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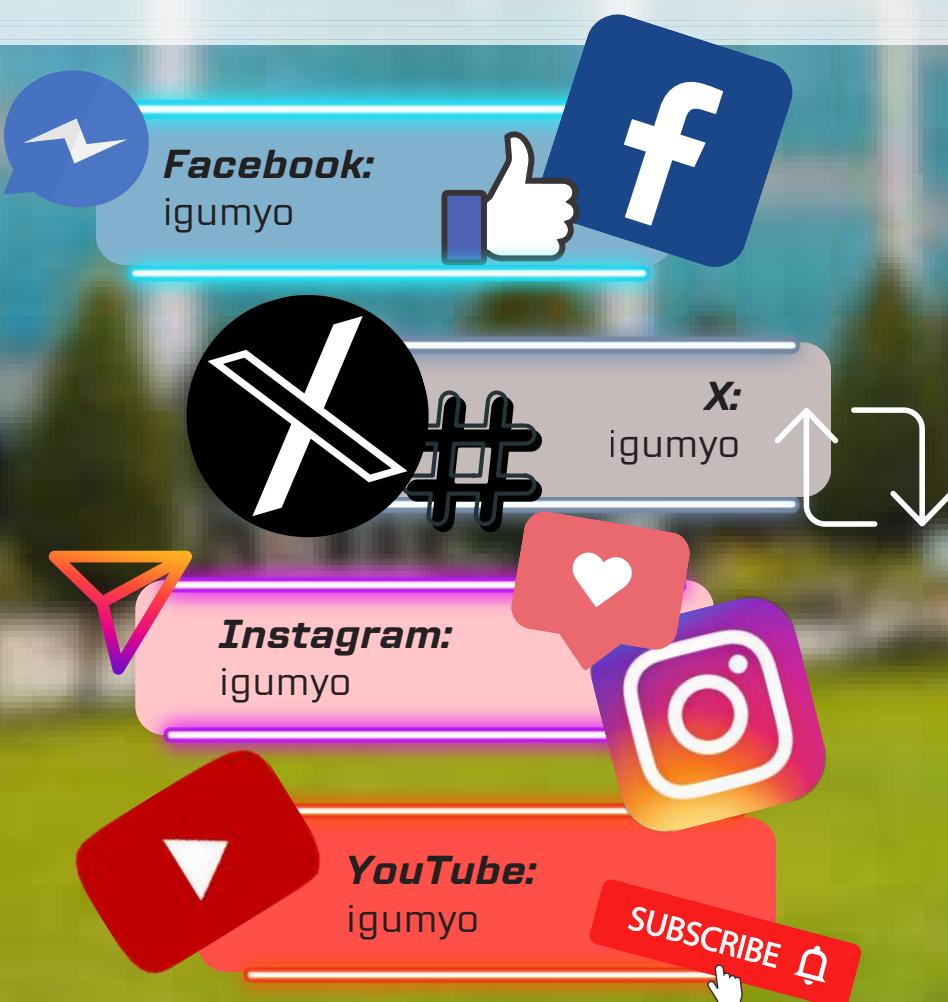


Dear Young People,

Istanbul Gelişim Vocational School, which started its education life in 2008, started to publish a monthly E-Bulletin as of 2021. We are very happy to bring you the December issue of our e-bulletin and to share with you the developments in our Vocational School. I believe you will enjoy reading our bulletin and I present my greetings and respect with the hope of meeting you in a new issue.

You can follow all the developments in our Vocational School on our social media channels.

Director of IGVS
Assoc. Prof. Mehmet SOYAL





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LEADERSHIP

ACADEMICIANS FROM IGU ARE ON THE "BEST SCIENTISTS" LIST OF THE WORLD AND COUNTRIES!

Research.com, one of the world's leading research and academia portals, has announced the list of the "Best Scientists" of the world and countries. Istanbul Gelisim University academics were shown among the best scientists in Turkey and the world with their degrees in "Engineering and Technology", "Economy and Finance" and "Neuroscience".

Great success in the fields of "Engineering and Technology", "Economics and Finance" and "Neuroscience"!



Istanbul Gelisim University, which is modern, developing, producing and advancing with an understanding of quality education, stands out with its science, technology and R&D studies. According to the list created on the basis of the D-index created for the purpose of measuring, evaluating and monitoring the performance of scientists in terms of scientific productivity. 3 academicians from Istanbul Gelisim University were included in the list of "Best Scientists" with their successful work.

