

## **Quality registration certificate to the School of Physical Education and Sports**

Istanbul Gelisim University School of Physical Education and Sports (SPES) received ISO 9001: 2015 quality registration certificate and ISO 1002: 2018 satisfaction certificate. Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Soyal, Director of the SPES, said: "Our students' satisfaction surveys were evaluated. As a result of the inspections, it was decided that our school is in compliance with the quality standards."

Istanbul Gelisim University School of Physical Education and Sports has added a new one to its international accreditation success by obtaining ISO 9001:2015 quality registration certificate and ISO 1002:2018 satisfaction certificate. Speaking about the importance of having a quality certificate and the process, SPES Director Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Soyal said: "Our process of improving the quality of education and determining the standards, and our activities with our external and internal stakeholders were reviewed. Most importantly, our students' satisfaction surveys were evaluated. As a result of the inspections, it was decided that our school is in compliance with the quality standards."

Soyal continued his words as follows:

"The reasons for choosing our college, which has quality certificates and international accreditation certificates, have become stronger. We have become the university with the most student intake quota and the most special skills exams applications in Istanbul and in Turkey."

"WE HAVE A LARGE POTENTIAL"

Emphasizing that facilities are developing day by day, Soyal said: "We believe that we have a great potential as a college and we aim to graduate our students as sports scientists who open up to the world and lead the industry."

Stating that they are working to provide a better working environment for their students, Chairman of the IGU Board of Trustees Abdülkadir Gayretli said: "We see the results of our efforts to improve the quality of the university with the success we have achieved. We have adopted a quality approach that can serve as a role model for other universities."

## **Foreign language should not be traumatized; Focus on listening and writing skills**

Stating that foreign language learning should not be traumatized with an approach that only reading and understanding but not producing, Asst. Prof. Dr. Şahin Gök said: "When learning a foreign language, focus should be on listening and writing skills. One of the most important problems preventing learning and speaking is anxiety about making mistakes."

Noting that Turkey is in need of a foreign language learning while it is growing every day and becoming the center of attraction in many areas, especially in higher education Director of Istanbul Gelişim University School of Foreign Languages Asst. Prof. Dr. Şahin Gök stated that foreign language exams should be designed in a way to measure listening, reading, speaking and writing skills. “Language is mostly a voice or a written communication tool. We traumatized foreign language learning with an approach that only reads and understands the language but doesn't produce it.”

#### “FOCUS ON LISTENING AND WRITING”

Emphasizing the need to focus more on listening and writing skills while learning a foreign language, Şahin Gök said: “In our current understanding of learning a foreign language, we learn by reading only with our eyes and record it in our brain. Since the audio input, ie the listening rate, is almost nonexistent, the audio output, that is, the speech is very little. Writing skill also contributes to meaningful language output and permanent learning.”

#### LISTENING INTENSELY AND WITH UNDERSTANDING PREPARES THE GROUND FOR SPEAKING

Gök stated that listening intensely and with understanding, as children do, prepares the ground for speaking spontaneously, and said: “By listening intensely and understandingly, we catch the rhythm and unique music of the language with our ears. When adequate listening occurs, we see that the language is poured from our language block by block with meaning groups, not words, and even we cannot prevent it. In the second step, in the speaking phase, trying to convey the message to the other party without focusing on mistakes like children performs communication.”

#### “WE ARE AFRAID OF MAKING MISTAKES”

Stating that one of the most important problems that hinders foreign language learning and speaking is the anxiety of making mistakes, Gök said: “However, each language adds some concepts to the spoken foreign language, it is quite natural that sounds or words are used differently. Mistakes made while speaking are a necessity of natural learning processes. We love children's missing pronunciations and language mistakes and motivate them to speak more. We must do the same to ourselves, we must strive to convey the message across the world without getting stuck with errors. A little self-confidence will solve many problems.”

#### “IF TURKISH IS NOT SPOKEN IN THE CLASS, THE PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED”

Stating that foreign teachers are not a solution to speak a foreign language, Gök said: “There is no system based on a foreign teacher in the countries that rank high in English education. In today's internet world, it is possible to access all kinds of original language material. We have to change our understanding and approach. Whether our professors who teach foreign languages at any level do not speak Turkish inside and outside the classroom, most of our problems are solved by themselves.”

#### “WE FOCUS ON AWARENESS CREATION STUDIES”

Stating that they minimize the use of Turkish in the classroom within Istanbul Gelişim University by concentrating on listening and speaking, contrary to the memorized understandings, Gök said: “We are trying to establish the speaking culture in the target language. We inform our students and motivate them to speak and use English inside and outside the classroom. We focus on raising awareness about how to learn rather than trying to teach the language.”

#### “FOREIGN STUDENTS ARE A CHANCE IN LANGUAGE LEARNING”

Stating that they increase the number of foreign students every year, Gök said, “We observe that these students have a great contribution in communicating in English. We currently have around four thousand foreign students and we aim to increase this number to ten thousand. He sees them as a chance to move the awareness to play major roles in the teaching of foreign languages and the future of Turkey.”

#### “WE PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE WITH HOPE AND EXCITEMENT”

Emphasizing that their goal is to become a center of attraction in the world in foreign language teaching, Abdülkadir Gayretli, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Istanbul Gelisim University, said: “We continue our infrastructure works without a break even during the pandemic period in order to create an incubator that produces new language technologies and learning systems. In fact, we see the pandemic period as an opportunity, and we are preparing for the future with hope and excitement with the awareness that 'nothing will be the same as before'.”

