

MOST SUCCESSFUL ACADEMICS OF 2024 AWARDED AT EMU WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF TRNC MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION NAZIM ÇAVUŞOĞLU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rectorate organized an Academic Award Ceremony for EMU academics who have demonstrated outstanding success in 2024. The ceremony was held with the participation of Nazım Çavuşoğlu, the Minister of National Education of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). During the ceremony held on Wednesday, 4 March 2026 at 10:00

a.m. at EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, academic staff members featured in Stanford University's World's Top 2% Scientists List, as well as to those recognized for Scientific Publication Citations, Faculty / School Publication Achievement and Research Incentives. Minister Nazım Çavuşoğlu, EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Şemi Bora, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç,

VYK Members Özdiñç Akdel and Turan Büyükyılmaz, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Acting Director of EMU Institute for Graduate Studies and Research Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı and Assistant Director Prof. Dr. Eda Becer, deans, department chairs, administrative directors and academic staff attended the ceremony. > pg. 2-3



EMU SIGNS THREE SIGNIFICANT COLLABORATION PROTOCOLS WITH PARTICIPATION OF PROF. DR. YÜKSEL YALOVA FORMER MINISTER OF STATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has signed three separate collaboration protocols on diplomacy, energy law and Energy Disputes Arbitration Center, with participation of Prof. Dr. Yüksel Yalova, who served as a Member of Parliament during the 19th, 20th, and 21st terms of the Republic of Türkiye, as Minister of State from 1999 to 2001, and as Deputy Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye between 2001 and 2002. The signing ceremony of the protocols took place on Wednesday, 25 February 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at EMU Rector's Office building.

Present during the signing ceremony were Prof. Dr. Yüksel Yalova, Board of Trustees (VYK) President Şemi Bora, 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 and, Acting Dean of Faculty of Law Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba. > pg. 4



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“Success in Never Coincidental”

Commenced with A Moment of Silence and National Anthem, the event continued with an opening speech by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç who expressed his pleasure and honour for gathering with everyone at the Academic Award Ceremony. He emphasized that recognizing achievements at the institutional level significantly contributes to raising the standard of success and enhancing motivation. Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that EMU holds prominent positions in several reputable international university rankings, stressing that this reflects the high quality of education offered at the institution and the alignment of its academic programs with international standards. He further stated that the university’s accreditation by leading independent accreditation bodies around the world serves as a confirmation of this commitment to quality. Stating that these achievements are not a coincidence, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said that they are the result of the devoted efforts of the university’s academic and administrative staff. He also referred to the challenges faced by the university, noting that building a world-class institution

under embargo conditions is far from easy, yet the EMU family has managed to achieve this through determination and discipline. Concluding his remarks, Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his confidence that by continuing to work harder and produce more, the university’s future will become even stronger. He also congratulated all academic staff members who were awarded.

“A Governance Approach Centered on Academic Freedom, Scientific Productivity and Quality Assurance”

In his speech, VYK President Şemi Bora emphasized that the awards presented represent not only individual achievements but also a tangible reflection of the university’s institutional academic vision. Bora noted that the academics included in Stanford University’s World’s Top 2% Scientists List further strengthen the university’s standing within the international scientific community. He also stated that the awards based on scientific publications, citations, and research performance are a clear outcome of the university’s commitment to sustainable academic quality. Bora stated that EMU

continues to fulfill this responsibility with determination through its strong research infrastructure, interdisciplinary initiatives, and international collaborations. He noted that every achievement further strengthens the university’s institutional stability and reinforces its academic standards. Concluding his remarks, Bora emphasized that the Board of Trustees remains committed to sustaining a governance approach centered on academic freedom, scientific productivity, and quality assurance.

“The Most Important Factor that Distinguishes Academics”

In his speech, Minister of National Education of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Nazım Çavuşoğlu expressed his satisfaction at being present at such a meaningful ceremony and noted that they are pleased to share in these academic achievements. Highlighting that Eastern Mediterranean University has long been described as the “apple of the country’s eye,” Çavuşoğlu remarked that words are often insufficient to fully convey this distinction. He stated that award ceremonies such as



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this contribute significantly to motivation. Çavuşoğlu also pointed out that although the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus faces certain embargoes due to its geographical and political circumstances, science knows no borders. He added that meeting successful EMU graduates abroad fills them with great pride. Expressing his pride in the inclusion of EMU academics in Stanford University's World's Top 2% Scientists List, Çavuşoğlu described this achievement as a promising development. He stated that EMU, with around 16,000 students from over 110 countries and

its multicultural campus environment, serves as an important center of higher education. Moreover, Çavuşoğlu noted that this diversity strengthens interaction and positions the university within the international academic arena. Highlighting that producing scientific publications is not something everyone can achieve, he emphasized that research and publication activities are what truly set academics apart. Minister Çavuşoğlu concluded his speech by congratulating all academics.