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin ranked 17th among 47 scientists from Turkey and 4020th in the world in the field of Engineering and Technology.

Prof. Dr. Kemal Sıtkı Türker from IGU Faculty of Dentistry achieved an important success by being 4th among 6 scientists from Turkey and 5870th in the world.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Festus Victor from the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences of IGU was the only scientist from Turkey to be ranked in the field of Economics and Finance, and he was ranked 1183 in the world.



Among the world universities: IGU is in THE World Universities Field Ranking!

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) achieved a significant success at the international level by ranking in the 1001-1200 band in the Times Higher Education (THE) World Universities Ranking in 2025. IGU has achieved another significant success in two different categories by appearing for the first time in THE World Universities Subject Rankings list. IGU succeeded in being represented in the rankings for the first time in THE World Universities Field Ranking 2025. The University was in the 601-800 band in the Business and Economics category and in the 501-600 band in the Social Sciences category.

IGU is in the top 10 among Turkish universities!

Continuing its activities with the vision of "World University", Istanbul Gelisim University, London-based international higher education rating agency Times Higher Education (THE) has achieved great success by ranking in the top 500 in the field of Research Quality in THE World Universities Ranking for 2025 and in the 1001-1200 band in the general ranking. THE World Universities Field Ranking in 2025;

In the field of Business and Economics, it was ranked 6th among the foundation universities in Türkiye, 10th in Türkiye, and in the 601-800 band in the world ranking; in the field of Social Sciences, it was ranked 3rd among the foundation universities, 5th in Türkiye, and in the 501-600 band in the world ranking. In the Communication and Media field of the Social Sciences category, it ranked 4th in Türkiye and 2nd among foundation universities.

These degrees revealed that Istanbul Gelisim University is effectively positioned not only in general rankings but also in certain academic areas and has a strong presence in these areas.



“We are increasing our competitiveness on a global scale”

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin stated the followings about the achievements of THE World Universities Ranking and THE World Universities Field Ranking: “With our university ranking overall, it is a great source of pride for us to be included in the rankings in the fields of Business and Economics and Social Sciences for the first time this year. This achievement once again reveals our university's research capacity, quality of education and vision of internationalization. Our place in the 501-600 band, which is obtained especially in the Social Sciences category, embodies our goal of increasing the academic power of our university in the field of social sciences and its competitiveness on a global scale. As Istanbul Gelisim University, we will continue to maintain our understanding of excellence in education and research.”



"It is a significant indicator that we are on the way to achieving our internationalization goals"

Istanbul Gelisim University's Vice Rector for Quality, Accreditation and Internationalization Prof. Arda Öztürkcan, on the other hand, said the following about THE success rankings:

“It is a pleasure for our university to enter the general ranking in THE World Universities Ranking and then to take part in THE World Universities Field Ranking on top of our success in THE Awards Asia 2025. This success is an important indicator that we are on the way to achieving our quality and internationalization goals in our education and research activities.”

The grades obtained by Istanbul Gelisim University in THE rankings proved once again that the university has a competitive structure on a global scale and that it attaches importance to quality standards in the education it offers to its students. The university is determined to continue its work uninterrupted to continue these achievements in the future.



SCImago 2025 results announced: IGU is at the top among foundation universities!

The results of "SCImago University Rankings 2025", in which the scientific research, innovation and social impacts of the world's universities are ranked according to SCOPUS and SciVal publication and citation data, were announced. Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which stands out with its studies, ranked 6th among foundation universities in the general ranking and 4th in the field of research, and ranked at the top in the categories of Economics, Planning and Civil Engineering.

The results of "SCImago University Rankings 2025", which measure the social, scientific impact and innovation of universities around the world, were announced. SCImago University Ranking, which aims to give a general idea about universities by measuring the performance of universities in terms of research, innovation and social impact, helps students learn about the quality, effectiveness and prestige of a university's education. Advancing with the vision of "World University", IGU attracted attention with its studies and opportunities for its students, and proved its success once again with the degrees it received in different fields in SCImago University Rankings 2025 results. IGU ranked 6th among foundation universities in the general ranking and 25th in Turkey; ranked 4th among foundation universities in the field of research and 8th in Türkiye.

IGU is at the top in Economics, Planning and Civil Engineering!

According to SCImago's evaluation based on Scopus and SciVal data, Istanbul Gelisim University ranked at the top among foundation universities in many areas.

