Economics organized the 6th edition of the "Career over Coffee" events. The event took place on Tuesday, 6 May 2025 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at the garden of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim, EMU General Secretary Derviş Eksiçi, department heads, administrative directors, academic and administrative personnel members, representatives from the sector and many students attended the event.

"We are Adapting our Curriculum in line with the Evolving Global Conditions"

Delivering the opening speech of the event, EMU Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim touched on the activities carried out by the faculty. Stating that EMU Faculty of Business and Economics is listed within the first 300 band of the Times Higher Education rankings, Prof. Dr. Besim stressed that this success has elevated the faculty to a pioneering position. Prof. Dr. Besim explained that their goal is to cultivate graduates who are critical thinkers, inquisitive, and able to adapt to change and development. Prof. Dr. Besim also noted that they regularly update their curriculum to keep pace with the changing global conditions, sharing that numerous events are organized with an innovative approach, including the Career over Coffee event, which was designed to offer valuable opportunities for students. Expressing pride in seeing EMU alumni succeed across various industries and mentioning that companies were invited to the event to provide students with insights into the business world, Prof. Dr. Besim concluded by thanking all the companies and individuals who supported and contributed to the event.

"Building Sectoral Relationships is a Major Goal for Us"

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that the event was more than just a casual coffee gathering, describing it as a vital opportunity where diverse perspectives come together, allowing students to begin exploring their future dreams, develop their ideas, and transform them. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stressed the event's significance for students, especially when it comes to career planning, gaining inspiration from industry professionals, and learning from real-world experiences. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Kılıç also pointed out that the Faculty of Business and Economics is one of the university's oldest and most distinguished faculties. Prof. Dr. Kılıç mentioned that EMU's academic and administrative staff are actively involved in both the public and private sectors, contributing to national policies and even international discussions. Prof. Dr. Kılıç said, "Wherever we go, we can always find



6TH 'CAREER OVER COFFEE' EVENT HELD AT EMU

an EMU graduate making an impact in their field". He expressed his pride in seeing EMU graduates in prominent positions across various industries. In his closing remarks, Prof. Dr. Kılıç reiterated the university's vision, stating, "Building sectoral relationships is a major goal for us. EMU is a leading university and a point of reference in this country". Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by thanking all the companies and individuals who supported the event.

Various Opportunities Being Presented Towards the Career Development of Students

As part of the event, candidate graduates has the chance to meet with company representatives, receiving first-hand information about vacant positions, internship opportunities and the expectations of the sector. The event provided the students with valuable opportunities to establish career connections, deepen their understanding of various industries, and interact directly with professionals, all of which contributed to their personal and professional growth. In a statement from EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, it was emphasized that such annual events are organized not only to enhance students' academic learning but also to equip them with practical skills and industry ties that will benefit them after graduation. The faculty also highlighted that, throughout the academic year, training seminars are held to guide students in areas such as CV writing, crafting motivation letters, and mastering



interview skills—providing thorough support for their job application journeys. At the end of the event, certificates of appreciation were presented to the participating companies.

TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Many Different Companies Participated

This year's event was participated by many local companies, along with the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Foreign Affairs. AKOL Global, İlkay M. Genç Ltd., Creditwest Bank, Cyprus Turkish

Cooperative Central Bank, Metgin Ltd., Oza Coffee, Cyprus Turkish Teachers Cooperative, Garanti BBVA, North Cyprus Turkcell, Telsim Vodafone Group of Companies, Asbank, Döveç Construction, Acapulco Resort Convention Spa Hotel, Ciddi Mutfak, CivicSpace, Başman Group of Companies, Limasol Turkish Cooperative Bank, Albank, Grand Sapphire Resort, Grand Sapphire City Hotel, Pera Mackenzie, Kredo Accounting & Consulting, İktisat Bank, Denizbank and Universe (Start Up) attended the said event.



EMU 26TH TOURISM DAYS CONTINUE

Organized annually by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, the '26th Tourism Days' held with this year's theme of "Learn, Explore, Experience the World", commenced on 6 May 2025. The events, running until 18 May, will offer a diverse range of activities, including academic seminars, cultural excursions, cooking workshops, and career fairs, all of which will be available to participants.

The opening ceremony of the event was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU Faculty of Tourism's Acting Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Y. Maloney, academic and administrative personnel and many students.

"Within the Top 40 Universities Globally"

Delivering the opening speech, Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Y. Maloney stated that this year's theme of "Learn, Explore, Experience the World" is not only a slogan, it is also a call for action. Assist. Prof. Dr. Maloney explained that tourism goes beyond crossing geographical borders; it expands our worldview and fosters intercultural connections. She emphasized that tourism creates new opportunities in social, economic,



technological, and environmental fields, while also promoting peace and friendship. Assist. Prof. Dr. further noted that the EMU Faculty of Tourism, ranked among the top 40 universities globally in Tourism and Hotel Management, remains a symbol of academic excellence, innovation, and cultural exchange. Assist. Prof. Dr. Maloney stressed that this achievement belongs to the visionary leadership, committed academic staff, and most importantly, the students and, added that Tourism Week reflects the faculty's diversity, discipline, and the wide range of opportunities it provides.

"This is Our Home"

Taking the floor after Assist. Prof. Dr. Maloney, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç conveyed the special significance of the faculty to him with the words, "This is our home." Prof. Dr. Kılıç remarked that the 26th edition of the event reflects



the EMU Faculty of Tourism's long-standing success and its dedicated efforts in sustainability. Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that this event offers students the chance to not only learn about different cultures but also experience and share them, emphasizing that such activities help foster social connections. Additionally, Prof. Dr. Kılıç pointed out that the event is the result of a strong sense of teamwork and provides a meaningful platform for cultural exchange during Tourism Week.

A music recital by EMU Fine Arts Education Department, DJ performances, cultural booths, dance shows, a volleyball tournament, food-beverage booths and recreation games took place on Tuesday, 6 May 2025 at the garden of Faculty of Tourism.

