

TURKIYE IS IN THE TOP 10 IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Organized to bring together international students who prefer Türkiye for university education from countries around the world, "9th International Student Symposium" was hosted by Istanbul Gelisim University. At the symposium, it was stated that Türkiye is in the top 10 among the most preferred countries in international education.

Ensuring the coexistence of international students throughout Türkiye, "9th International Student Symposium" was hosted by Istanbul Gelisim University. At the symposium, where "International Studentship" and "International Education" were determined as the main theme, Istanbul Deputy Governor Mustafa Kaya, Former Ambassador Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kavas, Abdülkadir Gayretli, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Istanbul Gelisim University, Abdullah Muhammed Islam, President of the Federation of International Student Associations (UDEF), faculty members and approximately 500 international students attended.

"MORE THAN 300 THOUSAND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS"

Istanbul Deputy Governor Mustafa Kaya made the following statements in his opening speech: "More than 300 thousand international students will serve their countries, our country and the world by getting the best education in Turkey, educating and developing themselves in the best way. The world is in great injustice. We live in a time when the strong are right, not the strong. Therefore, we need a fair world. As a matter of fact, our students who grow up in our country will achieve this in the future."

"WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE WITH YOU"

Abdülkadir Gayretli, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Istanbul Gelisim University, started his speech by saying "You, our esteemed students, are worthy of the most beautiful things. We want to make you feel the privilege of studying in Turkey. We always show that we are in unity and solidarity with you, our dear friends. We have always been and will continue to be with you. We know that Türkiye, all Turkish and Muslim states should be in unity and solidarity, and as a nation."

TURKIYE IS IN THE TOP 10 AMONG THE PREFERRED COUNTRIES

Stating that Turkey's education standard has become an important center of preference by international students, especially with the increase in the last two decades, Istanbul Gelisim University Political Science and International Relations Department Lecturer Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fatih Fuat Tuncer, "Türkiye has entered the top 10 among the countries preferred in international education. It has made a serious breakthrough in recent years. According to the figures of 2023, there are more than 300 thousand foreign students. This is a very important figure for Türkiye's public diplomacy power. Students who come to our country graduate as volunteer

ambassadors and represent Turkey in their own countries. As a university, we are one of the universities that hosts the highest number of international students in Türkiye. We attach great importance to international education and studentship."

Stating that international studentship is also an important resource for the Turkish economy, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fatih Fuat Tuncer added: "According to a recent study, an international student contributes an average of \$700 per month to the Turkish economy. This reaches a very serious figure annually when multiplied by the number of students."

Abdullah Muhammed İslam, President of the Federation of International Student Associations (UDEF), stated the following in his speech:

"Humanity has been in a state of mobility at all times. This mobility has had certain conditions in each period. There was a period for trade and economy and a period for religious and intellectual people to travel. Civilizations found themselves with this interaction. In modern times, human needs have also changed. Therefore, the conditions in terms of mobility have been updated again. One of the most dynamic aspects of this mobility right now is international student mobility. Since the 1990s, it has been increasing both in our country and in the world. With this mobility, it is clear that states contribute a lot in terms of public diplomacy, international trade and economy, evaluate it as a brain transfer and produce works that will benefit all societies."

THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SAID "LET'S GET READY FOR THE EARTHQUAKE" AND BECAME AFAD VOLUNTEERS!

The 5.1 magnitude Mudanya-based earthquake yesterday once again raised the questions of "Are we ready for an earthquake?" Recently, "AFAD Volunteer" trainings were carried out for academic-administrative staff and students within the framework of the protocol made by Istanbul Gelisim University with AFAD (Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency). Istanbul Gelisim University volunteers who successfully passed the exam at the end of the trainings were entitled to receive certificates and "AFAD Volunteer" identity cards.

The earthquake, which occurred in the magnitude of 5.1 and 4.5 at 3-minute intervals off Bursa, Mudanya, created fear in the surrounding provinces, especially in Bursa and Istanbul. Reminding us again that we should be ready for an earthquake, we should take precautions. "Support AFAD Volunteer" trainings of the social responsibility project organized by Lect. Yasemin Kılıç Erdim, from Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Head of Construction Department and IGU Disaster and Emergency Club were held between 27 November-1 December 2023. Participants who successfully completed the trainings were ready to take part as a support team in disasters by obtaining their certificates.