Drawing attention with its research studies in different fields, IGU ranked 1st among foundation universities in the fields of Economics, Econometrics and Finance and ranked 5th in Türkiye. In the field of Planning and Development, it ranked 1st among foundation universities and 4th in Türkiye. While ranking 1st among foundation universities in the field of Civil and Structural Engineering, it ranked 11th in Türkiye.



Top 2 in Business, Engineering & Social Sciences!

Istanbul Gelisim University continues to rise in the rankings every year with its investments in scientific research and innovation. While it ranks 2nd among foundation universities in the field of Business Administration, Management and Accounting, it rose to 5th place in Türkiye's overall ranking, where it ranked 7th last year. Standing out with its research activities, IGU ranked 2nd among foundation universities in the field of Engineering and ranked 5th by climbing 9 steps among Turkish universities. While ranking in the top 2 among foundation universities in the field of Social Sciences, it ranked 11th in Türkiye.

IGU, which has demonstrated its success in different fields, ranked 4th among foundation universities in the Energy category and 9th in Türkiye.



Istanbul Gelisim University Continues its Rise in Sustainability in THE Impact Rankings 2025

According to the 2025 Impact Rankings results announced by Times Higher Education (THE), Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) once again demonstrated its performance in the field of sustainability. In the ranking prepared in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the United Nations, IGU was in the 601-800 band worldwide. Having made a significant leap from last year's 801-1000 band with this success, IGU has once again proven that it continues its steady progress in the field of sustainability.



Evaluated Between 2526 Universities

In the ranking, in which 2526 universities from 130 countries applied and 2318 of them were evaluated, more than 220,000 evidence was collected from universities and more than 3.7 million articles on the SDG were examined. During the evaluation process, 75 metrics, 251 indicators and more than 230,000 criteria were analyzed. In the current list announced, 112 universities from Turkey were listed.

Global Achievement in Sustainability: At the Top in the Field of Accessible Clean Energy!

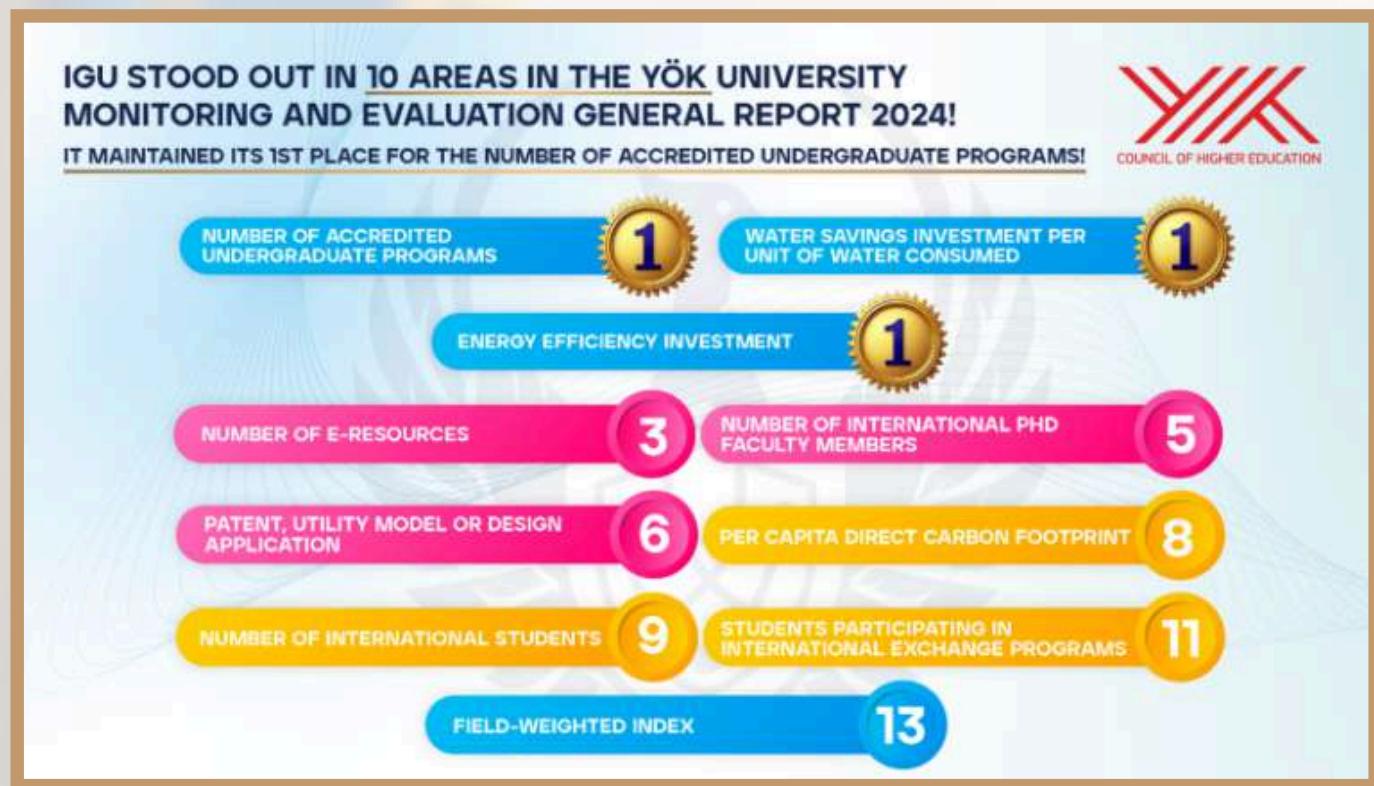
Istanbul Gelisim University entered the general ranking by scoring in the following four SDG areas in its 2025 evaluation:

