

JOINT INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAM OF EMU AND MARMARA UNIVERSITY PRESENTED WITH AN ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE DURING A CEREMONY

The 'International Joint Medical Program' run jointly by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and Marmara University, Faculty of Medicine has been accredited by the Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs (TEPDAD). Becoming the first medical program to be accredited in the Joint Medical Program field, EMU – Marmara University Joint International Medical Program was awarded with the said certificate during an awards ceremony held on Monday, 2 June 2025 at 07:00 p.m. at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center.

Present during the ceremony were; Nazım Çavuşoğlu - the Minister of National Education of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Minister of Health Dr. Hakan Dinçyürek, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Marmara University Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt, TEPDAD Executive Board Chair Prof. Dr. İskender Sayek, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, Director of the Department of Culture Şirin Zaimağaoğlu, EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Member Halil İbrahim Orun, former EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Abdullah Y. Öztoprak, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. DR. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty's Acting Dean Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu, Marmara University, Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. >> pg 3-4



OFFICIALS FROM EMU VISIT AZERBAIJAN

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçen, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, and EMU VYK member Anıl Kaya paid an official visit to Azerbaijan. The visit took place within the scope of promoting Northern Cyprus and the universities in the Northern Cyprus which was brought to the agenda during the meeting of Azerbaijan President İlham Aliyev and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus President Ersin Tatar in Antalya. The Chair of the Türkiye-Europe Interparliamentary Friendship Group and Istanbul Parliament Member Şamil Ayırım and Türkiye-Northern Cyprus Friendship Group Chair Orhan Erdem was also in the delegation. As part of the visit, the delegation held discussions with various universities in Azerbaijan concerning initiating academic and institutional collaborations.

The visit aimed to evaluate various collaboration opportunities between universities in EMU and Azerbaijan, especially in terms of education, research and student exchange program. The said visit also aimed to strengthen the existing relations between the parties. Meeting with educational institutions in Azerbaijan and their executive officials, the delegation exchanged views on projects, joint academic studies and cultural interaction opportunities.

The visit is anticipated to significantly contribute to the internationalization vision of EMU, and to provide EMU a foundation to create deeper connections with universities in Azerbaijan.



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Ümit Süleyman Şehirli, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Founding Dean Prof. Dr. Nahiye Gökçora, academics and students.

“EMU leads the way in higher education in the TRNC”

Commenced with the observation of a moment of silence and national anthem, the ceremony continued with a speech by Minister of Health Dr. Hakan Dinçyürek who emphasized that EMU has shown continuous growth, from its early days as the Institute of High Technology, through periods of rapid development, and culminating in the establishment of the Faculty of Medicine in 2012. Dr. Dinçyürek expressed pride in the recent accreditation of the joint medical program with Marmara University, marking a significant milestone. Pointing out the increasing competitiveness in the field of education, Dr. Dinçyürek noted that gaining students' trust now relies on demonstrating academic excellence through solid evidence, documentation, and alignment with international standards. He highlighted that EMU's achievement in securing international accreditation for its Faculty of Medicine—as it has done in many of its faculties and departments—is a remarkable success. Dr. Dinçyürek also extended his gratitude to everyone who played a part in this accomplishment. Moreover, Dr. Dinçyürek reaffirmed their continued support for EMU, describing it as a leading and guiding institution in higher education in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and stressed their wish to see EMU thrive and succeed in all its endeavours.

“Higher Education in TRNC is constantly evolving”

Speaking next, Minister of National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu expressed his great pleasure in being at EMU on such a meaningful occasion. He extended his appreciation to everyone who played a role in the training of doctors, who are entrusted with our health. Furthermore, Minister Çavuşoğlu highlighted the continuous progress of higher education in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and emphasized that securing accreditation from international bodies remains a key objective for universities. Minister Çavuşoğlu stated that EMU serves as a cornerstone of higher education in the TRNC, and within the university, the Faculty of Medicine stands out as a leading force. Affirming

their ongoing support for EMU's advancement and stressing that gaining international recognition is important not just through accreditation documents but also through the achievements of its graduates, Çavuşoğlu shared the joy of encountering EMU alumni in many countries and underscored how rewarding it is to see those graduates making a difference. He added that it is among their goals for EMU graduates to contribute to saving lives and improving public health. Minister Çavuşoğlu thanked both Marmara University and EMU for their valuable efforts. He also expressed gratitude to the Republic of Türkiye for its unwavering support of the Turkish Cypriot community and underlined that Turkish Cypriots are represented globally through the accomplishments of their graduates. Minister concluded by stating that the Ministry is working diligently to further elevate the quality of higher education and expressed confidence in EMU's future, especially with its growing international collaborations. He wished the newly granted accreditation to bring success and prosperity. After the speeches, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented plaques of appreciation to Dr. Dinçyürek and Minister Çavuşoğlu in recognition of their contributions.

“A Solid Reflection of Continuous Development”

Founding Dean of the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, Prof. Dr. Nahiye Gökçora, touched on the developments since the establishment of the Faculty and stated that the accreditation is a solid reflection of continuous development and that the evaluation period is carried out in line with the standards set for medical training.

EMU – Holds a Privileged Educational Process

In her speech, Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu, Acting Dean of EMU's Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, highlighted that the faculty was founded through an innovative international joint medical program with a one-of-a-kind educational approach, emphasizing that the strong infrastructure of both institutions has brought them to their current success. Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu also pointed out that students receive a distinguished education and that graduates are practicing medicine across various regions

worldwide. Prof. Dr. Ümit Süleyman Şehirli, Dean of Marmara University Faculty of Medicine, underscored the significance of accreditation in his remarks and assured that the work would continue with this awareness in mind. Prof. Dr. Şehirli expressed his gratitude to all who contributed and hoped that the accreditation would be beneficial for both universities.

Delivering a speech during the opening session of the event, Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, Mayor of Famagusta, stressed that EMU is the foremost university associated with higher education in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Dr. Uluçay described Famagusta as the second-largest city in the TRNC, known for its industrious and productive nature, and said that EMU is a source of pride for both the city and the nation. Dr. Uluçay thanked those involved and wished success for the occasion.

“This Certificate Is Your Assurance in Every Step You Take

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç remarked that this gathering was to celebrate the success born from a shared vision, scientific dedication, and strong conviction. Prof. Dr. Kılıç pointed out that the accreditation of the joint international medical program is more than just an academic validation—it represents a pioneering accomplishment in the country's higher education history. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted that this accreditation stands for quality, foresight, and lasting excellence. He described it as the result of a firm commitment to educational ambition, devotion to scientific advancement, and deep respect for human life. Stating that EMU views education as a vital investment for the future, Prof. Dr. Kılıç affirmed that this accreditation confirms that the university is on the right path. He concluded by thanking all the contributors and emphasizing that this achievement is the product of a collaborative effort. Addressing the students, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said: “Today marks the start of your journey. This opportunity goes beyond education—it's about making a difference in people's lives and inspiring hope. You are not only future doctors but also a generation destined to bring healing and transformation across all areas of life. This certificate stands as your guarantee with every step you take”.

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This is the Success of a Model Educational Program

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt, Rector of Marmara University, remarked that the event brought everyone together to celebrate the success of a distinguished educational model developed collaboratively by two well-established universities. Prof. Dr. Kurt underscored the importance of the joint medical program between Marmara University and EMU receiving accreditation for a six-year term. Expressing his appreciation to all those who contributed to this accomplishment, Prof. Dr. Kurt pointed out that accreditation is a reflection of a shared commitment to ongoing improvement and a dedicated mind-set. He added that the physicians trained through this program carry a strong awareness of professional ethics and social responsibility, serving both their country and humanity. Talking about the significance of the accreditation, Prof. Dr. Kurt said, "You represent the most precious part of both universities. The education you receive goes beyond cultural

knowledge, it is a way of life grounded in a deep sense of responsibility for human health and strong ethical principles viewed through a global lens. Participating in a joint medical program means encountering diverse cultures and academic perspectives, which you will blend with your professional skills".

"You are The Hope for This Land"

EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk who could not attend the ceremony due to busy schedule, sent a message which said; "Today, we come together to celebrate a significant achievement that holds great meaning for all of us. This accomplishment fills us with immense pride. Accreditation signifies that this program meets rigorous standards and that the medical education offered is trustworthy, high-quality, and rooted in contemporary principles. This certification reflects the dedication, expertise, and vision of everyone who has contributed to this field over the years. From the very beginning of this joint program, our aim was more than just granting diplomas; we sought to prepare physicians

capable of thriving anywhere across the globe. The progress we celebrate today clearly demonstrates how far we have advanced toward that vision". Extending his gratitude to those who contributed to the process, Dr. Özçenk said, "You are the hope for this land. Throughout your medical training, you have acquired not just knowledge, but also a strong sense of conscience, responsibility, and ethical values. This certificate stands as your assurance. May your journey be bright and your spirit resilient". Dr. Özçenk underscored that EMU remains dedicated, as always, to supporting science and humanity while fostering individuals who embrace universal principles.

