

EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ VISITS CEVDET YILMAZ - VICE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç paid a courtesy visit to Cevdet Yılmaz, Vice President of the Republic of Türkiye (TR).

The visit, attended by a delegation comprising university rectors and representatives of higher education institutions, provided a platform for exchanging views on a range of key issues, including the future of higher education, quality assurance in higher education, international university rankings, the role of artificial intelligence in education, and ongoing digital transformation initiatives.

Extending his gratitude to Cevdet Yılmaz for their warm hospitality, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated: "The continued presence and steadfast support of our motherland, Türkiye, represent a tremendous source of strength for us. Together, we remain committed to working tirelessly to further elevate the international standing of higher education in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), while enhancing its quality standards and global competitiveness



through sustained collaboration and shared determination". The visit was regarded as a significant step toward strengthening cooperation between Türkiye and the

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) in the field of higher education and further advancing their shared vision for the future of the sector.

EMU ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAM HELD WITH HIGH PARTICIPATION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) 2026 – 2027 Academic Year Entrance and Scholarship Exam held for students who are citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC); Republic of Türkiye citizens who have completed four uninterrupted years of high school or an equivalent institution in the TRNC; and international students studying in either the TRNC or Türkiye who wish to apply to Medicine or Dentistry programs, took place on Saturday, 6 June 2026. Total of 1,522 candidates took the exam held simultaneously in exam centers located in Famagusta, Nicosia, Ankara, Istanbul and Mersin. As previously announced by EMU, the exam was held simultaneously at five different locations between 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., offering easier access to the participants.

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“BİR BAŞKA KIBRIS YOK” DOCUMENTARY SCREENING AND PANEL HELD AT EMU ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF NİLDEN BEKTAŞ ERHÜRMAN



As part of 5 June – World Environment Day, “Bir Başka Kıbrıs Yok / There is No Other Cyprus” documentary screening and panel event was organized in collaboration with Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Urban Research and Development Center (URDC), Community Involvement Center (CIC), Famagusta Women’s Center Association (MAKAMER) and Yeniboğaziçi Women’s Association (YEKAD). Addressing the environmental degradation caused by rapid urban development in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), the event took place at the EMU Activity Center on Wednesday, 3 June 2026, between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Following the documentary screening, environmental issues were examined from multiple perspectives through discussions involving experts from various disciplines.

Held with the special participation of Nilden Bektaş Erhürman, an Environmental Engineer and the spouse of TRNC President Tufan Erhürman, the event highlighted EMU’s environmentally conscious approach, its emphasis

on stakeholder engagement, and its commitment to collaborative action. Implemented with the contributions of the EMU Faculty of Tourism, Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Business and Economics, Faculty of Law, EMU Environment Club, and Sustainable Development Goals Club, the event provided a significant platform for promoting environmental awareness.

“A Reality That Can No Longer Be Overlooked”

Following a moment of silence and the National Anthem, YEKAD Chairperson Nazenin Şahali delivered the opening address. Stressing that the phrase “There Is No Other Cyprus” represents more than the title of a documentary, Şahali described it as a strong message and call to action for environmental protection. She underscored that natural and cultural assets that have been lost cannot be restored, emphasizing that the environment is a precious trust that must be preserved for the sake of children’s future, public health, and cultural heritage. Noting that climate change has become an

undeniable reality, Şahali also highlighted the important role women play in fostering environmental awareness and contributing to social transformation. Emphasizing that the struggle to protect the environment is a shared responsibility of all sectors of society, she called for collective action to safeguard nature.

“An Obligation That Cannot Be Postponed”

MAKAMER Chairperson Pelin Üretici stated that environmental issues are no longer concerns solely for environmental advocates but have become a shared matter affecting society as a whole. Emphasizing that the climate crisis, environmental pollution, and the loss of biodiversity have direct consequences across all aspects of life, Üretici noted that, in line with the United Nations’ call, climate action has become an obligation that can no longer be postponed. She further remarked that women occupy a dual role in the environmental movement, both as those affected by environmental challenges and as agents of change. Stressing that the environment should





be protected as a shared living space to be passed on to future generations, Üretici underlined that this struggle cannot be considered separately from the principles of social justice, democracy, and peace.

“Call for Action”

In her speech on behalf of EMU-CIC, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs, underscored that 5 June – World Environment Day is not just a day for awareness raising, rather it is a call for action. Emphasizing the statement “There Is No Other Cyprus” as a strong message of caution, Prof. Dr. Zorlu reminded society that lost natural resources and environmental values cannot be reclaimed. Referring to the environment as a precious trust that must be preserved for children, she stressed that no time should be wasted in tackling climate change. Prof. Dr. Zorlu also pointed to the importance of fostering environmental awareness from a young age and underlined the influential role of women and civil society in promoting environmental responsibility and sustainable change.

“There Is No Other World Either”

Speaking on behalf of EMU-URDC, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe emphasized that the event organized within the scope of 5 June – World Environment Day was not merely an awareness-raising initiative, but also a call for urgent and concrete action in response to the climate crisis. Referring to the broad-based organization carried out in collaboration with various EMU centers, faculties, and civil society stakeholders, Prof. Dr. Karatepe stated that the event contributed to strengthening sustainability awareness. He drew attention to the fact that climate change, food waste, water and energy scarcity, and the loss of biodiversity have evolved into a global crisis that affects not only the environment but also human life directly. Prof. Dr. Karatepe further noted that, despite the existence of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, significant shortcomings remain in their implementation. He stressed that sustainability must be effectively integrated into all areas, from education to governance, and remarked that the message “There Is No Other Cyprus” ultimately serves as a reminder of the broader reality that “There Is No Other World.”