- SDG 7: Accessible and Clean Energy – 1st among foundation universities in Turkey
- SDG 4: Qualified Education – 3rd in Turkey
- SDG 10: Reducing Inequalities – Shared 3rd place with Bilkent University across Turkey
- SDG 17: Partnerships for Purposes – ranked 4th among foundation universities in Turkey; in the 401-600 band worldwide



YÖK evaluated universities: IGU ranked 1st in 3 categories

The "University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report-2024" prepared by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) was published. Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which stood out in 6 fields last year, stood out in 10 fields this year with its studies. While IGU was at the top with its studies in the field of water saving investment and energy efficiency investment per the amount of water consumed in the "Sustainability" category, which is one of the evaluations made by the Council of Higher Education, it maintained its 1st place as the university with the most accredited undergraduate programs.



The "University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report-2024", in which the Council of Higher Education evaluated 201 universities in Turkey according to 64 different indicators, was published. Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) ranked 1st in the university category, where the use of energy efficiency investment and water saving investment per the amount of water consumed was the highest. IGU, which took firm steps towards internationalization, maintained its 1st place as the university with the most accredited undergraduate programs among both state and foundation universities.



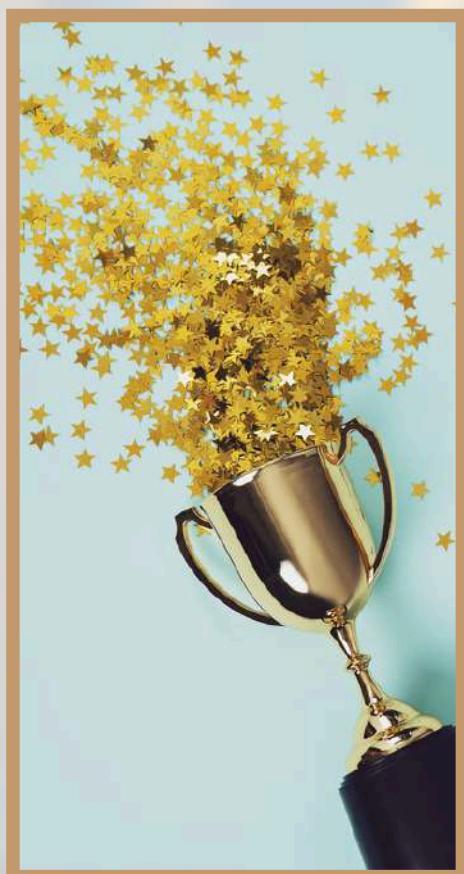
IGU entered the rankings in 10 different indicators in 4 different categories

Istanbul Gelisim University, which proceeds with the vision of "Research University", ranked 6th in the category of "applied patent, useful model or design" in the field of "Research-Development, Project and Publication" according to 2024 data, and 13th in the category of "Field-weighted citation impact". In the "University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report-2024"; IGU, which is the 1st university with the most accredited undergraduate programs in the field of "Education and Training", ranked 3rd in the "Number of E-Resources" category.

Advancing with the vision of the world university, IGU ranked 5th in the category of "Number of international doctoral academicians employed" in the field of "Internationalization", 9th in the category of "Number of international students" and 11th in the category of "Number of students participating in exchange programs".

Success in 3 different indicators in the sustainability field!