THEY WERE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY VOLUNTEERS CERTIFICATE AND "AFAD VOLUNTEER" IDENTITY CARD

AFAD Volunteers have the knowledge and skills to support professional teams in disaster and emergency situations such as search and rescue, social assistance, fire, first aid. Volunteers who successfully completed the face-to-face trainings organized by AFAD Provincial Directorates related to the field they want to support were successful in the exam held at the end of the trainings and were entitled to receive Istanbul Gelisim University Volunteers Certificate and "AFAD Volunteer" identity card. In the event of a possible disaster, it became ready to work in the field to provide support to professional teams with the calls of the AFAD Presidency.

In this context, on 27-28 and 29 November, in the IGU G Blok Prof. Dr. Aziz Sancar Conference Hall and in Yeşilköy AFAD Training Center on 30 November-1 December following trainings were given by expert trainers;

- Disaster awareness,
- Logistics, deployment, security,
- Crime scene management and coordination of building structure systems,
- Entry techniques, evacuation and evacuation types to the wreckage area,
- Ropes and knots,
- Transport techniques for patients and injured and the types of stretchers used,
- Introduction of search and rescue vehicle and search and rescue materials, practical training of search and rescue materials,
- Rescue on upper floors and wells, light search and rescue drill,
- Tent installation,
- First Aid
- Humanitarian Aid
- Psychosocial support training,
- Fire response and extinguishing application.

THE FIRST STEP OF THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECT "UNITY WITHIN IGU" WAS REALIZED!

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"The first leg of the social responsibility project "Unity in Diversity at IGU" carried out by Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), Faculty of Fine Arts (GSF), Department of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design (TR&ING) took place on November 28, 2023. Research Assist. Ezginaz Kara and Research Assist. Mustafa Dalli, the students of the department were interviewed and an informative conversation and short film screening about minority groups was held.

"THE MAIN IDEA OF OUR PROJECT IS TO EMBRACE AND RESPECT THE DIFFERENT VALUES AND CULTURES THAT BRING SOCIETY TOGETHER AND TO BE ONE WITH DIFFERENCES"

"While a conversation was held for the purpose of this project organized by Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), Faculty of Fine Arts (GSF), Department of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design (TR&ING), the main message to be given is: "Every individual who makes up the society has the right to exist in the society with his/her own identity and this should be respected by the society. "By listening to the problems experienced by minority groups on the relevant issue, we aim to empathize and raise awareness on this issue and to leave no one separate from the society. We believe that we will shed light on the idea of being one with our differences without discriminating between different languages, religions, races and cultures."

During the meeting where ideas were exchanged on what could be done in the next steps of the social responsibility project, an inclusion event was planned for the next stage.

THE "DIGITAL DIALOGUE" EXHIBITION MET WITH ART LOVERS!

Organized by Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), Faculty of Fine Arts (GSF), curated by Prof. Dr. Ismet Çavuşoğlu, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sibel Avcı Tuğal's exhibition titled "Digital Dialogue" was opened at Gelisim Art Gallery.

Işık University, Department of Visual Communication Design Lecturer Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sibel Avcı Tuğal's exhibition titled "Digital Dialogue" was opened at Gelisim Art Gallery. Curated by Prof. Dr. Ismet Cavusoglu, from Istanbul Gelisim University, Faculty of Fine Arts, Department of Graphic Design, The exhibition titled "Digital Dialogue" is presented to art lovers at Gelisim Art Gallery until December 12, 2023.

“THE DIGITAL DIALOGUE EXHIBITION IS A PROCESS OF EXPLORATION THAT COMBINES THE AESTHETIC AND EMOTIONAL DEPTHS OF ABSTRACT ART WITH THE NEW FORMS OF EXPRESSION OF THE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sibel Avcı Tuğal used the following expressions for her exhibition titled "Digital Dialogue", which includes valuable digital works:

“Art is a unique form of communication that expresses one's inner world and emotions. Abstract art, through a certain aesthetic and emotional depth, guides the viewer to think about the broad meanings and emotions beyond the work, offering and freeing the inner experience. “The Digital Dialogue Exhibition is a process of exploration that combines the aesthetic and emotional depths of abstract art with the new forms of expression of the digital environment.”

FACULTY OF FINE ARTS KEEPS ADDING MORE ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Fine Arts faculty members and students keep making new accomplishments. Produced by Res. Asst. Eda Türkay from the Department of Radio, Television and Cinema, the short film "Flaw" won the best project award in the 24th Izmir International Short Film Festival's Film LAB segment. Fatma Nur Güneş, a student in the Graphic Design Department, was featured in the highly acclaimed book "My Father's Tales" released by Boğaziçi Publishing House. The book was a selection of her work from Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aysun Cançat's illustration class.

1ST AMONG 13 PROJECTS!