At the end of the ceremony academic staff demonstrating outstanding performance in 2024 year were presented with award and certificates by Minister Nazım Çavuşoğlu, Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, VYK President Şemi Bora, VYK Members Özdiñ Akdel and Turan Büyükyılmaz, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Acting Director of EMU Institute for Graduate Studies and Research Prof. Dr. Derviş Subaşı and Assistant Director Prof. Dr. Eda Becer. The event concluded with a group photo shoot.

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The first of the protocols signed is established between EMU and the Africa Diplomacy Academy. Within the scope of this protocol, an 'International and Comparative Studies Center' will be established with the aim of strengthening cooperation in education and research in the fields of diplomacy and international relations. Through this center, it is intended to promote academic research on the cultural, economic, and social relations between Africa, the Mediterranean region, and other parts of the world, while also enhancing the capacities of students and researchers. In addition, the protocol envisions the development of joint degree and certificate programs, the organization of international seminars and conferences, the creation of a digital campus model, and the enhancement of the global academic visibility of both institutions.

The second protocol signed as part of the visit is conducted between EMU and Energy Law Research Institute. Through the signed protocol, it is aimed to enhance educational activities, strengthen the professional knowledge and skills of students and academic staff, develop joint training programs, and establish a framework for sustainable academic cooperation between the two institutions.

Another significant cooperation agreement was signed between EMU and the Energy Disputes Arbitration Center (EDAC), focusing on education and academic collaboration in the fields of energy law and arbitration. Through this protocol, the parties aim to enhance educational initiatives related to energy law and the arbitration-based resolution of energy-related disputes, strengthen the professional competencies of students and academic staff, develop joint training programs, and establish

a sustainable platform for long-term academic cooperation.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that an important and strategic initiative has been implemented in line with the university's internationalization policy. He stated that this initiative is considered highly valuable in terms of supporting the university's development and enhancing its international visibility and impact. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also noted that the establishment of a center within the framework of energy disputes represents one of the key steps taken in this process. Highlighting the university's strong sense of responsibility, he underlined that EMU continues to diligently fulfill its duties not only in education and research, but also in community service and in promoting both the country and the university at national and international levels. Prof. Dr. Kılıç added that the protocols signed will initiate concrete actions, describing the collaboration as a qualified and original step that strengthens the academic structure and is expected to make significant contributions to both the country and the international academic community.

In this remarks on the topic, VYK President Şemi Bora noted that EMU, established in 1979, is a well-established and respected higher education institution that today attracts students from various parts of the world through its deep-rooted academic tradition, global outlook, and strong intellectual capacity. He stressed that the collaboration agreement signed constitutes a key component of the university's internationalization strategy, adding that the center to be established and the joint educational initiatives to be carried out will play an important role in training qualified professionals in the fields of diplomacy and international relations. Emphasizing



his confidence in a long-term and efficient partnership based on mutual trust, Bora expressed his hope that the agreement would prove beneficial for both parties.

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Yüksel Yalova thanked Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and the university administration, noting his appreciation for the consistently welcoming approach and strong support shown to him and his team. He stated that he has served for 18 years as World Vice President of the African Diplomatic Academy, headquartered in Senegal, which he described as a highly reputable organization with representation in 54 African countries and 115 countries worldwide. Drawing attention to the increasingly unstable nature of contemporary international relations, Prof. Dr. Yalova emphasized the growing importance of the emerging global order and international law. He further remarked that he closely monitors EMU's global progress and observed that the university effectively translates its vision into tangible outcomes through the cooperation agreements and partnerships it establishes. During the protocol signing ceremony, Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented Prof. Dr. Yalova with a commemorative plaque in appreciation of his contributions.