Istanbul Gelisim University, which attaches importance to sustainability studies in all areas, especially environmental sustainability by adopting the "Sustainable Development Goals", once again emphasized the importance it attaches to the practices for the effective use of natural resources as the 8th in the category of "Direct carbon footprint per capita" as well as its first place in the categories of "energy efficiency investment use" and "water saving investment per amount of water consumed" in the field of "Sustainability" in the 2024 report.



"We act with a strong spirit of cooperation to shape the future"

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin underlined the success of IGU in 10 fields in the University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report-2024, which maintains its 1st place as the university with the most accredited undergraduate program among both state and foundation universities. Prof. Şahin also added: We are proud of the studies we have carried out on many issues such as rapidly developing technology, climate and environmental problems, global conflicts, changes in social needs, employment and economic crises, which YÖK President Prof. Erol Özvar said these are the issues that higher education will seek solutions in the coming period. As a university, we adopt the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals with the aim of leaving a more livable world for future generations. Sustainability is critical not only for the world, but also for humanity, and achieving this goal is a shared responsibility of all of us. In this regard, we aim to develop innovative solutions and increase social benefit by giving special importance to our education and research activities. We act in a strong spirit of cooperation to shape the future."



Istanbul Gelisim University received YÖKAK Corporate Accreditation for 5 years!

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) was fully accredited for 5 years as a result of the institutional accreditation evaluation carried out by the Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK). After the detailed audit process in December, IGU was entitled to receive accreditation at the highest level with the high standards it has shown in the fields of education, research and development, management system and community service.

**Yükseköğretim
Kalite Kurulu**

**İstanbul Gelişim Üniversitesi,
YÖKAK tarafından
5 yıl süreyle tam akredite edildi!**

Üniversitemiz, eğitim-öğretim, araştırma, yönetim
ve topluma hizmet alanlarındaki kalite standartlarını
sağlayarak, Yükseköğretim Kalite Kurulu (YÖKAK) tarafından
5 yıl süreyle “Kurumsal Akreditasyon Belgesi”
almaya hak kazandı.

Institutional accreditation is an important process that evaluates whether universities meet the quality standards set in the fields of education, research, management and community service. This rigorous evaluation process carried out by YÖKAK aims to increase the competitiveness of higher education institutions on a national and international scale and to ensure that they establish a transparent and sustainable quality assurance system. Universities that are entitled to receive institutional accreditation prove that they successfully manage quality processes, adopt sustainable development in education and effectively fulfill their mission of adding value to society. Istanbul Gelisim University successfully completed this important process and made its name among the few universities in Türkiye that received full accreditation.

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GreenMetric 2025 Results Announced: IGU's Success in Environment and Sustainability Continues

The results of the “UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2025” have been announced. Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which draws attention with its environmental sustainability efforts, has achieved another significant success this year, continuing its upward trend from previous years. First included in the GreenMetric ranking in 2022, IGU increased its total score in 2025 and ranked 669th in the world. Evaluated among 1,547 universities in the overall ranking, IGU placed 71st in Türkiye and 14th among the foundation universities in Türkiye.



GreenMetric: A Global Benchmark in Sustainability

Launched in Indonesia in 2010, the GreenMetric World University Rankings evaluate universities worldwide based on their sustainability performance. The assessment is carried out across six main criteria: campus setting and infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste management, water resources, transportation, and education and research. It aims to increase environmental awareness and strengthen the culture of sustainability in higher education.

With this year's results, Istanbul Gelisim University has once again demonstrated its determined steps in sustainability and its systematic efforts to reduce environmental impact.



Another Addition to International Achievements

Standing out on international platforms with its sustainability initiatives, Istanbul Gelisim University reinforces its success with various global evaluation results. The GreenMetric 2025 outcomes serve as a complementary milestone, enhancing IGU's environmental policies and global competitiveness.

“Sustainability Is Not a Choice; It Is a Requirement of University Governance Culture”

Following the announcement of the results, Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin emphasized the role of sustainability in the university's strategic vision with the following remarks: "GreenMetric 2025 results are a strong reflection of the institutional vision our university has adopted in the field of environmental sustainability. Sustainability is no longer a factor that merely regulates campus life; it has become a fundamental approach that guides all academic and administrative processes from education to research, from energy management to community engagement projects."

As Istanbul Gelisim University, we carry out multidimensional activities in areas such as energy efficiency, rational use of resources, green area management, and environmental awareness education. This success is the result of the joint efforts of our academics, administrative staff, and students. We are committed to continuing our work in an even more comprehensive manner to ensure that the culture of sustainability becomes permanent at our university."