High Honour and Honour Certificate Ceremony Held

Within the scope of the 'Tourism Days', successful students of the faculty were honoured with a High Honour and Honour Certificate Ceremony held on Wednesday, 7 May 2025. Moreover, former cast member of Masterchef competition, Chef Uğur, met with students and carried out a workshop at the Faculty of Tourism.

Strong Interest in the 2nd Eastern Mediterranean Tourism Career Fair

As part of the 'Tourism Days', the 2nd Eastern Mediterranean Tourism Career Fair was held in front of the EMU Faculty of Tourism, on Thursday, 8 May 2025 between 10:00 a.m. and 03:00 p.m. Said fair offered students a



EMU 26TH TOURISM DAYS CONTINUE



platform where they had the chance to meet with representatives of hotel chains, travel agencies and aviation companies, receiving insights on internship and job opportunities. EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Y. Maloney, faculty members and students attended the event.

On Friday, 9 May 2025 at 11:30 a.m., a seminar titled “Above the Clouds: The Role of Global Tourism in Aviation – A Pilot’s Perspective” was conducted by airline pilot Onat Ataman. Later that afternoon, at 1:30 p.m., the “Discover Water Sports” event was held at Glapsides Beach, led by Denitsa Maydon.

Tourism Days will continue until 18 May 2025

On Saturday, 10 May 2025, as part of the World Health Organization’s “Move for Health Day”, a tour to Kyrenia organized under the theme “Explore, Experience, Move – Take a Step towards a Healthy Future!” Participants visit key locations including the Hz. Ömer Tomb and Mosque, Bellapais Monastery, Kyrenia Castle, La Tomia 1933, the Yacht Harbor, and the market.

On Monday, 12 May 2025, at 12:30 p.m., EMU Senior Instructor and Specialist Chef Mine Adalier lead the “Create Miracles in the Kitchen” event, offering a taste of Cypriot cuisine alongside special

education students from the Mesarya Municipality.

On Tuesday, 13 May 2025, at 10:30a.m., Hilton Istanbul Bomonti Hotel’s Executive Chef, Cihan Küçükçavdar, gave a seminar titled “My Career Journey,” inspiring students.

The events will culminate in the “From the Capital to Nature: A Learning Journey” educational and cultural trip to Ankara and Bolu, held from 14 May to 18 May, 2025. Participants will visit the historical and cultural landmarks of both cities and attend a Bolu Cuisine Workshop at İzzet Baysal University, earning a certificate in the process.



IN BETWEEN: ARCHITECTURE IN FLUX

EMU 12TH INTERNATIONAL DESIGN WEEK ENDS

Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture, with the theme of “In between: Architecture in Flux”, the 12th EMU International Design Week has ended. Throughout the event, local and international speakers in the field of design gathered with the participant and shared information about the sector.

“A Platform of Production”

Delivering the opening speech of the event, EMU Faculty of Architecture Dean Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun noted this year’s theme of “In Between: Architecture in Flux”, underscoring that talks and workshops organized within the scope of the this theme would focus on transformations in the world of design. Saying that the event is not only a platform for sharing, it is also a platform of production that strengthens cooperation between faculties. Prof. Dr. Alpar Atun added that the event would feature various guest speakers from different universities and institutions. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Alpar Atun highlighted that EMU graduates participated in the event as guest speakers and also touched upon the upcoming student-focused competition and workshops centered around the theme “Capturing the Moment.” In her closing remarks, Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun expressed her gratitude to the EMU Design Club, student volunteers, private sector representatives, and the faculties that offered their support.

“We are transforming Ourselves, Our Lifestyles and The Way We Think”

In his speech, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe stated that the annual Design Week event of EMU Faculty of Architecture plays an important role in enhancing cooperation between faculties and fostering international engagement. Prof. Dr. Karatepe stated that this year’s event with the theme of “In Between: Architecture in Flux”, provides a valuable opportunity to reconsider



the role of design amid the constant changes shaping today’s world. He remarked, “We are reshaping ourselves, our lifestyles, and the way we think. In such transformative times, it’s crucial to collectively explore the direction of design”. Prof. Dr. Karatepe further expressed confidence that the event’s program—including speeches, panels, and workshops—would be a source of inspiration for students in architecture and design. Emphasizing their commitment to practical learning as well as theory, Prof. Dr. Karatepe added that events like this also support students’ social and cultural growth.

Following the opening speeches, a session titled “Kalebodur Talks” was held, moderated by Prof. Dr. Celal Abdi Güzer. In the said session, Prof. Dr. Lale Özgenel and Alper Derinboğaz shared their views on design and architecture. At the conclusion of the speeches, EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and EMU Faculty of Architecture Dean Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun presented traditional Cypriot embroideries to the guest speakers. On the other



hand, the workshops organized as part of the event offered an interactive experience to the participants.

International Guests Breathe Life into the Event

Design Week events commenced on Thursday, 8 May 2025 with a presentation by Marco Bruno. Then, Melody Stein and Justin Morris Marano from External Affairs team shared their experiences and projects with the participants. Workshops held throughout the day attracted great interest.



IN BETWEEN: ARCHITECTURE IN FLUX



Final Day Ended with Presentations and a Concert

On Friday, 9 May 2025, the event continued with presentations by David Wyllie and Andy Bateman from Page/Park Architects. Then, EMU Faculty of Architecture graduate and architect of Kubbe-i Hadra Restoration Project

provided insights on his professional experiences in the sector. Within the scope of the Design Week, a Reels Competition with the theme "Capturing the Moment" was held for EMU students. The videos captured by students throughout the event will be reviewed by a designated jury. The

winner will be announced and rewarded in the following days.

The EMU 12th International Design Week concluded on Friday, 9 May 2025, with the presentation of certificates of participation and a concert by Island Seeds band.

