

A COOPERATION PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED BETWEEN IGU AND AVCILAR DISTRICT DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL EDUCATION!

Avcılar District Director of National Education Özcan Şahin visited Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Rector Prof. Bahri Sahin in his office. IGU Vice Rectors Prof. Nuri Kuruoğlu and Prof. Necmettin Maraşlı were also in the meeting. A cooperation protocol was signed on education and projects. Within the scope of the protocol, it is aimed to strengthen the cooperation between IGU and Avcılar District Directorate of National Education, to support educational processes and to implement joint projects.

In line with the protocol, it is planned to support educational processes, increase scientific and cultural activities, and establish professional development programs. In this way, it is aimed to make the cooperation between the two institutions sustainable in the long term and to expand the efforts to increase the quality in education.

This protocol, which aims at sustainable success in education, is planned to be expanded with different projects in the future.

THE SUCCESS OF KOSGEB PROJECT SUPPORT FROM IGU TEKMER!

All 5 companies within Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) TEKMER that applied to KOSGEB Entrepreneur Support Program Business Development Support were entitled to receive support and achieved great success. This important development once again demonstrated IGU's commitment to supporting entrepreneurship and innovation.

The projects of the companies within IGU TEKMER plan to take important steps towards developing innovative solutions by getting stronger with the support of KOSGEB. Tolga Erkan, who works as a KOSGEB Specialist at IGU TEKMER, provides guidance to companies and supports them in this process.

The companies that received support are as follows:

1. SINTEK SAĞLIK TEKNOLOJİLERİ ARGE VE MÜHENDİSLİK LTD. ŞTİ.
2. ALPEREN CİM
3. CT BİYOTEKNOLOJİ A.Ş.
4. MUHAMMED HÜSEYİN YILDIRIM
5. NATURSTEM BİYOTEKNOLOJİ SAN. VE TİC. LTD. ŞTİ.

This success once again revealed the importance of projects that strengthen university-industry cooperation and contribute to the local economy, as a reflection of IGU's contributions to the entrepreneurial ecosystem. KOSGEB support plays a major role in the realization of innovative business ideas by increasing the growth potential of companies.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND RESTAURANTS WERE DISCUSSED AT CULINARY FORUM 2025!

Culinary Forum 2025 brought together leading names in the world of gastronomy, academics and industry representatives and hosted a remarkable session addressing the role of social media in restaurant management. Moderated by Istanbul Gelisim University Gastronomy Departments Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Serdar Egeli, the effects of digitalization on restaurants were discussed in a multifaceted way in the session titled "Scroll for the Challenge of Restaurants with Social Media".

Emphasizing that the success of restaurants is now directly related not only to the food they offer, but also to their presence on social media platforms, the session discussed the impact of customer comments, the power of viral content and branding processes. Speakers shared real-life examples of how social media has shaped restaurant perception and can directly impact sales. Important tips on effective social media strategies were presented for chefs and businesses who want to stand out in the digital world.

The event, which was also attended by IGU Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department students, offered a productive platform where the academic world met with sectoral practices. This session, organized within the scope of Culinary Forum 2025, aimed to provide innovative solutions to the participants by shedding light on the changing dynamics of restaurant management.

ISTANBUL GELİSİM UNIVERSITY ATTRACTED GREAT ATTENTION AT THE THRACE CAREER FAIR!

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) participated in the Thrace Career Fair organized by the Human Resources Office of the Presidency and met with prospective students, graduates and representatives of the business world. A wide interaction was provided with the workshops, information sessions and collaborations held at the fair.

WORKSHOPS FROM IGU ACADEMICIANS

Within the scope of the event, the workshops organized by the academicians of Istanbul Gelişim University attracted great attention from students and graduates. Drone Workshop, which was carried out by Lect. Ahmet Bikiç, provided participants with comprehensive information about drone technologies and their areas of use. On the other hand, artificial Intelligence Workshop, conducted by Asst. Prof. Serkan Gönen, provided an interactive experience on artificial intelligence applications and their sectoral effects.

During the fair, one-on-one interviews were held with prospective students and graduates at the Istanbul Gelisim University booth and detailed information was provided about undergraduate and graduate programs, undergraduate transfer opportunities and career opportunities. Visitors had the opportunity to get comprehensive information about the academic and professional opportunities offered by the university.

STRONG COLLABORATIONS WITH THE BUSINESS WORLD

The Thrace Career Fair also offered the opportunity to establish important contacts with leading representatives of the business world. Istanbul Gelisim University officials held cooperation meetings with many sector representatives and opened the doors to new career opportunities for students and graduates. In this context, as a result of the meeting with Sema Sandal, Secretary General of Çanakkale Chamber of Industry and Commerce, an agreement was reached on cooperation and important steps were taken for future joint projects.

While Istanbul Gelisim University continues to contribute to the career development of its students and graduates, it continues to support the employment processes of its graduates by establishing strong collaborations with the business world. IGU will continue to guide its students and graduates by taking part in similar organizations in the future.