TEPDAD Executive Board Chair Prof. Dr. İskender Sayek conveyed their contentment on being at EMU and touched on the importance of the said accreditation. Prof. Dr. Sayek stated that accreditation should not be regarded as the sole benchmark; equal emphasis must be placed on the meticulous preparation and thorough evaluation processes. He further highlighted the imperative of sustainability to ensure that the process holds enduring significance. Following his remarks, Prof. Dr. Sayek delivered an insightful presentation on "The Future of Medical Education."

Following the presentation, Prof. Dr. Sayek presented the accreditation certificates to Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu – the Acting Dean of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and, Prof. Dr. Ümit Süleyman Sayek – the Dean of Marmara University Faculty of Medicine. Then, Prof. Dr. Kılıç and former Rector Prof. Dr. Öztoprak presented plaques to those who have contributed to the process.

SUMMIT LEADING THE FUTURE: THE HEART OF AI BEAT AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) proudly hosted another high-profile event that made waves across the country in the fields of artificial intelligence and cutting-edge technology. The AI Summit '25, was held on Saturday, 31 May 2025, with the main sponsorship of by Dövec Group of Companies and, communication sponsorship from North Cyprus Turkcell. The event was organized in collaboration with EMU's Directorate of Social and Cultural Activities and the EMU Software and Artificial Intelligence Development Club. Taking place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Cultural and Congress Center from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., the summit attracted a large and engaged audience.

The opening ceremony of the event was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Faculty of Engineering, Head of the Department of Computer Engineering Prof. Dr. Zeki Bayram, administrative and academic staff, technology lovers and many students.

Delivering a speech at the opening of the event, Software and AI Development Club's Chair



Mehmet Oktar Önder welcomed everyone to the AI Summit '25, referring it as the biggest artificial intelligence event of Cyprus. Önder provided information about the activities and mission of the club. Önder highlighted that the success of the event resulted from strong teamwork and expressed his appreciation to all contributors. He remarked that artificial intelligence is no longer a concept of the future but a defining element of today's technology,



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and conveyed his wishes for a productive and meaningful summit.

“Our Aim is to Inspire Young Entrepreneurs”

Making an address on behalf of the Döveç Group of Companies, the main sponsor of the event, Advertising, Sales and Marketing Director İzgün Günsal expressed his pleasure to be participating in the event which also hosted prominent technology leaders from Türkiye. Günsal underlined that genuine success is measured not merely by industry

expansion, but by guiding digital transformation in a manner that serves the greater good and advances the vision of a sustainable future. He also shared insights on the initiatives aligned with this mission and expressed their intention to motivate and empower aspiring young entrepreneurs.

The Head of Department of Computer Engineering at EMU Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Dr. Zeki Bayram thanked everyone who have contributed to the realization of the event and, provided extensive

information on EMU Department of Computer Engineering. In his speech, Prof. Dr. Bayram touched on the history of Artificial Intelligence and the developments in this field. Moreover, Prof. Dr. Bayram mentioned about the opportunities offered by the Artificial Intelligence, as well as inherent dangers. He also highlighted various risks linked to AI and engaged the audience with real-life cases demonstrating its effects in practical contexts.

“Everyone Holds the Power to Shape the Future”

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç shared his excitement about participating in an event where knowledge meets technology, academia collaborates with industry, and students engage with the future. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that the summit marks a joint step into the digital age and is not merely about technology, but also about reinforcing vision and shared dreams. Noting that the summit represents a powerful move toward strengthening the country's position in the tech sector, while also promoting innovative thinking, entrepreneurship, collaboration, and achievement, Prof. Dr. Kılıç added that attendees would gain insights from leading experts on the latest advancements in AI and have the chance to connect directly with prominent technology companies to exchange ideas and experiences.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted that artificial intelligence is not just a technology of the future but a vital strategic asset of the present. Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined EMU's ambition to lead this field by embedding AI into all its academic programs, and noted that all graduates, regardless of their discipline, will receive instruction in artificial intelligence. Alongside the existing AI Engineering program, EMU plans to introduce 12 additional programs aimed at equipping students with advanced skills to become leaders in the digital age. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Kılıç announced the upcoming establishment of an Artificial Intelligence Laboratory at EMU, which will facilitate practical, hands-on training for both undergraduate and graduate students. This lab will also function as a key center for academic research and partnerships with industry. Prof. Dr. Kılıç referred to the summit as not just an event also a call for everyone and said; “This call encourages moving beyond memorized facts to embrace curiosity and boldness. It calls for becoming a generation that creates instead of merely consuming. It urges not just using technology, but leading and shaping it. It invites you to dream big. Remember, everyone here holds the power to change the future. We have faith in you and trust your capabilities”.

Following the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented plaques of appreciation to the participants of the summit. On the other hand, Software and AI Development Club presented Prof. Dr. Kılıç a plaque.

Renowned Experts Convened at EMU

After the opening remarks, a group of nationally and internationally renowned experts in artificial intelligence and advanced technologies convened at EMU. The event featured presentations by Dr. İlay Kurt, ASELSAN Country Manager; Kıvanç Uslu, Solution Architecture Group Manager at Amazon Web Services; Volkan Ak, Chief Solution Architect at Mercedes; Dr. Çağrı Yeşil, Engineering Manager at Huawei; Dr. Halit Örenbaş, Head of AI Department at Novus; İzzet Sancaklı, Project Manager from Turkish Airlines - Turkish Technology; and Tekant Gündoğan, Engineering Manager at Neuronic. Throughout the event, these specialists shared valuable insights and experiences. Interactive sessions were interspersed with prize giveaways organized by the club, rewarding participants with various gifts.

Booths Set at the AI Summit attracted Great Interest

During the AI Summit held at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center, numerous booths set up at the foyer area of the building attracted great interest throughout the day. In addition to exhibits showcasing student projects, organizations like Türkiye İşBank, Nefonline, North Cyprus Turkcell, and Döveç Group of Companies engaged students in career-oriented discussions. Visitors also had the opportunity to hold one-on-one career talks with the summit's expert speakers who made appearances in the foyer area. At the Software and Artificial Intelligence Development Club's booth, attendees enjoyed capturing memorable photos using an AI-based application.

EMU INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES CONGRESS WAS HELD

EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY HOLDS "EMU INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES CONGRESS"

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Pharmaceutical Sciences Congress (IPSC 2025) organized by the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy took place on Wednesday, 14 May 2025 at 08:30 a.m. at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Featuring various presentations, whether online or face-to-face, the congress contributed to scientific and professional development and provided an international scientific sharing platform for students and academia.

The congress hosted scientists and researchers from various parts of the world, including Switzerland, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Burundi, Cameroon, Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Ruanda, Sudan, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda and Zimbabwe. This broad participation enriched the congress with a global perspective, offering attendees the chance to engage with up-to-date scientific research from around the world.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Board of Trustees (VYK) Acting President Halil İbrahim Orun, Republic of Türkiye (TR) Famagusta General Consul İlyas Çetin, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Tourism, Promotion and Marketing Department Director Mine Emiroğlu, Famagusta State Hospital Chief Physician Dr. Hakkı Serhat Tulay, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean and Congress Chair Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan, many members of academia, administrative personnel and students attended the congress.

"We are honoured to be Hosting an International Congress"

Commenced with the observation of a minute of silence and national anthem, the event continued with a musical recital led by Choir Master Erkan Dağlı and a choir consisting of EMU Faculty of Education, Fine Arts Education Department, Music Teacher Program students. Delivering the opening speech of the event, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean and Congress Chair Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan began his delivery by thanking the participants of the event. Prof. Dr. Gülcan highlighted that the congress was held in celebration of 14 May - Pharmacy Day, and expressed the profound pride and excitement of hosting an international congress for the first time. Prof. Dr. Gülcan emphasized the longstanding heritage of pharmacy as a profession rooted in the history of humanity, and noted that the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy has educated students from 36 different countries, producing a total of 1,175 graduates to date. Prof. Dr. Gülcan also underscored the faculty's commitment to excellence, stating that it delivers education at a global standard and recently attained a significant international achievement by earning accreditation from the U.S.-based Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

"An Important Scientific Event"

Also delivering a speech, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay congratulated Eastern Mediterranean University and the Faculty of Pharmacy who hosted the said event, expressing his joy at being part of such a distinguished scientific gathering. He noted that Famagusta, as the second-largest city in the Turkish Republic



of Northern Cyprus, stands out not only for its rich cultural and historical legacy but also for its vibrant and productive nature. Dr. Uluçay also emphasized the importance of peace and cooperation, reminding attendees of the city's long-standing role as a cradle of civilizations, and wished everyone a rewarding and enjoyable congress experience.

