

IGU HOSTED THE "INTERNATIONAL AFRICA SYMPOSIUM" ON MAY 24-25

Organized by Istanbul Gelisim University Political and Social Research and Application Center (IGUSAM) the "International Africa Symposium" was held on 24-25 May 2024 with the title "Africa in the Global World" with the participation of Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin.

"International Africa Symposium" was held at Istanbul Gelisim University on the occasion of Africa Day, which coincides with May 25, with the work of academicians from IGUSAM, Political Science and Public Administration and Political Science and International Relations departments and in cooperation with MOKHA.

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin, Senegal Ambassador Cheikh Geye, Retired Ambassador Ahmet Kavas, Former Chief Advisor to the Prime Minister Ömer Faruk Korkmaz, ODAP Founding Director Asst. Prof. Dr. Ali Semin and Diplomacy Foundation Director Dr. Oğuzhan Bilgin made the opening speech. The International Africa Symposium is of great importance in terms of evaluating new partnerships to be established between Turkey and Africa, taking into account the interests of both parties. The symposium offered an opportunity for academic researchers from various countries of Africa to clarify their ideas in the light of scientific discussion.

Stating that the relations between Türkiye and Africa date back to the 9th century, Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin said: "Unlike European countries, Africa is not our field of interest. There is a relationship between Türkiye and African countries where mutual interests are taken into account in economic, cultural and diplomatic terms."

"The main purpose of the symposium is to ensure the mutual exchange of cultural information"

Prof. Dr. Şenol Durgun, member of the symposium organizing committee stated the following: As Türkiye became a rising power, its foreign relations began to strengthen. Although studies on the Balkans, the Caucasus, Central Asia, Europe and the Middle East are increasing in the academic community, relations with Africa are not as desired. With the increase in the number of embassies in Africa by Turkey for nearly 20 years, commercial and economic relations have developed between the

two countries. Our university also uses these increasing relations in a more academic way. Our university organized a symposium to put the issue on a scientific basis. The main purpose of the symposium, to which many academics from Africa were invited as speakers, was to facilitate mutual cultural information exchange."

Stating that TİKA has more than 22 representatives in Africa, Yunus Emre Institute and Turkish Maarif Foundation continue their support in Africa, Abdoul Fathi Sanogo also added that especially Turkish Maarif Foundation is known as one of the prestigious schools in Africa. Abdoul Fathi Sanogo stated that the scholarships given to African students are also of great benefit.

"Türkiye uses its cultural power very well"

Stating that Türkiye uses its cultural power very well in the international arena, Mouhamed Salih Ibrahim Omer stated that cooperation should be made in areas such as cinema, music, art and education.

Emphasizing the importance of relations between Africa and Türkiye, Senegal Ambassador Cheikh Geye said, "Politically, Africa plays a major role in international meetings. With 54 countries and 4 billion inhabitants, Africa is known as the continent of the future. Africa's sovereignty and autonomy must be respected in the support for climate change, poverty and food problems. Türkiye aims to benefit both countries in its relations with us."

IGU FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES EXHIBITS ITS ACHIEVEMENTS!

The exhibition, which included the projects carried out by the departments of the Faculty of Applied Sciences throughout the year, was opened at Istanbul Gelisim University, with the participation of IGU Chairman of the Board of Trustees Abdülkadir Gayretli and Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin.

The opening speech was made by Prof. Dr. Kamil Kaya, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences. IGU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Nuri Kuruoğlu, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Necmettin Maraşlı, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Arda Öztürkcan participated in the event. An exhibition was held featuring the projects carried out throughout the year in the Banking and Insurance, Electronic Commerce and Management, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts (Turkish/English), Public Relations and Advertising, Aviation Electrics and Electronics, Aviation Management, English Translation and Interpretation, Television Journalism and Programming, Aircraft Maintenance and Repair at the

Faculty of Applied Sciences, New Media and Communication and Management Information Systems departments.

"We are progressing step by step towards becoming a world university"

In his opening speech, Istanbul Gelişim University Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin, stated that IGU, which is not content with providing theoretical education to its students, has a very strong application direction and stated that they are in cooperation with the sector. Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin ended his speech with the following words: "We are taking step by step towards becoming the prestigious 'World University' that we aim for. The implementation aspect of IGU, which is not content with providing theoretical training to its students, is quite strong and stated that they are in cooperation with the sector."

In the exhibition held at Istanbul Gelisim University, which proceeds with the 'Research University' vision, students and department lecturers exhibited their projects and were informed about the projects that received achievement awards in various institutions.

IGU IS THE NEW MEMBER OF IAESTE, WHICH PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN MORE THAN 100 COUNTRIES!

Istanbul Gelisim University, which is taking firm steps towards 'internationalization', has become one of the few members of IAESTE, which provides intern student exchange worldwide. Thanks to IAESTE, which allows for mutual exchange of trainee students, students from IGU will gain international working experience.

Türkiye joined IAESTE in 1955. It was founded in 1948 with the initiatives of 10 countries at Imperial College in London. IGU, which is a member of the internship exchange program International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE), which includes more than 100 countries and is a member of a number of universities in Türkiye, has added a new one to its activities with the vision of 'World University'. Making it easier for students to participate in international scientific studies, IAESTE provides internship opportunities around the world, especially in engineering and technical fields.

IGU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Arda Öztürkcan talked about the accreditation studies carried out by Istanbul Gelisim University in order for students to receive education freely without having to limit their dreams. Prof. Dr. Arda Öztürkcan also added, "In addition to the comprehensive trainings we provide within IGU, we also care about our students' gaining international working experience. We are the first in Türkiye



with 65 accredited departments. We bring our students together with the whole world on the way to internationalization."

Students with IGU will be able to gain international working experience

IGU students will be able to work as interns and experience different cultures in many countries such as Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States within the scope of the IAESTE project. Thanks to IAESTE, experienced and qualified students from all over the world will come together at IGU.

Students will have the opportunity to work as interns with international qualifications. In addition to learning the working principles and projects of different countries, students will be able to improve themselves socially. Successful students studying at Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) can return to the country as internationally qualified employees by working as interns abroad, while interns from abroad will also acquire quality working principles with IGU.