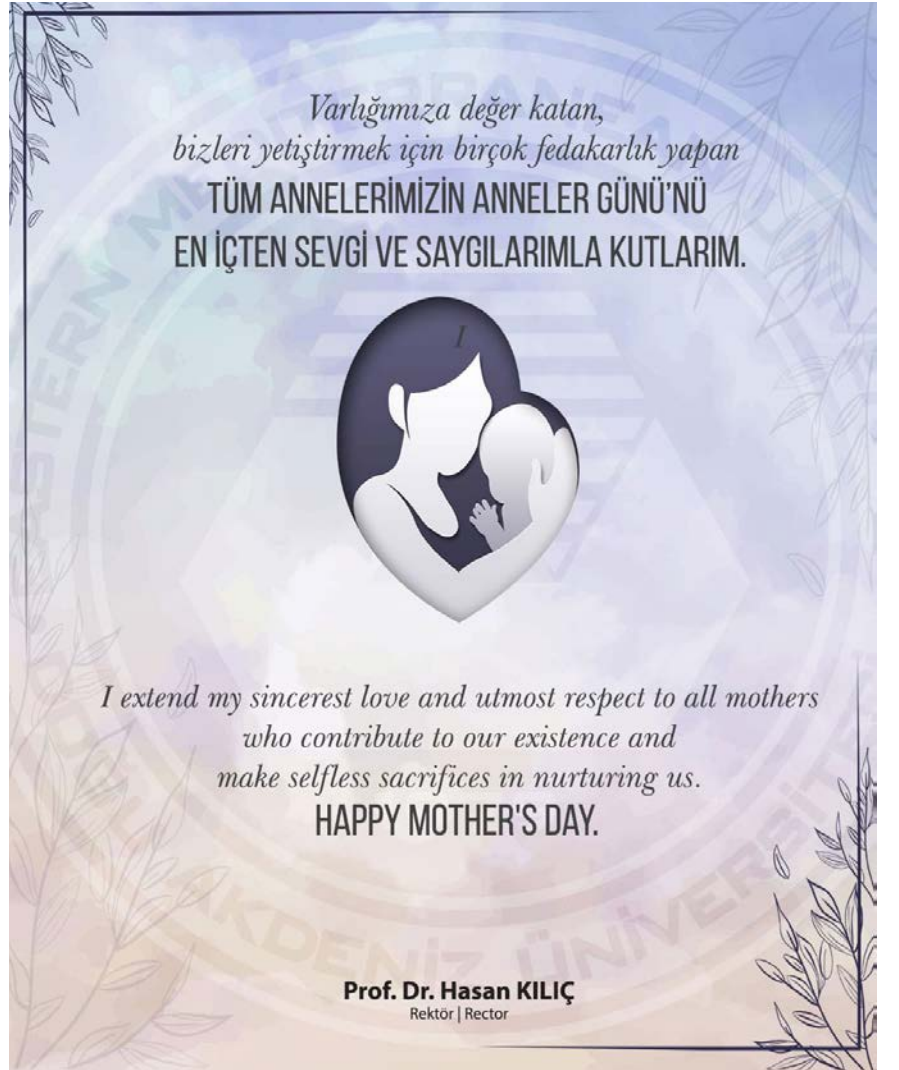
EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ RELEASED A MOTHER'S DAY MESSAGE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç released a message on Mother's Day. The message by Prof. Dr. Kılıç reads as follows:

"I wholeheartedly wish a happy Mother's Day to our cherished mothers, who lead our lives with love and embody patience and selflessness. Without a doubt, mothers hold an irreplaceable and vital place in our lives. Those who raise their children with deep sacrifice, care, and unconditional love take on one of life's most demanding responsibilities.

Mothers, who are the cornerstone of society and vital in shaping future generations, deserve everlasting appreciation. With their boundless compassion, patience, and tolerance, they raise us through countless challenges and serve as a guiding light throughout our lives. For all they do, they are worthy of the deepest love, respect, and gratitude.

Our love and respect for mothers should not be limited to just a single day. We must honour them every day, showing them how deeply valued and cherished they are through our sincere affection and appreciation. On this meaningful occasion, I warmly celebrate all mothers who have devoted their lives to their children through endless sacrifices. I also pay tribute, with love and respect, to those who are no longer with us, and offer strength and compassion to mothers who have lost a child and carry the sorrow of that absence. As the Eastern Mediterranean University family, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a life full of health, peace, and happiness to all mothers."



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performing his popular hits such as “Kömür”, “Fırtınadayım” and “Antidepresan”.

The second day of the festival which is Thursday, 15 May 2025, will feature a concert by famous artist Ceza at 10:00 p.m. at EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium. Ceza will perform his popular hits like “Neyim Var Ki?”, “Fark Var” and “Sus Pus”.

EMU 27th Spring Festival will continue on Friday, 16 May 2025 with numerous concerts to be held at the Yasin Düşüner Stadium. Concerts will begin with a performance by Force Awakens. Then, Kalben will perform her favourite songs of “Sadece”, “İyi Değilim Ben” and “Saçlar”. Following the performance of Kalben, Duman, one of the most popular rock groups of Türkiye, will take on the stage, performing their hit songs, including “Senden Daha Güzel” and “Kırılmış Kalbini”.

On the last day of the festival, Saturday - 17 May 2025, Okan Ersan Quartet Jazz Fusion Electric Band ‘NİBİRÜ’ concert will take place at 09:00 p.m. at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Throughout the Spring Festival, DJ performances will also take place prior to the concerts, entertaining the crowd.

Talks and Panels to be held with Esteemed Guests

In line with the Festival program, EMU will organize various talk events with esteemed guests. In this regard, on Thursday, 15 May 2025 at 01:00 p.m., a talk event will be held with Müfit Can Saçın, known as the ‘Mandıra Filozofu’ at the Activity Center. Then, at 02:30 p.m., ‘Takıntılar’ movie screening and a talk event with cast members Zafer Alagöz, Sarp Akkaya, Aydın Sarioğlu and Nihat Özcan will take place.