“A Valuable Opportunity”

Addressing the audience, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that World Environment Day should be regarded not only as a reminder of environmental issues but also as a valuable opportunity to reconsider collective responsibilities toward future generations. Drawing attention to challenges including climate change, drought, biodiversity loss, declining water resources, and environmental pollution, Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that such issues have economic, social, and humanitarian dimensions in addition to their environmental impact. He noted that Northern Cyprus is experiencing the consequences of these challenges with increasing visibility. Stressing the role of robust legal frameworks and effective sanctions in tackling environmental concerns, Prof. Dr. Kılıç remarked that universities serve not only as centers of knowledge production but also as institutions that contribute to problem-solving and societal progress. He further noted that EMU continues to undertake initiatives related to sustainability, environmentally responsible practices, and energy-environment interactions, adding that these efforts should be enhanced through closer collaboration with civil society and local partners.

“Highly Significant for Strengthening Environmental Awareness”

Speaking at the event, Nilden Bektaş Erhürman, Environmental Engineer and spouse of TRNC President Tufan Erhürman, emphasized that the program held as part of World Environment Day represented an important contribution to the growing awareness of environmental issues. She expressed her appreciation for the strong cooperation established among various institutions, non-governmental organizations, academics, and student clubs, noting that such broad-based participation reflects a shared sense of responsibility toward environmental protection. Erhürman also underlined the particularly noteworthy commitment demonstrated by environmental and women’s organizations. Highlighting the message conveyed by the documentary “There Is No Other Cyprus,” she stated that it serves as a compelling reminder of the need to preserve Cyprus’s unique natural environment and valuable living spaces. Stressing that the island’s natural landscapes and ecological richness

constitute a common home that must be protected, Erhürman emphasized the importance of fostering environmental awareness across all sectors of society. She added that events of this kind play a vital role in building public consciousness and encouraging active engagement in environmental issues. Concluding her remarks, Erhürman shared information regarding environmental initiatives undertaken by the TRNC Presidency and extended her thanks to all organizations and individuals who contributed to the successful realization of the event.

Following her speech, Nilden Bektaş Erhürman was presented with a silver plate and a bouquet of flowers by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu.

“Başka Kıbrıs Yok” Documentary Met with Audience

As part of the program, attendees watched the documentary “There Is No Other Cyprus,” produced through a collaboration between the PRIO Cyprus Centre and the Green Action Group. Directed by Faik Uzuner and Doğuş Bozkurt, with coordination by Mete Hatay, the documentary examines a range of environmental challenges facing Northern Cyprus, such as uncontrolled development, pollution of land and marine ecosystems, and the degradation of natural areas. Highlighting the impacts of climate change and the need for sustainable lifestyles, the documentary seeks to foster greater environmental awareness and stimulate public engagement in environmental protection efforts.

Following the documentary screening, a panel discussion was held featuring researcher and author Mete Hatay, environmental activist Feriha Tel, economist Mertkan Hamit, and documentary director Faik Uzuner as panelists. During the panel, topics including climate change, environmental protection, sustainable living, and the environmental future of Cyprus were examined through a multidimensional perspective. Following the panel, which was moderated by Prof. Dr. Naciye Doratlı, the speakers were presented with Cyprus-themed gifts and certificates of appreciation by EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu.



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Conducted Simultaneously at Five Centers

Continuing its tradition of attracting strong interest each year, the EMU Entrance and Scholarship Exam brought together numerous prospective students seeking to pursue a high-quality university education with scholarship opportunities. Alongside the exam centers in Famagusta and Nicosia, centers established in Ankara, Istanbul, and Mersin also received substantial participation. After completing the required registration and identity verification procedures, candidates were admitted to the examination halls, and the examination process was carried out smoothly and successfully.

Successful Students to Benefit from Scholarship Opportunities

The EMU Entrance and Scholarship Exam not only provides prospective students with the opportunity to gain admission to the University but also offers the chance to secure tuition scholarships at various levels. Based on their exam performance, successful candidates may benefit from 100%, 75%, 50%, or 25% tuition scholarships, enabling them to begin their academic journey with significant financial support. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that, as in previous years, the University remains committed to supporting talented and high-achieving students. Highlighting EMU's extensive scholarship opportunities, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that the vast majority of prospective students considering studying at the University can find a scholarship or discount offer that suits their individual circumstances, making quality higher education more accessible.

Strong Interest in EMU

The total of 1,522 candidates participated in this year's Entrance and Scholarship Exam stands as a testament to Eastern Mediterranean University's well-established academic reputation and its position as one

of the region's leading higher education institutions offering internationally recognized educational opportunities. With its diverse range of academic programs, distinguished faculty, internationally accredited curricula, and student-centered approach, EMU continues to rank among the preferred universities for thousands of prospective students each year.

Exam Results and Registration Process

Following the evaluation of the exam results, candidates will be placed in academic programs based on their scores and preferences, and their scholarship entitlements will be determined accordingly. Detailed information regarding the placement and registration procedures will be announced through the University's official website and social media platforms after the results are released. Students admitted to EMU will also have the opportunity to complete

their registration by taking advantage of the University's flexible payment plans and early payment options, in line with their program preferences.

Extending his best wishes to the 1,522 candidates competing to join the EMU family, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç also expressed his appreciation to the academic and administrative staff, research assistants, examination committee members, and all stakeholders whose dedicated efforts contributed to the successful organization of the examination. Prof. Dr. Kılıç added that he would be delighted to welcome the successful candidates into EMU's internationally recognized educational environment and wished them every success in their future academic pursuits.



CRYPTOCURRENCY DISCUSSED AT EMU SCIENCE CAFE



“Cryptocurrency” talk event organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Science Communication Office was held at Coffeein Terrace Café, Kyrenia on 10 June 2026. Receiving strong participation, the event organized with communication sponsorship by North Cyprus Turcell, aimed at raising awareness on digital assets and cryptocurrency investments. EMU Faculty of Business and Economics academic Prof. Dr. Mete Feridun took part in the said event as a speaker.

A Focus on Cryptocurrency Investments

As part of the talk, the discussion focused on the fundamental principles of cryptocurrencies, investment practices, and the factors investors should carefully consider. Prof. Dr. Mete Feridun shared key insights into the cryptocurrency market, highlighting the role of leverage and the importance of balancing potential risks with expected returns. He also stressed that establishing a clear investment strategy and following it with discipline are essential for navigating the market effectively and making sound investment decisions.