Continuing Efforts for a Sustainable Future

With the GreenMetric 2025 results, Istanbul Gelisim University continues to advance its success as a higher education institution that centers environmental responsibility, strengthens sustainability policies, and enhances its international competitiveness. The university aims to further develop its multifaceted work in education, research, and community engagement in the coming years to support a sustainable future.



YÖK 2025 Report Released: IGU's Multidimensional Academic Success Officially Recognized

The "University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report–2025," prepared by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), has been published. The report presents the performance of universities in Türkiye across many dimensions, from academic output and internationalization to accessibility and quality assurance. According to the report, Istanbul Gelisim University ranked 1st nationwide in the number of "Patent, Utility Model, or Design" applications, achieving a significant success. The report also shows that Istanbul Gelisim University ranked among the top 20 universities in categories such as the number of accredited undergraduate programs, employment of international faculty members, international awards, and accessible library resources for individuals with disabilities.

Istanbul Gelisim University at the Top in Patent Applications

According to the data in the University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report–2025, Istanbul Gelisim University ranked 1st across Türkiye in the number of Patent, Utility Model, or Design applications. This result demonstrates the university's strong capacity for research, innovation, and the production of commercially viable academic outputs.

The University with the Highest Number of Accredited Undergraduate Programs Among Foundation Universities

Based on data from the 2024 YKS guide, universities were ranked by the number of accredited undergraduate programs. With 44 internationally accredited undergraduate programs, Istanbul Gelisim University ranked 3rd nationwide and 1st among foundation universities. The report noted that this picture is one of the important indicators showing that accreditation is becoming increasingly decisive for both state and foundation universities.



Multidimensional Performance from IGU

According to the report, Istanbul Gelisim University is also among the universities employing the highest number of international faculty members as of 2024. With 49 international faculty members, IGU ranked 11th nationwide and 5th among foundation universities in this category.

In terms of internationally received awards, IGU ranked 15th nationwide and 9th among foundation universities with 14 international awards.

Regarding the number of audiobooks and accessible digital resources available in university libraries, Istanbul Gelisim University ranked 20th nationwide and 8th among foundation universities with 329,006 resources. The report emphasized that universities possessing resources at the level of hundreds of thousands or millions have become strategic centers in terms of accessibility and inclusivity.

“We Are Building a Sustainable Higher Education Model”

Commenting on the results achieved in the report published by YÖK, Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin stated:

“The results obtained in this report published by the Council of Higher Education reveal that Istanbul Gelisim University is striving to realize its goal of becoming a research university through a holistic ecosystem approach. Ranking first nationwide in patent applications is a concrete outcome of our strategic approach that places university–industry collaboration at the center and transforms research into commercially viable outputs.

Our position among the top three universities in accreditation, internationalization, and accessibility indicators shows that we are building a sustainable higher education model that simultaneously addresses quality assurance, global academic interaction, and social responsibility. As Istanbul Gelisim University, we will continue in the coming period to strengthen this ecosystem shaped around research, innovation, and internationalization, and to contribute to our country's higher education and R&D capacity.”



Alumni Reunion Event Held at IGU: Moving Toward the Future with a Strong Alumni Network



The Alumni Reunion event organized by the Alumni Relations Coordination Office of Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) was held with the participation of approximately 500 graduates from different academic years. Hosted on campus, the gathering brought alumni together to relive shared memories while once again demonstrating IGU's sustainable and strong relationship with its graduates.

The event was attended by Abdulkadir Gayretli, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of IGU; Vice Rector Prof. Arda Öztürkcan, Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Serdar Egeli, Asst. Prof. Mustafa Özhan, Alumni Relations Coordinator; Prof. İzzet Gümüş, Director of the Graduate Education Institute, along with many academic staff members.





A Gathering Strengthening the Alumni-University Bond



Accompanied by music and refreshments, the event offered graduates an enjoyable atmosphere where they refreshed their memories of university life and experienced IGU's alumni-centered approach firsthand. The reunion, during which New Year wishes were shared, increased interaction among alumni while further strengthening their sense of belonging to the university.





Lifelong Learning and Academic Continuity Opportunities for Alumni

In line with its holistic education vision that extends beyond graduation, Istanbul Gelisim University continues to support its alumni. Within this scope, each participant who attended the Alumni Reunion and was included on the registration list was granted the right to participate free of charge in one training program offered by the Continuing Education Application and Research Center, valid for one year. This initiative aims to help alumni adapt to the changing business world and continuously enhance their competencies.