FAMAGUSTA ENCYCLOPEDIA WORKSHOP HELD UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF EMU-KAM



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Center for Cyprus Studies (EMU-KAM) organized “Famagusta Encyclopedia Workshop” event in collaboration with the Municipality of Famagusta. The said workshop took place on Friday, 27 February 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Desinged to scientifically document the city’s historical, cultural, social, and economic heritage, the project aims to serve as an extensive resource about the city of Famagusta.

The workshop featured Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Parliament Members Resmiye Canaltay and Teberrüken Uluçay, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, Famagusta Civil Defence Organization’s Famagusta Region Director Atilla Sabri Samur, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Chair of EMU-KAM Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü, EMU-KAM Executive Board members and participants who would contribute to the project.

The workshop commenced with an opening address by Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü, Executive Board Chair of the EMU-KAM. In her speech, Prof. Dr. İşçiöğlü underlined that Famagusta has a rich historical and cultural legacy, noting that safeguarding the city’s collective memory is a vital responsibility toward future generations. She emphasized that the city’s uniqueness lies not only in its historical architecture but also in its lived experiences and accumulated values, adding that the encyclopedia project will ensure this heritage is preserved in a lasting and scholarly manner.

EMU-KAM Executive Board Member İsmail Bozkurt also delivered a speech, emphasizing that the Famagusta Encyclopedia will be developed strictly in accordance with scientific standards, without any ideological approach. He noted that the encyclopedia will become a trustworthy reference work through articles authored by subject-matter experts, adding that the project will later be made available in digital form alongside its printed edition to help

prevent the spread of misinformation. Bozkurt also emphasized that this initiative will serve as a pioneering model not only for Famagusta but for other municipalities as well.

Also making remarks on the matter, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay drew attention to the city’s importance in terms of country’s economy and cultural landscape. He noted that Famagusta’s character as a port city, its well-established educational institutions, and its rich recent history constitute valuable assets that should be formally documented. Dr. Uluçay emphasized that the municipality actively supports academic and cultural efforts aimed at safeguarding the city’s collective memory and affirmed that university–municipality cooperation will continue to strengthen.

Speaking at the event, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that universities have important social responsibilities beyond their roles in education and research. He highlighted that initiatives contributing to Famagusta carry particular significance for the university and stated that the Famagusta Encyclopedia Project plays a vital role in preserving and passing on

the city’s historical and cultural heritage to future generations. Underlining the importance of completing the project with determination, Prof. Dr. Kılıç thanked all stakeholders involved for their contributions

Lastly, TRNC Parliament Member Resmiye Canaltay addressed the participants of the event, stating that the city of Famagusta possesses a strong collective memory. She emphasized that preserving a city’s past is essential for building a healthy future, and noted that systematically documenting the city’s collective memory would make a significant contribution to the protection of its cultural heritage

Following the speeches, participants interested in contributing to the Famagusta Encyclopedia were given the floor in a session moderated by İsmail Bozkurt. During the session, prospective authors were briefed on the project’s purpose, scope, and writing principles. The Famagusta Encyclopedia, which will take shape through participants’ proposed entries and contributions, is expected to be the outcome of a long-term effort and to serve as a permanent and valuable reference work for the city.



EMU SIGNS COOPERATION PROTOCOLS WITH VARIOUS TRNC UNIVERSITIES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has signed memoranda of understanding with Near East University (NEU), Cyprus International University (CIU) and European University of Lefke (EUL) with the aim of enhancing institutional collaboration in higher education and promoting academic output.

Within the scope of the memorandum of understanding signed with NEU, by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and NEU Rector Prof. Dr. Tamer Şanlıdağ, it is aimed to strengthen the academic and scientific collaborations between the two institutions.

Under the memorandum of understanding by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and CIU Rector Prof. Dr. Ertuğ Çelebi, parties seek to enhance mutual interaction by carrying out joint academic activities.

A third memorandum of understanding has been signed with EUL. The protocol signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and EUL Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Yükselen, intends to promote collaborative educational, research, and project-based initiatives between the two institutions.

Within the framework of the signed protocols, the parties aim to promote and encourage short- and long-term student exchange programs in line with their shared areas of interest, as well as to mutually invite academic staff and students to activities such as education and teaching initiatives, courses, conferences, symposiums, workshops, and experience-sharing events. In addition, supporting and fostering joint research activities in areas of common interest also fall within the scope of the agreements.

Furthermore, the parties plan to exchange data for educational and research purposes and to work toward the establishment of joint diploma programs across their respective departments.

