

## **WASTE CERAMICS TURNED INTO WORKS OF ART IN SKILLED HANDS**

The exhibition themed “CARK (Wheel)” by ceramic artist and academician Lect. Omer Faruk Soyler, who draws attention with his works on recycling and sustainability, met with art lovers. The works of art, prepared with a technique used for the first time in the world in Turkey, were created from waste ceramic pieces.

Ceramic artist and academician Lect. Omer Faruk Soyler's personal ceramic exhibition with the theme "CARK" opened its doors to art lovers at Istanbul Gelisim University Avclar Campus. In the exhibition where recycling is handled, there are more than 30 works prepared with the technique patented by the artist. All of the works consist of industrial ceramic pieces such as unused or broken bowls, pots, and plates collected within the framework of “zero waste”.

“THE TECHNIQUE USED IS UNIQUE IN THE WORLD”

Omer Faruk says, “Shaping ceramics on a lathe is a sensitive issue since it is a difficult task to dominate. I also wanted to develop this work and present marginal products. I shaped the industrial products we use such as plates, bowls and bowls. Afterwards, I transformed these ceramic shapes into animal figures with some techniques. I used this technique for the first time in the world. Another significant point of my work here is the return from craft to art. Most of the figures in my works are animal figures. Multiple stages are required to create each piece of art. In this regard, the preparation of all these works took about 6 months.”

## **INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS TURNED INTO WORKS OF ART**

The curator of the exhibition and Asst. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Gunay from Istanbul Gelisim University stated the following: “We call ceramic works made with a lathe a craft. However, our artist has turned craft into art here. In particular, he created different figures by integrating the waste pieces collected with a unique texture with the pieces he took on the lathe. The exhibition reflected recycling and sustainability. It seems that our artist will make a name for himself in the field of ceramics both in Turkey and abroad with his own technique. This work of art is not found in Turkey and the world”.

## **ACCOMMODATION TAX WILL HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON TOURISM!**

Accommodation tax will now be implemented in Turkey after countries such as Italy, Japan, Croatia, Belgium, France, Portugal. The tax system will come into effect as of January 2023 and will cover guests staying in facilities and places such as hotels, motels, holiday villages and pensions. Asst. Prof. Dr. Dilbar Guliyeva evaluated the effects of accommodation tax on winter tourism.

“WINTER TOURISM EXPECTATIONS ARE EXTREMELY HIGH!”

The reservation density has started in Turkey's favorite ski resorts for winter tourism. In evaluating reservations activity in the past days, Turkish Travel Agencies Association President Firuz Baglikaya stated that Turkey's winter tourism will be at least as active as summer this season. Asst. Prof. Dr. Dilbar Guliyeva from Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences Department of Tourism Guidance:

“A new era will begin as of January 1, 2023. As of the beginning of the year, 2% accommodation tax will be collected from accommodation businesses such as hotels, motels, holiday villages, thermal facilities, hostels, apart hotels tents, tent cars, caravans, bungalows. Moreover, movements for winter

tourism began. Winter tourism expectations are quite high this year. Reservations and occupancy rates are already quite good at the ski resorts. Hence, the accommodation tax will have a positive effect on tourism.”

#### WHAT WILL THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS BE?

With the removal of the pandemic restrictions completely, the postponed holiday demands began to manifest itself in winter tourism in Turkey. Endeavors continue in Erzurum Palandöken and Bursa Uludag, which are holiday destinations especially frequented by Russian and European tourists.

Accommodation tax will directly contribute to the development of tourism in touristic destinations where municipalities are active, such as promotion, image, research and development, environmental regulations, technological services, infrastructure and superstructure works. Gulyeva also indicated the accommodation tax can contribute to the following issues;

- 1- Planning and implementation of the required size and functionality of the areas such as getting off, getting on, waiting and parking, which are necessary for facilitating access to the facilities by road or lifts,
- 2- By examining the distances between the accommodation facilities and the ski slope, alternative applications are made to reach the facilities directly from the slopes,
- 3- Planning the arrangement of ski tracks, taking into account international standards,
- 4- Organizing and promoting national and international competitions.

#### **PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION OF THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECT “THERE IS DEVELOPMENT IN NATURE” OPENED**

The photography exhibition of the "There is Development in Nature" Social Responsibility Project, organized under the leadership of Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Faculty of Fine Arts, was opened. "Nezahat Gökyiğit Botanical Garden Guided Travel Photograph Exhibition", which aims to improve environmental sustainability and environmental awareness, meets with its visitors between 19 October-23 December.