The event also explored various components of the cryptocurrency ecosystem, including non-fungible tokens (NFTs) and meme coins. Prof. Dr. Mete Feridun highlighted the highly speculative nature of these digital assets, emphasizing the importance of informed and cautious decision-making by investors. The discussion further addressed the security of cryptocurrency platforms, potential investment risks, and the high level of market volatility, all of which emerged as key topics throughout the session.

Responding to questions from participants, the session also examined safer investment practices, risk management strategies and measures that investors can take to protect their assets. In the final part of the talk, Prof. Dr. Mete Feridun reflected on the increasing role of digital assets in everyday life and discussed the potential economic and social implications of future developments in the field.

Officials from the EMU Science Communication Office stated that the Science Cafe series aims to bring science closer to society while raising public



awareness of issues that directly affect everyday life. They also noted that the events will continue to be organized in different locations, providing wider audiences with opportunities to engage with scientific topics and current developments.



EMU HOSTS INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) once again hosted a significant internationally prestigious and scientific event in the field of energy. Co-organized by EMU Energy Research Center (ERC) and Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) Cyprus Chapter, the 17th International Exergy, Energy and Environment Symposium (IEEEES-2026) took place on 1-3 June 2026 at Grand Pasha Hotel, Nicosia. Addressing current issues encountered in the fields of energy and environment, the symposium brought researchers, academics, engineers and sector representatives together.

“Beyond Technological Transformation”

In his opening remarks at the 17th International Exergy, Energy and Environment Symposium, Chair of EMU-ERC and Conference Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Atikol highlighted the symposium's longstanding tradition, noting that it has been held since 2005. He emphasized that hosting this year's event in Cyprus was made possible through the support of EMU and the symposium sponsors, expressing his sincere appreciation to all those who contributed to its organization. Prof. Dr. Atikol underlined that the transformation taking place in the energy sector extends beyond technological advancements, carrying valuable lessons that can also be applied to everyday life. He stated that reducing losses within energy systems is essential for achieving greater efficiency and long-term sustainability.

Concluding his remarks, he encouraged participants to actively engage throughout the symposium by exchanging knowledge, contributing to discussions, and establishing new collaborative partnerships.

“Energy Security Is Essential”

In his address, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that energy, environmental sustainability, and ecological responsibility have become key elements of development, environmental protection, and national security in the modern world. He underlined the urgent need to accelerate the transition toward clean energy technologies, describing it as a crucial step for the future. Pointing out that energy security is closely linked to geopolitical dynamics, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that ongoing global tensions continue to shape international energy markets. He stressed that a secure energy supply is fundamental to achieving economic resilience and sustainable growth, while also highlighting Türkiye's strategic location and its significant role within regional energy corridors. Prof. Dr. Kılıç further stated that EMU continues to promote research in the areas of sustainability, energy efficiency and innovation. Concluding his remarks, he expressed his confidence that the next generation of scientists being educated today will play a leading role in developing the energy solutions of tomorrow. The symposium featured presentations by keynote speakers who are prominent figures in the field;

“Alternative Energy and Exergy Dimensions” by Prof. Dr. İbrahim Dinçer from Ontario Tech University; “Integration of Energy Storage with Buildings – Managing Energy Demand and Emissions” by Prof. Dr. Fariborz Haghighat from Concordia University; “Energy Economic Prospects for Green Hydrogen in Europe” by Prof. Dr. Reinhard Haas from Vienna University of Technology; and, “Re-imagining Future Energy Systems Through Design, Evaluation and Governance Perspectives” by Prof. Dr. Feridun Hamdullahpur from University of Waterloo.

Addressing the participants at the closing of the symposium, Prof. Dr. Uğur Atikol - Chair of EMU-ERC and Conference Chair - stated that no single technology stands out as the sole solution in the ongoing energy transition. On the contrary, he emphasized that a holistic approach integrating a combination of emerging technologies is essential. Prof. Dr. Atikol further underlined that planning must keep pace with technological advancements and be carried out dynamically through an integrated strategic framework encompassing both the energy supply and demand sides.

During the internationally attended symposium, a wide range of academic papers were presented on current issues including energy efficiency, sustainable and renewable energy systems, exergy analysis, environmental impacts, energy policies, and advanced energy technologies.



EMU STUDENTS ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN TWO CATEGORIES AT THE “YOUNG MINDS, NEW IDEAS” COMPETITION

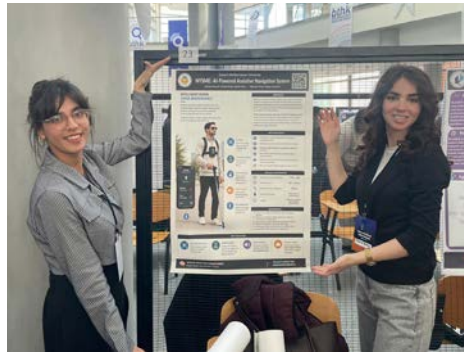
Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering students have achieved a remarkable success. Students from the Department of Computer Engineering and the Biomedical Engineering Program within the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering participated in the “Project Market and Capstone Projects Competition”, organized as part of the “Young Minds, New Ideas – Cyprus 2026” event, which is supported by the Information and Communication Technologies Authority and the Turkish Informatics Association. The EMU students earned awards in the competition, proudly representing their university. During the initial evaluation stage of the competition, a total of five universities took part. EMU distinguished itself as the only university to have projects selected for the finals in two different categories.

Hosted by the European University of Lefke, the competition attracted 165 project submissions from 12 universities, bringing together nearly 350 students who presented their projects. During the evaluation process, projects competed in the “Software, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Platforms” and “Engineering, Hardware and Sustainable Technologies” categories, where they were assessed by approximately 70 jury members.