Making remarks on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted that fostering a spirit of solidarity and collaboration among universities in Northern Cyprus is crucial for improving the overall quality of higher education. Emphasizing that institutions share a collective responsibility, he noted that their aim is to enhance the country's academic strength through cooperation rather than competition. Prof. Dr. Kılıç further stated that preparing capable, qualified, and committed individuals for future generations is a common mission of all higher education institutions, adding that such agreements will create new opportunities for both students and academic staff.



EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ ATTENDS “4TH CULINARY FORUM” HELD IN ANTALYA



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç attended the 4th Culinary Forum as a guest speaker. Held in Antalya, said event is recognized as one of the most important international gathering of gastronomy world.

Organized under the title “Global Exchange for Culinary Minds” and the theme “XCHANGE,” the forum brought together prominent national and international figures with the aim of enhancing knowledge sharing

and academic collaboration in the field of gastronomy. The event featured discussions on industry innovations, recent research, and academic perspectives, creating a valuable platform for the exchange of ideas among participants.

During his address at the forum, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç evaluated the significance of academic research in gastronomy, the importance of strengthening



collaboration between universities and the sector, and scientific perspectives that will shape the future of the field. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also touched upon the challenges encountered in presenting island cuisine to visitors. Chairing a panel that discussed ways to preserve and develop local cuisine in the face of international culinary influences, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stressed that island cuisine should not only be displayed but should also occupy a central place in the kitchens of five-star hotels.

EMU BROADENS ITS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted an important academic meeting. Boğaziçi University Confucius Institute Representative Nurdan Çağatay Görgülü and, Shanghai University Türkiye Representative and visiting academic staff member at Boğaziçi University Assoc. Prof. Dr. Qianwen paid an official visit to EMU.

Within the scope of their visit program, the delegation visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç. During the meeting, intentions were shared to conduct the Chinese Language and Literature courses currently offered under the Confucius Institute initiative—implemented through the partnership of Shanghai

University and Boğaziçi University—via a center planned to be established EMU. The discussions also covered the development of academic programs at EMU in the field of Chinese culinary arts within gastronomy, as well as in Business Administration and Energy Economics, and the creation of a collaborative academic framework in these disciplines. Furthermore, the parties conveyed their shared intention to formalize the cooperation through a protocol to be signed in the near future and to implement student and academic staff exchange programs.

Prof. Dr. Vedat Yoruca, the Head of Department of Economy at EMU Faculty

of Business and Economics; and Murat Aktuğralı, Rectorate Promotion and Marketing Director also attended the meeting, presenting detailed information regarding EMU.

The delegation also paid a visit to EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe. During the meeting, evaluations were carried out regarding the expansion of potential academic collaborations both at the faculty level and across the university as a whole.

The meeting concluded with an exchange of gifts and a photo shoot.



HAKAN BALABAN, HEAD OF TRNC CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANIZATION, VISITS EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ

Hakan Balaban, Head of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Civil Defence Organization paid a courtesy visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. During the visit, the parties evaluated their existing relations and exchanged views on prospective collaborative initiatives.

Stating that he was pleased to be at EMU, Civil Defence Organization Head Balaban underscored the significant role universities play in fostering public awareness.

On the other hand, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his appreciation for the visit and emphasized that enhancing collaboration between universities and public institutions is crucial for the benefit of both students and society. He also noted that the integration of academic knowledge with hands-on experience would deliver meaningful contributions to the country.

The visit concluded with an exchange of gifts. Balaban presented Prof. Dr. Kılıç with a commemorative gift, while Prof. Dr. Kılıç, in turn, presented Balaban with a gift unique to Eastern Mediterranean University.



EMU MARKETING MANAGEMENT MASTER'S STUDENTS CARRY OUT A STRATEGIC STUDY FOR MENA REGION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Marketing Management Master's Program students conducted a comprehensive study, led by their academic advisor Dr. Victor Oluwafemi Olorunsola, examining the challenges faced by students from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Based on a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats), the study presented a strategic model aimed at enhancing EMU's international student recruitment and admission processes.

The research focused on the primary difficulties encountered by students from the MENA region, particularly regarding visa procedures, accreditation matters, and cultural integration. By evaluating

their regional knowledge and personal experiences within an academic context, the students put forward practical and feasible solutions aimed at addressing these challenges. The resulting model is expected to support the enhancement of the university's international student recruitment processes by making them more efficient and inclusive.

EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and Marketing Director Murat Aktuğralı attended a meeting organized within the scope of the research project. Raahjoo International Institute representatives who contributed to the research process of the students were also present during the said meeting where existing practices targeting the MENA region were

reviewed, and views were exchanged on integrating the proposed strategies into institutional processes.

At the end of the meeting, Prof. Dr. Öztüren underscored the value of the students' work, noting that the project stands as a strong example of effectively bridging academic theory and practice. He remarked that the study is well positioned to enhance EMU's international profile and strategic standing, and expressed confidence that the proposed strategies would support the university's efforts in attracting international students while also strengthening academic standards. Prof. Dr. Öztüren concluded by thanking the students who carried out the project and all stakeholders who contributed to its realization.

University officials stated that the academic initiative represents a valuable example of integrating theory and practice in higher education, adding that increasing similar studies would strengthen EMU's presence and impact on a global scale.

The EMU Marketing Management Master's Program is supported by a strong academic framework designed to provide students with up-to-date marketing knowledge through both theoretical and practical approaches. While aiming to enhance students' ability to analyze opportunities and challenges in international markets, the program offers a dynamic learning environment for individuals pursuing global career paths.

Such strategic initiatives, aligned with EMU's global vision, strengthen the university's academic productivity while simultaneously supporting broader institutional growth and sectoral advancement.

EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE VISITS TURKISH CYPRIOT CHAMBER OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture paid a visit to the Chamber of Interior Architects (ICMO) operating under the Union of the Chamber of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB).

The collaboration initiatives initiated by former Head of the Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Afet Coşkun and EMU Interior Architecture Department faculty member and Accreditation Committee Advisor Prof. Dr. Özlem Olgaç Türker were revisited by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hacer Başarır Dindiç, who took office as Head of the Department in the 2025–2026 Spring Semester. The discussions aimed both to introduce the new departmental leadership and to further develop existing collaborations. EMU Interior Architecture Department faculty member Assist. Prof. Dr. Eliz Erdenizci also attended the meeting.

The president of ICMO Pembe Komut and Executive Board Members Sabri Tonyalı and İsman Birman were present during the said meeting. Making an address during the visit, ICMO President Pembe Komut underlined the value of chamber membership for aspiring interior architects as a means to gain a deeper understanding of the profession. She stated that early engagement between students and the professional chamber would greatly contribute



to the development of professional identity and awareness. Komut also pointed out the crucial role universities play in guiding students in this regard.

On the other hand, Head of EMU Department of Interior Architecture Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hacer Başarır Dindiç emphasized that joint projects to be developed with the Chamber are highly important in improving the quality of interior architecture education and supporting

professional standards. She stated that the mutual cooperation protocols to be established aim to equip students more effectively for their future careers and to reinforce their links with the professional sector.

The visit concluded with mutual expressions of goodwill, while the parties exchanged views on potential joint activities and projects aimed at supporting professional development in the future.

EMU DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE COLLABORATES WITH TAN & PARTNERS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture continues to establish strong bonds with the sector in line with its vision of collaborating with professionals who are a significant part of training process. Within this scope, the cooperation protocol signed with Yalın Tan & Partners, a design office that plays an active role in professional practice and carries out projects at an international level, for the 2024–2025 Academic Year, offers various academic and professional opportunities to the department's students and academic staff.

The first step of the protocol was through the collaboration initiated in the Spring Semester of 2024-2025 Academic Year. Then, in 2025-2026 Academic Year Fall Semester, the said protocol was later developed into a more comprehensive and well-structured framework. Through the coordinated efforts of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Afet Coşkun, then Head of the Department, together with Prof. Dr. Özlem Olgaç Türker and Prof. Dr. Nil Paşaoğulları Şahin, instructors of the ITAS 402 and INAR 492 Interior Architecture Design Studio VI courses, the partnership was systematically integrated across the entire semester.

As part of the Interior Architecture Design Studio VI course, conducted under the code ITAS 402 in the Turkish program and INAR 492 in the English program, the pre-midterm jury benefited from the participation of Senior Interior Architect Sena Hut and Interior Architect Çağlar Lampir from Yalın Tan & Partners. Sena Hut joined the midterm jury online and later participated in the final jury in person. The final jury also welcomed Senior Interior Architect Türkan Torun, a founder of DOTLAB Design Studio, a graduate of the EMU Department of Interior Architecture, and a professional known for her notable projects in the local context

Presentation Delivered on Interior Design

During the department's traditional "Final Lecture" seminar, organized for graduating students, Sena Hut presented a selection of interior design projects carried out by Yalın Tan & Partners in different countries around the world. Following the presentation, a discussion session with Türkan Torun enabled graduating students and attendees to exchange views with the speakers and benefit from their professional insights and experiences.