Under the leadership of the IGU Faculty of Fine Arts, with the support of TEMA (The Turkish Foundation for Combating Erosion Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats) and Nezahat Gökyiğit Botanical Garden, “Botanical Garden Photograph Exhibition” can be visited between 12-23 December.

#### IT IS AIMED TO RAISE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

In the social responsibility project covering October 19-December 23, a conversation titled "Environmental Sustainability and Environmental Awareness" was held with the participation of TEMA Avcılar District Officer Songül Çağışlar. The photographs taken by the students of the IGU Faculty of Fine Arts are exhibited in Istanbul Gelisim University Mehmet Akif Ersoy Conference Hall between 12-23 December. With the project, it is aimed to raise “environmental sustainability and environmental awareness” on issues such as global warming, climate change, sustainable life and threatened plants, and to contribute to the development of the understanding of sustainability in daily life.

## **GREAT SUCCESS FROM IGU, WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE "GREENMETRIC" RANKING FOR THE FIRST TIME!**

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which is included in the "GreenMetric 2022" for the first time, ranked 37th among Turkish universities in the "Energy and Climate Change" category. Drawing attention with its significant works in the environmental sustainability field, IGU proved its success once again.

"UI GreenMetric World University Ranking 2022", which was established in Indonesia in 2010 and works on green campus and environmental sustainability, has been announced. Aiming to create global awareness of the environment, GreenMetric evaluates the sustainability efforts of universities according to 6 criteria: campus and infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste, water resources, transportation, education and research. Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which was included in the "GreenMetric 2022" ranking for the first time, ranked 65th among all universities in Turkey in terms of the total score considering these 6 criteria. Standing out with its sustainability efforts, IGU achieved significant success by ranking 37th in the "Energy and Climate Change" category.

"WE AIM TO BE HIGHER RANGE IN THE FUTURE YEARS"

Adopting the "Sustainable Development Goals" and attaching importance to sustainability studies in every field, especially environmental sustainability, Istanbul Gelisim University makes practices for the effective use of natural resources and proceeds with a universal sense of responsibility within the scope of energy and waste management. Stating that they were included in the "GreenMetric 2022" ranking, which aims to create global awareness on sustainability and environmental awareness, attended by prestigious universities from all over the world, Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin, Rector of Istanbul Gelisim University: "Within the scope of the 'Zero Waste Project'; We aim to rank higher in the coming years with more effective management of the waste management system, interactive activities in the fields of transportation, education and research."

## **CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS TRAINING FOR COUNSELORS FROM ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY**

Under the leadership of Istanbul Gelisim University, training was given to doctors, teachers, police and psychological counselors working in Uşak to raise awareness about child abuse. In the seminar given by Dr. Bülent Tansel, the importance of sexuality education given to children at a young age was mentioned.

The "Psycho-social approaches in child sexual abuse" seminar, which was realized with the partnership of Istanbul Gelisim University and Usak Provincial Directorate of National Education and will last for 3 days, started on 14 December. The seminar, whose date was predetermined, took place at the Uşak Imam Hatip Secondary School Conference Hall. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arda Ozturkcan, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences of Istanbul Gelisim University, IGU Dean of Students Office Asst. Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Halil Yaşar and many doctors, teachers, police officers and psychological counselors attended the seminar held at the Usak Imam Hatip Secondary School Conference Hall.

Dr. Bülent Tansel, who made a statement to the participants in the conference hall before the training, stated that the subject is a dramatic one and should be explained best without boring the participants.

Making special statements to the İhlas News Agency (IHA), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arda Ozturkcan, Vice Dean of Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Health Sciences indicated after the seminars that will last for 2 more days, they will be with the school principals one day and that they are always open to training invitations from all Provincial Education Directorates. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ozturkcan further said they will be with the school principals one day after the seminars that will last for 3 days and that they are always open to such invitations, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ozturkcan: “When students first start their education life, that is, when they leave their families for the first time, the people they encounter are their teachers. Hence, to increase awareness on the subject, our university conducts very serious studies and continues its work by bringing together teachers, academicians and students.”

Continuing his speech, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ozturkcan also indicated the following: “We are rapidly progressing towards becoming an international university and we want to increase the number of such trainings. As a university, we have started to accredit our programs since 2018. Currently, we have reached 65 programs with internationally accredited. At the same time, according to the ranking made by Times Higher Education (THE), we ranked 1st in Turkey in the "Qualified Education" category. We want to increase the number of these trainings within the scope of service to society and increase our cooperation with our teachers, universities and industry.”

