

EMU BECOMES THE STRONGEST GLOBAL REPRESENTATIVE OF TRNC HIGHER EDUCATION IN QS 2027 RANKINGS

Proudly holding the distinction of being the first university established in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) continues to strengthen its respected position in a variety of prestigious global university rankings through its strong academic staff and outstanding research capacity. Advancing its standing year after year, EMU remains a pioneering institution and a university of firsts in the country.

According to the results announced on Thursday, 18 June 2026, at 02:01 a.m., EMU was ranked 691st among 1,504 universities from more than 100 countries, once again earning the distinction of being the highest-ranked university in the TRNC.

Ranking ahead of 54.1% of the universities evaluated worldwide, EMU also achieved a notable distinction by placing 10th among the 28 Turkish universities included in the rankings.

EMU Stands Out Through the Impact of Its Scientific Publications

The QS World University Rankings 2027, published by the UK-based organization QS, were compiled using data from 21 million academic papers and 222 million citations gathered in partnership with Elsevier, one of the world's leading providers of information and analytics. Ranked among the leading institutions in the QS World University Rankings 2027 and recognized globally for its international character, EMU climbed six places compared to the previous year in the International Students Ratio indicator, reaching 13th place worldwide.

EMU also advanced five places in the Employment Outcomes indicator, ranking 310th globally in this category. The University's strongest performance areas include International Students Ratio, where it achieved a perfect 100/100 score,

International Faculty Ratio with 86.5/100, and International Research Network with 61.5/100, highlighting EMU's strong international outlook and global academic engagement.

"EMU Will Continue to Represent the TRNC with Pride on the Global Stage"

Commenting on the achievement, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that they take great pride in EMU maintaining its position as the highest-ranked university in the TRNC in the QS World University Rankings 2027.

Emphasizing that EMU enjoys a strong presence not only within the TRNC but also across the region and the international higher education landscape, Prof. Dr. Kılıç remarked: "Being ranked 691st in such a comprehensive ranking, which evaluates universities from more than 100 countries, clearly demonstrates our University's strong position in the global academic arena."

EMU's advancement to 13th place globally in the International Students Ratio category, along with its strong performance in indicators such as International Faculty Ratio and International Research Network, clearly highlights the University's diverse academic environment, international vision, and scientific collaborations. At the same time, the improvement we have achieved in graduate employability and international visibility further reinforces the worldwide reputation and value of an EMU diploma.

Today's proud achievement is the result of the dedicated efforts of our academic, administrative, and support staff, as well as our students, graduates, and the entire EMU Family. We remain firmly committed to working, producing, and advancing our University with the responsibility of



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representing the TRNC in the best possible way within the global higher education arena. I sincerely congratulate all stakeholders who have contributed to this success and wish the EMU Family continued achievements in the years ahead."

EMU AND KTSO LAUNCH STRATEGIC COLLABORATION CONNECTING PRODUCTION WITH EDUCATION



A significant collaboration protocol aimed at combining academic expertise with the dynamics of the business world has been signed between Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry (KTSO). The protocol was formalized during a ceremony held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 19 June 2026, at the EMU Rector's Office Building where the agreement was signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and KTSO Executive Board Chair Ali Kamacıoğlu.

Present during the signing session were, EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Members Özding Akdel, Turan Büyükyılmaz and Anıl İmre, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Eksici, EMU Private Secretary Director Kazım Hakverdi, Vice President of the KTSO Abdullah Emirzadeoğlu, KTSO General Secretary Erçin Tekakponar and KTSO Executive Board Advisor Belgin Özöğül.