PAINTER BASRİ ERDEM'S "THE RHYTHM OF NATURE" EXHIBITION MET WITH ART LOVERS AT IGU

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) added a new one to its activities emphasizing the importance of art and aesthetics and hosted the opening of the "Rhythm of Nature" themed exhibition of the painter Basri Erdem. The exhibition, which was organized within the Art and Design Application and Research Center (SATMER), attracted great attention from art lovers.

THE POWER OF ART AND THE CORNERSTONES OF CIVILIZATION

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin made the opening speech and emphasized that art is a fundamental element for civilization and IGU is a university that prioritizes art. IGU see technical, social and artistic innovation as the three pillars of civilization, Prof. Bahri Şahin also drew attention to the vision of Istanbul Gelisim University in the field of art.

AN ORIGINAL SELECTION OF 40 WORKS

Prof. İsmet Çavuşoğlu was the curator of the exhibition. Prof. Çavuşoğlu drew attention to the depth and originality of Basri Erdem's art and made the following evaluation:

“The place is beautiful, the understanding is beautiful, everything is just perfect. Our artist has a very important personality. There are 40 works in the exhibition and most of them are oil paintings. This exhibition presents a very special selection that describes the rhythm of nature in the language of art.”

Speaking about his exhibition meeting with art lovers in different universities of Turkey, Basri Erdem drew attention to IGU's vision in the field of art and said:

“Our exhibition tours universities in Türkiye. There are very few universities with such a place. Some of the works exhibited here meet art lovers for the first time. For this reason, I would like to thank our Rector for his support. The civilization of a nation is measured by the works of art that nation possesses.”

CALL FOR SUPPORT FOR ART

Vize Mayor Ercan Özalp, who attended the exhibition as a special invitation of Basri Erdem, emphasized the value of art for society and gave the following message:

“I am proud of Basri, one of our esteemed teachers trained by Kepirtepe Village Institute. We have to support art. Art is something special. Gift paintings to your loved ones. Because these works will hang on the walls for years and will never be forgotten.”

Continuing to support art and artists, Istanbul Gelisim University offered a unique experience to art lovers with its "The Rhythm of Nature" exhibition. The university will continue to make art an integral part of academic and social life by hosting art events in the future.

EZEL AKAY MET WITH CINEMATOGRAPHERS AT THE "MASTERS" EVENT

The Masters event series, organized by Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Faculty of Fine Arts, Department of Radio, Television and Cinema, continues to bring together the important names of the cinema world with students. Ezel Akay, the experienced director, producer and actor, was the guest of the event, which previously hosted master names such as Bülent Sağlam and Ercan Kesal.

Asst. Prof. Ali Kemal Çipe was the moderator of the event, which took place with intense participation at IGU Firnas Auditorium. Ezel Akay shared his experiences in the cinema sector and presented guiding information to the students. Emphasizing the important points on the scenario development process, directing preparations and the requirements of being successful in the sector, Akay also conveyed his insights on the understanding of cinema and his career.

VALUABLE INFORMATION ON CINEMA BY EZEL AKAY

During the event, many important issues related to cinema were discussed. While explaining the differences between musical cinema and musical cinema, Akay shared his views on historical films with the participants. Answering students' questions, the master director offered young filmmakers suggestions on how to improve themselves in the industry.

At the end of the event, Asst. Prof. Ali Kemal Çipe thanked Ezel Akay for sharing valuable knowledge and experience with the students and presented a plaque. The meeting, which ended with a photo shoot, was greatly appreciated by the participants.

MASTERS EVENT SERIES CONTINUES

The Masters event series, which continues to bring together experienced names of the cinema world with students, will continue with new guests throughout the spring semester. You can follow official social media accounts of the Faculty of Fine Arts and the Department of Radio, Television and Cinema for current announcements and event program.

THE APRON WEARING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT IGU!

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Faculty of Health Sciences organized an apron wearing ceremony for the students of the Department of Language and Speech Therapy and the Department of Perfusion. Students who took their first steps into their professional lives in the field of health participated in a meaningful ceremony that symbolized their acceptance of professional ethics and responsibilities by wearing white coats.

“THE WHITE APRON IS A SYMBOL OF ENTRY INTO THE PROFESSION AND RESPONSIBILITY”

Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Rifat Mutuş stated that the white apron is not only a symbol but also represents a great responsibility and said:

“Wearing a white apron is not only a symbol, but also an important step that shows that you have taken the responsibility of entering this profession, dedicated to human health. The white apron is the symbol of serving humanity within the framework of ethical values. Today, by wearing these aprons, you are not only choosing a profession, but also taking responsibility for protecting, improving and maintaining human health. This responsibility requires meticulous work, dedication and continuous learning. ”

Head of Language and Speech Therapy Department Asst. Prof. Deniz Yıldız emphasized that students should adhere to ethical principles throughout their professional lives and said, "While you are wearing your white aprons today, you are also promising that you will do your job properly, that you will always prioritize your patients by adopting professional ethical principles while helping your patients. So, in fact, your responsibility is big. May the excitement you have today accompany you throughout your professional life."