The event featured capstone projects and innovative entrepreneurial ideas developed by university students, providing a platform for participants to showcase their work. Students had the opportunity to present their projects to academics, industry professionals, and investors, while the projects exhibited in the project market attracted considerable attention for their technological innovation and entrepreneurial potential. Held to encourage an entrepreneurial approach to capstone project development and to create opportunities for young entrepreneurs to engage with potential investors, the event was also attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, who conveyed his support and encouragement to the participating students.

EMU Students Achieved Success in Two Categories

Following a full day of project presentations and jury evaluations, the most outstanding projects were recognized with awards. Under the supervision of Assist. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Ünveren, faculty member in the Department of Computer Engineering at the EMU Faculty of Engineering, Computer Engineering students Cemre Yeşil, Emirkan Eşme, Dudu Fatma Bolat, and Adem Özer were awarded second place in the “Software, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Platforms” category for their project titled “Web Application for Education: Question–Answer Sharing System”.



In addition, Sheida Parvari and Shahd Hirsh, students of the Biomedical Engineering Program within the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, earned third place in the “Engineering, Hardware and Sustainable Technologies” category. Supervised by Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel from the Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department, the team was recognized for their project entitled “NYSME (Now You See Me): Assistive Navigation System with AI-Based Perception and Multimodal Feedback with Sensor Fusion for Real-Time Environmental Awareness”.

Congratulating both achieving students and participating academic staff members, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated, “We take great pride in seeing our students represent our university with distinction through the projects they showcase at national and international platforms. Their achievements in competitions that foster creativity, research, and entrepreneurship reflect the high quality of education and robust academic environment at EMU. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our successful students and their academic advisors, and I have every confidence that they will continue to accomplish even greater milestones in the years ahead”.



“NUTRITION AND DIETETICS PANEL” HELD AT EMU WITHIN THE SCOPE OF DIETITIANS’ DAY



Within the scope of Dietitians’ Day, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Health Sciences Faculty, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics organized an event titled “Nutrition and Dietetics Panel” on Thursday, 4 June 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at Champion Angels Amphitheatre. Moderated by Prof. Dr. Emine Yıldız, an academic staff member of EMU Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, the panel event hosted various speakers who are experts in their fields. During the panel event, Dr. Dietitian Hidayet Ağören, Chair of Cyprus Turkish Dietitians Association; Specialist Dietitian Sılay Dal, Specialist Dietitian Mualla Seray Birikim and Dr. Dietitian Ayşen Yıldırım shared their professional experiences and current dietary approaches with the participants.

The panel was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Dean of EMU Health Sciences Faculty Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Vice Dean of EMU Health Sciences Faculty Assist. Prof. Dr. Asiyeler Başaran, Head of EMU Department of Nutrition and Dietetics Assist. Prof. Dr. Gözde Okburan, many academics and students.

“Plays a Fundamental Role”

Delivering the opening speech, Assist. Prof. Dr. Gözde Okburan, Head of Department



of Nutrition and Dietetics, thanked all the guests for attending the panel organized in celebration of Dietitians’ Day and emphasized that nutrition science plays a fundamental role in protecting and promoting individual and public health, as well as enhancing quality of life. Underscoring the increasing prevalence of chronic diseases and changing living conditions have made healthy nutrition more important than ever, Assist. Prof. Dr. Okburan emphasized that dietitians are indispensable healthcare professionals who contribute to public health through scientific knowledge and



ethical principles. Expressing her appreciation to the distinguished speakers participating in the panel, Assist. Prof. Dr. Okburan also celebrated Dietitians’ Day with her colleagues and expressed her confidence that they would continue working toward a healthier future through scientific advancement, professional solidarity, and a strong commitment to ethical values.

“An Important Reminder of Dietetics Profession’s Role in the Healthcare System”

Speaking afterwards, Dean of EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç,



stated that the panel organized in observance of Dietitians' Day represented not only a celebration of the profession but also an important opportunity to once again emphasize the value of dietitians within the healthcare system. Stressing that healthcare services have become increasingly complex in today's world, Prof. Dr. Malkoç remarked that no healthcare professional can adequately meet all healthcare needs independently and that effective and sustainable healthcare delivery is only possible through multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and intradisciplinary collaboration. She further noted that nutrition encompasses far more than an individual's dietary intake, influencing areas ranging from growth and ageing to disease prevention, treatment processes, physical performance, and quality of life. Prof. Dr. Malkoç concluded by emphasizing that dietitians hold a very important place within the healthcare system through their contributions, scientific expertise, and essential role in preventive healthcare services.

"A Profession That Plays a Defining Role in Quality of Life"

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç drew attention to the influence of the dietetics profession on healthy living and quality of life, describing dietitians as key contributors to public health. He remarked that while the healthcare sector comprises numerous professions, dietetics is distinguished by its direct role in shaping individuals' lifestyles and overall well-being. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also emphasized the University's commitment to educating students as more than future professionals, striving instead to cultivate individuals who are inquisitive, research-driven, and dedicated to continuous self-development. Noting the significant changes brought about by artificial intelligence and digitalization in healthcare, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stressed that students must adapt to these changes, embrace lifelong learning, and maintain a strong commitment to ethical values as they advance in their careers.

In her speech prior to the panel, moderator Prof. Dr. Emine Yıldız noted that the profession of dietetics should not be perceived solely as a field concerned with obesity and weight management, adding that the primary responsibility of dietitians is to protect individual health, prevent the development of diseases, and slow or prevent the progression of existing health conditions. Stressing that healthcare services is fundamentally a collaborative effort, Prof. Dr. Yıldız highlighted the critical role dietitians play within multidisciplinary healthcare teams, particularly in the field of preventive healthcare services. She also noted that the profession carries significant responsibilities in areas such as mass nutrition systems and public health nutrition. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Yıldız underlined the importance of continuously updating professional knowledge by engaging in postgraduate education, seminars, and



following the latest scientific developments. Referring to the misconceptions about the profession circulating on social media, she emphasized that dietetics is a science-based healthcare profession founded on ethical principles and sustained through lifelong learning.