On Friday, 16 May 2025, at 04:30 p.m., another talk will take place in the Activity Hall with N. İpek Gökdel, the author whose work inspired Netflix’s first Turkish series, ‘The Protector’, based on the Karakalem Trilogy. Earlier that day, at 03:30 p.m. at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, the 1st Ulus Baker Philosophy Talks will feature discussions with Oğuz Haşlakoğlu and Emre Zeytinoğlu.

On the same day, at 02:30 p.m. at the Faculty of Law, an animal rights panel titled “We Speak for Our Friends with Paws” moderated by Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazime Beysan will take place with the participation of Lawyer Nadir Bildir, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ferhun Kahraman and Deniz Cin.

Theatre Play to Take Place

As part of the 27th Spring Festival, and with contributions from the EMU Theatre Club, the play “The Professional” by the Istanbul State Theatres will be performed on 15 and 16 May 2025, at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. The 15 May performance will be free for students, while the 16 May show will be ticketed and open to the general public. Written in 1990 by internationally acclaimed Serbian playwright Dušan Kovačević, this dark comedy explores the sweeping societal and political changes in Yugoslavia through the ironic and thought-provoking story of an intellectual’s life.

On Friday, 16 May 2025 at 02:00 p.m., the “Böyle Gelmiş Böyle Geçer” theatre play will meet with the audience at the Activity Hall. The play delving into the history of a divorced couple caught in between will be staged free of charge for both students and the general public.

Sports Events

Along with social and cultural events, many sports events will also be organized within the scope of the EMU 27th Spring Festival. On Wednesday, 14 May 2025, a Basketball Tournament will be held at 03:00 p.m. at the outdoor sports facilities of the Sports Affairs Directorate. On the other hand, numerous sports event will take place; Backgammon Tournament on Thursday, 15 May 2025 at 03:00 p.m., Mini Football Tournament, Beach Volleyball Tournament and Beach Tennis Tournament will be held on 15-16 May 2025. Furthermore, on 15-16 May 2025 at 05:00 p.m., Extreme Parkour Games25 will be held by the Search and Rescue Club at the Golf Area. On Saturday, 16 May 2025, at 06:00 p.m., “Geek Time” Board Games event will be organized by Fantastic Role Play Club. Lastly, on 17 May 2025 at 11:00 a.m., a Chess

Tournament will take place at the Festival Area.

Color Fest and International Night on 17 May

The festival will wrap up on Saturday, 17 May 2025, with Color Fest kicking off at 01:00 p.m. at Yasin Düşüner Stadium. Later at 06:00 p.m., International Night will bring lively entertainment, featuring memorable DJ sets by NRG and DJ Omario.

Tickets are on Sale

Tickets for the concerts and theatre performances are now on sale at www.gisekibris.com. EMU students and staff can enjoy these events for free by simply showing their student or staff ID cards. As part of the 27th Spring Festival, shuttle buses will be operating from Güzelyurt, Kyrenia, Nicosia, and Karpaz to EMU on 14, 15 and 16 May, 2025. Bus tickets can also be purchased via www.gisekibris.com.

Do not forget to Download the EMU PASS Application

EMU students and staff can attend the events through the EMU PASS app. Simply download it from the App Store or Google Play and log in using your student or staff account. To help prevent any complications amid the expected crowd, it’s also advised to carry your student or staff ID with you.



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16 Mayıs 2025 / 15.00 Moderator: Ümit İnacı
Mustafa Afşin Konferans Salonu (CL Binası)



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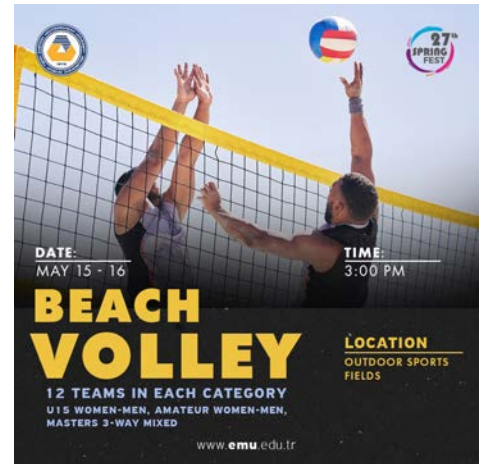
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EMU HOLDS A PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) held a press conference on Wednesday, 7 May 2025 at 03:00 p.m. regarding the International Summer School. In the said conference, various information on the scope of the summer school, its educational programs, social and cultural activities and special camp practices were shared with the participants. To be held with the main sponsorship of Noyanlar Group of Companies, the International Summer School will take place with an extensive program and scope. The said meeting was attended by university officials, members of the press and representatives of relevant units.

Important Information about the Scope and Goals of the Summer School Shared

EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren delivered the opening speech of the press conference concerning the EMU International Summer School, acknowledging the significant effort put into preparing the program. Prof. Dr. Öztüren conveyed his gratitude to the team who participated in this extensive project.

Stressing that EMU is the first university of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus which has contributed to the city of Famagusta and the country over the course of its 46 years of history, Prof. Dr. Öztüren said that, with this experience, they will be launching a completely new International Summer School program in 2025. Prof. Dr. Öztüren noted that this year's program has been designed to be more extensive and thrilling, adding that the goal of the press conference was to update both the public and stakeholders.

Sharing that they expect participation from a wide range of countries, Prof. Dr. Öztüren added; "While July and August will be the peak months of the program, EMU plans to welcome these international groups through events taking place throughout the entire year". Moreover, Prof. Dr. Öztüren reminded that the programs of the Summer School are open to anyone aged 10 and above, and are designed to appeal to a broad range of people, including employees, retirees, and workers.