"Advances the International Vision of EMU"

In his remarks, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç conveyed his pride and excitement in organizing the EMU International Pharmaceutical Sciences Congress 2025. Marking the occasion's significance, which aligned with National Pharmacy Day, Prof. Dr. Kılıç extended his heartfelt greetings to all scholars and healthcare professionals contributing to the advancement of pharmaceutical sciences. Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted that the congress, which brought together researchers from more than twenty countries, served not only as a platform for rich scientific dialogue but also as a testament to EMU's expanding global outlook. He underscored the university's strategic location in Eastern Cyprus and its vibrant, multicultural academic community representing over 100 nations, offering quality education in both English and Turkish. Furthermore, he pointed out that the hybrid format of the congress reflected EMU's dedication to digital innovation and its strong commitment to equal access in education. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by expressing sincere appreciation to all academic and administrative personnel involved in the organization, as well as to the participating speakers and contributors.

"A Noteworthy Opportunity to Foster Institutional Academic Partnerships"

Unable to attend the event due to overseas commitments, Dr. Erdal Özçenk, President of the Board of Trustees, shared a message on the occasion of the congress organized by the

EMU Faculty of Pharmacy. In his message, he conveyed his pride in EMU's continued leadership in hosting high-level international scientific gatherings and extended his appreciation to all academic and administrative staff who contributed to the successful organization of the event. Dr. Özçenk highlighted the universal nature of science and noted that the participation of researchers from diverse countries presents valuable opportunities for academic collaboration and the exchange of knowledge. He further emphasized that EMU's ongoing achievements in health sciences continue to elevate its global academic standing, and concluded by wishing all participants a fruitful and impactful IPSC 2025.

Over 100 Presentations

During the event chaired by the Dean of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan, over 100 presentations were delivered in three different meeting halls by expert scientists. Bringing together leading experts not only from key pharmaceutical fields, such as Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmacology, Pharmacognosy, and Pharmaceutical Technology, but also from across the broader health sciences, the event served as a vital forum for scientific dialogue and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Gala Dinner Organized

In recognition of their valuable contributions to the EMU International Pharmaceutical Sciences Congress 2025, speakers and participants were presented with commemorative plaques during a gala dinner held on Tuesday, 14 May 2025, at The Arkin Iskele Hotel. The plaques were awarded by EMU Acting Rector, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, together with Congress Chair and Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Ozan Gülcan. Beyond honoring academic contributions, the gala evening provided a warm and memorable setting that fostered meaningful connections and camaraderie among attendees.



PIONEER OF THE SPACE TECHNOLOGIES PROF. DR. ARİF KARABEYOĞLU GIVES A SEMINAR AT EMU

Organized in collaboration with Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics and, Türkiye Technology Team Foundation (T3 Foundation), the seminar titled “Uzayda Türkiye’nin Yükselen Ufku: Hibrit Roketlerden Uydu Teknolojilerine / The Rising Horizon of Türkiye in Space: From Hybrid Rockets to Space Technologies” was held with great success at the EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. The Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of the Fergani Space Technologies Inc. and, Koç University academic staff member Prof. Dr. Arif Karabeyoğlu attended the event as a guest speaker. The seminar held as part of the “National Technology Move: Space Vision”, attracted huge interest from EMU students and academicians.

Said event was attended by the Republic of Türkiye, Famagusta Consul General İlyas Çetin, EMU Acting Rector and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Salih Katırcıoğlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Dean of EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Head of EMU Department of Physics Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, academic and administrative personnel members, and students.

“A Reflection of EMU’s Research-Driven Vision”

In his opening remarks, EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe expressed his great pleasure in welcoming a prominent scientist who plays a leading role in shaping the field of space technologies in Türkiye. Prof. Dr. Karatepe noted that the presentation by Prof. Dr. Arif Karabeyoğlu, Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer of Fergani Space Technologies Inc. and faculty member at Koç University, would not only showcase technological advancements, but also embody a nation’s aspiration to make its mark in the skies. Prof. Dr. Karatepe highlighted the significant progress Türkiye has made under the National Technology Initiative, particularly in strategic areas such as space exploration, hybrid rocket propulsion systems, and domestically developed satellite technologies. Prof. Dr. Karatepe emphasized that such scientific contributions reflect EMU’s commitment to a research-driven academic mission. Stressing that universities must serve not only as centers of knowledge but also as sources of inspiration that help shape the future, Prof. Dr. Karatepe underlined EMU’s responsibility to encourage students to engage in cutting-edge scientific fields. He concluded by extending his gratitude to Prof. Dr. Karabeyoğlu for his valuable contributions and expressed his hope that the seminar would



provide enlightening perspectives for all participants.

The seminar explored key areas such as Türkiye’s national space programs, the development of indigenous rocket engines, orbital testing procedures, and cutting-edge satellite technologies. Prof. Dr. Arif Karabeyoğlu provided a thorough overview of the insights gained from hybrid rocket systems, advancements in eco-friendly propulsion methods, and ongoing research and development focused on domestically engineered space vehicles. A distinguished

member of prestigious international institutions like the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), Prof. Dr. Karabeyoğlu also assessed the current progress of Türkiye’s space industry and discussed strategic initiatives planned for the coming years.

At the end of the event, EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe presented Prof. Dr. Karabeyoğlu a silver plate. This significant event contributing to the scientific vision of EMU, served as an exciting sharing platform for the participants in the field of advance technology and space research.

EMU ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAM RESULTS ANNOUNCED



The results of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2025 – 2026 Academic Year Entrance and Scholarship Exam has been announced. The results of the exam held on Sunday, 1 June 2025 between 10:30 a.m. and 01:00 p.m. at exam centers located at EMU campus, Famagusta, Nicosia, Istanbul and Mersin is accessible at www.emu.edu.tr/kktcsinav.

Top Students in Different Score Types Revealed

According to the results; Ali Emre Özbek from 19 Mayıs Türkisch Maarif College ranked first in the Mathematics – Sciences (MF) Score Type and, English Language (ID) Score Type, reserving the right to enroll in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department at the Faculty of Engineering.

Onur Kıpçü from 19 Mayıs Türkisch Maarif College also ranked first in Turkish – Mathematics (TM) Score Type and Turkish Social Sciences (TS) Score Type, gaining the right to be enrolled in the Joint International

Dentistry Program carried out between the Eastern Mediterranean University and Health Sciences University.

Registrations Continue

New students of EMU who gained the right to enrol in programs of EMU in accordance with their EMU Entrance and Scholarship Exam results, will be able to complete their registration either by making a visit to the EMU Registrar's Office or online from <https://kayit.emu.edu.tr> address. Those completing their registration procedures online must submit their authentic documents to the Registrar's Office at the latest of 1 September 2025.

Discount Opportunities

EMU will be offering various discount opportunities to students who will be enrolled in the university within the scope of 'Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus citizen' category. According to the latest decision taken; students who make full annual payments by 15 June



2025, will receive an additional 15% discount, while those paying per semester in full by the same date will get a 10% extra discount. For annual payments made between 16 and 30 June 2025, a 10% additional discount applies, and for payments between 1 July and 31 August 2025, a 5% additional discount is offered.

EMU AND İMO TO LAUNCH A JOINT LABORATORY

Eastern Mediterranean University and the Chamber of Civil Engineers (İMO) operating under the Union of the Chambers of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB) signed a collaboration protocol for the establishment and operation of the "Concrete Cube Compression and Reinforcement Bar Tensile Testing Laboratory". The said protocol was signed on Monday, 26 May 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the EMU Rector's Office Building. Within the scope of the protocol, a laboratory will be set up on the EMU campus, dedicated to performing concrete cube compression tests and tensile strength tests on construction steel.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and KTMMOB Chamber of Civil Engineers Chairperson Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdullah Ekinci signed the protocol during a signing ceremony which was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU Rector's Office Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga Çelik, Assistant Head of EMU Department of Civil Engineering Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tülin Akçaoğlu, İMO Executive Board Members Ayşe Pekrioğlu Bakis and Hüdaaverdi Tozan, İMO Member Şener Çagınan and İMO Secretary General Ahmed Erkmen.

"Sectors of Academia and Industry Should Not Be Viewed Separately"

Delivering a speech at the signing ceremony, Chair of the KTMMOB Chamber of Civil Engineers Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdullah Ekinci extended his thanks to EMU for their invitation and underscored the importance of the collaboration to be initiated between the parties. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ekinci highlighted the critical role of collaboration between industry representatives and academic institutions, stressing how essential it is for professional chambers to engage with the academic world. He expressed his pleasure in partnering with EMU, describing it as one of Northern Cyprus's most reputable and longstanding institutions. Emphasizing that the sectors of academia and industry should not be viewed separately, he stated, "These two sectors



must work hand in hand, and as a Chamber, we highly value these types of partnerships." Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ekinci also pointed out the significance of overseeing building inspection systems and noted that the laboratory to be established through the protocol with EMU would pave the way for substantial advancements in the field by enabling more extensive testing capabilities.