"Flaw", directed by Pelin Büyüktaş and produced by Res. Asst. Eda Türkay from the Department of Radio, Television and Cinema—for which she also wrote the script—was chosen as the best project in the Film LAB section of the 24th Izmir International Short Film Festival. Res. Asst. Eda Türkay, who is still applying to support platforms, said they got the project's initial positive news from Izmir. The 24th Izmir International Short Film Festival's "Flaw" has started its festival trip after being chosen as the best project out of thirteen in the production assistance competition held in the Film LAB section.

Res. Asst. Eda Türkay said the event was quite thrilling as she explained her proposals to the jury, which included seasoned figures like Zeynep Koray, Said Aksoy, and Zeynep Santiroğlu Sutherland. Participating in the Izmir Short Film Festival is highly beneficial, she continued, and both the festival and its Film LAB program provide a highly fruitful platform for viewers and project producers. Türkay said that they were really inspired for the project's future direction by the fact that the initiative was recognized and valued following their five-minute presentation to the jury.

THE BOOK "MY FATHER'S TALES" FEATURED THE STUDENT'S ARTWORK FROM THE GRAPHIC DESIGN DEPARTMENT!

The pictures in the book "My Father's Tales" by Fatma Nur Güneş, a student at the Graphic Design Department, are much appreciated by Boğaziçi Publishing House. The readers of Dr. Beyza Güler Gökalp's book were presented with a selection of the illustrations created in Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aysun Cançat's illustration class. Güneş was able to give her own unique touch to each story in the book thanks to the original images selected for each one, turning them into a visual feast. These unique graphics highlight Istanbul Gelisim University's achievements in art education while also showcasing the contribution of young talent to the art world.

GREENMETRIC 2023 SUCCESS FROM IGU, WHICH STANDS OUT WITH ITS SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES!

The list of "GreenMetric World University Rankings 2023" has been announced. Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which was included in the GreenMetric ranking for the first time last year, was ranked 14th in the list of Turkish foundation universities in the GreenMetric 2023 list this year. IGU, which attracts attention with its important studies in the field of environmental sustainability, proved its success once again.

The list of "UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2023", which was established in Indonesia in 2010 and works on green campus and environmental sustainability, was announced. Aiming to create a global awareness about environmental awareness, GreenMetric evaluates the sustainability studies of universities, including campus settlement and infrastructure, energy and climate change, wastes, water resources, transportation, education and research, according to 6 criteria. Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which was included in the GreenMetric ranking for the first time last year, increased its score by 935 points in 2023 and ranked 674th in the world with a total score of 5635. Istanbul Gelisim University, one of the most preferred foundation universities in Turkey, stood out among the foundation universities in the GreenMetric 2023 ranking, while ranking 58th among all universities by jumping 7 places in the Turkey ranking in the total score, where 6 criteria were taken into account. IGU ranked 14th among the foundation universities, rising 23 places from 37th place.

IGU, which stands out with its sustainability studies, achieved a significant success in the "Energy and Climate Change" category by being ranked 21st in Turkey.

"WE PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL ADDED VALUE BY CREATING OUR STUDIES ON THE AXIS OF CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY"

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which attaches importance to sustainability studies in all areas, especially environmental sustainability, by adopting the "Sustainable Development Goals", carries out practices for the effective use of natural resources

and proceeds with a universal sense of responsibility within the scope of energy and waste management. IGU, which has accelerated its green campus studies by using 100% green energy since 2022, has once again proven its success by ranking 21st in the "Energy and Climate Change" category in the ranking of Turkish universities. Stating that IGU is a university that directs its projects with its sustainability awareness and practices as well as progressing with the vision of "Research University", IGU Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin, "First of all, our university, which was in the GreenMetric ranking last year, rose rapidly in all categories compared to the previous year. We provide a significant added value by moving forward with responsible production and consumption awareness and creating our works on the axis of climate and sustainability. With our national and international studies and achievements in the field of sustainability, we move forward with a sense of responsibility for the planet we live on. With our sensitivity and active work in this regard, we were also entitled to receive a "Zero Waste Certificate" within the scope of the "Zero Waste Project" carried out by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization. Within the scope of the 'Zero Waste Project' at our university, we aim to rank higher in the coming years with more effective execution of the waste management system, interactive activities in the fields of rain harvesting, transportation, education and research."

Giving importance to sustainability studies, IGU published its Sustainability Status Report for the first time in 2022 and its Sustainability Report 2023 this year.

JET DRONE ALAZ ATTRACTED GREAT ATTENTION AT THE TAKE OFF SUMMIT TUSAŞ BOOTH!