Security is within the Top Priorities

With over 40 programs available, security has been addressed as one of the top priorities in the Summer School. Prof. Dr. Öztüren noted that the Summer School team has taken a very careful and thorough approach to this issue, emphasizing that EMU provides extensive accommodation options, with the ability to host more than 10,000 people. In this regard, Prof. Dr. Öztüren mentioned that children attending the Summer School, along with their families, can be hosted together, and special programs have been designed for family members as well.

Numerous Package Program Options

As part of the International Summer School, various package programs have been designed in accordance with the needs of participants. Programs are available with or without meals, and with or without accommodation.



Furthermore, families with more than one child can take advantage of benefits like sibling discounts.

Over 1,000 Participation Expected

In a statement released, it was specified that, over 1,000 participants aged 10 and above from numerous countries, including Iran, Russia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Türkiye, Belarus, China, and Germany, are expected to be hosted at the EMU campus this year. Attendees of the International Summer School will not only engage in educational programs that foster their academic growth but also have the chance to explore the culture of the TRNC in depth.

Language Education Programs to be offered

In the said meeting, it was also stated that, alongside General English and Turkish courses, participants will also have access to IELTS/TOEFL preparation courses.

The General English courses to be carried out by EMU Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, will offer programs with 3 different duration options: 2 weeks, 3 weeks, or 4 weeks. Classes will take place in person five days a week, from 09:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The 2-week sessions will run in four periods: 6–19 July 2025; 20 July – 2 August 2025; 3 – 16 August 2025; and 17 – 30 August 2025. The 3-week sessions will be available in two periods: 6–26 July, 2025, and 27 July – 16 August 2025. The 4-week program will start on 6 July 2025, and conclude on 2 August 2025. Upon completion of the program, participants will receive internationally recognized certificates.

On the other hand, the General Turkish course has been specifically designed for foreign

students whose native language is not Turkish. The course will be held five days a week, from 09:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. The 2-week programs will be offered in two sessions: 20 July – 2 August 2025, and 17 – 30 August 2025, while the 3-week program will take place from 6 – 26 July 2025. Through this program, international students will have the opportunity to closely explore the Turkish language and culture, as well as actively use Turkish in daily life.

Barrier-Free Camp and Health Camp Introduced

At the press conference, the Barrier-Free Camp, designed for individuals with special needs, and the Health Camp, which focuses on physical and mental well-being, were also introduced. The Health Camp, being held for the first time this year, will run from 3–16 August 2025, five days a week, from 09:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. The program will offer a variety of activities, including yoga, pilates, fitness, healthy living seminars, and outdoor walks. Additionally, there will be hands-on training on topics such as healthy eating, stress management, and body awareness. The Barrier-Free Camp will take place from 20 July– 2 August 2025.

Career Development and Internship Opportunities

It was announced that short-term internships and training programs will begin in May as part of the Summer School. These programs will welcome participants from a variety of professions, including teachers and finance experts.

More information about the International Summer School can be obtained by contacting summer@emu.edu.tr or 0395 630 32 03, 0392 630 22 55 and 0533 857 54 18.

2ND TURKISH INTEGRATION OLYMPICS HELD IN FELLOWSHIP OF EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY

The “II. Türk İntegrasiya Olimpiadası / 2nd Turkish Integration Olympics (TİO)” aimed at reinforcing the shared values and cultural connections within the Turkish world, was organized for school students by Turkish states and national institutions. The event, which sought to promote the motto “Unity in language, thought, and work” among youth and facilitate their unity through education, was held with significant participation in collaboration with Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU).

TİO is a competition format that includes questions related to the history, culture, and shared scientific knowledge of the Turkish world. Each question references the geography, literature, history, culture, or common scientific heritage of at least one country within the Turkish world.

Participants from Many Different Regions

EMU made a substantial contribution to the successful execution of the 2nd Turkish Integration Olympics, which involved many participants from Turkish states. Furthermore, EMU provided various scholarship opportunities to the students who won awards during the finals. Representing EMU at the finals in Baku, Azerbaijan, were Faculty Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Güneş Bashirova and Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medical Faculty student Elif Sude Bilgen.

On the other hand, high school student Fatih Kerem Erbay, who participated from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), demonstrated exceptional performance in the finals and won the “Akıllı Bala” award. The award was presented to him by the Central Asia and South Caucasus Freedom of Expression Network (CASCEN), a leading civil society organization in Azerbaijan.

“Building Strong Connections: A Crucial Step towards Making a Contribution”

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underscored that EMU’s support to the 2nd Turkish Integration Olympics provided a valuable opportunity for young people to enhance their cultural interactions, contributing to the strengthening of the unity among Turkish peoples. Prof. Dr. Kılıç remarked, “At Eastern Mediterranean University, the scholarships we offer to students united around the common values of the Turkish world, along with our contributions to the event, have played a key role in helping young people learn about each other’s cultures. These types of events not only bolster our collaboration in education but also reinforce our university’s leadership role in the field. For us, this is an important step, not just in fostering a shared cultural awareness among young people, but also in contributing to the formation of stronger bonds within the Turkish world.”



EMU HOSTED THE VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS COMPETITIONS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Vocational High School Knowledge and Skills Competitions organized in collaboration with TRNC Ministry of National Education and the Department of Vocational and Technical Education. The competitions took place at the practical kitchens of EMU Faculty of Tourism, Tower Barista Café and, laboratories and studios of EMU School of Computing and Technology.

Total of 13 vocational high schools participated in the competition: Sedat Simavi Industrial Vocational High School, Karpaz Vocational High School, Osman Örek Vocational High School, Cengiz Topel Industrial Vocational High School, Güzelyurt Vocational High School, Dr. Fazıl Küçük Industrial Vocational High School, İskele Commercial High School, Famagusta Commercial High School, Haydarpaşa Commercial High School, Atatürk Vocational High School, Kyrenia Tourism Vocational High School, Famagusta Vocational High School and Rauf Raif Denktaş Vocational High School. Hosting over 180 students, the competition featured a jury consisting of 79 members who are representatives of universities in TRNC or experts from the sector.