“Academic Knowledge Will Be Transferred to Industry, While Industrial Experience Will Enrich the University”

Speaking at the signing ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that the collaboration protocol would establish a strong bridge between the University and the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry (KTSO). He noted that universities are not only institutions that generate academic knowledge but also bear the responsibility of connecting that knowledge with society and the productive sectors of the economy. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that the signing of the protocol would make a significant contribution to fostering collaboration between two well-established institutions. Highlighting the mutual benefits of the partnership, Prof. Dr. Kılıç explained that academic knowledge would be transferred to industry, while the experience and expertise of the industrial sector would, in turn, enrich the University. He expressed his belief that this exchange would generate meaningful outcomes for the country's development and progress. Prof. Dr. Kılıç further noted that EMU aims to open its doors to industry by creating opportunities for joint projects, knowledge sharing, and practical applications. Concluding his remarks, he expressed his hope that the collaboration would produce tangible results and thanked everyone who contributed to the realization of the partnership.

“This Partnership Will Further Strengthen the Ties between Industry and Academia”

In his remarks, KTSO Executive Board Chair Ali Kamacıoğlu stated that this collaboration with EMU would further strengthen the relationship between industry and academia. Emphasizing the importance of

increasing young people's engagement with the industrial sector, Kamacıoğlu noted that initiatives of this kind would enhance students' interest in industry and better prepare them for professional life. Highlighting KTSO's commitment to cooperation with higher education institutions, Kamacıoğlu expressed his belief that the protocol would contribute both to the development of the country's industrial sector and to the growth of its young people. He thanked everyone involved in the process and expressed his hope that the partnership would generate strong and productive results in the long term.

Bridging Theory and Practice through University–Industry Collaboration

In the remarks delivered during the ceremony, participants underscored the vital role of university–industry cooperation in developing skilled workforce and promoting sustainable economic growth. The protocol is intended to support the effective integration of academic expertise into production and workforce development processes, with the collaboration being recognized as a strategic initiative that will strengthen the country's competitive position.

Comprehensive and Exclusive Educational Opportunities for KTSO Members

Under the protocol, a wide range of opportunities will be offered to support access to education. Within this framework, KTSO employees, members, and their spouses and children will be able to benefit from various advantages in associate, undergraduate, and graduate programs, as well as programs offered by the EMU Continuing Education Center and the International Summer School. In addition, special incentives will be provided for students who enroll at EMU through the Higher Education Institutions Examination (YKS), with the acquired benefits remaining valid throughout the students' normal period of study.



A Strong Bridge for Career Development and Employment

Extending beyond the educational process to include post-graduation opportunities, the protocol aims to make a direct contribution to young people's career development. Within the scope of the agreement, EMU students will be provided with internship and part-time employment opportunities in the industrial sector during their studies. This initiative will enable students to gain early exposure to the industry and acquire valuable professional experience. Furthermore, granting priority consideration to EMU graduates in employment processes following graduation is expected to be one of the key outcomes of the collaboration.

A Sustainable Vision Built on Mutual Benefit

Within the framework of the collaboration established between the two institutions, the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry will support the University's promotional activities and student recruitment initiatives. It was noted that this partnership is expected to make significant contributions toward the shared goals of fostering qualified production, strengthening academic structure, and building a sustainable future.



PROF. DR. RAFOONEH MOKHTARSHAHİ SANİ APPOINTED CHAIR OF THE NAAB 2026 INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION CRITERIA REVISION TASK FORCE



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture has achieved another significant milestone that further strengthens its international standing in architectural education. Prof. Dr. Rafooneh Mokhtarshahi Sani, Chair of the EMU Department of Architecture, has been appointed as the Chair of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) 2026 International Certification Criteria Revision Task Force. In this regard, Prof. Dr. Sani will serve in this prestigious role from February 2026 through December 2027.

Prestigious Appointment Strengthening Global Impact

This appointment follows Prof. Dr. Sani's three consecutive years of service on the NAAB International Committee. Throughout her tenure, she received multiple invitations to continue serving on the committee in recognition of her academic contributions and professional performance. Her appointment as Chair of the Task Force is regarded as a strong testament not

only to her individual expertise but also to EMU's growing influence in the field of international architectural education.

