

OVER 700 STUDENTS GRADUATE DURING EMU 2025-2026 FALL GRADUATION CEREMONY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) held its 2025-2026 Academic Year Fall Semester Postgraduate, Undergraduate and Associate Degree Graduation Ceremony on Friday, 30 January 2026 at 02:00 p.m. at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex. During the Fall Semester of the 2025–2026 Academic Year, EMU awarded 163 master's and doctoral degrees and more than 700 associate and undergraduate degrees, bringing the University's total number of graduates to over 78,000.

The ceremony was attended by Parliament Member Teberrüken Uluçay, Chairperson of Higher Education Planning, Supervision, Accreditation and Coordination Council (YÖDAK) Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Bayrak Radio Television Corporation (BRTK) Board Chairperson Özdemir Tokel, YÖDAK Member Prof. Dr. Remziye Terkan, EMU Board of Trustees President of that time Dr. Erdal Özcenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Ada Kent University Rector Prof. Dr. Osman Bülent Yorulmaz, Gıme University Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Gökmen Dağlı, Board of Trustees Member İsmail Güneş Güneşoğlu, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, as well as EMU Secretary General Derviş Ekşici, along with university representatives, academics, students, and their families. > pg. 2-3

EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ'S MESSAGE TO NEW GRADUATES: "KEEP CONTRIBUTING TO HUMANITY"

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç issued a message for new graduates on the occasion of 2025-2026 Academic Year Fall Semester Postgraduate, Undergraduate and Associate Degree Graduation Ceremony.

Stressing that Eastern Mediterranean University continues to share its strong academic heritage and universal approach to education to all corners of the world through its ever-increasing number of graduates, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said, "We are experiencing the pride of graduating 163 master's and doctoral students and, over 700 associate and undergraduate students during the the 2025–2026 Academic Year Fall Semester".

Highlighting that EMU instills its students not only with academic knowledge, but also with the sense of universal responsibility and a multi-cultural perspective, Prof. Dr. Kılıç added, "While representing their own success stories, each of our graduates will also represent the academic quality, scientific strength, and universal values of Eastern Mediterranean University. I sincerely believe that the knowledge, experience, and competencies our students have gained throughout their university education will give them a competitive edge in their professional lives".

Prof. Dr. Kılıç further stated that EMU ranks among a select number of universities worldwide in the field of internationalization, emphasizing that students gain valuable life experiences by studying alongside individuals from diverse cultures. Moreover, he noted, "Our students graduate not only with a diploma, but also with lifelong friendships, a multidimensional perspective, and a strong sense of belonging. Wherever they may be in the world, they will always feel the privilege of being EMU graduates".

"Keep Contributing to Humanity"

Touching on the importance of life-long learning in a rapidly changing world, Prof. Dr. Kılıç addressed the graduates, "Every challenge you encounter is also a new opportunity for learning and personal growth. Continue to improve yourselves, keep up with innovations, and keep contributing to humanity. The knowledge, experience, and practical skills you have gained throughout your education at EMU, together with the friendships you have formed that will last a lifetime, will make significant contributions to both your personal lives and your professional careers. Each challenge you face in your professional life will present you with new opportunities for learning and development. Never forget to make time for yourselves within your



professional lives. As EMU, we will continue to take pride in the achievements of each and every one of our graduates".

Concluding his remarks by expressing his gratitude to the graduates and their families, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated, "I sincerely congratulate all of our graduates and extend my thanks to their families who have supported them in reaching this milestone, as well as to our academic and administrative staff whose efforts made this achievement possible. May the paths of our graduates be open and their success enduring".

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The ceremony began with the graduates' entrance into the stadium accompanied by applause and music. Following a moment of silence and the National Anthem, the program continued with a musical performance by Oud Artist Ahmet Sönmez and his ensemble. After the performance, flowers were presented to the artist and his team by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu.

In the continuation of the program, speeches on behalf of the graduates were delivered by Mehmet Oktar Önder, a graduate of the Faculty of Engineering, Department of Software Engineering and Founding President of the EMU Software and Artificial Intelligence Development Club; Buse Dülger, top graduate of the Faculty of Education, Department of English Language Teaching; Caleb Sakala, top graduate of the Faculty of Engineering, Department of Software Engineering; and Oğuz Ufuk Haksever, a graduate of the International Relations PhD Program at the Faculty of Business and Economics. Following the speeches, the ceremony continued with protocol addresses after a symbolic tree-planting ceremony carried out by the graduate representatives.

