

“WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABILITY IN TEACHING TURKISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN THE 21ST CENTURY” WAS HELD BY IGU TURKISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE APPLICATION AND RESEARCH CENTER

“Workshop on Sustainability in Teaching Turkish as a Foreign Language in the 21st Century” was held by IGU Turkish and Foreign Language Application and Research Center. In the workshop consisting of two sessions, 7 commissions and 7 topics were discussed.

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The Turkish and Foreign Language Application and Research Center was established to teach Turkish to foreign students coming from abroad to study at higher education institutions, organize courses in foreign languages and work on necessary documentation and materials. The workshop, which included participants from 15 different universities, consisted of two sessions, and 7 commissions and 7 topics were discussed. The following topics were discussed at the workshop:

- Teaching Turkish as a Foreign Language in Turkey and in the World
- National and International Scientific Studies in the Field of Teaching Turkish as a Foreign Language
- Problems Encountered in Teaching Turkish as a Foreign Language and Suggestions for Solutions
- Evaluation in Teaching Turkish as a Foreign Language
- Use of Technology in Teaching Turkish as a Foreign Language
- Materials and Textbooks Used in Teaching Turkish as a Foreign Language
- Teaching Basic Language Skills in Teaching Turkish as a Foreign Language

"TURKISH IS BECOMING A WORLD LANGUAGE"

Prof. Dr. Bahri Sahin, Rector of Istanbul Gelisim University, stated: “Turkish is progressing fast to becoming a world language. It is not sustainable for civilizations to progress in a single area alone. Development happens together in technical, social, linguistic and artistic fields. As science develops, Turkish will also develop and become a world language. Turkish needs to be handed down to the next generations.”

Lect. Mustafa Kerem Börü, Director of Turkish and Foreign Language Application and Research Center also added: "The goal of this workshop is to bring together our esteemed academicians who have made significant contributions to this field and to the literature. It is being held in order to gain new information by discussing areas in the literature where we may enhance and develop our problems. We are accompanied by eminent scholars from universities across Turkey. At the end of the day, our aim is to discover solutions to our challenges in this area, as well as to get our reporting to the appropriate channels."

THE WEAKEST LINK IN CYBER ATTACKS IS COMPANY USERS

Asst. Prof. Dr. Serkan Gönen, a faculty member at Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), stated that company employees should be made particularly aware of cyber attacks since anonymity, inexpensive and widespread availability of attack sources, and low rates of risk and punishment encourage cyber attackers.

The virtual environment is used for a variety of transactions, from shopping to health care, from education to citizenship. All activities that go from the physical world to the virtual environment now have a higher chance of running into cyberattacks. Asst. Prof. Dr. Serkan Gönen indicated that attackers are encouraged by the relatively low risk and punishment rate, as well as the inexpensive and ubiquitous availability of attack supplies.

WARNING TO CORPORATE COMPANIES TO AWARE EMPLOYEES AGAINST CYBER ATTACKS

Dr. Serkan Gönen, a faculty member at Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, Computer Engineering Department, stated the following:

"Precautions that can be taken in the field of cyber security are generally considered in three basic dimensions. The first includes technical hardware and software such as firewall, end-user security (anti-virus, anti-spam etc.) and network access control. The second dimension is standards and policies. The last dimension, and often the least valued, is cybersecurity awareness. In other words, it is the user. Based on the principle that "a chain is only as strong as its weakest link," the users, often known as the human factor, are the weakest link in the field of cyber security. Because the investments in question will be insufficient until users' understanding of the significance of cyber security is improved, regardless of whether the most expensive cyber security hardware and software are delivered as required."

COMPANIES SHOULD WORK WITH THE "NEVER TRUST, ALWAYS CHECK" MODEL

Asst. Prof. Dr. Serkan Gönen also emphasized that cell phones and computers, which are among the devices that face cyber attacks, can be protected with some precautions in daily use. However, the vast majority of users solely use security software on their computers. Cell phones, where personal data (family pictures, e-mails, banking, etc.) are processed and shared, are threat as well. Data protection needs to be reconsidered before sharing because of the security problems that the data we share may cause, both individually and institutionally.

8,188 STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

The 2021-2022 Istanbul Gelisim University graduation ceremony was held for the first time after the pandemic, with all students and their families brought together. During the two-day ceremony, 8,188 students graduated from undergraduate and associate degree programs.

This year's graduation ceremony—the first step for thousands of young people to enter business life—was held for the 13th time.

Students from Istanbul Gelisim University graduated with ceremonies held at the Yahya Kemal Beyatli Conference Hall on June 21 and 22, 2022, after finishing their education and training with the knowledge and skills of the 21st century.

“BE AN EMPLOYER, NOT A JOB SEEKER”

The graduation ceremony started with the opening speeches of Abdülkadir Gayretli, Istanbul Gelisim University Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin. Emphasizing that IGU students add value to Turkey, Gayretli continued his words as follows:

“We, as Istanbul Gelisim University, are a family. Just like in the family, we are always with you. We say to be an employer, not a job seeker. We support our students who want to set up their own businesses in many areas such as providing them with office furniture. In order for you to graduate equipped with the skills and competencies of the 21st century, we both support foreign language course fees in our undergraduate and associate degree departments and provide career opportunities within our university with the "New Graduate Development Program". Turkey will be led by individuals like you. When you graduate and start your business life today, some of you will be the governor or some of you will be the manager of your own work that will contribute to the economy of this country. That is why you should never neglect to be ‘Open to Development.’”

Gayretli emphasized that IGU was once again chosen as the first in Turkey for the Times Higher Education (THE) Quality Education category and highlighted that they would keep providing young people with high-quality education.

“WE ARE AT THE TOP OF THE STATE AND FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES WITH OUR ACCREDITED PROGRAMS!”

Referring to the developments and progress made by Istanbul Gelisim University in its 14-year educational background, Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin stated the following:

“We are here today for the 13th Graduation Ceremony. Istanbul Gelisim University is at the top of internationalization with its 5 thousand international students. IGU is a university that gives importance to research as well as education and training. Our primary goal as a university will be to serve our country as a research university. Today, 8 thousand of our undergraduate and associate degree students received their diplomas. We are confident that our students will reflect the theoretical and practical knowledge they have acquired at our university into practice in the international arena. Our success is limited to the success of our students. Our students start a new life today. The biggest advice I can give them is that ‘Knowledge becomes old quickly, however, innovations evolve even faster than knowledge.’ Therefore, do not be limited to the knowledge you have acquired. If you want to stay young professionally, follow the innovations and never forget to be innovative.”

Bahri Şahin also stated that 60% of the programs at Istanbul Gelisim University are accredited. With the number of accredited programs of IGU, it is in the top ranks among state and foundation universities. Our next goal is to create technical, artistic and social innovations. With its research and technology centers, IGU aims to surpass other foundation universities and maintain its 22 application research centers.