Prof. Dr. Sani's appointment to lead the Task Force represents more than a personal academic achievement; it further reinforces Eastern Mediterranean University's position among the institutions shaping the future of architectural education on a global scale.

International Success of EMU Department of Architecture

EMU Department of Architecture is among the prominent architecture programs in the region that hold both the NAAB International Certification from the United States and the MİAK Accreditation from Türkiye. Since 2016, the Department has maintained its distinction as the only architecture program on the island accredited by NAAB International. It also stands out as the first architecture department in Cyprus to receive MİAK Accreditation, a status it has successfully maintained since 2011. With its internationally accredited curriculum, distinguished academic staff, and multicultural learning environment, the EMU Department of Architecture continues to educate architects who are well-equipped to compete and succeed on a global scale.

Congratulations and Support from EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç

EMU Faculty of Architecture Dean Prof. Dr. Asu Tozan, Vice Dean Prof. Dr. Beser Oktay Vehbi, Chair of the Department of Architecture Prof. Dr. Rafooneh Mokhtarshahi Sani, and Vice Chair of

the Department of Architecture Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazife Özey paid a visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç in his office.

The visit was held in recognition of Prof. Dr. Rafooneh Mokhtarshahi Sani's appointment as Chair of the NAAB 2026 International Certification Criteria Revision Task Force. During the meeting, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented Prof. Dr. Sani with a plaque of appreciation in acknowledgment of her achievement.

Emphasizing the importance of such accomplishments in advancing the University's vision of academic excellence and internationalization, Prof. Dr. Kılıç also stated that EMU would continue to support its faculty members in taking active roles on international platforms and contributing to the global academic community.

NAAB International Certification Criteria Revision Task Force

The NAAB International Certification Criteria Revision Task Force is responsible for reviewing and revising the accreditation standards that guide architectural education worldwide. The work carried out within this framework aims to ensure that architecture programs comply with international benchmarks in areas such as quality assurance, continuous improvement, professional competency, and student learning outcomes. Accreditation processes provide significant benefits for students by enhancing academic mobility, increasing international recognition, and expanding access to global career opportunities.



EMU 60+ UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE ORGANIZES 1ST YEAR-END CELEBRATION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) the University of the Third Age / 60+ Senior Development Program organized an event titled "1st Year-End Celebration: Renewed with Eastern Mediterranean University" on Thursday, 11 June 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at Champion Angels Amphitheatre. Held in collaboration with the Municipality of Famagusta and Elder Rights and Mental Health Association, the event received strong participation from EMU 60+ students who had a joyous and vibrant evening. As part of the program, participants came together for a cake-cutting ceremony, sharing the joy of successfully completing the first academic year.

The event was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Elder Rights and Mental Health Association's Vice Chair as well as the University of the Third Age / 60+ Senior Development Program student Semral Erel, the University of the Third Age / 60+ Senior Development Program Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topcu, Advisory Board members, academic staff members who have voluntarily contributed to the program throughout the semester and 60+ students.

"A Very Special Project"

In her speech, Semral Erel, Vice Chair of the Elder Rights and Mental Health Association, stated that she was extremely happy and proud to be part of the program as a student of the

EMU The University Of The Third Age / 60+ Senior Development Program. Emphasizing that the initiative represents not only an educational program but also a very special project she had dreamed of for many years, Erel expressed her great satisfaction with the establishment of a platform where older adults can continue to produce, keep learning, and actively participate in social life. Stressing that learning has no age limit, Erel said, "We believe that life after the age of 60 is not an end, but the beginning of new opportunities." She also thanked all stakeholders who contributed to the project, noting that the true wealth of a society is measured by the value it places on its elderly individuals.

"Beginning of a Long-Term Journey"

In her remarks on the matter, The University of the Third Age / 60+ Senior Development Program Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topcu stated that the University of the Third Age had been established through tremendous dedication and hard work since its foundation and expressed her delight at the successful completion of its first academic semester. Emphasizing that the program marks the beginning of a long-term journey, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Topcu noted that the enthusiasm and happiness demonstrated by the participants have been their greatest source of motivation.