“Our Graduates are Ambassadors of the University and the Country”

In his opening remarks, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted that graduation signifies not merely the awarding of a diploma but also the assumption of a significant responsibility. He noted that graduates, equipped with the education they have received, will play meaningful roles as individuals contributing to society. Emphasizing that EMU has produced over 78,000 graduates since its establishment,

Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that alumni represent both the University and the country across the globe. Addressing the graduates, he underlined that life will often present choices between what is easy and what is right, stressing that genuine leadership is defined by taking responsibility in times of uncertainty, adhering to principles, and bravely choosing the right course of action. Noting that graduation is not a farewell but the beginning of a lifelong connection with EMU, Prof. Dr. Kılıç encouraged graduates to let honesty, justice, and responsibility guide them, and wished them continued success.

“A Lifelong Bond with Eastern Mediterranean University”

In his address, Dr. Erdal Özçenk, President of the Board of Trustees of that time, emphasized that graduation represents not only an academic achievement but also the beginning of a new phase of life grounded in the commitment to uphold what is right and to assume responsibility. Addressing the graduates, Dr. Özçenk noted that while they may assume various positions and titles throughout their lives, they must never, under any circumstances, depart from the principles of law, justice, and conscience. He stressed the importance of defending what is right and fair rather than what is easy or popular. Dr. Özçenk pointed out that those who remain on the path of integrity may occasionally find themselves alone, yet they will never be judged unfavorably by history. He stressed that EMU and the country now need young people more than ever who act with knowledge, moral awareness, and courage. Congratulating families for raising individuals of strong character, Dr. Özçenk

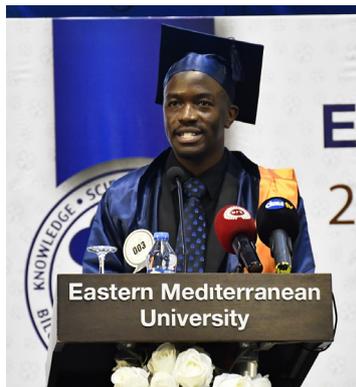
thanked the academic and administrative staff for their unwavering commitment to science and education despite challenging circumstances. He further underlined that Eastern Mediterranean University and the country need young individuals more than ever who act with knowledge, conscience, and courage. Congratulating families for raising individuals of strong character, Dr. Özçenk expressed his gratitude to the academic and administrative staff for their dedication to science and education despite challenging circumstances. Emphasizing that graduation is not a farewell but the beginning of a lifelong bond with Eastern Mediterranean University, Dr. Özçenk advised graduates to take the law as their compass and conscience as their guide, and wished them continued success.

“Graduates: True Stars of the Day”

In his address, Aykut Hocanın, Chairperson YÖDAK, emphasized that graduation is a meaningful and pride-filled occasion for both graduates and their families. Noting that the true stars of the day were the graduates, Prof. Dr. Hocanın congratulated them on their achievements.

Following the speeches, diplomas and awards were presented to the top graduates of faculties and departments by protocol members. The program proceeded with the presentation of diplomas to postgraduate graduates and awards to doctoral thesis supervisors, followed by the presentation of diplomas to undergraduate and associate degree graduates. The ceremony concluded with a celebratory cap toss after a countdown led by Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and the Vice Rectors.





EMU FEATURED WITHIN TOP 400 IN TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION RANKINGS



Eastern Mediterranean University
RANKED 301–400
FOR BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

THE World University Rankings 2026
www.thewur.com

Being among the most commonly referenced university ranking organizations all around the world, the England-based Times Higher Education (THE) announced the best universities of the world based on subjects.

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) listed within the 301–400 band in the Business and Economics subject area which featured 1,067 universities from 91 countries. With this achievement, EMU secured the first band in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and, the third band among universities from the Republic of Türkiye.



Eastern Mediterranean University
RANKED 301–400
FOR PHYSICAL SCIENCES

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EMU has also been listed within the top universities around the world in the field of Physical Sciences and Engineering. Ranking 1,497 universities from 109 different countries, the Physical Sciences list featured EMU in the 301–400 band, securing second band among universities in the Republic of Türkiye. On the other hand, EMU ranked within the 501–600 band of the Engineering subject rankings which listed total of 1,555 universities from 98 countries. With this achievement, EMU secured the fifth band among universities from the Republic of Türkiye.



Eastern Mediterranean University
RANKED 501–600
FOR ENGINEERING

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Being listed in the Medicine and Health subject rankings for the first time ever in last year's rankings, EMU appeared within the 801–1000 band of the list which featured 1,230 universities from 102 countries, sharing the fourth band with the universities among the Republic of Türkiye.

“EMU’s International Visibility and Academic Excellence Continues to Strengthen”

Making remarks on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said, “Securing top-tier positions in field-based rankings by one of the world’s most distinguished university ranking bodies, such as Times Higher Education, is a clear testament to Eastern Mediterranean University’s sustained success in education, research, and academic production. We take great pride in these achievements. Our inclusion in the Medicine and Health rankings for the first time last year further confirms that our university’s development vision is moving forward on the right path. I would like to express my gratitude to all academic and administrative staff, students, and alumni who contributed to this success, and to emphasize our determination to continue strengthening EMU’s international visibility and academic excellence.”