In addition, as part of the event, four alumni were awarded free master's degree opportunities and scholarships. Through this support, the university encourages its graduates to re-engage in knowledge production processes.



Strong Alumni Network, Strong Future

Istanbul Gelisim University positions its alumni not merely as part of its past, but as strategic stakeholders in its institutional development and future. With comprehensive support mechanisms extending from education to career development and from academia to professional life, IGU continues to build a strong alumni network presenting a university model that grows, evolves, and creates value together with its graduates.



Istanbul Gelişim Vocational School started education in 2008 with 9 programs and became a school that forms the core of Istanbul Gelişim University. It has shown rapid development since its establishment; it has reached 19 departments, 37 programs and 10,630 students. Evening education is provided in 21 of 37 programs.

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School continues its educational activities with its experienced and strong academic staff. In addition to the permanent instructors, by employing the leading names of the sector part-time, the students are given the opportunity to learn their practical experience in business life.

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, which has moved to its new campus as of the Fall Term of the 2017-2018 Academic Year, has a total of 22 workshops, including Aircraft Maintenance Workshops, Mock-Up, Kitchen, Electric, Construction, Automotive, Serigraphy, Ceramics and Fashion workshops, in its new campus so that students can apply their theoretical education practically. Besides it offers a field of application with 7 Computer Labs, one of which is MAC.

Our School's Aircraft Technology Program has the Recognized School Approval Certificate from the General Directorate of Civil Aviation (SHGM) as well as the Flight Operations Specialist Training (Dispatcher) Authorization Certificate from the DGCA. Apart from our two programs authorized by DGCA, the licensing processes for the Approved Cabin Crew Basic Training Organization Certificate for Civil Aviation Cabin Services Turkish and English Programs and the Approved Ground Handling Training Organization Certificate for Civil Air Transport Management Turkish and English Programs are continuing at the DGCA.

Istanbul Gelişim Vocational School students can benefit from the educational and social activity opportunities available in all campuses of our university without interruption.



OUR MISSION

To equip our students in all the programs with innovations in their fields, to keep them informed of current developments, to keep this process alive with scientific activities, and to support the scientific studies of lecturers. To be the solution for the need of qualified intermediate staff with the qualifications required by the sector, to have assimilated the latest technological developments, to have developed a practical side.



OUR VISION

Our vision is to be one of the world's leading vocational schools with qualified academic staff and all the programs recognized by international institutions and organizations, and to train students who are demanded by the market and who are all employed after graduation.



IGU-İŞKUR COLLABORATION LEADS THE WAY IN YOUTH EMPLOYMENT: NEXT GEN'25

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Career Guidance Application and Research Center, in cooperation with İŞKUR, organized a major event shedding light on youth employment. Next Gen'25, titled "New Approaches in Youth Employment: The New Face of Career in the Era of Twin Transformation," brought together academics, industry representatives, and students to comprehensively discuss the ongoing transformation in the world of careers.

"TRUE SUCCESS IS POSSIBLE THROUGH THE HARMONY OF UNIVERSITY-PUBLIC-INDUSTRY COLLABORATION"

Next Gen'25, organized in cooperation with IGU Career Guidance Application and Research Center and İŞKUR, began with an opening speech by IGU Career Center Deputy Director Asst. Prof. Kenan Akpınar. Asst. Prof. Akpınar emphasized the importance of collaboration:

"True success is possible through the harmony and coordination of university–public–industry cooperation. Bringing together these three forces is the key to unlocking the potential of our youth. The effort we present here today is the product of this understanding. When universities, the industry, and public institutions unite, knowledge, experience and equal opportunity merge and opportunities for our youth multiply." He highlighted that the primary goal of the event is to bring academics and industry representatives together, foster a culture of collaboration, and develop projects that will strengthen youth employment.





“GREEN TRANSFORMATION AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION CREATE MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH”

In his opening speech, Tarık Bozkurt, Branch Manager of İŞKUR Büyükçekmece Service Center, stressed that green and digital transformation bring significant job opportunities for young people: "İŞKUR is not only an institution that brings together job seekers and employers; it also sees all actors in the labor market as stakeholders, with universities being among the most important. Addressing youth employment today at Istanbul Gelisim University is extremely valuable. The greatest challenge young people face in job seeking is the lack of experience. Meanwhile, rapid global developments are transforming our understanding of careers. Especially green and digital transformation open major opportunities for youth. Today, we will evaluate how these opportunities can reveal young people's potential and how skill-based competencies can be acquired."