The event continued with the panel session after the speech delivered by moderator Prof. Dr. Emine Yıldız. Panelists Dr. Dietitian Hidayet Ağören, Chair of Cyprus Turkish Dietitians Association; Specialist Dietitian Sılay Dal, Specialist Dietitian Mualla Seray Birikim and Dr. Dietitian Ayşen Yıldırım shared their professional experiences with the participants. The event also underscored that dietetics is a constantly advancing scientific profession and that staying up to

date with current evidence-based approaches and scientific developments is crucial to maintaining professional effectiveness and ensuring continued success in the field.

Drawing strong interest from students, the event featured speakers who shared their expertise and professional experiences while answering participants' questions. The panel served as an informative and inspiring platform, offering students interested in nutrition and dietetics valuable academic insights and career-oriented guidance.

The panel concluded with Head of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Assist. Prof. Dr. Gözde Okburan, presenting certificates of appreciation to the moderator and the speakers in recognition of their contributions to the event.



“ROUTE TO ARTIFICIAL GENERAL INTELLIGENCE” SEMINAR HELD AT EMU FACULTY OF EDUCATION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Education hosted a very meaningful scientific event titled “Biyolojik Öğrenmeden Makine Zekasına: Yapay Genel Zekâya Giden Rota / From Biological Learning to Machine Intelligence: Route to Artificial General Intelligence” which was held at Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Hikmet Civelek Conference Hall. Featuring Prof. Dr. Hasan Amca, Vice Chair of the Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council (YÖDAK), as a guest speaker, the seminar comprehensively explored the evolution from biological learning processes to modern machine intelligence, as well as the future development trajectory of artificial general intelligence.

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan, Dean of EMU Faculty of Education; Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy, Director of EMU Institute of Graduate Studies and Research; Assist. Prof. Dr. Fatoş Erozan, Vice Dean of EMU

Faculty of Education, department chairs, faculty members and students attended the event.

Future of Artificial Intelligence Discussed

During the seminar, Prof. Dr. Hasan Amca, Vice Chair of the Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council (YÖDAK), addressed the differences between artificial intelligence and human learning, as well as the multidimensional nature of the learning process. It was emphasized that learning cannot be reduced to a single characteristic; rather, in humans, the learning process is shaped by value judgments, cultural differences, and ethical considerations. The seminar further highlighted that the fundamental elements distinguishing the human mind from machines include reasoning abilities—such as the capacity to discern good from bad and right from wrong—and the decisions made based on such judgments.

Attention was also drawn to the influence of human values, including freedom, love, and hope, on learning and behavior.

In addition, the learning capacity of artificial intelligence systems was examined from a data-driven and algorithmic perspective, distinguishing it from the way humans learn. Within this context, the discussion also addressed the fact that artificial intelligence can occasionally generate misleading outputs or produce inaccurate content, commonly referred to as “hallucinations”. Furthermore, participants explored the influence of culture on the learning process, the ability of individuals to develop different value systems in different environments, and the implications of these differences for both human learning and artificial intelligence.

The seminar also addressed the evolutionary and emotional dimensions of human learning, during which differing perspectives were presented on whether emotions and concepts such as love can be learned. Conducted in an interactive format, the seminar explored the nature of learning, the boundaries between humans and machines, and the extent to which artificial intelligence may approach these uniquely human characteristics in the future.



LÖSEV'S SPECIAL VISIT TO EMU FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine students and academics hosted children and officials from the Foundation for Children with Leukemia (LÖSEV), as part of the annual social and cultural field trip program organized by the foundation.

Welcomed with Special Name Tags

EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine academics Assoc. Prof. Dr. Amber Eker and Dr. Özge Cumaoğulları Eker, members of Eastern Mediterranean University Scientific Research Community (SRC) and medical students welcomed the LÖSEV team with special name tags themed “Heroes – Future Scientists”. Commenced in

a warm and welcoming atmosphere, the event continued throughout the day with a variety of educational and social activities. During the visit, the children toured the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine laboratories, where they received information about anatomical models and educational teaching aids. Activities conducted in the Anatomy Laboratory provided the children with the opportunity to explore scientific studies firsthand with the guidance and support of medical students.

EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu, Vice Deans Assist. Prof. Dr. Hatice Efekan and Assist. Prof. Dr. Berfu Çerçi Öngün accompanied the children during the activity.

One of the Most Heartwarming Moments of the Day

As part of the program, flowers and a symbolic olive tree were planted in the Faculty garden. Marked by “Heroes Were Here” sign, this meaningful activity created a lasting memory and emerged as one of the most heartwarming moments of the day. The event continued with activities organized by the Early Childhood Studies Student Club, under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Yazgın. Using

the toys they had designed for the Spring Festival stand, club members spent time playing games with the children. At the end of the program, bookmarks specially prepared by the club students were presented to the children as keepsakes of the day.

The event bringing together EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine students with the children from LÖSEV, once again showcased the importance of sharing, solidarity and being hopeful. Children had an opportunity to boost their morale while meeting the future doctors and scientists. Held in a warm and positive atmosphere, the program fostered mutual interaction.



“CAREER TALKS” HELD AT EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY

The “Career Talks” events organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences and Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate, Alumni and Career Development Unit brought students together with prominent figures who have distinguished themselves through their success stories in various fields. The events, featuring experienced speakers from academia, entrepreneurship, sports, and personal development, provided valuable insights into career planning while also helping students gain diverse perspectives.

“Being on the Journey”

As the first guest speaker of the event series, Assist. Prof. Dr. Gülcem Sala Razı delivered a presentation titled “Being on the Journey”, in which she underscored that building a career extends beyond achieving a specific goal and should be viewed as an ongoing journey of learning and self-development. Sharing insights from her own experiences, Assist. Prof. Dr. Razı noted that the challenges encountered throughout this journey play a vital role in fostering personal growth.

“Technology-Based Entrepreneurship”

The second event featured Developmental Physiotherapist Musa Can Minaz, one of the founders of CarbonEmit, who met with students to discuss the concept of technology-based entrepreneurship. In his presentation, he emphasized the intersection of healthcare, technology, and entrepreneurship, highlighting the significant role that innovative ideas play in addressing societal challenges. Stressing

the importance of encouraging young people to develop technology-driven projects, Minaz also shared valuable insights from his own entrepreneurial journey.