The event commenced with opening speeches delivered by TRNC Vocational and Technical Education Department Director Gülşen Hoca'nın, EMU School of Computing and Technology (SCT) Director Assist. Prof. Dr. Ece Çelik and EMU Faculty of Tourism Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Özduran.

In his speech, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali, Özduran extended his kind regards to the participants and conveyed the faculty's excitement and pride for being a part of such meaningful event. Assist. Prof. Dr. Özduran thanked the students attending the competition, their tutors, jury members and stakeholders who contributed to the event significantly.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Çelik, Director of SCT, also delivered a speech and said; "Today, we have the chance to proudly observe the dedication, skills, and hard work of the young people from across our country. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who played a part in making this wonderful event possible. I wholeheartedly congratulate all the students who took part in the competition and wish them continued success throughout their lives".

Also making remarks during the opening speeches, Director of TRNC Department of Vocational and Technical Education, Gülşen Hoca'nın, noted that the competitions have become a tradition and highlighted the significant importance her department places on these events. Hoca'nın stated that while the majority of the workload for organizing the competition falls on the teachers and jury members, the excitement experienced by the students and their families makes it all worthwhile. Moreover, Hoca'nın also shared their pleasure in collaborating with EMU to host such an extensive competition each year



and expressed her gratitude to the university for their continued support.

Following the opening speeches, students showcased their knowledge and skills during the competitions held in categories including Culinary Arts, Service, General Tourism, Basketry, Cocktail, Barista,

Information Technology (Software-Hardware), Computerized Accounting, Construction Technology (Manual Drawing, Computer-Aided Drawing), Electrical/Electronics (Wiring, Control, Electrical/Electronics), Office Management, and Graphic Design/Photography. In these competitions, students presented their "Vocational Education" projects to be evaluated by the jury.

EMU HOSTED THE VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS COMPETITIONS

What did the students say? What did the students say? What did the students say?



Cevriye ÖZŞENTÜRK - Cengiz Topel Industrial High School

One of the biggest reasons that I participated in this competition is because I believe Eastern Mediterranean University provides high quality education. My intention was not only to win a scholarship but also to genuinely desire to attend this university. I was very satisfied with the event's organization and the activities. In the future, like many of my friends, I plan to study at this university.



Ecem Su KAPUŞ – Famagusta Commercial High School

I took part in this competition in the fields of computer science and accounting. My primary objective was to evaluate my knowledge in these areas and to learn more about the opportunities offered by Eastern Mediterranean University. I was very satisfied with the competition and am considering pursuing my university studies at Eastern Mediterranean University.



Ramazan RUSTAMOV – Kyrenia Tourism Vocational High School

Being an inter-school event made it very meaningful to me. I was very pleased with both the experience and the memories. I wish success to all the participants from various professions in this competition. Eastern Mediterranean University is indeed a successful and impactful institution.



Mansur ERGESHOV – Haydarpaşa Commercial High School

It is my first visit to the Eastern Mediterranean University and first time in such an organization. I strongly believe that the event was amazing and impressive.

Ranking students will receive their awards in an Awards Ceremony to be held on a future date.



News from Our Alumni

EMU ALUMNI CREATING AN IMPACT AROUND THE WORLD

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Engineering graduate Ahmet Oktay continues to make a name for himself with his achievements in his career. While studying at EMU, Oktay presented a project to Kuzey Kıbrıs Turkcell, later taking on the role of project coordinator for a period. Following his graduation, he launched his professional career in Antalya as a Project Manager at Turset Project Management. Over time, Oktay continued to build his career by holding significant roles in several well-established companies.

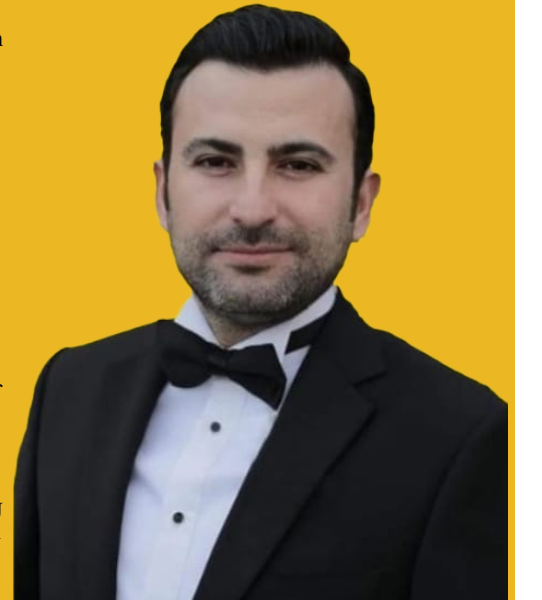
Swiftly going up the career steps with significant positions in different corporate companies, Oktay participated in national and international events and, radio and television programs as the speaker. In November 2023, Oktay was invited by KPMG Central Asia and Caucasus to the conference as a guest speaker at the Expo Center held in Astana, capita of Kazakhstan, to represent Türkiye.

Currently continuing his professional career at BSP Group as an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Director, Oktay also acts as the Vice chair of Digital Transformation Platform and AI Platform. Adding more, he also serves as the Spokesman in the 'Herkes İçin Bilişim Komisyonu' under the Mersin City Council. Furthermore, by initiating his own projects in the field of artificial intelligence, Oktay carries out studies on AI agencies, together with his team.

“Self-Awareness: The Most Valuable Lesson I Gained at EMU”

Ahmet Oktay, a married father of two, shared the values EMU brought into his life with these words: “What EMU gave me above all else was self-awareness. Gaining a deeper understanding of myself and recognizing my potential became a powerful force in my personal journey. As an international institution that brings together experts from various fields, EMU has become a true hub. Its global diversity gives it a UN-like presence, while its

ability to nurture dynamic ecosystems makes it comparable to Silicon Valley. I'm proud to be part of the EMU community”.