Eastern Mediterranean University
RANKED 801–1000
FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH

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EMU'S ACCOUNTING AND TAXATION APPLICATIONS PROGRAM RECEIVE UNCONDITIONAL ACCREDITATION FROM FIBAA

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), once again, achieved a significant success in the field of international higher education. Accounting and Taxation Applications Associate program and 3-year Accounting and Taxation Application program offered at the EMU Vocational School of Information Technologies and the School of Computing and Technology (SCT) have qualified to be awarded with an unconditional accreditation from the Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA), one of the leading quality assurance institutions across Europe. In consequence of an evaluation meeting held at EMU by the FIBAA Accreditation and Certification Committee, it was officially confirmed that EMU's relevant programs fully meet international quality standards.

As part of the FIBAA accreditation process, an evaluation board consisting of international experts carried out an in-depth assessment of the programs, reviewing their curriculum framework, the adequacy of learning outcomes, the qualifications of academic staff, assessment methods, student support services, physical and technological resources, and quality assurance

and continuous improvement systems. The alignment of the programs with industry expectations, the availability of practical training opportunities, and structures supporting graduate employability were also among the key criteria examined.

In accordance with the decision taken by FIBAA, the two-year Accounting and Taxation Applications Associate Degree Program has been awarded the FIBAA Quality Seal for the period from 13 April 2026 to 12 April 2033, while the three-year program has been certified with the FIBAA Quality Seal for the period from 30 January 2025 to 29 January 2032.

EMU Information Technologies Vocational School and SCT Director Assist. Prof. Dr. Mustafa T. Babagil stated that the achievement was the result of EMU's commitment not only to academic excellence but also to an education model that is practice-oriented and closely integrated with the sector, emphasizing that the unconditional accreditation granted by FIBAA demonstrates that the programs implemented fully meet international quality standards.

"A Strong Testament of our International Quality Vision"

Making remarks on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underscored that this achievement is a result of university's quality-oriented vision, stating; "The unconditional accreditation granted by FIBAA to our Accounting and Taxation Applications Programs is a clear indication of EMU's strong commitment to international standards in education and training. This achievement is the result of the dedicated efforts of our academic staff, our continuous improvement approach, and the high-quality educational environment we provide for our students. We will continue our work with determination to ensure that such internationally recognized accreditations increase further. The accreditation awarded by FIBAA not only enhances the international recognition of our graduates' diplomas but also advances EMU's position within the global higher education arena. I sincerely congratulate all academic and administrative staff who contributed to this success".



EMU FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND SCHOOL OF HEALTH SERVICES GRADUATES TAKE THEIR PROFESSIONAL OATHS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences and School of Health Services organized the traditional Professional Oath Ceremony for the 2025-2026 Academic Year Fall Semester graduates. During the ceremony, graduates pledged their commitment to ethical values, human rights, and professional responsibilities as they prepared to begin their professional careers. The event took place on Thursday, 29 January 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Champion Angels Amphitheater.

Present at the ceremony were the EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Dean of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan, Dean of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzöğlü, department chairs, faculty members, students and their families.

Commenced with the observation of a Moment of Silence and National Anthem, the ceremony continued with introductory video screenings of the Eastern Mediterranean University Faculty and Faculty of Health Sciences. Following a musical performance by Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education Music Teaching Program student Güray Gündüz, the top ranking students of the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Azeezah O Babaranti, and



the School of Health Services, Oral and Dental Health Associate Program student Gizem Ay, delivered speeches on behalf of the graduates.

“Your Oath is a Compass Guiding You”

In her opening remarks at the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Dean of the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, welcomed the participants and highlighted that the gathering was not simply a ceremonial event, but a meaningful occasion marking the affirmation of professional identity and ethical responsibility. She emphasized that healthcare systems are sustained not only by technological advancements, but also by well-trained professionals, strong educational foundations, ethical principles, and the vital role of human interaction. Prof. Dr. Malkoç noted that the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences and the School of Health Services undertake a guiding role by assuming responsibility and setting standards, adding that the faculty embraces an approach focused not merely on launching programs or graduating students, but on educating and producing competent, well-qualified graduates. Making remarks on the faculty and the school, Prof. Dr. Malkoç addressed the students, saying: “Dear colleagues, the oath you take today will serve as your guiding compass throughout your professional journey, while your diploma represents the knowledge and skills with which you begin this path. A career in healthcare is not one of comfort; it carries great responsibility, yet its purpose is deeply meaningful. Let science lead your decisions. Apply technology with understanding and wisdom. Keep the human being at the heart of everything you do. I congratulate you sincerely and wish you every success on the road ahead”.