"A Significant Initiative Bringing Different Generations Together"

In his speech, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay expressed his pleasure at participating in such a meaningful event, noting that the project,

carried out in cooperation with EMU, has made significant contributions to the city's social life. Emphasizing that Famagusta is progressing toward becoming a model city not only through its historical and touristic heritage but also through its social initiatives, Dr. Uluçay described the University of the Third Age as an important initiative that brings together different generations. He thanked everyone who contributed to the realization of the project and expressed his hope that similar social initiatives would continue to grow and flourish in the future.

"One of the Most Meaningful Projects"

Addressing the attendees, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the University of the Third Age is among the most valuable initiatives realized within the framework of his rectorial vision. He emphasized that the project supports older individuals in maintaining an active role in society while exemplifying the importance of collaboration between universities and the wider community. Referring to the partnership with the Famagusta Municipality and the Elder Rights and Mental Health Association as a key factor in the program's success, Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his satisfaction with the completion of its first academic year and thanked everyone involved for their dedication. He also expressed his belief that the program would continue to develop and reach even greater success in the future.

Following the opening addresses, Semral Erel, Vice Chair of the Elder Rights and Mental Health Association, representing the students of the EMU



60+ Senior Development / University of the Third Age Program, and the program's Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topcu presented commemorative gifts to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Stileyman Uluçay, and EMU Faculty of Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç.

As part of the celebration, students of the 60+ Senior Development / University of the Third Age Program presented musical performances, choir recitals, and a photography course showcase. These activities provided participants with enjoyable and memorable moments. The program concluded with the presentation of certificates of achievement to the students by the protocol members, followed by the awarding of certificates of appreciation to the volunteer academic staff and the presentation of handmade gifts prepared by the 60+ students.



EMU FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND ENGLISH PREPARATORY SCHOOL ORGANIZES 11TH FLEPS WORKSHOP FESTIVAL



way. She emphasized that change alone does not necessarily mean progress, and that every method and technology employed in education should ultimately serve the genuine needs of learners. Assist. Prof. Dr. Sallı noted that the festival provided educators with an opportunity to re-evaluate their teaching practices, reconsider their instructional goals, and reconnect with their professional values. She further highlighted that reflection and renewal form the foundation of both individual and institutional development.

Director of Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School, Assist. Prof. Dr. Mutlu Kale, expressed his gratitude to Pearson and EAQUALS for their contributions to the event, as well as to all participants and members of the organizing committee. He emphasized the importance of collective effort in the success of the festival and wished attendees a productive, inspiring, and professionally enriching experience.

Following the opening session, keynote speaker Grant Kempton engaged participants with an inspiring presentation titled "Living the Dream or Larping?". The festival continued with a series of simultaneous presentations and workshops held across multiple venues, where participants explored current issues in foreign language education, including empathy-driven teaching approaches, technology-integrated instruction,



sustainability, digital learning environments, and contemporary assessment and evaluation practices. In the afternoon sessions, keynote speaker Russell Stannard delivered presentations titled "Where is AI Impacting Language Education?" and "How AI Can Make Lessons More Engaging and Interactive," in which he explored the impact of artificial intelligence on language education and shared practical examples of its application. Throughout the festival, participants had the opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences with colleagues from different institutions and countries, while engaging in productive discussions on innovative teaching methodologies. Emphasizing academic exchange and professional development, the event received highly positive feedback from attendees.

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) organized the 11th FLEPS Workshop Festival on 12 June 2026 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Held this year under the theme "Teaching with Purpose: Reflection, Renewal and Growth," the festival brought together educators, academics, and professionals working in the field of foreign language education.