DUAL-DIPLOMA PROGRAM TO BE INITIATED BETWEEN EMU AND CONSTRUCTOR UNIVERSITY

In line with its internationalisation vision, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) took a significant step in this regard and signed a collaboration protocol with Constructor University, one of Germany's esteemed higher education institutions. Special dual-diploma program to be offered within the body of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics consists of Business and, International Trade and Business Management undergraduate programs. The program aims to offer students a global scaled quality and multi-directional education experience.

Students enrolled in the program will spend the first four years of their studies at EMU, and then complete their fifth year at Constructor University in Bremen, Germany, gaining the opportunity to graduate with diplomas from both universities.

The program, which focuses on blending theoretical learning with hands-on practice, provides students with the opportunity to gain educational experience in diverse cultural settings, collaborate with distinguished academics, and lay a solid foundation for a global career. Moreover, by acquiring skills from different higher education systems, students will be able to establish a wide-ranging professional network.

This collaboration between EMU and Constructor University is designed to cultivate highly qualified graduates who will lead the way in future professions, while also reaffirming EMU's prominent role in international education.

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SIERRA LEON INDEPENDENCE DAY EXCITEMENT AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Sierra Leone Student Society operating under the EMU International Student Activity and Student Societies Unit organized a special event at the EMU Golf Course on the occasion of Sierra Leone Independence Day.

The event received participation from EMU students as well as students from different countries and universities. Underscoring EMU's multicultural environment, the event

emphasized cultural exchange. The program offered a lively atmosphere with a range of activities, including sports, speeches, and cultural showcases.

Stating that they are pleased to be celebrating the independence day of their country at EMU, the members of the Sierra Leon Student Society thanked EMU International Student Activity and Student Societies Unit for their support in organizing the event.



EMU DEPARTMENT OF NURSING CELEBRATES THE INTERNATIONAL NURSES WEEK VARIOUS EVENTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Department of Nursing has been celebrating the 2025 International Nurses Week with numerous scientific, social and sports events which commenced with the volleyball matches on 4-6 May 2025. The activities will conclude with a Scientific Event to be held on 15 May 2025.

Traditional Havin Kılıç Volleyball Tournament was held

Organized as part of the International Nurses Week, the Traditional Havin Kılıç Volleyball Tournament commenced on Sunday, 4 May 2025 at 12:30 p.m. at EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex with broad participation.

On the second day of the event, Tuesday – 6 May 2025, the tournament commenced at 10:00 a.m. with the matches of group leaders. On the same that, third place match took place at 02:00 p.m. followed by the final game at 04:00 p.m.

As a result of the tournament, 4th Year Student Team finished the event in first place, followed by Graduates' Team in second and Havin Kılıç's Family Team in third place. Ranking teams received their cup and medals from EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. The event carried a special meaning as it was organized in memory of Havin Kılıç.

Charity Bazaar to be organized by Nursing Club

Within the scope of the Nurses Week, EMU Nursing Club will organize a charity bazaar event with the slogan of "Blossoming Hopes

for the Champion Angels". The event which will donate its revenue to the Champion Angels Grove, took place on Thursday, 9 May 2025 between 12:00 p.m. and 02:00 p.m. at the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences.

Science Event to be held on 15 May

Another event to be organized within the scope of the International Nurses Week is a Science Event that will be held on Thursday, 15 May 2025. The event will commence at 01:00 p.m. with the opening ceremony of Champion Angels Grove, then continue with the science event between 01:30 p.m. and 04:00 p.m. at the Champion Angels Amphitheatre. The event will continue with speeches to be delivered by EMU Department of Nursing's Chair Prof. Dr. Sevinç Taştan, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özcan.

EMU Department of Nursing Senior Instructor and Anaesthetics Program Coordinator Dr. Selda Bal will deliver a presentation titled "Hemşirelerimiz Geleceğimiz. Hemşirelere Özen Göstermek, Ekonomiyi Güçlendirir / Our Nurses Our future, Caring for Them Strengthens the Economy". Moreover, EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department academic staff member and EMU Digital and Strategic Marketing Office Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Raziye Nevzat will make a speech titled "Sağlıkta Dijital İletişim / Digital Communication in Health". The event will conclude with a cocktail session to be held with the participation of guests and students.



EMU SUCCESSFULLY REPRESENTED AT THE TEKNOFEST 2025 FINALS

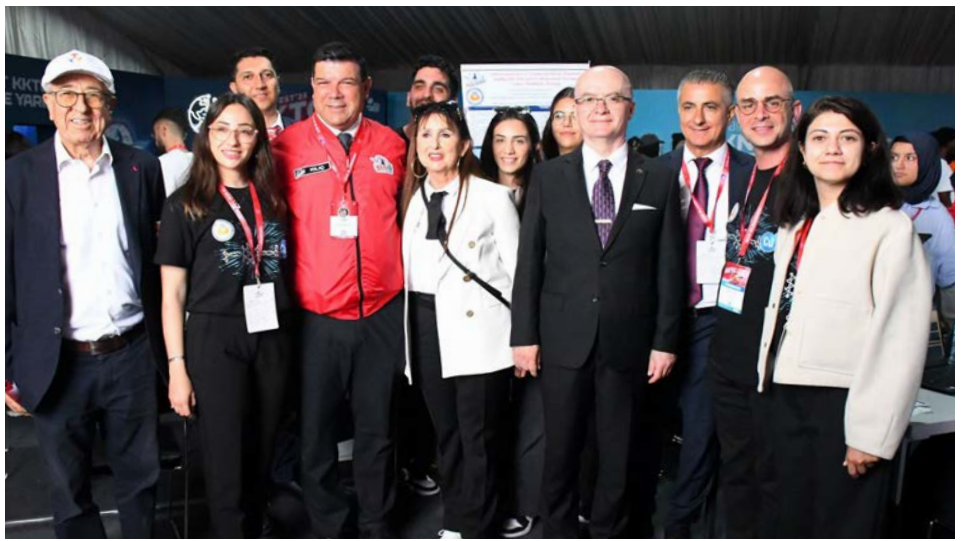


Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) made a distinguished name for itself with its achievements at the TEKNOFEST 2025 Finals. EMU students from different faculties and departments came together to form the HUNEC 2025, EMU Riders, and EMU AGROBOTIX teams, representing EMU in various categories with their innovative projects. During the final competitions of TEKNOFEST TRNC 2025, the EMU AGROBOTIX Team stood out by earning a commendable third-place award.