“Let Science Be Your Guide”

In his address, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the ceremony marked the beginning of a meaningful journey centered on serving and protecting human life, and drew attention to the vital importance of the oath taken in the healthcare profession. He noted that many influential figures throughout history have

shaped the present through the steps they took, citing Florence Nightingale, one of the pioneers of modern nursing, as a notable example. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that true professionalism lies in recognizing what is right and applying it at the most crucial moments. Addressing the graduates, he remarked; “The oath you take will serve as your guiding compass. Every contribution you make in the field of healthcare will bring professional achievement and respect. The source of trust placed in you lies in your commitment to ethical principles and the integrity you demonstrate. Trust is the most invaluable element in healthcare. Wherever your career may lead you, let science be your guide. Place your conscience and respect for human dignity at the heart of your work. I wish you every success in your professional lives. May your path be clear, and may your conscience always guide you.”

Following the speeches, and Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç accompanied the top students while they added their names onto the traditional log. On the other hand, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented them with souvenirs.

Took Their First Steps into the Profession

Within the scope of the ceremony, Faculty of Health Sciences and School of Health Services undergraduate and associate degree graduates took their professional oaths, taking their first step into the profession. EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, including the Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Department of Nursing, Department of Health Management, Department of Exercise and Sports Sciences, as well as graduates from the associate programs of Oral and Dental Health, Anesthesia, Operating Room Services, Dialysis, Physiotherapy, First and Emergency Aid, Radiotherapy, Medical Imaging, and Orthopedic Prosthetics and Orthotics, recited their respective oaths accompanied by Department Heads and Program Coordinators. After reading their oaths, the graduates enthusiastically threw their caps in celebration of their graduation.

EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY GRADUATES TAKE THEIR FIRST STEPS INTO THEIR PROFESSION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy organized an oath taking ceremony for its graduating students on Thursday, 29 January 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Faculty of Pharmacy Green Hall.

The ceremony commenced with observation of a Moment of Silence and National Anthem, followed by a musical performance by EMU Faculty of Pharmacy student Şahnaz Gökel and musician Yüksel Günay Bilgeer. Present at the ceremony were the EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Ozan Gülcan, Dean of EMU Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Dean of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu, the Vice Deans of Faculty of Pharmacy, Department Chairs, academics and graduates.

The program continued with the speeches of 2025 – 2026 Academic Year Fall Semester top ranking student of M.Pharm Yelda Demirkap and top ranking student of Pharm-D program Ailin Kor. Then, the ceremony continued with presentation of awards to Demirkap and Kor by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe.

“A Comprehensive Academic Journey”

In his opening remarks, Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan, Dean of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy, highlighted that pharmacy education extends far beyond earning a diploma, representing a comprehensive academic journey marked by dedication, discipline, and perseverance. He

noted that graduates who have completed a high-quality theoretical and practical education in line with international standards are prepared as pharmacists who uphold professional ethics, embrace continuous improvement, and demonstrate a strong sense of responsibility. Prof. Dr. Gülcan emphasized that, amid rapidly advancing healthcare systems and technological innovations, graduates are well equipped to contribute to and shape future pharmacy practices. Underscoring the pharmacy profession’s longstanding and vital role in protecting human health, he expressed his belief that graduates will honor their professional oath, provide healing and value to society, and act as committed ambassadors of EMU and its Faculty of Pharmacy on the international stage.

“To Represent the Values and Ethical Integrity of Eastern Mediterranean University”

Also making an address at the event, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted that graduates of the Faculty of Pharmacy are equipped not only with professional expertise, but also with strong ethical principles, a deep sense of responsibility, and an understanding of the impact their work has on human lives. Emphasizing the pharmacy profession’s distinctive role in healthcare as a source of trust, hope, and moral responsibility, Prof. Dr. Kılıç pointed out that Alexander Fleming’s decision to share penicillin with humanity underscores the importance of science-led progress and placing people at the heart of all endeavors. He stated that by taking their professional oath, graduates formally embarked on their careers and will henceforth represent the values and ethical

integrity of Eastern Mediterranean University in every step they take. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by wishing the graduates a career marked by success, good health, and honor.

“View Medicine as More Than a Product—As Hope and Life”

In a message sent to the graduates, EMU Board of Trustees President of that time Dr. Erdal Özcenk, who was unable to attend the ceremony, stressed that by taking their professional oath, the graduates are assuming a profound responsibility that directly impacts human lives. He described pharmacy as an honorable profession where knowledge is guided by conscience and science is united with respect for human dignity, emphasizing that medicines should be seen not merely as commercial products, but as symbols of hope and life. Dr. Özcenk reminded the graduates never to compromise scientific principles or professional ethics, and expressed his complete confidence in them, stating his belief that wherever their careers may take them, they will proudly carry the name and values of Eastern Mediterranean University.