#### **ALCOHOL ADDICTION REDUCES THE QUALITY OF LIFE**

Istanbul Gelisim University Coordinatorship of Struggling with Addictions pursues to inform its students with activities. It was stated that more than 3 million people lost their lives due to alcohol addiction at the "Alcohol Addiction and Treatment Approaches" event, which was held with the participation of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Neslihan Akkisi Kumsar, Mental Health and Diseases Specialist.

The "Alcohol Addiction and Treatment Approaches" event organized by the coordinatorship of the organization started with the opening speech of Prof. Dr. Rifat Mutuş, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences. Asst. Prof. Dr. Nurten Elkin stated, Coordinator of Struggling with Addictions, who gave a speech at the event, said, “The prevalence of addictions, the diseases and functional disorders caused by them are an important public health problem since they shorten life expectancy, reduce quality, cost of treatment. Alcohol addiction is a psychiatric health problem characterized by high alcohol intake, which is an uncontrolled, automatic and compulsive nature of substance use disorders.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) 2016 report, more than 3 million people die as a result of alcohol addiction. More than three-quarters of these deaths are men. Alcohol addiction accounts for more than 5% of the global burden of disease.

#### **THE TREATMENT PROCESS VARIES BY INDIVIDUALS**

The treatment process is extremely important in alcohol addiction, which causes physical and mental problems in individuals. The duration of treatment is very crucial in the fight against addictions, and this process depends on the patient's problems and needs. Mental Health and Diseases Specialist Assoc. Prof. Dr. Neslihan Akkisi Kumsar indicated, “The treatment process is extremely important in alcohol addiction, which causes physical and mental problems in individuals. The duration of treatment is very important in the fight against addictions, and this process depends on the patient's problems and needs. The definition of addiction, risk factors in addiction, addiction and abuse concepts are explained in DSM 5 as substance use disorders. These criteria are deprivation, tolerance, impulsivity, developmental stages of addiction, addiction cycle.

## PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES FROM FAMOUS CHEF MEHMET YALÇINKAYA

In the "Professional Culinary Training Certificate Ceremony", which was held for the fourth time this year, the participants who received culinary training in the fields of local and world cuisine met with the famous Chef Mehmet Yalçinkaya. The participants, who received their certificates from the famous chef at the event organized in cooperation with Istanbul Gelisim University and MYK Gastro Arena, also had the opportunity to listen to Yalçinkaya's experiences at the "Gastro Talks 6 Craftsman Restaurant" conversation held before the ceremony.

After the training program organized in cooperation with MYK Gastro Arena, which provides culinary training to train qualified personnel in the field of gastronomy, and [Istanbul Gelisim University](#), 50 participants received their certificates at a ceremony held at the university. Before the ceremony, the famous Chef Mehmet Yalçinkaya met with the students at the "Gastro Talks 6 Craftsman Restaurant" conversation and had a conversation with [IGU Gastronomy Department](#) Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serdar Egeli about the craftsman restaurant.

Chef Mehmet Yalçinkaya stated, "We are in a lot of trouble in terms of quality personnel in the gastronomy sector. For this purpose, we established a culinary school 3 years ago. An academic side was needed to support this school. We achieved this with Istanbul Gelisim University. One of the biggest problems in the field of gastronomy in our country is the lack of personnel. Therefore, I think that if we do not bring qualified and trained personnel to the sector as soon as possible, we will have a lot of trouble. In this sense, we, as MYK, graduated 50 participants who received high-level education today. We organized a certificate ceremony with Istanbul Gelisim University. We are giving our fourth-term graduates. We are excited about that too."

### "A QUALITY EDUCATION IS REQUIRED IN GASTRONOMY"

Yalçinkaya also advises young people: "What we always recommend to our young people who are devoted to the profession is a quality and good education first. Let them make good career planning. It is significant that they do internships in good places. Working in different fields in gastronomy is very valuable in terms of gaining experience in the profession. In this respect, they should prepare themselves for the profession by working at new workplaces and learning new things once a year. They definitely need to have a good command of foreign languages. With good career planning, they can progress quickly in the profession"

### "THE PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED AN EXCELLENT TRAINING"

Abdülkadir Gayretli, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Istanbul Gelisim University, made the following statements in his speech:

"It is very important for us to work with such a team, to certify the participants. As a university, we feel a debt of loyalty in this regard. We wish to raise quality generations with a quality education. We wish communities that will bring many successes together with MYK in the future and raise many quality people and cooks. An excellent world cuisine training was given to the participants, together with our instructors and the instructors of MYK. As a result of the training, we organized a certificate ceremony. It has been a great success for them. Having Mehmet Şef made them more active and successful."