

TTO authorities presented certificate to IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Technology Transfer Office (TTO) participated actively in the MUSIAD EXPO 2024 Fair held in TÜYAP last week. The participation certificate given to the IGU Technology Transfer Office due to its contributions at the MUSIAD Expo was presented by the TTO officials to the Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin.

At the fair, which is one of the leading business meetings in Türkiye, IGU TTO made various contacts to strengthen university-industry cooperation and opened the door for new collaborations.

In order to evaluate the studies carried out within the scope of the fair and the results obtained, IGU TTO authorities came together with Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin. During the meeting, the contacts and meetings held during the fair were discussed in detail. At the same time, the policies and roadmap of the TTO in the future were discussed.

TTO officials emphasized that MUSIAD Expo offers an important platform both to reinforce existing collaborations and to lay the foundations for new projects. In the coming period, IGU Technology Transfer Office will continue to carry out R&D studies and innovation activities in accordance with the university's innovative and "Research University" vision and to support these ties with sustainable projects.

Academic cooperation protocol signed between IGU and Uzbekistan Renaissance University of Education

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) continues its international collaborations with the aim of strengthening its academic ties with the Turkish world. In this regard, an important academic cooperation protocol was signed between IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin and Uzbekistan Renaissance University of Education Rector Prof. Nusratilla Barakayev.

IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin hosted Uzbekistan Renaissance University of Education Rector Prof. Barakayev and Vice Rector Qulmat Shakarov, in his office. IGU Vice Rectors Prof. Nuri Kuruoğlu, Prof. Necmettin Maraşlı and Prof. Arda Öztürkcan, Alisa Usubova from the International Exchange and Cooperation Office, Specialist Pınar Aleyna Doğan, Assistant Specialist Mehmet Emir Çetinberk and International Students Office Vice Director Alkan Kotro were also at the meeting.

During the visit, introductory videos of both universities were watched and mutual information was shared about academic units, research centers, student exchange programs and campus opportunities.

Uzbekistan's preference for cooperation with Turkic states

In recent years, Uzbekistan has prioritized strengthening its relations with the Turkic world in both economic and academic fields. In this direction, academic collaborations with Turkish universities aim to increase Uzbekistan's education and science capacity in the international arena.

Prof. Barakayev stated that the protocol signed with IGU will increase the sharing of knowledge and experience among Turkic states. This cooperation between the two universities is aimed to produce concrete results such as developing joint projects, supporting academic exchange programs and strengthening cooperation in scientific studies.

Education ties are getting stronger in the Turkish world!

Istanbul Gelisim University continues its mission to improve the quality of education in the international arena and to host students from all over the world. Such collaborations play a critical role in deepening both academic and cultural ties.

This protocol is considered as a step that will open the doors of wider academic integration not only between the two universities, but also throughout the Turkic world.

International Sustainability Short Film Festival ended with a glorious premiere

The International Sustainability Short Film Festival, which was organized for the first time in cooperation with Istanbul Gelisim University Public Relations and Promotion Directorate and the Faculty of Fine Arts, ended with a magnificent gala after a three-day program. The festival provided an important platform for young filmmakers around the world to express themselves.

“Sustainability is a common responsibility for all of us”

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin participated to the gala. Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin drew attention to the university's success in sustainability. He stated: "This festival was organized as a result of one year of effort and intensive work. I congratulate the Faculty of Fine Arts and the Public Relations and Promotion Directorate. With our sustainability strategies, we implement projects that will provide added value not only academically, but also on business, environment and society. In line with our global vision, we act with innovative methods and collaborations to increase sustainable-oriented social benefit in education, research and art. It is impossible to distinguish the effect of one from the other. While this festival offers different perspectives with its sustainability-oriented theme, it emphasizes the transformation of the world with an artistic expression. As Istanbul Gelisim University,

hosting the organization of such a project that increases social value for the first time is very valuable for us and we are aware of our critical role in the future of the world. As a result of the studies carried out by our university by adopting the Sustainable Development Goals, the 'University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report-2024' prepared by YÖK (Council of Higher Education) ranked 1st in the categories of 'energy efficiency investment use' and 'water saving investment per amount of water consumed' in the field of 'Sustainability', and 8th in the category of 'Direct carbon footprint per capita'. Sustainability is a common responsibility for all of us. As Istanbul Gelisim University, we will continue to act with the awareness and awareness of our responsibilities in line with the development plans and goals put forward by the Republic of Türkiye. I congratulate everyone who participated."

Support messages from MPs!

Author Orhan Miroğlu, also 25th and 26th term Justice and Development Party Mardin Deputy and MKYK member participated in the gala. He said, "I am happy to see the point that IGU has reached in the national and international arena on sustainability. I congratulate all the filmmakers who participated in the festival." Justice and Development Party Istanbul Deputy Atty. Serkan Bayram, on the other hand, called on young people not to stop fighting and said, "We are always with art and young people."