The ceremony continued with EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, and EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici presenting certificates to students and their advisors who achieved distinction in the Fall Semester Graduation Poster Presentations. Following the presentation of certificates, the program continued with a special photo slideshow showcasing memorable moments from the graduates’ academic journey. The ceremony concluded as EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Jale Yüzügülen led the graduates in the recitation of the Pharmacy Oath.



EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE RECEIVES DOUBLE PLATINUM AWARD FROM THE GOLDEN TREZZINI AWARDS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture has achieved immense success at the Golden Trezzini Awards, recognized as one of the most prestigious platforms in international architecture and design. Dorukhan Ayhan, a final year student in EMU Department of Interior Architecture, was awarded Platinum Awards in two different categories at the Golden Trezzini Awards for two separate projects developed under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Asu Tozan, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Kamil Güley, a faculty member of the Department of Interior Architecture.

The “Star Villa” residential interior design project by Dorukhan Ayhan, developed under the supervision of Assist. Prof. Dr. Kamil Güley,

was awarded Platinum in the “Best Student Building or Facility Project” category, with the jury highlighting its original spatial design and contemporary interior architecture approach.

Furthermore, Ayhan’s project titled “Vector Hub,” prepared under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Asu Tozan, focuses on the adaptive reuse of historic warehouse buildings in Famagusta and was awarded the Platinum Award in the “Best Student Restoration or Reconstruction Project” category. The project stood out for its approach to integrating historic structures with contemporary use scenarios.

This double achievement highlighted not only the individual talent of a single student, but also the project-based education model, academic



approach, and the internationally recognized mentorship provided by the faculty members of the EMU Department of Interior Architecture. Winning two Platinum Awards on a prestigious platform such as the Golden Trezzini Awards once again confirmed the Eastern Mediterranean University Department of Interior Architecture’s strong international standing and academic reputation.

Making remarks on this important achievement, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted that the double Platinum Awards earned by the EMU Department of Interior Architecture on an international scale strongly reflect the University’s academic vision and the quality of education it provides. Emphasizing that students’ achievements on international platforms serve as concrete evidence of EMU’s project-based and practice-oriented educational approach, Prof. Dr. Kılıç congratulated Dorukhan Ayhan as well as his academic advisors Prof. Dr. Tozan and Assist. Prof. Dr. Güley on their success.

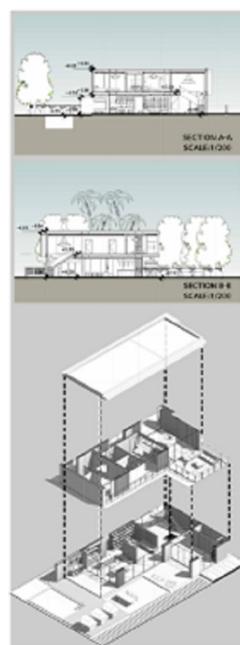
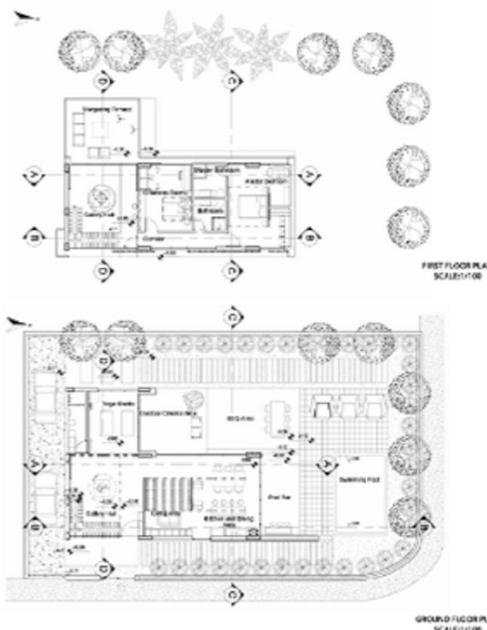
Golden Trezzini Awards

Founded in 2018 and rapidly establishing itself among the world’s most respected international platforms in architecture, the Golden Trezzini Awards aims to recognize projects of high artistic value in the fields of architecture, design, and restoration under the motto “Architecture as Art.” Named after Domenico Trezzini, the first architect of St. Petersburg and one of the pioneers of the Petrine Baroque movement, the organization is regarded as the “Oscar of architecture,” with a jury composed of more than 200 experts from 35 countries, an international council, and thousands of participants from around the world. Operating independently of government institutions and approaching architecture as a universal language of diplomacy, projects awarded at the Golden Trezzini Awards are incorporated into the collection of the State Museum of the History of St. Petersburg, where they gain the status of museum works within the scope of the “Architecture as Art” exhibitions.

