

International students prefer Turkey due to the potential

Explaining why international students prefer Turkey, Abdülkadir Gayretli said that Turkey, especially Istanbul is one of the economic centres in the world offers the students to prefer Turkey as an educational destination due to the possibility of working in the international areas after their graduation.

International students from 182 countries study in higher education in Turkey. The number of international students has reached 180 thousand, which was 40000 four years ago. In order to achieve the target of 500000, serious studies are carried out by higher education institutions.

In this sense, drawing attention to the increase in the number of international students in recent years in Turkey, Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Chairman of the Board of Trustees Abdülkadir Gayretli explained the reasons why international students prefer Turkey.

Stating that Turkey that serves a bridge between two continents is physically accessible, Abdülkadir Gayretli said: On the other hand, serving as a cultural link and bridge between Asia and Europe makes it a preferred country, as well.

“ISTANBUL IS ONE OF THE ECONOMIC CENTRE IN THE WORLD”

Stating that Turkey is a centre of attraction for international students because it embodies cultural and historical richness and variety, Gayretli said:

“Students particularly from Asia and the Middle East prefer Turkey because they can adapt both religiously and culturally more easily. In addition to these factors, the internationally recognised cities such as Istanbul, Antalya, Ankara, Bursa and Izmir that both are economic centres and have plenty of job opportunities make Turkey one of the preferred countries in the education. That Turkey, especially Istanbul is one of the economic centres of the world, the job opportunities after graduation, the possibility of working in the international areas are the reasons why international students prefer Turkey to get education.”

“WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION”

Emphasizing that Turkey is an economically more reasonable country in comparison with Europe and Western countries, Gayretli said: “Students need to have a very high budget allocation for a world-class education in the countries such as European countries, Canada and USA. This requires more appropriate budget in Turkey. Thus, they not only receive world-class education but also they do not have financial problems.

Stating that the international education policies that Turkey currently apply create the framework of all of these elements, Gayretli said: “With the support of the state and international cooperations, Turkish Universities have the opportunity to promote internationally and to conduct joint academic studies. Thus, their recognition increases and they have the opportunity to reach the students who consider studying abroad.”

AIM TO INCREASE THE NUMBER

On the other hand, stating that they help clarify the preferences of prospective international student who try to determine their preferences by comparing the opportunities offered by universities, Dr. Aysun Kaya, a faculty member of IGU International Student Directorate articulated: “We host many international students by the ‘Summer School’ programme we organize every year. We promote the Turkish higher education system in the best way. Acting with the importance that Head of Council of Higher Education Prof. Dr. Yetka Saraç attach to the internationalization, our universities on the rise by international accreditation institutions such as AQAS, AHPGS and ABET. We will increase further the number of international students that reached 180 thousand in Turkey.”

Turkish doctor received grant from the British Royal Academy for her invention

Dr. Asiye Karakullukçu who developed an invention on ‘hospital infections’ which is one of the important problems of patients and doctors in the health sector received the “Leaders in Innovation Fellowship” (LIF) grant from the UK “Royal Engineering Academy”.

Dr. Asiye Karakullukçu developed a biosensor that enables to detect and diagnose the ‘hospital infections’ within minutes, which causes thousands of deaths every year because it can show up almost 48 hours later hospitalization.

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) School of Health Sciences Faculty Member Dr. Asiye Karakullukçu received the “Leaders in Innovation Fellowship” (LIF) grant from the UK “Royal Engineering Academy” for her invention. In addition, the success of Karakullukçu was published in the July bulletin of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LOSE THEIR LIVES

Karakullukçu put emphasis on that thousands of people lost their lives each year due to late diagnosis of hospital infection. Talking about her invention, Karakullukçu said: “The diagnosis which is identified by clinical samples such as urine, blood, sputum takes time up to 3 days in some cases. This long process quite often makes the infection irreversible. Our aim is to produce a handheld rapid diagnostic gadget that can be easily used for the diagnosis of infectious diseases with the sensor we have developed. Thus, instead of taking specific samples such as sputum, urine from the patient, we will be able to see whether there is a hospital infection through a drop of blood within minutes.”

IGU Chairman of the Board of Trustees Abdülkadir Gayretli said: “There is no alternative to the diagnostic gadget developed by Dr. Asiye Karakullukçu for the hospital infections all over the world. The invention will have made tremendous impact in the world.”