“Five Fields, One Career Journey”

The final guest speaker of the Career Talks series was Merve Çelebi, a member of the Turkish National Beach Volleyball Team, entrepreneur, volleyball coach, and educator. In her talk titled “Five Fields, One Career Journey”, Çelebi shared her diverse career path spanning from professional sports to entrepreneurship. She emphasized that experiences gained across different fields complement one another and equip individuals with a broader and stronger perspective. Throughout the session, she highlighted that discipline, determination, and a commitment to continuous self-improvement are the key factors in achieving success.

Online Seminars Held

As part of the Career Talks program, an online seminar was also held featuring Physiotherapist Umut Şahin, a physiotherapist at Fenerbahçe Sports Club, who met with students. In his presentation titled “Being a Physiotherapist in Professional Football”, Şahin discussed the knowledge, skills, and responsibilities required to work as a physiotherapist within professional sports organizations. He emphasized the vital role physiotherapists play in safeguarding athletes’ health and sustaining their performance. Drawing on his professional experience, Şahin shared practical insights and valuable guidance for



students aspiring to pursue a career in sports physiotherapy. The Faculty of Health Sciences Career Talks provided students with not only valuable professional perceptions but also the opportunity to shape their future aspirations through inspiring personal success stories. Bringing together speakers from diverse sectors, the event series demonstrated that there is no single path to career success while emphasizing the importance of courage, perseverance, and innovative thinking in achieving one’s goals.

Through these events, students gained more than academic and professional knowledge; they also found renewed inspiration and motivation to pursue their ambitions with confidence as the professionals of tomorrow.



EMU DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS HOLDS AN HONOR AND HIGH HONOR CERTIFICATE CEREMONY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics organized an Honor and Honor Certificate Ceremony for 2025-2026 Academic Year Fall semester, honoring students for their academic achievements. Held at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, the event aimed to celebrate success of the students and to boost their academic motivations. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Sciences; faculty members, students and guests attended the ceremony.

Opening addresses of the ceremony were delivered by Prof. Dr. Suzan Cival Buranay, Head of Mathematics Department, and Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Dean of Faculty of Arts

and Sciences. Highlighting the importance of academic achievements of students, speakers also noted that efforts towards the advancement of department's education quality are carried out with determinations. Following the opening speeches, Yunus Emre Kaynar and Aisha Saidu-Bala, who achieved a perfect 4.00 GPA and ranked first in the Mathematics and Computer Sciences Program for the semester, together with Rakim Levert Auphie, the top-performing student of the Actuarial Sciences Program, addressed the audience.

Following the speeches, certificates were presented to students who qualified for Honor and High Honor certificates by the Department's academic staff. The certificate

presentation ceremony was attended by Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Bozer, Vice Dean; Prof. Dr. Suzan Cival Buranay, Head of the Department of Mathematics; faculty members Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Aktuğlu, Prof. Dr. Rashad Aliyev, Prof. Dr. Benedek Nagy, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Neşet Deniz Turgay, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Müge Saadetoğlu, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arran Fernandez, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pembe Sabancıgil Özder, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kara, as well as Distinguished Professors Prof. Dr. Agamirza Bashirov and Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov. The ceremony concluded with a group photograph of the students and academic staff, marking the end of the celebration.



A FIRST IN NORTHERN CYPRUS BY EMU CIVIL AVIATION AND CABIN SERVICES PROGRAM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Cabin Services Program has achieved a first in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. As part of its commitment to preparing students for the aviation industry with the highest level of professional competence, the program organized an “Emergency Water Landing Scenario and Emergency Evacuation Training” session, which was conducted as a practical exercise at the EMU Beach Club with the participation of 100 students.

Emergency Procedures Experienced

The training, which focused on emergency water landing and evacuation procedures—among the most critical safety protocols in the cabin crew profession—provided students with the opportunity to gain firsthand experience in implementing internationally recognized emergency procedures. Through the practical exercises, participants developed essential skills in ensuring passenger safety, managing crisis situations, coordinating effectively as a team, and carrying out evacuation operations efficiently.

Through training based on realistic emergency scenarios, students had the opportunity to put their theoretical knowledge into practice while gaining valuable hands-on experience that contributed to the development of their professional competencies. Conducted with the support of industry experts, the training not only enhanced participants’ understanding of



sector-specific practices but also strengthened their professional confidence.

“We Aim to Prepare Our Students for the Future with the Practical Skills Required by the Industry”

Commenting on the training, Aslı Akı, Coordinator of the Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program within the EMU Faculty of Tourism, stated that the program aims to prepare students for their future careers not only through theoretical instruction but also by equipping them with the practical skills demanded by the aviation industry. Emphasizing the significance of implementing the emergency water landing scenario training

on a practical basis for the first time in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Akı noted that the training, attended by 100 students, was highly productive and made a substantial contribution to their professional development. Highlighting the critical importance of safety, crisis management, and effective emergency response procedures in the field of cabin services, Akı stressed that preparing students to confidently handle real-life situations remains one of the program’s top priorities. She also added that, for the sustainability of the training, the program aims to offer this practical exercise on a regular basis each semester.



COMMUNICATION DAYS AND ALUMNI REUNION HELD AT EMU WITH GREAT SUCCESS



Organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication and supported by Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate, the “Communication Days” and “Alumni Reunion” event was held with strong participation from students and graduates. Talks, competitions, exhibitions, workshops and various events prepared with help of Departments of New Media and Journalism, Public Relations and Advertising, Radio, TV and Cinema and, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design were held. The events, held in and around the Faculty of Communication building, were open to both students and the general public. The final day of the program featured a special Alumni Reunion Night, organized exclusively for the Faculty’s graduates. Celebrating its 29th anniversary, the Faculty of Communication hosted an alumni gathering for the first time in many years, bringing former students back to campus for a memorable reunion. The event attracted strong participation, offering alumni the opportunity to reconnect with their former professors and classmates, reminisce about their university years, and enjoy an evening filled with warmth and nostalgia.