Delivering a speech during the event's opening, Assist. Prof. Dr. Aysegül Sallı, Organizing Committee Coordinator of the 11th FLEPS Workshop Festival, stated that this year's theme was chosen in response to the need to address the rapid changes taking place in the field of education in a conscious and meaningful



EMU HOSTS EVENT ON “THE BIGGEST THREAT TO FOOD SAFETY: COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS”



Eastern Mediterranean University's Cyprus Studies Center (EMU-KAM), in collaboration with the Department of Business Administration under the Faculty of Business and Economics, the Faculty of Health Sciences, the Faculty of Tourism, and the Chamber of Food Engineers (GMO) of the Union of the Turkish Cypriot Chambers of Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB), organized an event titled “The Biggest Threat to Food Safety: Common Misconceptions”. The event, held at the EMU Faculty of Tourism, featured KTMMOB GMO President Dr. Beste Oyman and KTMMOB GMO Executive Board Member Selin Akmal as speakers.

EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı, Chairperson of EMU-KAM Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioglu, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. Tuna Karatepe, Head of the Department of Business Administration Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burak Erkut, EMU-KAM Executive Board Members, academic and administrative personnel, and students attended the event.

“Food Must Be Addressed at Its Core”

In her opening remarks, EMU-KAM Chairperson Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioglu stated that the seminar titled “The Biggest Threat to Food Safety: Common Misconceptions” was designed in connection with this year's designated theme of the climate crisis. Prof. Dr. İşçioglu emphasized that, during the planning process, it became evident that food needed to be addressed from its very foundations before establishing a direct link with the climate crisis. In this context, she noted that the seminar program was structured around two separate presentations and extended her thanks to everyone who contributed to the organization of the event as well as to all participants.

“One of the Most Strategic Issues of the Future”

Speaking at the event, Head of EMU Department of Business Administration Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burak Erkut emphasized that food safety is not merely a technical field but also one of the most strategic issues of the future. He noted that the subject should be

approached from the perspectives of entrepreneurship and business management as well. Highlighting that food is not simply a commodity for consumption but a fundamental value that sustains human life, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erkut stated that the delicate balance of the universe can also be understood through the lens of food. Referring to sustainability and resource management throughout history, he stressed the importance of prioritizing safety, quality, and equitable distribution in food production rather than focusing solely on quantity.

“Food Safety Extends Beyond the Health Sector”

In her opening remarks, Acting Dean of the EMU Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı emphasized that food safety is not an issue that concerns only the health sector, but is also of critical importance for the sustainability of the gastronomy, hospitality, and food and beverage industries. Pointing to the growing volume of information flow through digital and social media platforms, Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı noted that distinguishing between accurate and misleading information has become increasingly challenging. She stated that the seminar would play an important role in raising awareness in this regard. Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı also remarked that she personally looked forward to learning about common mistakes related to food practices and safety. Concluding her speech, she thanked everyone

who contributed to the organization of the event and expressed her hope that the seminar would prove both beneficial and insightful for all participants.

“The Importance of Following Basic Principles”

In his address, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe highlighted the global significance of food safety, noting that according to World Health Organization statistics, foodborne risks claim hundreds of thousands of lives every year. He stressed that food safety can only be achieved through a combination of knowledge, proper practice, and discipline. Emphasizing the need to comply with established standards and maintain key principles such as hygiene, Prof. Dr. Karatepe remarked that the seminar served as an important platform for both information exchange and public awareness, while expressing his appreciation to everyone who contributed to the event.

During the event, common misconceptions surrounding food safety, everyday mistakes made by consumers, and the impact of these practices on human health were discussed. The event aimed to promote informed consumer behavior and raise awareness about the importance of food safety. Following the presentations, plaques of appreciation were presented to the speakers by EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe.



EMU FACULTY OF MEDICINE GRADUATE RECEIVES DIRECT DEGREE RECOGNITION IN GERMANY

Betül Avcı, a 2024 graduate of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, successfully completed her approbation process in Germany. Her medical degree was granted direct recognition by the German authorities without the requirement for any additional examinations or compensatory measures.