Rewards found their owners

Awards were given in the high school and international categories of the festival. Individuals who are entitled to receive awards are as follows:

High Schools Category:

Best Screenplay: Injustice – Mustafa Kemal Gülmüş

Best Image: Watercolor – Arda Keskin

Best Director: Mevzubahis-Ozan Uzunoğlu

International Category:

Best Screenplay: Nomad – Selim Alan

Best Image: Uncle Ali – Ömür Gürgen

Best Director: The Fence – Ali Zare Ghanatnowi

The festival, which was organized under the leadership of Istanbul Gelisim University, received great acclaim by raising awareness on both cinema and sustainability issues. At the end of the gala, Festival Director Ahmet Bikiç announced that the festival will be held again next year.

Higher Education Quality Council Accreditation Evaluation Team Visited Istanbul Gelisim University

As part of the “Institutional Accreditation Program” (KAP) implemented by the Higher Education Quality Council (YOKAK) to enhance the quality in higher education institutions and contribute to quality assurance, the YOKAK Accreditation Evaluation Team visited Istanbul Gelisim University between November 25-27.

The Higher Education Quality Council, which evaluates the quality levels of educational, research, and administrative services in higher education institutions based on national and international quality standards, as well as managing internal and external quality assurance, accreditation processes, and the authorization of independent external evaluation institutions, conducted a site visit to Istanbul Gelisim University from November 24-27. YOKAK Secretary General Mehmet Yilmaz participated as an observer, while the evaluation program, led by Ataturk University Faculty Member Prof. Dr. Hasan Secen, included Erzurum Technical University Faculty Member Prof. Songul Duman, Yasar University Faculty Member Prof. Murat Komesli, Kirikkale University Faculty Member Prof. Dr. Murat Luy, Nevsehir Haci Bektas Veli University Faculty Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Icen, Ozyegin University Quality Assurance Manager Tugba Cubukcu, and Bilecik Seyh Edebali University student and Higher Education Quality Commission Member Berivan Cicek.

The site visit program, conducted to carry out external evaluations of higher education institutions and to internalize and promote a culture of quality assurance within these institutions, began with the YOKAK Accreditation Evaluation Team visiting IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Sahin and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Abdulkadir Gayretli in their offices. The visits were attended by Vice Rectors Prof. Nuri Kuruoglu (Education-Training), Prof. Necmettin Marasli (R&D), Prof. Arda Ozturkcan (Quality, Accreditation, and Internationalization), and Quality Coordinator Prof. Hasan Hakan Bozkurt. Subsequently, meetings were held with members of the Institution Quality Commission and Senate and Administrative Board Members.

The education, research activities of faculties, colleges, and institutes were analyzed

The team visited the deans and directors of academic units in their offices, thoroughly examining the education, research activities, societal contributions, and compliance with national and international quality standards of the faculties and colleges. Attention was given to topics such as the dissemination of quality processes to units, the goals of the units and their alignment with the institution's strategic goals, the participation of stakeholders in the processes, the learning outcomes of programs within the units, and continuous improvement efforts.

Meetings were held with academic staff and students

The YOKAK Evaluation Team also met with academic staff and students, gathering detailed information about the relationships between faculty members and senior management, the role of the quality assurance system in faculty members' activities, the internalization of the quality assurance system, policies on academic staff development, and motivation. Meetings were also held with administrative unit managers to discuss the dissemination of quality processes, the spread of a quality culture across all units, the goals of units, their place within the institution's strategic

goals, and stakeholder participation in processes. The team visited the university's facilities, laboratories, libraries, and social areas.

Strengths and areas for improvement were discussed in the closing meeting

On the final day of the evaluation, a closing meeting was held with the participation of the Rector, Vice Rectors, Deans, and Directors. The meeting outlined the strengths and areas for improvement of IGU, providing overall feedback on the three-day audit. The YOKAK Evaluation Team praised the university's efforts to enhance and improve its quality system and processes, while expressing hopes and recommendations for strategies and plans for the future.

Collaboration Meeting on Korean Language Education Between Istanbul Gelişim University and Kyung Hee Cyber University in South Korea

International Exchange and Cooperation Office of Istanbul Gelisim University recently held a significant collaboration meeting as part of the "Korean Language Dissemination Education" project, supported by the South Korean government. The meeting, held on December 3, 2024, was attended by Prof. Kim Ji-Hyung, Project Lead from Kyung Hee Cyber University in South Korea, along with project researchers Prof. Seo Jinsuk, Prof. Cho Eunhui, and Kui-Im Jung.

The meeting also included IGU's Vice Rector for Research and Development, Prof. Dr. Necmettin Maraşlı, IECO Coordinator Alisa Usubova, IECO Specialist Pınar Aleyna Doğan, and IECO Assistant Specialist Mehmet Emir Çetinberk. The project details were presented by Prof. Kim Ji-Hyung and Prof. Seo Jinsuk.