Three Teams from EMU Competed in the Finals

The HUNEC 2025 team which competed in the field of Chemistry, prepared for the competition under the supervision of EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Chemistry academic staff member Prof. Dr. Huriye İcıl. HUNE C2025 team consisted of Department of Chemistry PhD students Seval İkizoğlu, Elif Doğru and Süleyman Soyel, as well as undergraduate students Tuğba Bayırlı and Ayni Öztürk.

EMU Riders team competed in the category of information technologies under the leadership of Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Engineering student Yusuf Eren Çakır. Team members of EMU Riders were



Mithatcan Sonsuz, Sümeyye Kaynak, Emirkan Eşme and Arda Günsüren.

Competing in the Agricultural technologies category, team AGROBOTIX was supervised by Faculty of Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering academic staff member Prof. Dr. Qasim Zeeshan. With their project titled “Akıllı Tarım için Hibrit Mobilite AGROBOT / Hybrid Mobility AGROBOT for Smart Agriculture”, AGROBOTIX team received third place award in Agriculture category of TEKNOFEST TRNC 2025 Research Project Competition.

“We are Proud”

Congratulating students for their outstanding performances, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; “Our students’ impressive achievements in the fields of science, technology, and innovation fill us with great pride. As part of the EMU community, the dedication, ingenuity, and success of our young people continue to inspire confidence in the future. I wholeheartedly congratulate all our teams and their academic mentors for representing our university with distinction at a prestigious event like TEKNOFEST”.

EMU SEARCH AND RESCUE CLUB TAKES THE FIRST PLACE IN TRNC AT THE USARGAMES 2025

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Search and Rescue (EMU-SAR) filled EMU with pride by winning the first place in TRNC category and third place in overall category in the 7th University Search and Rescue Games (USARGames2025) organized on 24 – 28 April 2025 in collaborations of the International Universities Search and Rescue Council (IUSARC) and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Civil Defence Organization (SSTB). The games which took place at the Metehan Training and Drill Grounds in Nicosia, was attended by total of 15 university research and rescue clubs, 12 of them from TRNC and the remaining 3 from Türkiye.

The purpose of the event was to promote disaster and emergency preparedness among university students, increase awareness about search and rescue operations, and teach effective, volunteer-based intervention techniques through practical training.

As part of the games, EMU-SAR team competed in five different tracks; Wooden Bridge, Obstacle Track, Concrete Track, Aerial Line and Wreckage Track. Continuing their practices under the coordination of trainer Kağan Gür, EMU-SAR team consisted of Burak Uysal (Team Leader), Ömer Faruk Avcı, Yeşim Turhan, Emirhan Tuğal, Arda Kalaycıoğlu, Besim Kaan Uçar, Melisa Ulupınar and Miran Kava Karakulak.

During the competition, EMU-SAR Team Leader Burak Uysal received the “Most Successful Team Leader” award. The closing and awards ceremony of the games took place on 28 April 2025 at the Civil Defence Organization facilities where EMU-SAR team received their awards from retired Lieutenant General Zekai Aksakallı.

A visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç
Following their achievements at the USARGames2025, EMU Search and Rescue Club team paid a courtesy visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç on Wednesday, 30 April 2025. Information regarding the event and received awards were shared at the said meeting. Adding more, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç congratulated the students for their devoted work.



EMU REMEMBERED ARİF AKKELEŞ ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASSING



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Mathematics' late academic staff member, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş, was remembered with a ceremony on the first anniversary of his passing. During the speeches made at the ceremony, the academic achievements of Arif Akkeleş, his contributions to both EMU community and the scientific world, and his kindness was once again remembered with longing.

The ceremony organized for the loving memory of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş, who had left deep marks on his students and fellow colleagues with his contributions to science and education, was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Salih Katırcıoğlu, EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, EMU Department of Mathematics Chair Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov, academic and administrative personnel members, as well as late EMU personnel Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş's mother Semray Akkeleş, his father Ahmet Akkeleş, his spouse Funda Akkeleş, his son Ahmet Akkeleş and his sister Sevgül Hansa.

Participants of the event underscored late EMU personnel Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş's diligence, the way he approached his students, and him being an exemplary academician with his professional ethics. During the event, participant shared their memories with Arif Hoca, commemorating him with love, longing and respect.



THE SOLD-OUT PLAY OF ISTANBUL STATE THEATRE TO MEET WITH ART-LOVERS AT EMU

Within the scope of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 27th Spring Festival events, the award-winning and sold-out theatre play of Istanbul State Theatre titled “Profesyonel / Professional” will be performed in Northern Cyprus.

Written by world renowned Serbian author Dušan Kovačević, the dark comedy explores the socio-political order before and after the Yugoslavian transformation, told through the life story of an intellectual. Attracting great interest over the past 16 years, the said play offers the audience a thought-provoking yet entertaining experience with its ironic narrative.

The production features performances by Yetkin Dikinciler, Bülent Emin Yarar, Gülen Çehrelî, and Cenap Oğuz, under the direction of esteemed theatre artist Işıl Kasapoğlu.

The “Profesyonel” play will meet with EMU students during a special session to be held on Thursday, 15 May 2025 at 06:00 p.m. at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. On Friday, 16 May 2025 at 07:00 p.m. the play will once again be performed, open to the participation of all members of the society. Art enthusiasts wishing to attend the play can purchase tickets for 16 May session from www.gisekibris.com website.



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