In the Hangar Campus Innovation Program organized by the Turkish Aerospace Industry (TUSAŞ), the UAV Project Jet Drone (ALAZ), whose engineering and structural body design was developed at IGU TTO, was exhibited at the TUSAŞ booth at Take Off Istanbul, a comprehensive entrepreneurship summit held at the Istanbul Lutfi Kırdar Congress and Exhibition Palace. The TUSAŞ booth was flooded by visitors who wanted to get information about the Jet Drone and TUSAŞ Hangar Campus Program. While a short meeting was held with Minister of Industry and Technology Mehmet Fatih Kacır, Selçuk Bayraktar, Chairman of the Board of Directors of BAYKAR and the Board of Trustees of T3 Foundation, visited the booth.

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Technology Transfer Office (TTO) stands out with many projects and collaborations in scientific and technological fields. The electric fan motor (EDF) driven fixed-wing UAV Jet Drone (ALAZ), which has vertical take-off and horizontal flight capability developed within IGU TTO, achieved a great success as the 1st in the Hangar Campus Innovation Program organized by the Turkish Aerospace Industry (TUSAŞ), in which 38 universities participated with 93 teams. Jet Drone was presented to investors at the Take Off Summit held in Istanbul Lutfi Kırdar Congress and Exhibition Hall at the TUSAŞ booth.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BAYKAR AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF T3 FOUNDATION SELÇUK BAYRAKTAR VISITED THE BOOTH

The TUSAŞ booth, where the UAV Project Jet Drone ALAZ was located, was visited by important names. A short meeting was held with Mehmet Fatih Kacı, Minister of Industry and Technology, who attended the summit. Visiting the booth, Selçuk Bayraktar, Chairman of the Board of Directors of BAYKAR and the Board of Trustees of T3 Foundation, conveyed his views on Jet Drone ALAZ and expressed his satisfaction with the works.

Important names from the Defense Industry Presidency and thy General Directorate who visited the booth were also informed about the Jet Drone Project. During the meetings, opinions about the future projections of the project were discussed. It was evaluated by ASELSAN that the support that may be needed in the battery and avionics systems of the Jet Drone could be provided.

"WE WILL DEVELOP NEW PROTOTYPE PRODUCTS"

Take Off, an international startup summit, has been bringing together entrepreneurs, mentors, venture capitalists and companies for continuous innovation and new business development activities since its first year. Important names of the entrepreneurial ecosystem took their place in Istanbul at the "Take Off Startup Summit", which took place for the 6th time this year. Jet Drone (ALAZ), one of the 2 projects presented to investors at the TUSAŞ booth, attracted great attention. Stating his views after the summit, IGU TTO Director Yahya Kemal Kıran, "Our first goal is to produce the technology demonstration of Jet Drone ALAZ. In addition, we will continue to work on other projects within IGU TTO in the coming periods and develop new prototype products. "

STUDENTS MET WITH VARIOUS INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES AT THE EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER FAIR

Within the framework of the My Business Partner Project, which is being implemented within the scope of the ENHANCER Project carried out by Istanbul Gelisim University, an Employment and Career Fair was organized with the contributions of the International Exchange and Cooperation Office and Career Development Center. While nearly 50 companies participated in the fair, students had the opportunity to get to know the sectors better by coming together with various sector representatives.

Within the framework of the My Business Partner Project, which is funded by the European Union and implemented by the International Migration Policy Development Center (ICMPD) under the coordination of the General Directorate of Development Agencies of the Ministry of Industry and Technology of the Republic of Turkey, within the scope of the ENHANCER Project carried out by Istanbul Gelisim University, an Employment and Career Fair was held on December 5, 2023 with the contributions of

the International Exchange and Cooperation Coordination and Career Development Center.

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which hosts the Employment and Career Fair, offers wide career opportunities to students and graduates. At the opening of the fair, IGU Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin and vice-rectors visited the booths of nearly 50 companies.

STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW THE SECTORS BETTER BY COMING TOGETHER WITH VARIOUS SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES

While the Employment and Career Fair offered students and graduates the opportunity to get to know the sector leaders, share their resumes and access job opportunities, the participants had the opportunity to get to know the sectors more closely by coming together with various sector representatives. They also had the chance to learn more about the requirements of professional working life.

International Migration Policy Development Center (ICMPD) Istanbul Field Monitoring Staff Gülper Kırac visited My Business Partner Project Employment and Career Fair and added an international dimension to the event.

The Employment and Career Fair has made a significant contribution to students and graduates' direct interaction with the business world, knowledge of job opportunities and shaping their careers. While offering participants a wide range of perspectives, students and graduates were allowed to expand their professional networks with the activities held throughout the fair.