### **Patent reports of universities; financial support is important**

Evaluating 'Turkey's patent Map Report' Prof. Dr. Haluk Selim said that Istanbul University, Istanbul Gelişim University and Istanbul Technical University are among the universities with the most patent applications. Drawing attention to the importance of the foundation university being the second in the patent application ranking, Selim said: “Financial support for patent applications is very important. Universities should be provided with financial support for patent applications. Foundation universities are at the forefront here, but state universities lag behind.”

In the 'Turkey's patent Map Report' prepared by Patent Effect published in April of the last year comprehensive information on the patent licensing competence of universities was also included. Istanbul University ranked first with 549 patents among the universities with the highest number of patent applications. Istanbul Gelişim University ranked second with 479 patents and Istanbul Technical University ranked third with 133 patents. Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty Member Prof. Dr. Haluk Selim, who pointed out that there has been a 10

percent decrease in patent applications with the effect of the pandemic in the world, said: “Patent is a new invention or a new invention. Therefore, it is accepted as an indicator of very important studies. Financial support is very important for patent applications. IGU ranks second as the university that provided this financial support.”

#### STUDIES ON HEALTH AND BIOMEDICAL MATERIALS FIRST

Stating that health is at the forefront in patent applications, Selim said, “Patent-related health and biomedical material studies are in the first place. Then, artificial intelligence-robotics studies are at the forefront. Another study is about digitalization. Universities have now turned to biomedical materials, especially studies in nanoscale have increased. In industry and technology, especially the defense industry is at the forefront. All of these digitalization, artificial intelligence and other studies show industry 4.0. Industry 4.0 has been transitioned after the 2010s, but in many areas such as the internet of things and the internet of services, the industry has evolved towards 4.0.”

#### THERE IS IMPROVEMENT IN THE INDICATORS OF UNIVERSITIES

Reminding that the 2019 report cards of the universities were also announced by YÖK, Selim pointed out that there was a noticeable improvement in the indicators of the universities and concluded his words as follows:

“Prof. Dr. Yekta Saraç, President of YÖK, announced the report cards of the universities. This report is very important for both state, foundation and private universities. It was noted that there was a noticeable improvement. The 2019 University Monitoring and Evaluation Report was evaluated in 5 categories. Especially, we see an increase in the quality of education and training. Previously, there were not many academicians in private and foundation universities. Looking at the last 10 years has shown a great improvement. A large increase was observed in the number of faculty members. There was also an increase in R&D and Project publication issues. Broadcasting incentives came to the fore here. Both the state has a publication incentive policy, and private and foundation universities have also been charged with an extra publication incentive policy. This increased the desire of the faculty members to publish. Another issue is internationalization. We, too, have developed the habit of doing projects together with universities from abroad. This is an indicator of this. The budget and financing issue also shows that there is an increase in the budgets of universities. An R&D market has emerged in scientific research and R&D, both in private, foundation and state universities. Social responsibility projects have also increased. Especially TÜBİTAK supports this very much. Together with the lecturers at universities, all stakeholders in our people come together and we carry out projects. This is reflected in the report. The levels of universities increased in 5 categories. I think that the number of universities that will be in the top 500 in the next 5 years will increase.”

Emphasizing that the report is very important in terms of measuring the innovation performance of universities, Abdülkadir Gayretli, Chairman of IGU Board of Trustees, said, “You can observe all institutions and universities that work. It provides an opportunity for

collaborations. IGU is also a pioneer in many fields from electronics to gastronomy. In the patent applications in the last 10 years, 'digital data processing technologies', 'diagnostic and surgical technologies' and 'wireless communication technologies' come to the fore."

## **Gastro Arena of Chef Mehmet Yalçinkaya gave its first graduates**

Gastro Arena, founded by the famous Chef Mehmet Yalçinkaya, gave its first graduates after an 8-week training. Students who completed their 96-hour education received their diplomas.

Gastro Arena, where Pre School for beginners and Fast Chef at a more advanced level last eight weeks each, is implementing a joint training program prepared with Istanbul Gelisim University. The trainings are also given by Levent Demirçakmak, an academic at the same university. Gastro Arena, with its strong industry bond, offers students opportunities for employment as well as education.

**"WE BRING THE CHEFS OF THE FUTURE IN THE SECTOR"**

Stating that cooking has become one of the most popular professions of recent years, Abdülkadir Gayretli, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Istanbul Gelisim University, said: "As a university we bring the chefs of the future to the sector together with our stakeholders such and the Gastro Arena and our qualified faculty members."

**"WE HAVE REACHED INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS IN THE FIELD OF GASTRONOMY"**

Reminding that the gastronomy trainings given at universities are accredited by AQAS, Europe's leading German accreditation organization and the quality of the education is in international level, Abdülkadir Gayretli said: "We closely follow and implement the developments in the world in order to increase the quality in education. We have achieved international success in many fields in the field of Gastronomy." dedi.

**"TRADITIONAL TASTES WILL BECOME KNOWN IN THE WORLD"**

Emphasizing that the food and beverage industry continues to serve even during the Covid-19 pandemic, Abdülkadir Gayretli said: "The sector, which is developing continuously and without slowing down, continues its need for qualified chefs. I think that our traditional flavors and geographically marked products will become more recognized in the world with the young chef candidates of the future."