In his remarks, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that Eastern Mediterranean University is not only responsible for academic duties but also serves as a university for the community, and noted that universities should do more than produce knowledge, they must also guide and support both society and industry. Highlighting the value of academic-industry partnerships, Prof. Dr. Kılıç

stated, "Universities become truly meaningful when they contribute to the advancement of industries." He described the newly signed protocol as a significant step toward achieving this goal. Referring to the heightened importance of building inspections after the 2023 earthquake, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that the university would focus on this area through the protocol, and pointed out that EMU continues its scientific contributions through the Earthquake Research Center, saying, "We are combining our scientific approach with industry practices. By uniting our academic expertise with your field experience, we aim to address sector needs." Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by reaffirming EMU's strong commitment to supporting this initiative with full effort.

COLLABORATION PROTOCOL SIGNED BETWEEN EMU AND USKAİD

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and International Social Cultural and Academic Relations Association (USKAİD) signed a protocol concerning the identification of collaboration framework in academic, social and cultural fields. As part of the said protocol, EMU will contribute to the collaboration with its academic cadre, students and research opportunities. On the other hand, USKAİD will provide supports to projects through its experts, field studies and local collaborations. The parties will act within the framework of the memorandum of understanding in terms of financing the joint activities.

During the protocol signing session held at the EMU Rector's Office building, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and, USKAİD Chairperson and Lawyer Selman Yaray signed the protocol on behalf of their respective institutions. Present during the said ceremony were EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici and a delegation from USKAİD.

In his speech, USKAİD Chairperson and Lawyer Yaray, referred to a previous symposium organized in collaboration with EMU and stated; "During the symposium we held previously, the university team made invaluable contributions, resulting in an exceptional and enriching experience for us. Although USKAİD is a recently established organization, our members possess substantial expertise. By channelling this experience through a structured institutional framework, we have begun launching impactful initiatives. The symposium evolved into a widely recognized international summit, which brought us great pride. We are



confident that the cooperation protocol signed today will serve as a foundation for even more ambitious programs and projects in the future".

Also making remarks on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed that the university is honoured to be hosting an event organized by USKAİD. Noting that EMU views such collaborations and partnerships as essential for reinforcing institutional relationships, Prof. Dr.

Kılıç explained that this international agreement, rooted in social and cultural cooperation, represents a foundational step toward broader joint initiatives between the parties. Emphasizing that each institution carries specific responsibilities within the framework of this collaboration, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that EMU's contribution would primarily focus on the academic and scientific fields. He also conveyed the university's satisfaction with the signing of this protocol.

NOYANLAR - MAIN SPONSOR OF THE EMU SUMMER SCHOOL

COLLABORATION PROTOCOL BETWEEN EMU AND NOYANLAR GROUP OF COMPANIES: MAIN SPONSOR OF THE 2025 EMU INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Noyanlar Group of Companies signed a significant collaboration protocol in regards to the 2025 – 2026 Short Term Internship Programs to be carried out as part of the EMU International Summer school. Within the framework of the signed protocol, Noyanlar Group of Companies will be the main sponsor of the programs. The protocol was signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Noyanlar Group of Companies Sales and Marketing Director Zarif Noyan. The signing ceremony was also attended by EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren as well as Gökhan Noyan and officials from the Noyanlar Group of Companies.

“First Step of an Important Collaboration”

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that they had come together for a highly meaningful signing ceremony, marking the beginning of a valuable collaboration with the Noyanlar Group of Companies, one of the country’s esteemed organizations with over half a century of experience in the construction sector. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that EMU aims to expand its knowledge and expertise by partnering with leading figures on the island. As part of this initiative, the partnership will include the Noyanlar Group’s main sponsorship of the EMU International Summer School and the development of short-term internship programs. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also pointed out the strong, long-standing relationship between the university and Noyanlar Group, expressing his belief that this cooperation will now enter a new phase. He concluded by wishing for the agreement to bring positive outcomes for both parties.

“It’s Our Job to Build a Better Tomorrow”

Delivering a speech, Zarif Noyan, Sales and Marketing Director at the Noyanlar



Group of Companies, conveyed their pleasure on being at EMU. Noyan described EMU as an invaluable and irreplaceable institution for the TRNC and proudly recalled being an alumnus of the university herself. She reaffirmed that Noyanlar Group of Companies would stand behind every step the university takes. “Our work is not only about building structures, but also about shaping a stronger future,” she noted and added; “We believe that every contribution to education positively impacts the overall welfare of society. It is a privilege for us to support this meaningful initiative by EMU”.

At the end of the ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented a souvenir to Zarif Noyan, Sales and Marketing Director of Noyanlar Group of Companies.

International Summer School and Internship Program

As part of the EMU International Summer School, around 2,000 participants aged 10 to 25, along with their parents, from countries such as Iran, Russia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Türkiye, Belarus, and Germany, will be hosted on the EMU campus.

On the other hand, starting in May, short-term internship and training programs will be available, offering tailored 2, 3, and 4-week courses for professionals including teachers, bank staff, and experts in marketing, finance, and foreign trade, as well as individuals from other fields.

The summer school, attracting hundreds of domestic and international students, aims to foster their academic, social, and cultural growth. Supported by sponsorship from the Noyanlar Group of Companies, this year’s program will reach a broader audience and provide enriched opportunities for students.

EMU SIGNS A COLLABORATION PROTOCOL WITH NORTH CYPRUS YOUNG BUSINESSMEN ASSOCIATION

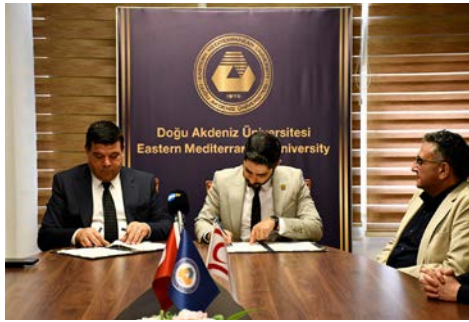


Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) signed a collaboration protocol with the North Cyprus Young Businessmen Association (GIAD). The said protocol was signed on Monday, 2 June 2025 at 02:00 p.m. at the EMU Rector's Office building where EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Chair of GIAD Yusuf Tekin signed the protocol on behalf of their institutions.

Present during the signing session were; EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, General Secretary Derviş Eksici, Faculty of Engineering academic staff member and Technology Competitions and Project Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı, Faculty of Economics academic staff member and Board of Trustees (VYK) Financial and Economic Affairs Advisor Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Kayacan, Deputy Chairperson of GIAD Turgut Deniz and GIAD officials, Prof. dr. Mehmet Başar and Ufuk Batum.

Making remarks during the signing session, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that EMU not only focuses on education and teaching but also actively engages in community service, remaining ready to support societal needs at all times. Prof. Dr. Kılıç pointed out that the upcoming collaboration protocol with GIAD, a key institution in the country, will play a vital role in advancing the sector as well as enhancing the university's contributions to it. Highlighting the importance of involving young entrepreneurs with the university, Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that this collaboration will create new opportunities for young people and establish a valuable model. He wished for the agreement to be fruitful for both organizations.

In his speech, GIAD Chairperson Yusuf Tekin underlined that they act with a sense of social responsibility towards young people and expressed great pride in collaborating with EMU, one of the country's most established universities. Tekin wished the protocol, which involves mutual sharing of knowledge and experience, to be beneficial.



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VIBRANT SCENES AT EMU SPRING FESTIVAL PARADE

The 27th Spring Festival, organized with the “Let’s Bloom” theme this year, commenced with a festival parade on Wednesday, 14 May 2025 at 05:30 p.m. from the Famagusta Development Center (MAGEM), ending at the university campus. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu ad Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and many students attended

the parade. Concluding at the festival area, the parade featured vibrant scenes filled with joy and celebration. Following the parade, an opening ceremony was held at the Festival Area.

Delivering a speech on behalf of EMU during the opening ceremony, Prof. Dr. Karatepe said; “I welcome you all to the 27th Spring

Festival. Today and the following next four days are yours to enjoy. You deserve the best. Hopefully, we will celebrate the 27th Spring Festival in a joyful and lively atmosphere”.

Within the scope of the opening ceremony, EMU Search and Rescue Club (EMU-SAR) performed a High Line Descent show.



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MABEL MATİZ BRINGS SPRING TO EMU

The first day of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 27th Spring Festival organized with communication sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell and media sponsorship of NRG Creative began with the Festival Parade on Wednesday, 14 May 2025. The day continued with an amazing concert by famous Turkish singer Mabel Matiz.