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STAR VILLA
Embracing the beauty of sky and modern clean lines, Star Villa designed for a Young Couple and their 6 year old children their strong connection to stargazing and their love for technology reflected onto every surface of this project. This villa features clean lines, open spaces, and a contrasting white and deep blue color palette with the strong golden touches of steel and brass. The interior features digital star projections evoking a tranquil, celestial atmosphere.



EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE ORGANIZES “3RD ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY” EVENT



Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Department of Architecture, the “3rd Annual Research Day” event took place at Alpay Özdural Hall at the EMU Faculty of Architecture. Held with the purpose of showcasing recent research and scholarly work in architecture, the event convened academics and researchers from the field.

“A Valuable Contribution to Academic Identity and Scientific Visibility of the Faculty”

In her opening address, Prof. Dr. Beser Oktay Vehbi, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, highlighted that the event organized by the Department of Architecture plays an important role in strengthening a robust research culture and incorporating scholarly activities into architectural education. She noted that the event significantly enhances the faculty’s academic profile and visibility within the scientific community, and expressed her appreciation to the organizing committee and all participants for their contributions.

“A Strong Academic Tradition”

Prof. Dr. Rafooneh M. Sani, Chair of the EMU Department of Architecture, noted that Research Day has evolved into a well-established academic tradition within the faculty and the department. She explained that the event serves as an important platform for expanding knowledge exchange, fostering collaboration, and nurturing a strong research culture. Highlighting the participation of distinguished international academics alongside presentations by EMU faculty members and doctoral students, Prof. Dr. Sani stated that these contributions demonstrate the university’s dedication to research. She added that Research Day is not limited to presentations alone, but also provides a dynamic setting that encourages intellectual exchange, critical reflection, and ongoing academic dialogue.

Within the scope of the program, keynote presentations were held, along with the sharing of research conducted by academics and researchers honored with the EMU Conference

Award. Assist. Prof. Dr. Nafia Akdeniz discussed her work on spatial narratives in the context of urban mapping, while Assist. Prof. Dr. Nevtter Zafer Cömert addressed the development and transformation of marginal building patterns in Nicosia through a qualitative perspective. Additionally, doctoral student Negin Nazari Moayed evaluated the role of contemporary museum spaces in promoting socio-cultural sustainability, drawing on the example of Kyrenia Castle.

During the subsequent keynote sessions, current issues in architecture and urban research were examined at varying scales. Dr. Cem Taneri addressed non-invasive assessment techniques and diagnostic practices in architectural heritage, Dr. Giorgio Gasco discussed concepts of modernity and future urban visions through the example of tower buildings in Ankara, and Dr. Özge Selen Kansu Duran presented a study focusing on a multidimensional sustainability framework for resilient urban environments.



NEW ADMINISTRATION OF EMU-KAM VISITS EMU RECTOR'S OFFICE



Eastern Mediterranean University's Center for Cyprus Studies (EMU-KAM) administration paid a visit to EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe. The visiting delegation consisted of Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu, Center's Executive Board Chairperson; and Board Members Prof. Dr. Resmiye Alpar Atun, Prof. Dr. Canan Zeki, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Seray Kabaran, Assist. Prof. Dr. Tuna Karatepe and İsmail Bozkurt.

During the visit that took place on Thursday, 22 January 2026 at 10:00 a.m., new Executive Board of the EMU-KAM was introduced and information of the vision, mission and goals of the Center were provided. EMU-KAM, established to support scholarly research on Cyprus's cultural, historical, and political matters, was noted for its multidisciplinary work spanning archaeology, anthropology, economics, history, linguistics, and folklore, with plans to realize many successful projects in the 2025–2026 Academic Year. Prof. Dr. Karatepe expressed his satisfaction in hosting the new EMU-KAM Board and affirmed his confidence in the success of their forthcoming work.

2026 Theme of EMU-KAM: Climate Change and Awareness

EMU-KAM Chairperson Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu provided insight on the 2026 theme of the center which is set as "Climate Change and Awareness".

Statement released by Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu reads as follows:

"Global climate change is broadly described in the literature as the rising release of gases that cause atmospheric warming. Alongside natural processes, human-driven activities—especially economic ones—have intensified these emissions. Consequently, global temperatures have shifted to such an extent that seasonal patterns have become increasingly difficult to identify. The magnitude and speed of warming have surpassed scientific forecasts, resulting in significant economic costs at local, national, and international levels. Additionally, climate change has triggered migration, glacier melt, sea-level rise, droughts, and more frequent extreme weather events, while also placing many animal species at risk of harm and extinction.

In conclusion, the climate crisis poses serious negative impacts on life, with greenhouse gas emissions identified as its primary cause. As these changes stem from human activities and the complete elimination of such emissions is unrealistic, responsibility rests with humans.