Serving as Head of the EMU Department of Interior Architecture since the 2025–2026 Academic Year Spring Semester, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hacer Başarır Dindiç highlighted the significant contribution of these activities to students' professional growth and noted that industry partnerships are a key component of the department's strategic vision. She further stated that the department plans to deepen its engagement with the professional sector in the upcoming semester through new collaboration protocols with design offices, joint studio initiatives, and technical field visits.

Furthermore, EMU Faculty of Architecture's Dean Prof. Dr. Asu Tozan highlighted that collaborations between universities and industry play a vital role in reinforcing the bond between theory and practice within architecture and interior architecture education. She emphasized that students' direct engagement with professional practitioners throughout their studies both broadens their design outlook and provides valuable support for their career planning after graduation. Prof. Dr. Tozan also affirmed that the Faculty of Architecture will continue to promote and sustain high-quality, long-term partnerships.



FIRST LECTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE / 60+ SENIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DELIVERED



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) delivered the first lecture of the “University of Third Age / 60+ Senior Development” project designed in line with the vision of active and healthy aging of individuals who are 60 and over. The first lecture was delivered by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç on Tuesday, 3 March 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Chair of the Association of Elderly Rights and Mental Health Prof. Dr. Hatice Jenkins, General Secretary of the Association of Elderly Rights and Mental Health Dr. Kenan Başaran, Project Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topçu and, Executive Board Members of the University of Third Age / 60+ Senior Development Program Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin and Assist. Prof. Dr. Asiye Güngör attended the event.

The lecture began with academic personnel members, who are to teach as part of the University of Third Age / 60+ Senior Development Program, introducing themselves.

In her speech, Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç – Dean of EMU Faculty of Health Sciences – underlined that there is no age limit in learning and emphasized the importance of healthy aging. Prof. Dr. Malkoç stated that, through this program, they have taken an important step together with the participants toward a healthy ageing process, expressing her hope that the coming years will be spent in a healthier and more active manner. She also noted that, as the Faculty of Health Sciences, they are delighted to host the participants and are ready to provide all necessary support so they can benefit from the faculty’s facilities.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç also addressed the participants, emphasized that the program goes beyond being merely an educational activity and also brings a new perspective on ageing. He noted that the University of the Third Age / Senior Development Program represents the beginning of a mental transformation, highlighting that old age should now be viewed as a new beginning. Describing this period as one of the most conscious, healthy, and free stages of life, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that perceptions of ageing were quite different in the past, but that the program aims to reshape this understanding. He further explained that the goal of the University of the Third Age / Senior Development Program is to encourage participants to think, produce, and

share together. Stressing the rapid development of technology, the transformation of social structures, and the extension of human lifespan, Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded that lifelong learning is the secret to staying young, adding that participants will both gain new knowledge and strengthen their social bonds through the program.

Within the scope of the first lecture, academics from the Faculty of Health Sciences delivered comprehensive presentations on healthy living, preventive health services, and conscious ageing. In accordance with the academic calendar set for the program, participants will continue to benefit from a variety of educational sessions and activities offered by academics from different disciplines.





WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED FOR TRNC HIGH SCHOOLS BEGIN AT EMU



The “Workshops” organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) for the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) high school final year students has commenced on Monday, 2 March 2026 between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at various academic units on EMU campus. The Workshop events which will host over 2000 final year high school students across the country, will continue until 16 March 2026.

Students were divided into groups according to the professions and areas of specialization they plan to pursue and participated in workshop sessions at the relevant faculties under the guidance of academic experts. Through the Workshops, which cover more than 70 different topics, it is aimed to reveal the existing talents of senior high school students and contribute to their development.

The Workshops held on 2 March 2026 hosted students from Cengiz Topel Industrial Vocational High School, Kyrenia Tourism Vocational High School, Kurtuluş High School, Lapta Yavuzlar High School, Lefke Gazi High School, Karpaz Vocational High School, Famagusta High School of Commerce and Dr. Fazıl Küçük Industrial and Vocational High School.