The highly attended concert welcomed Istanbul Technical University – Turkish Republic of

Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Campus Rector Prof. Dr. Burçkin Dal, General Secretary of the Higher Education Planning, Evaluation, Accreditation and Coordination Council (YÖDAK) Erdiñç Akgür, EMU Acting Rector and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU Board of Trustees Member Servet Karabacak, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, many students, academic and personnel staff members as well as the

members of the society. Mabel Matiz took the stage at Yasin Düşüner Stadium at 10:00 p.m., enchanting the audience with a memorable performance of popular songs including “Kömür,” “Fırtınadayım,” “Antidepresan,” “Aşk Yok Olmaktır,” and “Ya Bu İşler Ne.” At the end of the concert, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren presented Mabel Matiz with a plaque in recognition of his contribution.



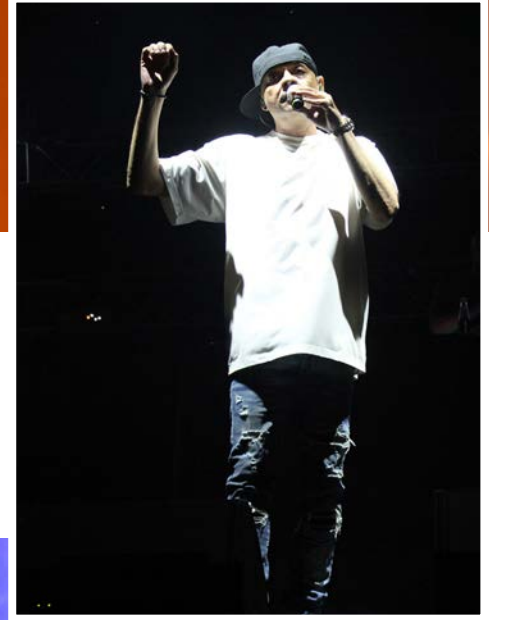
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RAP ARTIST CEZA PERFORMS AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 27th Spring Festival continued on Thursday, 15 May 2025 with a performance by famous Turkish rap artist, Ceza. Taking place at 10:00 p.m. at the EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium, the concert featured a lively performance by Ceza, bringing excitement to the crowd with his most popular songs.

The highly attended concert saw Ceza deliver an electrifying performance, featuring popular songs like “Neyim Var Ki?”, “Fark Var,” and “Sus Pus,” as well as songs from different phases of his career, offering the audience an immersive rap experience. At the end of the show, EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren presented Ceza with a plaque in recognition of his contribution.



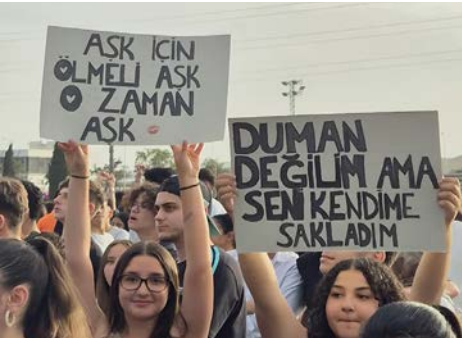
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ROCK FEVER AT EMU

Organized with the communication sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell and media sponsorship of NRG Creative, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 27th Spring Festival turned into an unforgettable night on Friday, 16 May 2025. This joyous night at EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium commenced at 06:00 p.m. with a stage performance by Force Awakens.

The night continued with famous Turkish artist Kalben's performance with her favourite songs of "Sadece", "İyi Değilim Ben" and "Saçlar", entertaining the participants.

The final performance of the night was by Duman, one of the most popular rock groups of Türkiye. Performing their hit songs, including "Senden Daha Güzel", "Kırış Kalbini", "Kufi" and "Seni Kendime Sakladım", the rock band entertained thousands of people, offering a night full of music. Duman captivated the large audience with their dynamic stage presence and strong connection with the crowd, earning widespread praise throughout the concert.



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“OKAN ERSAN QUARTET JAZZ FUSION ELECTRIC BAND ‘NIBIRU’ CONCERT” HELD AT EMU AS PART OF THE 27TH SPRING FESTIVAL

Within the scope of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 27th Spring Festival, organized with communication sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell and media sponsorship of NRG Creative, “Okan Ersan Quartet Jazz Fusion Electric Band”, one of the leading representatives of jazz fusion, delivered a concert themed ‘NIBIRU’. The event took place

at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center with the participating of art-enthusiasts.

Led by world-renowned electric guitar virtuoso Okan Ersan, the band delivered an unforgettable musical experience to the audience. The performance, staged under the theme ‘NIBIRU’, featured Serkan Özyılmaz on piano, Eylem

Pelit on bass guitar, and Volkan Öktem on drums, accompanying Ersan. Blending powerful jazz fusion interpretations with a high-energy stage presence, the concert took listeners on what could be described as a “cosmic journey” through music. At the end of the night, the artists were presented with plaques of appreciation.



LIVELY SCENES AT THE EMU COLOR FEST

Within the scope of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 27th Spring Festival, organized with the communication sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell and media sponsorship of NRG Creative, Color Fest event

was held at the EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium at 01:00 p.m. Organized as a special event on the festival’s closing day, Color Fest sought to enhance student engagement, foster a joyful gathering, and offer encouragement ahead of

the exam season. The event drew enthusiastic participation, with students dancing to lively music and playfully covering each other in vibrant color powders, creating a memorable celebration.



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“PROFESYONEL” MET WITH THEATRE-LOVERS AT EMU STAGE

Within the scope of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 27th Spring Festival events, organized with communication sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell and media sponsorship of NRG Creative, the award-winning and sold-out theatre play of Istanbul State Theatre titled “Profesyonel / Professional” was performed in the Turkish of Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), hosted by EMU.

The play “Profesyonel,” held with the contributions of the EMU Theatre Club, was staged exclusively for EMU students on Thursday, 15 May 2025, at 06:00 p.m. at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center, free of charge. Following the highly

attended student performance, a public showing took place on Friday, 16 May, 2025, at 07:00 p.m. The performances were also attended by the EMU Acting Rector and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, and Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren.

The play, written by the internationally renowned Serbian writer Dušan Kovačević, is a dark comedy that skilfully blends humour with deep reflection. “Profesyonel” delves into the political dynamics surrounding the collapse of Yugoslavia through a striking encounter

between a former government official and a writer. It follows the life of an intellectual in constant conflict with the system, encouraging the audience to engage in both a historical evaluation and a personal ethical examination.

Under the direction of esteemed director Işıl Kasapoğlu, the production starred notable Turkish theatre artists such as Yetkin Dikinciler, Bülent Emin Yarar, Gülen Çehrelî, and Cenap Oğuz in principal roles. The event offered theatre lovers a chance to experience a distinguished work of Turkish theatre, with the audience giving the performers a lengthy standing ovation in appreciation of their compelling stage presence.



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“BÖYLE GELMİŞ BÖYLE GEÇER” MEETS WITH THEATRE-LOVERS AT EMU

Within the scope of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 27th Spring Festival, the theatre production “Böyle Gelmiş Böyle Geçer,” organized by the EMU Theatre Club, attracted significant attention. Staged on Friday, 16 May 2025, at 02:00 p.m. in the EMU Activity Hall, the play was met with enthusiastic acclaim from the audience.

Written by Saadettin Abusalih, a 1994 undergraduate and 1996 postgraduate graduate of EMU Faculty of Engineering, Civil Engineering Department, and directed by Özlem Vardar, the production

featured performances by Özlem Vardar, Saadettin Abusalih, and Özge Vardar Topçu, with sound and lighting design by Burcu Abusalih.

The thoughtful stage design and music successfully immersed viewers in the story’s mood, while the actors’ genuine and heartfelt portrayals vividly expressed the emotional depth of each scene. Thanks to its impactful narrative and strong performances, “Böyle Gelmiş Böyle Geçer” became one of the standout events of the 27th Spring Festival.



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EMU 27TH SPRING FESTIVAL FEATURES A VARIETY OF TALK EVENTS

Within the scope of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 27th Spring Festival, organized with communication sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell and media sponsorship of NRG Creative, hosted a variety of thought-provoking conversations that illuminated various aspects of the cultural and artistic world. The sessions, which inspired attendees, explored diverse fields such as literature, film, music, performing arts, and philosophy.



Talk with Müfit Can Saçınıtı

A talk event featuring Müfit Can Saçınıtı took place at the Activity Hall, attracting strong student interest. Recognized for his role as the "Mandırta Filozofu", Saçınıtı engaged the audience with reflections on eco-friendly living, societal norms of modern life, and the influence of humour. The session offered a mix of laughter and thoughtful insights.