“PERFUSION IS AN INDISPENSABLE FIELD OF MODERN MEDICINE”

Prof. Rifat Mutuş touched on the critical role of perfusionists in the health system:

“Perfusion is an important discipline that protects human health with advanced technology as one of the most valuable areas of modern medicine. It is an indispensable part of cardiovascular surgery. Perfusionists are hidden heroes who confidently maintain patients' connection to life. Every student who wears an apron from here today not only steps into a profession, but also undertakes a sacred task that requires dedication, discipline and human love.”

Head of Perfusion Department Asst. Prof. Mehmet Kartal emphasized the importance of the ceremony and said, "Today, you will take the first step by wearing a white apron to the health sector. The university is a vocational education institution, and the ethical and moral values you have acquired here will accompany you for the rest of your profession."

The ceremony ended with a photo shoot with the participation of students and academics. This event, which has a great meaning for students as the first step of their professional life, represented the beginning of a strong career in the field of health.

AQAS EVALUATION COMMITTEE VISITED THE DEPARTMENTS IN THE FIELD OF BANKING AND FINANCE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION RENEWAL STUDIES

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), Türkiye's most internationally accredited university, continues to carry out its accreditation processes meticulously in order to bring the quality of education to global standards. In this context, the Evaluation Committee of the International Independent Accreditation Agency AQAS (Agency for Quality Assurance through Accreditation of Study Programs) visited the university within the scope of the accreditation renewal studies of the departments in the field of Banking and Finance within the IGU Faculty of Applied Sciences and the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS WITH UNIVERSITY SENIOR MANAGEMENT

In the first phase of the visit, AQAS officials met with the senior management of Istanbul Gelisim University and exchanged views on accreditation processes and quality assurance policies. Abdülkadir Gayretli, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin, Vice Rectors Prof. Nuri Kuruoğlu, Prof. Necmettin Maraşlı, Prof. Arda Öztürkcan and Quality Coordinator Prof. Hasan Hakan Bozkurt participated. Organization management of the visit was held by Assoc. Prof. Emel Tozlu Öztay.

In this meeting, the university's internationalization policies, understanding of excellence in education, academic staff structure, quality assurance systems and strategies to increase student success were discussed.

MEETINGS WITH FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Another stage of the accreditation process was the meetings held with the administrations of the Faculty of Applied Sciences and the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences. AQAS officials met with the managers of the relevant units to evaluate the past and future development of the academic programs carried out in the faculties.

The meeting was attended by the Dean of Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences Prof. Kenan Aydin, UBFaculty of Applied Sciences Dean Prof. Kamil Kaya, İİSBF AQAS Reaccreditation Coordinator Prof. Metin Uyar, Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Emrah Doğan and Asst. Prof. Özlem Tuğçe Keleş, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences and AQAS Faculty Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Görsev Bafralı and Asst. Prof. Muzaffer Çakmak.

In these interviews, issues such as quality assurance systems, student admission processes, curriculum development studies and sectoral connections of the departments in the field of Banking and Finance were discussed in detail.

CAMPUS AND ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT VISITS

AQAS officials examined the educational infrastructure on campus as an important part of the accreditation process. Physical facilities offered by the university were evaluated by visiting the library, classrooms, laboratories and student study areas.

Later, the Department of Economics and Finance, the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Department of Management Information Systems were visited and one-on-one interviews were held with the lecturers.

These sessions were attended by the Head of the Department of Economics and Finance, Asst. Prof. Mehmet Saya, Head of Banking and Insurance Department Assoc. Prof. Hakan Özcan, Head of Management Information Systems Department Prof. Orhan İşcan, Assoc. Prof. Ayşegül Ertuğrul, Dr. Tayfun Timuray, Assoc. Prof. Bülent İlhan, Assoc. Prof. Deniz Şişman and Asst. Prof. Tuğba Kantarcı participated.

In the interviews, student evaluation systems, suitability of the curriculum to sector needs, feedback from the business world and academic development processes were discussed.

INTERVIEWS WITH STUDENTS, GRADUATES AND BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES

Within the scope of the visit, interviews were held with students and graduates from Banking and Insurance and Economics and Finance (Turkish-English) departments. Students provided feedback on educational processes, course contents, academic support mechanisms, and post-graduation career opportunities.

In addition, at the meetings held with business representatives, evaluations were made on the positions of graduates in the sector, university-industry cooperation and employment processes. These sessions were attended by Selim Cömert, representative of Vakıf Katılım Bank A.Ş., Ümit Kılıç, President of GESİD, Mutlusan Plastik Elektrik San. ve Tic. A.Ş., Gürbüz Hoccoğlu from ÜNSPED Customs Consultancy and Logistics Services Inc. and Rıfat Erman Dinçel from Detay Finance Technologies Inc.

AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS

Istanbul Gelisim University has completed an important stage in the accreditation process with this comprehensive evaluation carried out by AQAS in line with its understanding of education in accordance with international standards and the importance it attaches to quality assurance.

Following the visit, AQAS officials provided detailed feedback to the university administration. The final accreditation decision will be announced by AQAS after the completion of the evaluations.

This process will support Istanbul Gelisim University's vision of becoming a globally competitive educational institution, while also contributing to its goal of providing its students with an internationally accredited education.