

## **Consul General of Turkmenistan in Istanbul met with Turkmen students**

Myratgeldi Seyitmammedov, Consul General of Turkmenistan in Istanbul, visited Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) and met with students from Turkmenistan studying at the university.

Meeting with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of IGU Abdulkadir Gayretli and Rector Prof. Dr. Burhan Aykaç within the scope of the visit Consul General Seyitmammedov talked about the support of their president to Turkmen youth in their study abroad for them to be patriotic, hardworking, with keen aim, successful in their moral and innovative works with their own efforts, and their ability and mind to contribute to the development of independent homeland'.

Stating that he was pleased with the education of Turkmenistan nationals at IGU, Seyitmammedov said: "We would like to thank to our esteemed IGU family for showing the necessary attention to our students. Our students' education here will play an important role in shaping their future."

Rector Prof. Dr. Burhan Aykaç, stated that a large number of students from Turkmenistan study at Istanbul Gelisim University, indicated that the Turkmen students continue their education without any problem.

At the end of the visit, gifts were presented in the memory of the day.

## **Collaboration agreement from IGU and Jadara University**

Decision on cooperation with Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) and Jordan Jadara University under various titles such as bilateral agreements, student and academic exchange programs and joint scientific congresses were made.

Jadara University Chairman of the Board of Trustees Dr. Shukri Al – Marshdeh, Rector of the Jadara University Prof. Dr. Saleh Ershid Taha Al – Aqili, Scientific Research and Graduate Studies Dean Dr. Ahsan Arsan Al-Rubai, signed the cooperation protocol visiting IGU.

IGU Chairman of the Board of Trustees Abdulkadir Gayretli, Rector of IGU Prof. Dr. Burhan Aykaç and Lect. Muhammed Adil attended the signing ceremony. The Jordanian delegation, who made evaluations after the agreement, stated that IGU has an important place in the Arab world and that they see IGU as an important representative of Turkish higher education.

#### “NEW EXPERIENCES ARE GAINED”

Muhammed Adil, who mentioned the importance of cooperation for international experience and reputation, added: “Collaborations contribute to research and the formation of science. Academicians can go to different universities and find new scientific research areas. New experiences are gained”

#### “WE ARE PLANNING DIFFERENT COOPERATIONS”

Stating that Turkey has made great strides in the field of higher education and IGU is the pioneer of international accreditation in Turkey, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Abdulkadir Gayretli, added: “The steps taken by IGU to become international, attracted the attention of the Arab world. We aim to realize student and academician exchanges and to sign joint scientific projects and researches. We take the first step of our association together with our participation in the International Middle East Symposium we organize every year”.

Rector of the IGU Prof. Dr. Burhan Aykaç stated that they attach great importance to internationalization and cooperation as Istanbul Gelisim University.

### **A university is known for a peer mentor**

The first Peer Mentor Evaluation Meeting of the 2018 - 2019 academic year was held at the new campus of the Gelisim Tower in Istanbul Gelisim University, Professor Dr. Nail Öztaş said: “Peer mentoring was developed as part of our university's career support system. Career orientation services are the sine qua non of fourth generation universities”.

The first evaluation meeting of the peer mentorship was made under the IGU Career Development Center (KAGEM) in Gelisim Tower. Vice Rector of IGU Prof. Dr. Nail Öztaş also attended the meeting and stated that they would always support the projects and ideas coming from the students.

Vice Rector of the University Prof. Dr. Nail Öztaş who expressed that the university administration values the mentor students, added: “The society and economy of the new world await different competencies from university graduates than the competencies that industrial society expects. It’s being transformed into a new higher education system where classrooms are removed, the standard program qualifications are replaced by a more specialized competencies and students are introduced to. Peer mentoring is an implementation that teaches leadership skills, team acting and empathy skills. Our university administration will give full support to our mentors with its staff and resources. Student-centered education, is the essence of our philosophy”

## IMPROVED SENSE OF BELONGING

KAGEM Director Lect. Firat Demirkol emphasizing that peer mentorship is a system based on the guidance of students to guide other friends in the department, said:

“Mentor students are ready for business life with trainings such as leadership, time management, quality, personal brand management, resume creation and interview techniques. Together with all these processes, they get skills such as team work, appeal to the community and the ability to organize. The peer mentor system, which raises the sense of belonging among the students, also enables other students to be aware of the administrative processes faster and to represent their ideas through mentors.”