What did the students say?



Nesrin AYYACI
Kurtuluş High School

I am considering studying Chemistry or Physics at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at EMU. The Department of Chemistry is my primary choice. EMU is among the universities I am planning to apply to, mainly because it is a prestigious and well-established institution. I also believe that the Workshop events are very useful for us as students.



Zeki Can KARTAL
Kyrenia Tourism Vocational High School

I would like to study in the field of Tourism. I liked EMU very much and I am considering to pursue my studies there. I had previously visited the campus and was very impressed then as well. The Workshops gave us the opportunity to learn more about the topics we were curious about.



Derya AVŞAR
Lapta Yavuzlar High School

I want to study Law. Eastern Mediterranean University is the university I would most like to attend. I believe EMU provides one of the best educational opportunities in the country. I was very satisfied with the Workshop events. Everyone was very welcoming and supportive, and the workshops gave us the chance to ask the academics questions we had in mind.

Workshops Continue

On 4 March 2026, students from Bekirpaşa High School, Erenköy High School, İskele High School of Commerce, Cumhuriyet High School, Famagusta Vocational High School, Namık Kemal High School and Polatpaşa High School participated in the workshops. On 5 March 2026, 19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College and Güzelyurt Turkish Maarif College students visited the campus, attending the workshops.

On 6 March 2026, final year students came from Doğu Akdeniz Doğa Collage, Famagusta Turkish Maarif College, İskele Evkaf Turkish Maarif College, Levent College, TED College, Hala Sultan Theology College will take part in the workshop series.

On 9 March 2026, students from Bülent Ecevit Anatolian High School, Değirmenlik High School, Esin Leman High School, Nicosia Turkish High School, Meral-Vedat Ertüngü High School, 20 Temmuz Science High School and Anafartalar High School will visit EMU campus.

The workshop series will conclude on 16 March 2026 with the visit of students coming from Anatolian Fine Arts High School, Atatürk Vocational High School, Osman Örek Vocational High School, Semat Semavi Industrial High School and Rauf Raif Denktaş Vocational High School.



CULTURE AND ARTS WEEK AT EMU: UNIVERSITY AND CITY MEETS WITH ART

Within the scope of the Culture and Arts Week to be held between 9 and 13 March 2026, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is transforming its campus into a live cultural environment that brings different disciplines together. Over the said week, exhibitions, talk events, poem recitations, workshops, performances and concerts will be organized as part of the events which will be organized in collaboration with EMU Student Development, Activities and Sports Affairs Directorate and Municipality of Famagusta.

The events demonstrate that Eastern Mediterranean University is not just an educational institution but also a dynamic environment where culture and art are produced through the active participation of students, academic and administrative staff, and student clubs. Culture and Arts Week, organized to make the artistic output of the university more visible, also aims to foster a lasting cultural connection between the university and the city. Over the course of a

week, the Eastern Mediterranean University campus will host a rich artistic program where poetry, music, visual arts, and performing arts come together. As part of the events, notable figures from the fields of literature, music, and visual arts will meet with students and art lovers. University students, student clubs, and international student communities will also have the opportunity to present their artistic works through poetry readings, performances, and cultural activities.

Culture and Arts Week Commences on Monday – 9 March 2026

EMU Culture and Arts Week will commence on Monday, 9 March 2026 with an opening ceremony to be held at 6:00 p.m. at the EMU Activity Center Hall. The events and activities to be held as part of the Culture and Arts Week will be free and open to the participation of the public. All art-enthusiasts are invited to this cultural gathering where literature, music, visual arts, and ideas will come together.



9 MARCH - MONDAY

18:00 **Opening Ceremony**
Venue: Activity Center Foyer Area

18:30 **Collective Exhibition**
A Reading from a Female Perspective
Art, Memory & Transformation - Curator: Ayhatun Atesin
Venue: Activity Center Foyer Area

20:00 **Classical Music Concert**
Myhira Trio
Venue: Activity Center Hall

10 MARCH - TUESDAY

10:00 **Photography Exhibition**
Human and Space: Cem Cengiz (Photographer) - EMU Photography Club
Venue: Central Lectures Building Foyer Area

16:30 **Talk ***
The Architect of Choice: Shakespeare in the Immersive Era: Sogol Hemmatbolant (Actor)
Venue: Activity Center Hall