Numerous international organizations, especially the United Nations, are actively working to reduce atmospheric greenhouse gas emissions that directly influence human health, economic systems, and the quality of life of future generations. Given

the close link between emissions and energy use, government policies play a critical role in addressing this issue.

Enhancing societal awareness of climate change, identifying its underlying causes, and jointly developing solutions are key approaches to managing this crisis. Beginning the fight against global climate change by fostering individual awareness and engaging communities in solution-oriented efforts is critically important. Measures including energy conservation, the use of renewable energy, waste reduction, recycling, and responsible consumption play a vital role in combating the climate crisis.

Recognizing this responsibility, EMU-KAM has designated "Climate Change and Awareness" as its theme for 2026. Enhancing public awareness and outlining concrete actions within this scope constitute an important step in addressing the climate crisis. As climate change is a global challenge, its resolution requires collective action, with each individual's contribution playing a crucial role. Accordingly, our Center will host a series of events throughout 2026 dedicated to climate change awareness, reaffirming our commitment to working together toward a more sustainable and livable environment."

A STEP BRINGING SCIENCE FROM CAMPUS TO SOCIETY: EMU LAUNCHES 'SCIENCE COMMUNICATION OFFICE'



Recognized as one of the long-established and internationally renowned prestigious higher education institutions, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has launched a 'Science Communication Office' to strengthen and enrich the connection between scientific knowledge and society. Established within the university, this new initiative is built on a modern and inclusive communication framework that brings academic research and knowledge production closer to the public. The office will carry out its activities with the aim of ensuring that the research conducted and knowledge generated at the university extends beyond academic boundaries and reaches wider audiences.

Basic Approach

The office is guided by the principle of presenting scientific work to the public in a clear, accessible, and easily understandable manner, allowing diverse groups within society to connect with science and making scientific thinking a natural part of daily life. Rather than focusing on one-way communication, the office prioritizes engaging with the community through mutual exchange, dialogue, and discussion of knowledge.



Science Communication Office aims to operate within a multidisciplinary structure, under the coordination of Communication Coordinator Prof. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya and contributions of the Advisory Board consisting of Prof. Dr. Canan Zeki from Faculty of Education, Prof. Dr. Şenel Hüsnu Raman from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nigar Taşpınar from the Faculty of Business and Economics, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yıldıran Bitirim from the Faculty of Engineering, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ünal Aras Değer from the Faculty of Health Sciences, Assist. Prof. Dr. Can Azer from the Faculty of Law and, Dr. Yeşim Kapsıl Çarık from the Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences.

The EMU Science Communication Office seeks to present science as an open and inclusive platform, reaching beyond a limited audience to engage young people, students, families, civil society organizations, and local stakeholders. This initiative supports the conversion of academic research into meaningful societal impact, while aiming to enhance confidence in science, promote critical thinking, and strengthen university–community engagement in a more visible and lasting way. Inspired by effective international models of science communication, the office embraces an original approach shaped by local priorities and social contexts.

Science Cafe Meetings to Integrate Science into Daily Life

Organized by the Science Communication Office, the Science Cafe events will serve as an engaging meeting point that integrates science into daily life. In these events, academics will present their expertise in an informal, approachable, and dialogue-driven atmosphere, moving beyond traditional academic language, and the sessions will

be hosted in cafés, public venues, and social spaces. By addressing current scientific advances, topics of broad public interest, and interdisciplinary issues, the Science Cafe gatherings will encourage lively discussions shaped by the questions and active participation of attendees.

Through the Science Communication Office, EMU seeks to strengthen the view of science as a collaborative value created and shared together with society, rather than something developed in isolation. The university is confident that this initiative will play a significant role in advancing science–community engagement in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and will stand as an internationally exemplary model.

Making a statement on the topic and noting that one of the core responsibilities of universities is to share the knowledge they produce with society, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated, "The Science Communication Office represents a key step in creating a sustainable and effective link between academia and the wider community. With this initiative, the goal is to bring science out of the university setting and make it an active and visible part of everyday life".



EMU DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR STRAY ANIMALS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Advertising students carried out a meaningful social responsibility project as part of their PRAD-303 / HIRE-303, Social Responsibility course and under the coordination of Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Ayman. As part of the project held under the umbrella of EMU Community Involvement Center (CIC), students aimed to draw attention to the living conditions of stray animals, raise public awareness, and strengthen the culture of volunteerism.

A Visit to Iskele Animal Shelter

EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department students visit Iskele Animal Shelter, where they carried out an awareness initiative focused on the animals housed there. During the visit, the students received information from shelter officials about animal care practices, current needs, and the overall operation of the facility. In order to help meet the animals' sheltering needs during the cold winter months, the students donated animal huts. Shelter representatives emphasized that the contributions made by EMU students were highly valuable, both in terms of morale and tangible support.