Career Journey in Germany

Born in Munich, Avcı came to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in 2018 to pursue her medical education at the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine. After graduating in 2024, she returned to Munich, where she worked as a researcher at the Technical University of Munich for one year and commenced her doctoral studies.

A Remarkable Achievement in the Degree Recognition Process

Applying to the state of Bavaria to pursue her medical career in Germany, Betül Avcı stated that the European-standard curriculum and comprehensive course content offered by the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty provided a significant advantage during the evaluation process. Avcı noted that her application was approved directly, without

any requirement for additional examinations or compensatory measures.

Emphasizing that Approbation is available to all graduates who satisfy the required conditions, regardless of their nationality, Avcı noted that her German citizenship only exempted her from certain language-related procedures. The evaluation of her application was based on her academic training and the documentation submitted during the recognition process.

Avcı stated that the application process took approximately one year to complete and emphasized that receiving direct recognition without being notified of any deficiencies or required compensatory measures demonstrated the quality of the education she received at EMU. She noted that this achievement represents not only a personal milestone but also a significant indication of the international recognition and academic standards of the education provided by the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty.

The International Medicine Program jointly offered by the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and the Marmara University Faculty of Medicine holds the distinction of



being the first joint medical program in both Türkiye and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to receive international accreditation. The program has been accredited by the Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs (TEPDAD), which is authorized by the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME).

EMU ACADEMIC ASSIST. PROF. DR. NAFİA AKDENİZ ACCEPTED TO UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM AS A GUEST RESEARCHER

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) faculty member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nafia Akdeniz, has been accepted as a Guest Researcher by the Amsterdam School for Heritage, Memory and Material Culture (AHM), a research institute operating within the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Amsterdam.

As part of her 3-month research visit scheduled this summer, Assist. Prof. Dr. Akdeniz will conduct ethnographic field studies across the Wereldmuseum network in Amsterdam, Leiden, and Rotterdam under the supervision of AHM Research Director Prof. Dr. Ihab Saloul.

Focusing on narrative transformation in museum communication, Assist. Prof. Dr. Nafia Akdeniz's research investigates the ways in which inclusive, decolonial, and post-critical approaches are implemented

and conveyed in contemporary museum settings. Before commencing her fieldwork, Assist. Prof. Dr. Nafia Akdeniz will represent Eastern Mediterranean University at the 12th AHM Conference, Unsettling Heritage and Memory Futures: Decolonial Trajectories Between Crisis and Possibility, where she will present the findings of her postdoctoral research project, "We Are Not Ghosts: Ethnographic Poetry as Transformative Memory Praxis". Focusing on the role of poetry and artistic interventions as counter-narratives in the communication of memory and heritage, the study provides an important theoretical and methodological foundation for Assist. Prof. Dr. Akdeniz's new research on narrative transformation in museum communication.

The research is expected to contribute to international discourse on museum communication, cultural memory, and

the evolving approaches to narrative transformation in contemporary museums.



“PROTECTING LEARNING IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE” CAREER TALK HELD AT EMU

As part of the “Career Talks” event series organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Education Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate, the Alumni and Career Development Unit, a conference titled “Yapay Zeka Çağında Öğrenmeyi Korumak / Protecting Learning in the Age of Artificial Intelligence” was delivered by Prof. Dr. Buket Akkoyunlu, Vice Rector of Çankaya University.



During the conference, Prof. Dr. Akkoyunlu explored the transformation of learning in the age of artificial intelligence, drawing on scientific studies as well as comprehensive reports published by international organizations such as the Digital Education Council Global, the World Economic Forum, the European University Association (EUA), and the OECD. The conference provided participants with insights into current developments from the viewpoints of higher education institutions, students, faculty members, and employers.