19:00 **Poetry Recital and Talk ****
Understanding Neriman Cahit - Guest Poet: Neşe Yaşın
Venue: Activity Center Hall

11 MARCH - WEDNESDAY

14:30 **Talk and Book Signing**
Turkish Cypriot Novel: Zeki Erkut (Author) - Moderator: Ferize Doğruca
Venue: Activity Center Hall Kayra Akyüz

16:30 **Documentary Poems, Stories and Epics**
Africa - Middle East - Europe - Central Asia - Far East
Venue: Activity Center Hall

19:00 **Poetry Recital and Talk** **Music Recital**
Sükrü Erbaş - Moderator: Bedia Balseç Atakan Sarı
Venue: Activity Center Hall

* The event will be held in English.
** The event will be held in Turkish and English.

12 MARCH - THURSDAY

10:30 **Talk and Workshop**
From Thought to Sculpture: The Journey of Artistic Production - Zehra Şonya (Sculptor)
Venue: Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center

12:30 **Caricature Art and Workshop**
Mustafa Tozaki (Caricaturist)
Venue: Activity Center Hall

15:00 **Talk & Listen**
Ali Döşenkalkar
Venue: Activity Center Hall

13 MARCH - FRIDAY

16:00 **Talk**
Approaching Complex Music Genres: Hüseyin Kırmızı, Cahit Kutrafalı, Hakkı Deniz Eren
Venue: Faculty of Fine Arts / Music Teaching Program

20:00 **Jazz Concert**
Ersen Sururi - Hüseyin Kırmızı - Cahit Kutrafalı - Kadir Evre
Venue: Activity Center Hall

Upcoming Events

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO BE DISCUSSED AT EMU SCIENCE CAFE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Science Communication Office will held its first program on the theme of artificial intelligence within the “Science Cafe” event series which aim to strengthen the relation between society and science. The event titled “Artificial Intelligence: Two Sides of the Coin” is to be held on Friday, 6 March 2026 between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Rüstem Bookstore located in Nicosia.

The event will host EMU Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Engineering academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yıldıran Bitirim who highlight that artificial intelligence is no longer a technology of the future but a technology of today. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bitirim will address how frequently individuals interact with AI systems in their daily lives—often without realizing it—and to what extent decision-making processes are delegated to these systems.

During the event, the often unseen influence of artificial intelligence across many areas—from smartphones and navigation applications to banking systems and healthcare technologies—will be examined through various examples. Contemporary issues such as privacy, data security, algorithmic bias, and governmental regulatory approaches will also be discussed.

Within the scope of the event, it is also planned to create an interactive discussion environment with the participation and contributions of attendees around the question, “Will technology govern us, or will we govern technology?”

The event, which will be organized in a Science Cafe format, will be held free of charge and open to the public.



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EMU CHAMPION ANGELS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT COMMENCES

is designed to be more than a sporting competition. It seeks to commemorate the Champion Angels who lost their lives in the 6 February earthquake, while passing on to younger generations the values they represented—hope, unity, perseverance, and social responsibility. Throughout the matches, friendship, mutual respect, and unity were emphasized on the field, once again highlighting the unifying and restora-

tive power of sport. The tournament will continue with matches held every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., and is expected to feature highly competitive games in the coming weeks. Following the completion of the group stage, the Champion Angels Volleyball Tournament will conclude with the semifinal and final matches.



EMU CHAMPION ANGELS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT COMMENCES



The second edition of Champion Angels Volleyball Tournament organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Student Development, Activities and Sports Affairs Directorate commenced on Wednesday, 25 February 2026 at 05:30 p.m. at EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex. Bringing together athletes from the university, public institutions, and diverse community groups, the tournament

attracted attention on its opening day with the high level of competition and fair play displayed on the field. Audience in the stands showed their support for the teams, sharing in the unifying spirit of sport.

The opening match of the tournament was held between 'Kimse Görmeden' and 'Voleybol Tutkunları' teams. Team 'Kimse Görmeden' defeated its opponent

with a score of 2-1. The second match of the day featured 'Blok Yok Umut Var' and EMU Sports Affairs teams, resulting a win of 2-1 score for the 'Blok Yok Umut Var' team. The last match of the day was played by EMU Volleyball and Koop Bank teams. Koop Bank team secured victory following the score of 2-1. Taking place in the master category with the participation of 10 teams, the tournament

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