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## AWARDS FOUND THEIR OWNERS AT THE HARVEST TIME SHORT FILM FESTIVAL!

Awards were found at the Harvest Time Short Film Festival, organized for the first time this year by Istanbul Gelişim University (IGU), Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), Radio, Television and Cinema Department and the Film Design Club, a student club affiliated with the department. In the competition where 39 films competed, the Best Film Award went to İrem Kaya with the film "Fish", while the Special Jury Prize went to Mert Hakan with the film "Tenasüh".

The screenings and award ceremony of the festival, where high school students competed in the category called First Harvest, and films shot in the 2023-2024 academic year by Istanbul Gelişim University, Faculty of Fine Arts, Radio, Television and Cinema students competed in the category called Harvest End, took place on Tuesday, June 4.

The screening program, which started with the Nadas category, which included the films of past graduate students of Istanbul Gelişim University, Faculty of Fine Arts, Radio, Television and Cinema Department, ended with the screening of the International Uşak Short Film Festival selection and the finalist student films in the Harvest End category. After the screenings ended, the awards ceremony started.

"Our aim is to increase competition among our students and ensure that better films are produced."

Speaking at the award ceremony, Asst. Prof. Dr. Emre Doğan, head of Istanbul Gelişim University, Faculty of Fine Arts, Department of Radio, Television and Cinema and Director of Harvest Time Short Film Festival, said, "This is our first festival, we are in a good place. Our aim is to increase the visibility of our department and to ensure the production of better films by increasing competition among our students. I hope our festival will continue for many years." he said, leaving the floor to the jury president of the festival, writer/director Bülent Sağlam.

In his speech, Bülent Sağlam thanked the students who participated in the festival for providing them with the opportunity to show the world through their own eyes, and then announced that the special jury award was given to Mert Hakan, the director of the movie Tenasüh. After the special jury award, the best film award was given to Irem Kaya, the director of the movie Fish, by Istanbul Gelişim University Faculty of Fine Arts Deputy Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Doğan.





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## VISIT FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL OF KAZAKHSTAN TO ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY!

Consul General of Kazakhstan Nureddin Amankul visited the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Istanbul Gelisim University Abdulkadir Gayretli and Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin in order to ensure cooperation between the two countries in education.

Continuing to advance with the vision of "World University", Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) met with Kazakhstan Consul General Nureddin Amankul in order to contribute to the development of Türkiye-Kazakhstan relations and to realize academic collaborations. IGU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Necmettin Maraşlı, Prof. Dr. Arda Öztürkcan and Asst. Prof. Dr. Ali Semin took part in the meeting.

During the visit, which was carried out to strengthen bilateral relations, a comprehensive exchange of ideas about cultural, social, technological and scientific projects was held. The parties agreed on student satisfaction and the creation of platforms that students can benefit from. During the meeting, Kazakhstani students studying at Istanbul Gelisim University also had the opportunity to share their thoughts. Kazakhstan's Consul General Nureddin Amankul and university officials agreed to provide all kinds of conditions to support and improve students' education.

## IGU DREW ATTENTION WITH THE NUMBER OF DIPLOMAS WITH TQF LOGO THAT PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ABROAD!

In the statement made by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), it was stated that the programs with the Turkish Qualifications Framework (TQF) logo will be included in the Higher Education Programs and Quotas Guide for the first time this year. Istanbul Gelisim University ranked first with its graduation certificate with 45 TQF logos.

The Council of Higher Education has granted the right to use the TQF logo in graduation certificates for programs that meet certain conditions as of 23 December 2021 within the scope of European Higher Education Area (EHEA) adaptation studies. Advancing with the vision of 'World University', Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) ranked 1st in the list as a university with 45 TQF logo graduation certificates that provide international employment opportunities.

This year, programs with the TQF logo will be included for the first time in the Higher Education Programs and Quotas Guide. 894 undergraduate and 4 associate degree programs of 109 universities across Türkiye will use the TQF logo in the 2024 Year Guide. In order to be included in the guide, the relevant departments of the



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universities must be accredited by the Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK) or recognized accreditation bodies, the suitability of the qualification form and the Vocational Qualifications Authority (VQA) must be included in the Turkish Qualifications Database.

When the TQF Logo is included in the graduation certificates, it provides an advantage to students in the international arena. The diplomas of students who graduate from these programs are recognized faster abroad and employment opportunities increase. In addition, the TQF Logo contributes to student mobility by facilitating the recognition of higher education internship qualifications and study periods abroad.