In another initiative supporting the Iskele Animal Shelter, students made a pet food donation after visiting the facility, where they observed the general conditions and identified the needs of the animals firsthand.

Activities Held in Support of Stray Animals

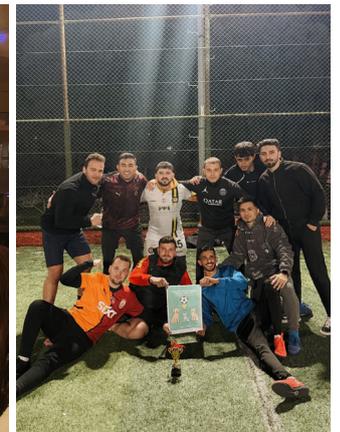
The funds raised through the "Painting Workshop in Support of Stray Animals," organized at Publik Café, were donated to the Altın Patiler Association to be used for the medical care of stray animals.

The event not only helped students develop a sense of social responsibility, but also provided them with practical experience in public relations.

Another activity aimed at supporting stray animals was a football tournament, where participants competed for a charitable cause. The revenue generated from the tournament was allocated to meeting the basic needs of stray animals.

Additionally, within the scope of a Social Responsibility Project, EMU student Habib El Zubi contributed to the welfare of stray dogs living around the campus by donating dog food to the EMU Faculty of Communication.

Students from the EMU Department of Public Relations and Advertising thanked all individuals who supported these initiatives, noting that the projects made a meaningful contribution to increasing public awareness and sensitivity toward animal rights.



EMU RECTOR'S OFFICE RELEASES A COMMEMORATIVE MESSAGE ON THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF 6 FEBRUARY EARTQUAKE

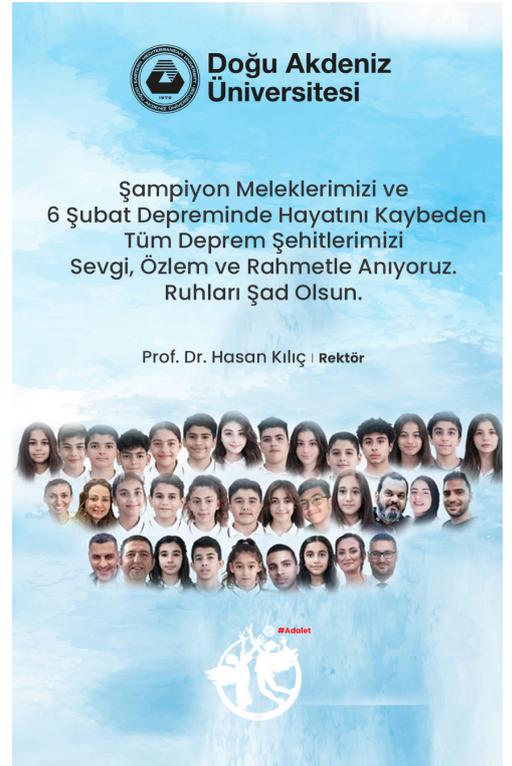
Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office released a commemorative message on the third anniversary of 6 February earthquake disaster, and passing anniversary of the Champion Angels. The said message reads as follows:

"6 February 2023 is not simply a date remembered on a calendar; it is a deep and enduring wound that will never be erased from our hearts. The sorrow we feel for the lives lost in the Kahramanmaraş-centered earthquakes, widely described as the disaster of the century, remains as raw and profound today as it was in the immediate aftermath. This devastating tragedy extinguished countless homes and tore families apart across Türkiye and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The loss of our children— forever remembered as the Champion Angels, who inspired us through their sportsmanship, perseverance, and dreams filled with hope— together with the teachers who guided them and their family members, at the Adiyaman İsiyas Hotel, has left marks on our collective conscience that can never be undone. Our Champion Angels, among whom were the children of our University staff, became not only the cherished values of their families and schools but of our entire society; they are now angels who live on in the conscience, memory, and heart of a nation.

As Eastern Mediterranean University, we consider it our duty to honor the memory of all those we have lost, to deepen solidarity while never forgetting our shared grief, and to remain conscious of our responsibilities to prevent such disasters from recurring.

On the third anniversary of the tragedy, we once again express our full support for our families in their search for justice and our readiness to contribute at all times to ensuring that the memory of our Angels are remembered.

Our foremost wish is that such tragedies are never repeated, through strengthening public awareness of earthquakes, ensuring building safety, and enabling oversight and inspection mechanisms to operate effectively. On this occasion, we once again remember all our citizens and earthquake martyrs, especially our Champion Angels whom we lost in the 6 February earthquake. We extend our sincere condolences and boundless patience to their families, and we commemorate them with profound love and longing on the third anniversary of their passing. We have not forgotten, we will not forget, and we will never allow them to be forgotten..."



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