Prof. Dr. Ersoy: “Welcome Home”

Many alumni, who reunited after years, attended the event with their spouses and children, sharing the pride and joy of the occasion with their families. Accompanied by the lively rhythms of a DJ performance, the evening provided a vibrant and nostalgic atmosphere as former classmates and faculty members—who had once walked the corridors of the Faculty’s historic building together—came together once again under one roof, celebrating cherished memories.

In his opening address at the event, Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, Dean of the EMU Faculty of Communication, expressed his pride in reuniting with the Faculty’s graduates years after their graduation. Established in 1997, the

Faculty of Communication has been shaping the communications sector for more than a quarter of a century through the successful professionals it has educated. Beginning his remarks with the words “Welcome Home,” Prof. Dr. Ersoy emphasized that the Faculty has remained committed for 29 years to educating individuals who question, create, and respond to the evolving needs of the communications industry with the same determination and enthusiasm. He also extended his gratitude to the Faculty’s founding Dean, Prof. Dr. Aysel Aziz, stating, “We sincerely send our love and appreciation to all the academic and administrative staff whose dedication has made it possible for us to reach where we are today.” Concluding his speech, Prof. Dr. Ersoy reflected on the four-day Communication Days program, highlighting that the Faculty had hosted six talks featuring distinguished professionals, five comprehensive workshops designed to enhance students’ practical skills, and three art exhibitions that celebrated and preserved the institution’s rich heritage and collective memory.

A Tribute to Former Deans

One of the most memorable and emotional moments of the evening was the series of video messages specially prepared for the alumni by the Faculty’s former deans, each of whom has left a lasting mark on the institution since its establishment. Beginning with the Faculty’s founding Dean, Prof. Dr. Aysel Aziz, the messages continued with greetings from Prof. Dr. Murat Barkan, Prof. Dr. Peyami Çelikcan, Prof. Dr. Sevdâ Alankuş, and Prof. Dr. Süleyman İrvan, all of which were warmly received by the alumni. Former Deans Prof. Dr. Agah Gümüş and Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu also attended the event in person, sharing the excitement and joy of the reunion with graduates.

Following the heartfelt messages from the former deans, the program continued with a nostalgic slideshow that took alumni on a journey back to their student years. Featuring photographs captured on campus, in classrooms, studios, and corridors many years ago, the presentation revived cherished memories and created an emotional atmosphere, offering attendees an unforgettable opportunity to reflect on their time at the Faculty of Communication.



EMU ACADEMIC ASSOC. PROF. DR. TEVHİDE ZİVER SARP MAKES EVALUATIONS ON CURRENT EBOLA OUTBREAK



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Nutrition and Dietetics Department academic staff member and Microbiology Specialist Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tevhide Ziver Sarp released a statement, commenting and evaluating on the current Ebola outbreak. The statement reads as follows:

“Current Ebola Outbreak: A Challenging Battle”

“The Ebola outbreak that surfaced in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda in May 2026 remains under close observation by international health organizations. Investigations have identified the Bundibugyo ebolavirus, a less frequently encountered species than the Zaire and Sudan ebolaviruses, as the cause of the outbreak. Data released by the World Health Organization (WHO) indicate that the Democratic Republic of the Congo, regarded as the outbreak’s epicenter, has recorded hundreds of confirmed cases and dozens of deaths, while Uganda continues to report new cases.

The spread of the outbreak in densely populated regions characterized by significant cross-border mobility has complicated both contact tracing efforts and case management. In addition, the lack of an approved vaccine and a targeted treatment for the Bundibugyo ebolavirus represents a major challenge in bringing the outbreak under control. As a result, the World Health Organization (WHO) has classified the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda as a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)”.

WHO emphasizes that early diagnosis, effective contact tracing, strict implementation of infection prevention, and accurate public awareness are essential for controlling the outbreak. Although there have been no confirmed reports of local transmission outside Africa, the risk associated with international travel calls for ongoing vigilance at the global level. Therefore, countries are encouraged to continue strengthening their outbreak preparedness, while individuals showing signs of Ebola should seek medical attention without delay and closely follow the guidance provided by official health authorities.

What Is Ebola Virus Disease?

Ebola virus disease (EVD) is a severe viral illness caused by members of the Filoviridae family and is associated with a high case fatality rate. Four species of the Ebola virus are known to cause disease in humans: Zaire ebolavirus, Sudan ebolavirus, Bundibugyo ebolavirus, and Tai Forest ebolavirus.

The Ebola virus is transmitted through direct contact with the blood or other bodily fluids of an infected individual, including saliva, vomit, feces, urine, sweat, breast milk, and semen. Transmission may also occur through contact with infected animals or by exposure to objects and surfaces contaminated with infectious bodily fluids.

The symptoms of Ebola virus disease typically develop between 2 and 21 days after exposure to the virus. The illness usually begins with the sudden onset of high fever, weakness, fatigue, headache, muscle and joint pain, and sore throat. As the disease progresses, patients may experience nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and skin rash. In severe cases, the infection can lead to

hemorrhage, circulatory impairment, shock, multiple organ failure, and ultimately death.

The diagnosis of Ebola virus disease is based on a combination of clinical findings and a patient’s potential exposure history, with definitive confirmation achieved through laboratory testing. Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) is the most commonly used diagnostic method, while antigen detection and serological tests may also be used to support the diagnosis.

Treatment of Ebola virus disease is largely based on supportive care measures. Patients receive fluid and electrolyte supplementation together with oxygen support when indicated, and clinical management aims to control symptoms and improve overall outcomes. While targeted therapies have been introduced for some Ebola virus species, there is currently no specific treatment or approved effective vaccine for infections caused by the Bundibugyo ebolavirus.