"Takıntılar" Movie Screenings and Talk

The movie titled "Takıntılar", directed by Yunus Nihat Özcan with cinematography by Aydın Sarıoğlu, was screened at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, followed by an interactive talk. Lead actors Zafer Algöz and Sarp Akkaya participated in the event as guest speakers. Audience members had the chance to engage with the actors directly, posing questions and discussing the film after the screening.



Talk with Emir Can İğrek

Another engaging session at the Activity Hall featured beloved artist Emir Can İğrek, hosted by ultraAslan UNI Eastern Mediterranean. Led by moderator Harun Muslu, the conversation explored İğrek's artistic journey, his bond with young audiences, and his enduring passion for Galatasaray. He spoke sincerely about the significance of being a Galatasaray fan in his life and how fan culture has shaped him. The event also included a surprise moment — a live video chat with Galatasaray legend Ümit Karan, adding a memorable touch to the session.



Talk with Doğukan Güngör

At Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, a talk was held featuring beloved young actor Doğukan Güngör from the TV series "Kızılıcak Şerbeti", organized by the EMU Fenerbahçe Fan Club. During the event, students had the opportunity to hear Güngör speak openly about his deep-rooted passion for Fenerbahçe, his journey in the acting industry, and meaningful memories he has gathered at a young age. The discussion included insights into life on set as well as unforgettable fan moments from the stands. The audience responded with high interest and excitement.

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EMU 27TH SPRING FESTIVAL FEATURES A VARIETY OF TALK EVENTS



“Karakalem’den Ekrana” Talk with N. İpek Gökdel

During a talk held at the Activity Hall, author N. İpek Gökdel—the creative mind behind the inspiration for Netflix’s “The Protector”—discussed the journey of turning her written work into a screen production. The audience gained insight into how the story evolved from page to screen. Gökdel, who reached a broad readership with her “Karakalem” series and made meaningful contributions to Turkish fantasy literature, candidly spoke about her writing process and the adaptation of her novels into a television series.



Animal Rights Panel Held

EMU Faculty of Law hosted an animal rights panel titled “We Speak for Our Friends with Paws” moderated by Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazime Beysan which took place with the participation of Lawyer Nadir Bildir, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ferhun Kahraman and Deniz Çin.

The discussions organized within the scope of EMU 27th Spring Festival provided attendees with motivating experiences and added artistic and cultural value to campus life.

ULUS BAKER PHILOSOPHY TALKS: “ART & PHILOSOPHY RELATION” AT EMU

Within the scope of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Philosophy Talks series, an event was organized in memory of Ulus Baker, a renowned Cypriot academic and influential figure in contemporary thought. As the first edition of this recurring series, the event not only strengthens EMU’s identity as a hub of high culture, but also stands as a tribute to a cherished national thinker, earning a lasting place in the university’s academic calendar.

The relationship between art and philosophy was thoroughly discussed during the event that took place at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Conference Hall. The guest speakers of the event, Oğuz Haşlakoğlu and Emre Zeytinoğlu, provided insights on the foundations of artistic thinking within the moderation of the Chair of EMU Art and Design Center Prof. Dr. Ümit İnatçı.

The talk event served as a platform featuring discussions which underscored that art is not only an aesthetic field but also a philosophical and political one. Throughout the event, the mutual interaction between art’s ways of generating meaning and the intellectual structure of philosophy was explored through various examples. During the question-answer session that followed, participants shared their thoughts on how art responds to today’s social issues, the political responsibilities of artists, and the dynamic relationship between art and philosophy.

Who was Ulus Baker?

Born in Ankara in 1960, Ulus Baker is recognized as one of Türkiye’s most distinctive and influential intellectuals. Celebrated for his roles as a sociologist, writer, and philosopher, he made notable and original contributions to philosophy, film theory, media studies, and political thought.

Baker served for many years as a faculty member in the Sociology Department at Middle East Technical University (METU), and gained prominence for his insightful interpretations of thinkers such as Deleuze, Guattari, and Spinoza, often stepping beyond traditional academic boundaries.

Ulus Baker deeply influenced new generations of thinkers not only through his teaching but also through his writings. After his passing, his ideas reached broader audiences after his passing with the publication of works like “Zihin Kuramı / Theory of Mind”, “Kozmopolitika / Cosmopolitics”, and “Politik Ontoloji Dersleri / Lectures on Political Ontology”. Passing away in 2007, Baker played a key role in shaping critical thought in Türkiye and left behind a profound intellectual legacy that continues to inspire today.



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INTERNATIONAL NIGHT EXCITEMENT AT EMU

Organized as part of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 27th Spring Festival, the “International Night” event was held at EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium. The night held within the scope of the Spring Festival which was organized with the communication sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell and media sponsorship of NRG Creative, was marked by vibrant celebrations. The event also saw the participation of EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication, Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren.

The event, which brought together students from diverse countries, featured an exciting night filled with DJ performances, traditional dances, cultural showcases, and live music. Booths serving signature dishes from various nations added a delicious dimension to the night. With its vibrant stage acts and strong emphasis on cultural diversity and togetherness, the celebration received enthusiastic appreciation from all participants. EMU students enjoyed an unforgettable evening where they could immerse themselves in different cultures all at once.

Through its support of the “International Night,” the EMU Rector’s Office once again demonstrated the university’s commitment to multiculturalism and its student-focused mission. Speaking on behalf of the Rector’s Office, Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication, Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, underscored that such rich cultural interactions play a vital role in broadening students’ global outlook.



2ND TOURISM CAREER FAIR HELD AT EMU AS PART OF THE 26TH TOURISM DAYS

The “Eastern Mediterranean 2nd Tourism Fair 2025”, organized within the scope of the 26th Tourism Days, by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism was held with strong participation. Taking place in front of EMU Faculty of Tourism Building, the fair brought together the students who are interested in the tourism industry with the representatives of the sector.

Throughout the fair, a wide range of hotel chains, travel agencies, and aviation companies hosted booths and engaged directly with students. Human resources representatives of the companies shared details about internship and employment opportunities, while also accepting résumés and conducting initial interviews.

The fair provided a valuable opportunity for students to explore career paths and connect directly with industry professionals. It also played a key role in fostering stronger ties between academia and the tourism sector. During the event, numerous academics and sector representatives came together to discuss collaborative projects and explore possibilities for future cooperation.

Receiving great participation, the event supported students in shaping their career choices and offered them valuable insight into the latest trends and developments within the tourism industry.

Total of 30 Participating Companies

The fair brought together leading names from the tourism and hospitality sectors, offering students the chance to connect directly with industry professionals. With 30 organizations participating, the event featured prestigious hotels and resorts such as Limak Cyprus Deluxe Hotel, Elexus Hotel Resort, Concorde Luxury Resort, Kaya Artemis Resort, The Arkin Colony, Arkin Palm Beach Hotel, Arkin Karpaz Gate Marina, Salamis Bay Conti Hotel, Lord's Palace Hotel, Merit Hotels International, Grand Pasha Hotel Lefkoşa, Cratos Premium Hotel, Grand Sapphire Resort Hotel, and Ceasar Projects.

Additionally, companies from other tourism-related fields including Döveç Group, Akol Group, Pegasus Airlines, and Puzzle Travel engaged with students and offered internship and job opportunities. Well-known names from the gastronomy and service industries, such as Caddem Inn Hotel, The Hunger, Big Chefs, La Terrezza Hotel, Cortado Espresso Bar,

Roots Cafe and Bar, Azulik, Loof, the Güven Forces House Directorate, Oza Kahve, and Petek Pastanesi, also took part in the event. Their participation enabled face-to-face interaction with students. The broad representation of businesses across different sectors highlighted both the diversity of the fair and the wide scope of career paths available to students.



AIESEC EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN CONTINUES ITS YOUNG LEADERSHIP JOURNEY AT NATCO'25

AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean participated in the NATCO'25 Conference, recognized as one of the largest young leadership organizations of Türkiye. Held in Antalya within the collaborations of AIESEC Eskişehir and AIESEC Türkiye Office, the event hosted over 700 youngsters from 18 different AIESEC branches.

AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean Chair Belemir Aydın also attended the event which emphasized key topics such as leadership growth, social impact, and cross-cultural cooperation. Throughout the conference, various sessions, workshops, and group discussions played a significant role in reinforcing AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean's connections on a national level and broadening the organization's overall vision.

As of the end of April 2025, AIESEC Eastern Mediterranean had successfully enabled 19 young individuals to participate in overseas social responsibility projects. This milestone serves as a driving force for the organization as it aims for even more ambitious achievements.

Taking part in the NATCO'25 Conference was a key step toward AIESEC Eastern



Mediterranean's goal of expanding opportunities for youth and strengthening its influence on a global scale. The organization

remains dedicated to empowering young people and guiding them on their path to global leadership.