The conference highlighted how education is being shaped to support the development of a human-centered, ethical, trustworthy, inclusive, and sustainable future. Topics such as changing approaches to learning, the restructuring of professions, and the transformation of competencies were discussed in detail. In addition, recommendations for future development were presented within the framework of advancing knowledge creation, generating societal benefit,



and educating highly qualified individuals. In the final session of the conference, which attracted considerable interest from both faculty members and students, Prof. Dr. Akkoyunlu responded to questions from the audience. The program emphasized the importance of addressing the subject through a holistic approach to ensure that learning can be sustained in line with the demands and conditions of the contemporary era.

MUSIC-FILLED FINALE FROM EMU PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER EDUCATION STUDENTS



2nd year of Pre-School Teacher Education Program under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education organized an “End-of-Semester Music Concert” on Thursday, 4 June 2026 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts Education Department’s Choir Hall. The event was supervised by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Başak Gorgoretti, a faculty member of Fine Arts Education Department.

As part of the event, students showcased the knowledge and skills they had acquired throughout the semester through a series of performances. These included the use of musical materials, body percussion, rhythm instruments, accompaniment to children’s songs, as well as movement and dance activities. Students presented choreographed performances accompanied by music, providing the audience with an enjoyable and engaging experience.



The event, which attracted strong participation from students of the department, received



widespread appreciation for the students’ creative and practice-oriented work.



EMU TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION DEPARTMENT ORGANIZES 16TH AUDIOVISUAL TRANSLATION DAYS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Department of Translation and Interpretation under the Arts and Sciences Faculty, once again organized its traditional "Audiovisual Translation Days" event held interruptedly for the last 16 years. This year's event took place on 2-4 June 2026 between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall.

As part of the event, final-year students of the Department of Translation and Interpretation presented their subtitle projects prepared for a diverse selection of films, ranging from cult classics and popular biographical productions to gripping thrillers.

Seminars on Translation Process and Strategies

The event featured subtitle translation projects prepared by final-year students Başak Sude Akgül, Elif Serra Yaman, Onur Şahin, Simay Zeynep Özveren, and Türkan Sarıtaş. Alongside presenting their professional subtitle work,

the students conducted seminars before each screening, discussing the translation challenges they encountered and the strategies they adopted throughout the process.

These seminars stood out as a reflection of the academic knowledge, guidance, and collective effort imparted by the department's faculty members throughout the students' four-year undergraduate education. The event was further enriched by workshop activities, which form an integral part of the department's practice-oriented educational approach.

"An Important Step in Preparing for the Profession"

Commenting on the event, Project Advisor and Department Coordinator, Lecturer Neslihan Binatlı Hekimoğlu, emphasized the significance of the Audiovisual Translation Days for students' professional development. Hekimoğlu

noted that the event provided students with an opportunity to put the theoretical knowledge they had acquired throughout their four-year education into practice. She further stated that initiatives of this kind play a vital role in preparing students for the professional demands of the translation industry.

"Highly Valuable from both Academic and Professional Perspectives"

Remarking on the matter, Head of the Department of Translation and Interpreting, Assist. Prof. Dr. Can Altay Sancar, stated that the subtitle projects conducted by the students were highly valuable from both academic and professional perspectives. Expressing his satisfaction with the continued success of the event over the years, Dr. Sancar noted that the Audiovisual Translation Days would continue to be organized with the same commitment and dedication in the years ahead.



“MOUSETRAP” PLAY OF EMU THEATRE COMMUNITY DRAWS INTEREST



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Theatre Community operating under the Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate brought Agatha Christie’s internationally acclaimed mystery classic *The Mousetrap* to the stage as its year-end theatrical production, attracting theatre enthusiasts at EMU.

A 25-member student team from the community participated in the performance staged at the EMU Activity Hall. Directed by Ekin Karabulut, the play was staged with students taking an active role in every aspect of the production, including costumes, make-up, set design, stage management and backstage coordination.

Drawing audiences over a three-day period, the play was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, together with academic and administrative staff members and students.