Preventing Ebola virus disease relies heavily on early diagnosis, timely isolation of cases, effective contact tracing, and accurate public awareness. Additional key preventive measures include the proper use of personal protective equipment by healthcare workers, avoiding direct contact with the blood and other bodily fluids of infected individuals, maintaining strict hand hygiene, and ensuring the implementation of safe burial practices.

In conclusion, as of May 2026, the ongoing Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda continues to pose a significant public health challenge due to the rising number of cases, the potential for cross-border transmission, and its high case fatality rate. Early case detection, comprehensive contact tracing, the effective implementation of infection prevention and control measures, and clear public communication remain the cornerstones of outbreak containment. Although WHO currently considers the risk of widespread international transmission to be low, sustained surveillance, strengthened preparedness and response capacities, and continuous monitoring by national health authorities remain essential to preventing further spread and ensuring effective outbreak management.”

EMU FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES ISSUES A STATEMENT AS PART OF THE SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH “LET’S BE AWARE OF SCOLIOSIS!”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yasin Yurt, Vice Dean of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Health Sciences Faculty, released a statement within the scope of scoliosis awareness month. The statement by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yurt is as follows:

“Month of June is recognized as the “Scoliosis Awareness Month” aiming to raise global awareness on scoliosis. Scoliosis, which particularly affects children and adolescents during their growth years, is a three-dimensional spinal deformity characterized by a lateral curvature of the spine and its rotation around its own axis.

Scoliosis may remain undetected during its early stages because it often does not cause any pain. However, without appropriate treatment, the curvature can worsen over time, resulting in postural deformities, aesthetic concerns, diminished physical function, and, in advanced cases, respiratory complications. For this reason, early detection and diagnosis are vital.

Families are advised to consult to a medical professional if their children aged 10–18 years exhibit uneven shoulder heights, one shoulder blade that appears more prominent than the other, asymmetry in the waistline, or a protrusion on the back during a forward-bending test. The early signs of scoliosis can be detected through a simple physical examination. As part of a thesis study conducted in 2023 at the

Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation at EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, we identified the presence of scoliosis in 5 out of every 100 secondary school students in the Famagusta region.

Nowadays, physiotherapy holds great importance in treatment of scoliosis. In particular, scoliosis-specific exercise programs that are initiated at an early stage, individually tailored, and based on scientific evidence can help slow the progression of the spinal curvature or keep it under control. Implemented by physiotherapists, these approaches aim to support proper spinal alignment while improving posture, muscle strength, respiratory capacity, and overall quality of life. At the Prosthetics, Orthotics and Biomechanics Center operating within the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, scoliosis-specific exercise therapy and, when indicated, brace treatment for individuals diagnosed with scoliosis have been provided for many years by our expert academic staff.

Contrary to the common belief in society, not every individual diagnosed with scoliosis requires surgery. Thanks to early diagnosis and appropriate conservative treatment methods, many children and adolescents with scoliosis are able to continue their daily lives actively and maintain a good quality of life.

As part of June Scoliosis Awareness Month, we encourage families, educators, and healthcare



providers to stay informed about the warning signs of scoliosis. It should never be forgotten that greater awareness leads to earlier diagnosis, while earlier diagnosis provides the opportunity for more successful treatment and a healthier future.

Do not neglect your spine, pay attention to your posture, and recognize scoliosis early!”

EMU ONCE AGAIN MAKES ITS MARK AT UNIVERSITY SPORTS GAMES: OVERALL CHAMPIONS IN BOTH THE WOMEN'S AND MEN'S CATEGORIES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) left a lasting mark on the 2025–2026 University Sports Games Season with its achievements. Succeeding to finish in the top three in many categories, EMU concluded the season with a double triumph by claiming the overall championship titles in both the women's and men's categories.

In the competition organized by the Northern Cyprus University Sports Federation, EMU achieve outstanding results across a wide range of disciplines, including athletics, swimming, futsal, and volleyball. Earlier results released by the Federation had already highlighted EMU's strong performances in athletics, swimming, volleyball, and badminton, while the overall

standings announced at the end of the season once again confirmed the University's consistent excellence and sustained success in university sports.

EMU – Champion in Various Disciplines

In the women's category, EMU claimed championship titles in athletics, cycling, volleyball, chess, and swimming, while also finishing in top three places in basketball, futsal, tennis, and several other team sports. In the men's category, championship victories in athletics, billiards, darts, football, futsal, wrestling, volleyball, and swimming formed the foundation of the University's overall leadership in the standings. Throughout the season, EMU athletes captured first-place titles

in athletics, swimming, and volleyball in both the women's and men's competitions. The University also secured the team championship in badminton and achieved numerous podium finishes across a broad range of disciplines, enabling EMU to outperform its rivals and finish at the top of the overall points table.

Award ceremony for achieving universities in the University Sports Games will be held on Thursday, 18 June 2026 at Nicosia Fairgrounds (Lefkoşa Fuar Alanı). Ranking teams and overall champions will be presented with cups and medals at the awards ceremony.

EMU's achievement of securing the overall championship titles in both the women's and



men's categories is regarded as a significant outcome of the University's continued investment in sports and the dedication and disciplined efforts demonstrated by its athletes throughout the season. With these outstanding accomplishments, EMU concluded the 2025–2026 University Sports Games season as the most successful institution in Northern Cyprus University Sports.

Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç: “A Shared Source of Pride for the EMU Family”

In his remarks on the matter, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç congratulated the performing athletes, coaches as well as, all academic and administrative personnel contributing to the process. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated, “As Eastern Mediterranean University, we continue to distinguish ourselves not only through our academic achievements but also through our accomplishments in sports. Being crowned the overall champions in both the women's and men's categories at the University Sports Games, while also securing championship titles across various disciplines, is a tremendous source of pride for all of us”.

Stressing that EMU always prioritizes holistic development of its students, Prof. Dr. Kılıç continued, “We firmly believe in the unifying and transformative power of sport. Alongside their academic pursuits, we will continue to provide our students with every opportunity to develop themselves socially, culturally, and athletically. I wholeheartedly congratulate all of our athletes and coaching staff for representing our University with such distinction”.





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