The discussions highlighted that this government-supported language dissemination program would be offered free of charge at partner universities. Through the agreement that will be signed between IGU and Kyung Hee Cyber University, IGU students will have the opportunity to take Korean as an elective course.

This project promises numerous academic and personal benefits for students. Learning Korean will not only equip students with a new language skill but also offer them the chance to explore South Korea's rich culture and develop an international perspective. Known for its millennia-old history, South Korea stands out as a country where traditional culture and modern life coexist harmoniously. With the global popularity of K-Pop, K-Dramas, and Korean cuisine, South Korea has become a cultural powerhouse. Additionally, as a leader in technology and innovation, South Korea hosts the headquarters of globally renowned companies. Therefore, proficiency in Korean will provide students with significant advantages in pursuing international career opportunities, helping them become more competitive in the global job market.

This collaboration aligns with IGU's vision for internationalization, aiming to contribute to students' personal and professional development, preparing them as well-equipped individuals for the global business world.

AI-Powered Virtual Poster Exhibition with Audio Descriptions Opens in Bilecik!

An event was organized in Bilecik on December 3rd to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. An AI-powered virtual poster exhibition with audio descriptions, prepared by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nuri Sezer and third-year students from the Department of Graphic Design at Istanbul Gelisim University's Faculty of Fine Arts, was showcased at the Bilecik Engelsiz Yarinlar Foundation (BIEYDER) building.

The exhibition emphasized the importance of solidarity and the integration of individuals with disabilities into society, delivering the message, "We Are Strong with Our Differences." This unique exhibition, featuring audio descriptions, allowed visually impaired individuals to experience the event fully. BIEYDER President Esra Gecim highlighted that the exhibition enhanced accessibility and offered an innovative experience for individuals with disabilities.

Chairperson of the City Council Disability Assembly, Ciler Kocaman, stated that the event was significant in demonstrating the presence of persons with disabilities in the fields of art and technology. Kocaman noted that the exhibition not only raised awareness but also showcased the achievements and potential of individuals with disabilities in these areas.

Don't Create Obstacles, Promote Awareness!

As part of the events, the Bilecik City Council Disability Assembly launched an awareness campaign under the slogan, "Don't Create Obstacles, Promote Awareness!" Additionally, during a ceremony held at Cumhuriyet Square, President of Engelsizim Yasam ve Yardimlasma Foundation, Halit Altintas, laid a wreath at the Ataturk Monument, emphasizing their continued efforts to address the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. The ceremony concluded with a moment of silence, the singing of the Turkish National Anthem, and a group photo session.

Istanbul Gelisim University Psychology Practice and Research Center to Innovate by Integrating Technology into Psychotherapy Methods!

Istanbul Gelisim University continues to stand out in academic, scientific, and cultural activities. Adding a new center to its research portfolio, IGU has established the Psychology Practice and Research Center (PSIKOMER). Assoc. Prof. Alisan Burak Yasar has been appointed as the director of the center. The purpose of the Psychology Practice and Research Center is to conduct research, development, and applications in various fields of psychology. Additionally, PSIKOMER aims to contribute to the literature of psychological sciences by collaborating with national and international institutions.

Assoc. Prof. Alisan Burak Yasar, the newly appointed director of the Psychology Practice and Research Center, has received training in EMDR, OCD Psychotherapy with EMDR, Psychosis and EMDR, and Addiction Therapy with EMDR. Author of the books "Change in the Brain with EMDR Therapy", "Which Therapy", and "Grief Through the Eyes of Poets and Psychotherapists", Dr. Yasar specializes in EMDR therapy, trauma studies, group therapies, and psychology applications integrated with technology. Dr. Yasar is a member of the Cognitive Behavioral Psychotherapy Association, the World Psychiatric Association, the Turkish Medical Association, TurkMSIC, and the Turkish Psychiatric Association (TPD).

The Psychology Practice and Research Center aims to produce projects in the field of psychology and conduct practice-oriented activities to help undergraduate and graduate students reinforce the knowledge they acquire in courses. Organizing courses, seminars, and conferences related to the fields of psychology, and establishing collaborations with national and international institutions in this discipline are also among the center's objectives.

PSIKOMER to Develop Psychotherapy Devices and New Psychotherapy Methods

Under the leadership of Assoc. Prof. Alisan Burak Yasar, known for his innovative therapy protocols utilizing new technological opportunities, the center will focus on developing psychotherapy devices, software, and new psychotherapy methods. Another key objective of PSIKOMER is to advance therapy modalities such as Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy,

Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, and similar approaches.

The Psychology Practice and Research Center is particularly focused on creating new mobile applications for the psychology field by utilizing smartphone apps and other software. By integrating virtual reality into psychotherapy, PSIKOMER aims to develop projects for the treatment of various psychological disorders, producing innovative studies on both national and international scales.