Recognized as one of the longest-running plays in theatre history, *The Mousetrap* centers on a mysterious murder that takes place in a

guesthouse cut off from the outside world by a severe snowstorm. As every guest becomes a suspect, the tension steadily builds as the investigating detective uncovers a series of secrets surrounding the crime.

Hilal Aybike Taşkın and Salih Rıza Tek served as assistant directors of the production, while Damla Buket Akgül, Deniz Dilşa Okuryazar, Dilara Mirioğlu, Emirhan Sarıgül, Irmak Şanlı, İlayda Bilici, Sevgi Güneş, Sena Nur Kayalı, Sıla Ergöl, Şevval Şahin, Yiğit Kargın and Zeynep Sude Çelik were members of the directing and backstage team.

The cast featured Ahmet Emre Topaloğlu, Aleya Özdemir, Buket Yiğitcan, Dilara Mirioğlu, Ekin Karabulut, Furkan Sırakaya, Gencer Hakan Gencer, Menekşe Defne Paralı, Nihal Kaya, Özkan Alp İşbiçer and Polat Emence.

The Mousetrap, prepared by the EMU Theatre Community, also represented EMU at the 14th Theatre Festival organized by Gaziantep University on 8 May 2026.



Following the performances, audiences showed great interest in the student-produced play, while the activities carried out by the EMU Theatre Community throughout the academic year contributed to campus life through a variety of artistic and cultural events. At the conclusion of the play, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu presented a plaque of appreciation to the theatre team in recognition of their efforts.

EMU ATHLETE ADA Kafa TAKES CONFIDENT STEPS TOWARD HER WORLD AND EUROPEAN GOALS

Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) registered athlete Ada Kafa continues to attract attention with her outstanding performances in the selection trials for the Turkish National Team's Olympic development squad. Having previously achieved the qualifying standard for the European Championships, the young athlete added another significant accomplishment to her record by becoming the Türkiye U18 Champion at the Türkiye U18 Balkan Championships Trials and the Olympic Squad Selection Competitions held on 16-17 June. Through the results she achieved at the event, Kafa also surpassed the qualifying standard for the World Championships, further extending her impressive run of success.

Winning the 800-meter event with a time of 2:08.41 at the Türkiye U18 Balkan Championships Trials and Olympic Squad Selections, Ada Kafa secured the title of Türkiye U18 Champion and delivered a performance that offers great promise for future competitions. Continuing her preparations at the training camp in İzmir under the guidance of her coach, Hasan Maydon, the young athlete is progressing steadily toward her goals.

Ada Kafa is set to compete at an international competition in France on 28 June. Among her primary goals are earning a place at the U18 European Championships, to be held in July, and the U20 World Championships in the United States.

Congratulations Message from EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç

Issuing a congratulatory message regarding the young athlete's achievements, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that Ada Kafa's accomplishments are a source of great pride and emphasized that the University will continue to support young athletes in their pursuit of international success. In his message, Prof. Dr. Kılıç remarked:

"As the Eastern Mediterranean University family, we are following with great pride and joy the outstanding achievements of our athlete, Ada Kafa. At such a young age, Ada has represented both our country and our University in the best possible manner, serving as an inspiration to young people through her determination, discipline, and perseverance.

These historic accomplishments on the international stage represent not only an individual triumph but also a powerful demonstration of what can be achieved through hard work, dedication, and belief. Ada's remarkable performance is also a tangible reflection of Eastern Mediterranean University's commitment to sports and to the development of young talents.

On this occasion, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our valued athlete Ada Kafa, her coach at EMU, Hasan Maydon, whose contribution



to her success has been invaluable, and her family for their unwavering support. We have full confidence that Ada will continue to achieve new successes in all the competitions she will participate in during the coming period.

As the Eastern Mediterranean University family, we will always stand by Ada Kafa and support her journey. I wish her a sporting career filled with success and thank her for the pride and inspiration she has brought to all of us."



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