"FINANCE DAY" EVENT ORGANIZED AT EMU FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Banking and Finance organized an event titled "Finance Day". Held at the Faculty of Business and Economics, the event commenced with an opening speech by Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim, the Dean of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics.

Within the scope of the event, a debate competition themed around behavioural finance was held among the students. The team that excelled and secured first place was presented with a gift voucher sponsored by the EMU KOOP MAR. Moreover, as part of the "Investments" course, top-performing students

in the investment competition showcased their strategies before a panel of judges. Based on the jury's assessment, the most successful participant was honoured with an award.

The event also featured a presentation highlighting the activities carried out by the Department of Banking and Finance throughout the semester. In addition, an informational session was held regarding the initiatives organized by the EMU Center for Financial Regulation and Risk Management. Students from the Department of Banking and Finance delivered presentations on topics such as sentiment analysis and Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs).

Honour and High Honour Certificates, and CFA Certificates of Participation Presented

Within the scope of the "Finance Day" event, students who achieved exceptional academic success during the Fall Semester of the 2024–2025 Academic Year and earned honours or high honours distinctions were awarded their certificates. Moreover, students who participated in the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) program received official certificates of participation.

The event concluded with a group photo shoot. Furthermore, the Head of EMU Department of Banking and Finance Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nigâr Taşpınar made remarks and said, "We are proud of our students' achievements. We will continue to contribute to their individual and academic developments by organizing events like this one".

“CHAMPION ANGELS GROVE” INAUGURATED AT EMU



The “Champion Angels Grove” was inaugurated with the contributions of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nursing and EMU Nursing Club. The inauguration ceremony took place on Tuesday, 27 May 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in front of Block C located at the Faculty of Health Sciences. Within the scope of the ceremony, the trees in the grove were named after the Champion Angels who sadly passed away on 6 February 2023 during the earthquake disaster. The grove consists of 35 saplings planted in memory of 35 members of the Champion Angels.

The ceremony was attended by EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Acting President Halil İbrahim Orun, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Eksici, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Head of EMU Department of Nursing Prof. Dr. Sevinç Taştan, EMU Rector’s Office Coordinators, academic and administrative staff members.

Delivering the opening remarks of the event, Prof. Dr. Sevinç Taştan, the Head of EMU Department of Nursing, noted that the grove project has been initiated in loving memory of Champion Angels who lost their lives in the 6 February earthquake. Saying, “Today, we will be planting 35 olive trees”, Prof. Dr. Taştan added “These trees are not only plants, they will symbolize the vibrant spirit, hope, and lasting impact of the souls we have lost”. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Taştan stated that the grove will also embody the unifying and healing spirit of togetherness and solidarity that the Champion Angels left behind.

Taking the stage following Prof. Dr. Taştan, Dean of EMU Health Sciences Faculty Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç stated that the faculty had gathered together for a very meaningful event, saying: “Our faculty has once again demonstrated its commitment to being more

than just an academic institution, by embracing its role in meaningful social responsibility initiatives. Today, we gather to commemorate the 35 Champion Angels we tragically lost in the 6 February earthquake, and to pay tribute to their memory with heartfelt gratitude and reverence. I warmly welcome you all and sincerely thank you for standing with us on this poignant occasion”.

EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe also delivered a speech during the event and extended his gratitude to the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Department of Nursing for organizing the event. Prof. Dr. Karatepe continued his speech by saying; “There are times when we speak with sincerity from the heart, yet the reality remains difficult to accept. The earthquake of 6 February is one of those moments—a profound pain we still cannot fully comprehend. We remember our Champion Angels with great longing and affection, and I wish to express our heartfelt solidarity with their cherished families. May meaningful initiatives like this help preserve their memory, and may the legal process carried out in their name also serve to honour and uphold that memory”.

In his remarks, the Acting President of the EMU VYK, Halil İbrahim Orun, said; “Dear youngsters, today I wish to address you from the heart. Above all, one of the most sacred values we can uphold is remembrance and gratitude. Throughout the national struggle, what sustained the Turkish Cypriot people was the unwavering spirit of unity, resilience, and solidarity. This meaningful gathering in honour of our Champion Angels reflects your admirable sense of loyalty. I thank each of you sincerely for this noble gesture. May our Champion Angels rest in peace”.

The event concluded with the planting and naming of 35 olive trees in remembrance of 35 Champion Angels who sadly passed away in the 6 February earthquake.



EMU DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING STUDENTS ORGANIZE A SPECIAL SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY EVENT FOR CHILDREN

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Advertising students organized a very special social responsibility event aimed at children, under the leadership of EMU Community Involvement Center and sponsorship of Cortado Espresso Bar. The revenue of the event was donated to SOS Children's Village, contributing to the social responsibility awareness.

The workshop event, hosted by Cortado Espresso Bar, children reflected their imaginary world onto canvases within the scope of "My Dream Café" theme. The vibrant event showcased their creativity and the richness of their imagination.

The event was organized with the support of Public Relations and Advertising Department students İlayda Karabacak, Asya Savant, Dilara Aydın, Eray Genç, and Umut Gazelci, who emphasized the value of encouraging children's creativity and promoting social awareness.

As a token of the day, small gifts were presented to the children. Blending art with purpose, the event not only allowed young participants to explore their artistic talents but also contributed to raising their awareness of social responsibility.



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EMU 3RD ALİ KARASEL SECONDARY SCHOOL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION AWARDS CEREMONY WAS HELD



Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics, 3rd Ali Karasel Secondary School Mathematics Competition Awards Ceremony was held at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall with a huge turnout. This year's competition featuring 126 students from 21 different schools was organized in two main categories; individual and team.

The ceremony 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, Dean of EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Chair of EMU Department of Mathematics Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov, EMU Academic Affairs Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Nidai Şemi, EMU International, TR

and TRNC Promotion Coordinator Murat Aktuğralı, Champion Angels Association Executive Board Members Osman Akin and Esra Özberkman, Fatoş Karasel the spouse of late Ali Karasel who sadly passed away in the 6 February earthquake disaster, his son Kaynak Karasel, his mother Şengül Karasel, his father Kaynak Karasel, his sisters Seide Karasel and Nedime Karasel, late Osman Çetintaş's parents Betül Çetintaş and Nafi Çetintaş.

"Always Be with Mathematics"

Delivering the opening speech of the ceremony, Chair of EMU Department of Mathematics Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov welcomed the participants, stating; "This competition is beyond a knowledge contest, it's a challenge that calls for thoughtful reflection, analytical thinking, and skill. We are

honoured to keep the memory of our esteemed teacher, Ali Karasel, alive through love, respect, and the spirit of mathematics. I sincerely thank all the participants and everyone who contributed to making this event possible. With heartfelt remembrance, I pay tribute to the Champion Angels. May the spirit of mathematics always be with you".

"An Educator Who Devoted His Life to Numbers, Equations and His Students"

Nedime Karasel, sister of the late Ali Karasel, shared her emotions during the speech, saying; "Today, we come together for the 3rd Ali Karasel Secondary School Mathematics Competition Award Ceremony, held in memory of our cherished mathematics teacher Ali Karasel, who was lost in the tragic 6 February earthquake that deeply affected us all.

EMU 3RD ALİ KARASEL SECONDARY SCHOOL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION AWARDS CEREMONY WAS HELD



Ali Karasel devoted his life to numbers, equations, and his students. To him, mathematics was far more than an abstract science; it was the key to understanding the universe's mysteries, cultivating logical reasoning, and developing an analytical mind-set. His passion for teaching profoundly inspired his students. He did not simply deliver lessons but helped his students unlock their potential, gain confidence, and become inquisitive individuals ready to embrace life. His classes imparted not only mathematical knowledge but also invaluable life lessons. Every student participating in today's meaningful competition, hosted by EMU, is a testament to the seeds Ali planted. I extend my gratitude to all involved and honour Ali Karasel with love, respect, and heartfelt remembrance".

"Our Goal is to impress upon the Love of Mathematics to the Young Generations"

In his address, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Dean of EMU's Faculty of Arts and Sciences, spoke about the important objectives of the competition. He identified one key goal as preserving the memory of the esteemed mathematics educator Ali Karasel, and another as contributing, even in a small way, to the pursuit of justice by the Champion Angels Preservation Association. Additionally, Prof. Dr. Özarslan emphasized the significance of inspiring the younger generation with Ali Karasel's deep passion for mathematics and his vision. He concluded by expressing his sincere gratitude to all the teachers who uphold this mission and to everyone involved in organizing the event.

