

According to the statistics of 2019, the safest means of transportation is airplane

The airliner accident statistics of the Aviation Safety Network (ASN) last year shows again that the safest means of transportation is airplanes. According to statistics, there were 20 plane crashes last year resulting in deaths. Pointing out that the safest means of transportation is airplanes considering that the accident rate is one fatal accident per almost two million flights depending on the air traffic of almost 39 million flights around the world, Professional Aircraft Aerospace Engineer Haluk Kul said: “2019 can be regarded as one of the safest year in terms of accident and death numbers.”

According to the statistics published by the Aviation Safety Network (ASN), which provides up-to-date information on aviation accidents and safety issues, a total of 20 fatal airplane accidents occurred in 2019, and 283 people died. The statistics shows again that the safest means of transportation is airplanes in 2019 as well despite accidents regarding all fatal commercial aircraft accidents (passenger and cargo flights) around the world, including civilian aircraft carrying 14 or more passengers. Based on around 39 million flights worldwide, the accident rate resulted in one fatal accident in almost two million flights.

2019 IS THE SEVENTH SAFEST YEAR

According to the released statistics, 2019 was one of the safest years ever despite the Boeing 737 MAX accident. The number of deaths in accidents has decreased compared to previous years. 2019 became the seventh safest year with the number of fatal accidents and the third safest year in terms of deaths, the statistics show. The safest year in aviation history was 2017 with 10 accidents and 44 deaths. Passenger flights had 13 accidents and cargo flights had 6 accidents. One of the 20 accidents was by the plane of an airline in the European Union.

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Noting that the released statistics show that the studies conducted in terms of aviation safety are in the right direction, Professional Aircraft Aerospace Engineer Haluk Kul from Istanbul Gelisim University said: “Despite the Boeing 737 MAX accidents, we can consider 2019 was quite good despite the accidents in terms of accident and death numbers. In 2019,

the number of deaths decreased. 2019 became the seventh safest year on fatal accidents and the third safest year in terms of deaths in aviation history. The safest year in aviation history was 2017 with 10 accidents and 44 deaths.

“MOST ACCIDENTS HAPPENED IN THE NORTH AMERICA”

Stating that more than half of the accidents happened in North America, where aviation is thought to be the best practice, Dr. Kul emphasized that this issue cannot be ignored. He pointed out that 11 of the 20 accidents last year occurred in North America and five accidents in Canada and Alaska.

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IGU Chairman of the Board of Trustees Abdulkadir Gayretli hosted Beylikdüzü 75. Yıl Cumhuriyet Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School in his office. During the meeting, many cooperation decisions such as education, research, European Union Projects and Grants Training were taken.

Referring to the importance of “sustainability” education, Gayretli said: “It is our duty to always act as a pioneer in projects that will create awareness such as climate, global warming, wastes and a sustainable world among our young people”.

Stressing that high schools and higher education institutions should be in cooperation, Gayretli stated that they would support the researches to be conducted.

IGU and Palestine An-Najah National University agreed on cooperation

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) and Palestine An-Najah National University agreed on cooperation about many subjects such as bilateral agreements, student and academic exchange programs, joint scientific congresses.

A committee from Palestine An-Najah National University visited the School of Physical Education and Sports of Istanbul Gelisim University. IGU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Nail Öztaş and Director of the School of Physical Education and Sports Mehmet Soyal met with the committee and decided to cooperate under many headings.

Referring to the importance of international agreements and cooperations, Öztaş emphasized that academics can find new scientific research areas by going to different universities. Stating that the strategy of internationalization in Turkish higher education attracted the attention of the Arab world as well, Öztaş said: “We took the first step of our association with An-Najah National University, which is among the top 50 universities in the Arab world in QS ranking, through this meeting and the decisions we made.”

2020 is launched as International Year of Plant Health

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) announced 2020 as the “International Year of Plant Health” (IYPH).

By 2020, the aim is to raise global consciousness on how protecting plant health can help end hunger, decrease poverty, protect the environment, and enhance economic development.

Reminding that plants provide 80 percent of the food we eat, and produce 98 percent of the oxygen we breathe, Prof. Dr. Nail Öztaş said: “Plants are under constant and increasing threat from insects and diseases. Around 40 percent of global food products are lost from plant pests and diseases every year. This leads to more than \$220 billion in agricultural trade losses per year. It causes millions of people to face hunger and damages agriculture, the primary source of income for poor rural communities.”

Emphasizing the need to develop policies and actions to improve plant health in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, Istanbul Gelisim University Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Nail Öztaş said: “FAO and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) will conduct activities to make the year a success as well as promote plant health. This is our duty.”

The main objectives of FAO for 2020 are:

“Raise awareness of the importance of healthy plants to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, stressing the impact of plant health on food security and ecosystem functions, sharing best practices to keep plants healthy while protecting the environment.”

Stating that keeping plants or plant products free of pests and diseases will also facilitate trade, Öztaş explained: “These efforts will provide market access and strengthen compliance with phytosanitary regulations and standards, especially for developing countries.”