Ali Karasel and Champion Angels Remembered with Love and Longing

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç also made remarks, highlighting that the competition is far more than a contest; it aims to unlock the potential of young minds, encourage innovative thinking, and foster a scientific mind-set. Prof. Dr. Kılıç sincerely

congratulated all students and teachers who took part and expressed his wish for this meaningful event—organized in honour of the late mathematics teacher Ali Karasel from the Champion Angels Team, who was lost in the 2023 Kahramanmaraş Earthquake—to continue in the future. Prof. Dr. Kılıç paid tribute to Ali Karasel and the Champion Angels with deep affection and remembrance. Emphasizing that every investment in education and science secures a brighter tomorrow, Prof. Dr. Kılıç hoped the competition would serve as a source of inspiration for everyone involved.

In the 'Individual' category, Güzelyurt Turkish Maarif College student Hüseyin Şekerli took the first place, followed by Nika Massoudi from Necat British College Nicosia in second, İsmail Eren Midem from Near East Yeniboğaziçi College in third, Kaan Tekgüç from Turkish Maarif College in fourth and lastly, Bora Kaya from TED Northern Cyprus College in fifth place. Special awards for the individual category were also presented; Arhan Artam and Ali Kemal Erkut from Turkish Maarif College were awarded with "Ali Karasel Special Award", Hyeonbin Song from Oğuz Veli Secondary School with "Osman Çetintaş Special Award", Asel Bibikoğlu from Güzelyurt Turkish Maarif College with "Champion Angels Special Award" and, Hasan Zekican from Turkish Maarif College with "Department of Mathematics Special Award".

In the 'Team' competition, Turkish Maarif College achieved outstanding success by securing first place with the team of Kaan Tekgüç, Arhan Artam, and Ali Kemal Erkut, coached by Seral Yükseler and Semay Soyğür. Coming in second was Güzelyurt Turkish Maarif College, whose team—consisting of Hüseyin Şekerli, Asel Bibikoğlu, and Gizem Işık Emre—was guided by Özlem Özyönüm Hocaoğlu and Şengül Özeriç. The third position went to İskele Evkaf Turkish Maarif College, led by Mediha Duba

and Pınar Baturay. Fourth place was awarded to Necat British College Nicosia, under the leadership of Mehmet Kemal Güven and Mustafa Soyğür, while TED Northern Cyprus College, coached by Özde Onar and Esin İmrallı, earned fifth place.

Special awards were also presented in the 'Teams' category: 19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College (Kaan Demirkan, Ada Lıdyı Direkli, Esmira Orazgeldiyeva) and Şehit Hüseyin Ruso Secondary School (Güneş Zura, Zerya Dinç, Gökmen Özdenak) teams received the "Ali Karasel Special Award"; Near East Yeniboğaziçi College (İsmail Eren Midem, Mustafa Kemal Ata Aydın, İvan Yarashovich) was awarded with "Osman Çetintaş Special Award"; Famagusta Turkish Maarif College (Nisan Aykulu, Doruk Sarıgül, Azra Gökse) with "Champion Angels Special Award" and Oğuz Veli Secondary School (Hyeonbin Song, Mustafa Eymen Öztekin, Ali Demir) with "Department of Mathematics Special Award".

During the awards ceremony held after of the competition, students and schools that placed in the top ranks received their prizes and certificates of participation from EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Head of the Mathematics Department Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov, and faculty members Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pembe Sabancıgil Özder.

To conclude the ceremony, Turkish Maarif College, which claimed first place in the team competition for three consecutive years, was honoured with the Ali Karasel Shield. The award was presented to the school principal, Candan Kortay, by Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Nedime Karasel, representing the Karasel family.

19 MAY – COMMEMORATION OF ATATÜRK, YOUTH AND SPORTS DAY CELEBRATED AT EMU WITH AN EXHIBITION AND A MUSICAL RECITAL



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) and EMU Atatürk Ideology Club (ADK) co-organized an exhibition and a musical recital event titled “Atatürk and 19 May” on the occasion of 19 May – Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day.

Held on Tuesday, 20 May 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in front of EMU Rector’s Office building, the event was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, administrative and academic staff members and, students.

The event commenced with observation of a minute of silence and the national anthem, then continued with a speech delivered by Zeynep Nisa Berk on behalf of EMU ADK. Zeynep Nisa Berk underscored that 19 May 1919, represents far more than just a date—it signifies the awakening of a nation. Reflecting on the day’s profound historical importance, she affirmed, “As the youth, we remain committed to preserving and honouring the values entrusted to us”.

EMU ATAUM academic staff member Dr. Devran Kaya took the floor to welcome attendees to the event marking the 106th anniversary of 19 May– the Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day. In his address, Dr. Kaya reflected on the profound significance of 19 May 1919, in Turkish history, emphasizing it as the day that sparked the Turkish War of Independence. He underscored the importance of commemorating this milestone annually, as a reflection of Atatürk’s enduring trust in and dedication to the youth. Dr. Kaya concluded by celebrating the young generation, who serve as beacons of the future, and extended his best wishes for a meaningful Youth and Sports Day.

We Remain Committed To Guiding and Supporting Our Youth at Every Step

In his address, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted the significance of coming together to celebrate with pride and enthusiasm the 106th anniversary of 19 May, the day that marked the start of the Turkish War of Independence and when the Turkish nation declared its resolute pursuit of freedom and sovereignty to the world. Prof. Dr. Kılıç reminded listeners that 19 May was a gift from Atatürk to the youth of Türkiye, and

emphasized that its observance as Youth and Sports Day is a profound testament to Atatürk’s trust and esteem for young people. Speaking directly to the youth, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated, “This day belongs to you. Beyond being a celebration, it symbolizes the confidence placed in you. You are the foundation of our future and the promise of our nation. To honor the faith our Great Leader has in you, persevere with determination and steadfast belief, overcoming all obstacles to create a bright future for yourselves, your country, and your people. At EMU, committed to cultivating enlightened, questioning, and globally minded individuals, we pledge to continually guide our youth. I extend my heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of 19 May – Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day, and pay deepest respect and gratitude to the founder of our Republic, Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, his comrades in arms, our honored martyrs, and veterans.”

Following the opening remarks, attendees enjoyed a piano-accompanied musical recital by Göktuğ Sevinç, a student from the Faculty of Education’s Fine Arts Education Department, Music Teaching Program, followed by a tour of the exhibition.

EMU GRADUATES SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH NEW GENERATION PHYSIOTHERAPISTS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF EMU 13TH INTERNATIONAL CAREER DAYS

The 13th International Career Days co-organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation and, Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (MIKA) was held at the Champion Angels Amphitheatre. Said event featured expert speakers, including several EMU graduates, shared their insights and experiences with the students.

Dean of EMU Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Vice Dean of EMU Faculty of Health Sciences Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yasin Yurt, Chair of EMU Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Prof. Dr. Mitat Koz, academic and administrative personnel member as well as students attended the said event.

“A Profession with a Broad Range of Career Paths”

Delivering the opening speech, EMU Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Chair Prof. Dr. Mitat Koz emphasized that career planning is a crucial stage in shaping an individual's future. Underlining that physiotherapy is a profession with a wide array of career opportunities, Prof. Dr. Koz pointed out that the field is no longer limited to patient treatment alone; today, it serves the health and well-being of children, the elderly, athletes, individuals with disabilities, and even animals—making it a diverse and inclusive health profession. Prof. Dr. Koz also underscored the career prospects the department offers, drawing attention to the importance of choosing a path one is passionate about. Prof. Dr. Koz noted that events like Career Days are designed to help prepare students for the future by exposing them to real-life success stories and helping them identify potential opportunities and challenges after graduation. He concluded his speech by expressing his gratitude to the speakers and everyone involved in making the event possible.

As one of the featured speakers, Dr. Physiotherapist Şahveren Yücel, President of the Turkish Cypriot Physiotherapists Association, delivered a presentation entitled “Kıbrıs türk Fizyoterapistler Derneği ve Çalışmaları / The Turkish Cypriot Physiotherapists Association and Its Work”, where she discussed the organization's core mission, highlighted its ongoing initiatives, and shared its forward-looking vision for the advancement of the physiotherapy profession.

EMU Graduate Experts Shared Experiences and Insights

Dr. Physiotherapist Batuhan Dericioğlu, an EMU graduate, recounted his professional journey and experiences at Physioart Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation, and Health Clinic, providing students with meaningful insights into life after graduation. Likewise, fellow EMU graduate Specialist Physiotherapist Emine Kütüküt shared the valuable knowledge she has gained at Physio-Hill Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Center, offering guidance to new graduates navigating their early careers.



Participating virtually, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ceren Yazar Fisher, currently engaged in academic research at The Ohio State University's Departments of Neuroscience and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, delivered a presentation titled “A Successful Career Journey Beginning as a Physiotherapist”,

in which she highlighted her international academic path and professional experiences.

The event, enriched by real-world perspectives, provided aspiring physiotherapists with valuable direction and inspiration for their future careers.

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