“THE GREATEST LEGACY WE LEAVE TO OUR CHILDREN IS A QUALIFIED AND COMPETENT WORKFORCE”

In his address, IGU Career Center and Alumni Coordination Office Director Asst. Prof. Mustafa Özhan emphasized the importance of collaboration for building the future:

“Our priority at the Career Center is the ‘competency theme.’ Our aim is to train competent and qualified young people. Of course, this is not a process we can achieve alone. Support from NGOs and industry representatives is essential. Today, our students are taking their first steps in their career journey. My team and I accompany them closely during the orientation process. Afterwards, you, our valuable stakeholders, guide them through planning and development. Together, we will build the future. When achieved through unity and cooperation, the greatest legacy we leave our children will be a competent workforce.”





“OUR GRADUATES ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED İN BUSINESS LIFE ACROSS TÜRKİYE”



IGU Vice Rector Prof. Arda Öztürkcan underlined the importance of university–industry cooperation: “Although universities like ours are considered ‘under 25 years old,’ we have achieved successes that allow us to compete with well-established global universities, despite being only 17 years old. Our graduates are actively involved across Türkiye as employers, employees, managers, and entrepreneurs. With our international accreditations, our students’ diplomas are now recognized worldwide. After hosting over a hundred evaluation groups since 2018, we have seen that cooperation with external stakeholders is essential. As a university whose diplomas hold global value, we need more platforms to collaborate with our stakeholders. Through our Continuing Education Centers, we can offer specialized training, and with our advanced research technology centers, we can develop joint projects with you. In addition to education and research, we also maintain our social responsibility mission and conclude today’s event with a sustainability panel—one of the most important topics of our time.”

Prof. Öztürkcan stated that they will continue making December a special period dedicated to academic achievements and alumni engagement.



OVER 100 COMPANIES AND 300 SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES GATHERED AT IGU

During the event, more than 100 companies and over 300 industry representatives came together at Istanbul Gelisim University to discuss labor market needs, the impact of digital and green transformation on employment, and new career models. İŞKUR Job and Vocational Counselor Coşkun Yakıcı delivered an informative presentation, followed by a panel discussion titled “New Approaches in Youth Employment: The New Face of Career in the Era of Twin Transformation.”



The panel, moderated by IGU faculty member Dr. Gonca Yılmaz, featured the following speakers: Aslı Dede – Founder of Sustainable Life School & Communication Consultant, Mehtap Altuğ – Manager of Sustainability and Social Impact, Development and Investment Bank, Dr. Cihan Kurt – Board Member, Çuhadaroğlu Holding, Efe Gökçe – Editor-in-Chief, Yeşil İş Platformu & Business World Global.





STRENGTHENING STUDENT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH INDUSTRY-UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION

Next Gen'25 aims to strengthen sectoral stakeholder networks across all academic programs of the university, support students in career planning, and foster sustainable collaborations with the business world. Istanbul Gelisim University, by inviting all its academics to this large-scale event centered on the future of professions and competencies, aims to make a strong contribution to enhancing employment opportunities for young people.





IGU CLUB PROMOTION WEEK HELD WITH HIGH PARTICIPATION AN EVENT BRINGING TOGETHER 96 CLUBS ENERGIZED THE CAMPUS!

Istanbul Gelisim University transformed into a space of discovery and connection during the Club Promotion Week held on December 11–12, 2025, at the J Block Mehmet Akif Ersoy Conference Hall. A total of 96 student clubs operating under the university gathered to present their work in various fields, offering students a wide range of options. The event, which attracted significant participation, provided both new and returning students the opportunity to closely explore the university's club culture. For two days, the event area remained vibrant with colorful booths, promotional presentations, and special activities organized by the clubs.

STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER NEW COMMUNITIES BASED ON THEIR INTERESTS

During the Club Promotion event, students explored clubs that catered to their interests in areas such as social responsibility projects, technological initiatives, culture and arts activities, sports clubs, entrepreneurship, and scientific research communities. Club representatives established one-on-one communication with visitors, providing detailed information about membership processes and the projects planned for the academic year.



The interest shown in clubs that support students' personal development and help them adapt to campus life once again highlighted IGU's student-centered approach and the importance of the event.



CAMPUS INTERACTION STRENGTHENED AS STUDENTS BUILT NEW CONNECTIONS

The organization not only served the purpose of club promotion but also created a social environment that enhanced interaction among students. Participants experienced both enjoyable and productive moments through mini activities and hands-on presentations held by the clubs. Reflecting the university's cultural diversity and vibrancy, the event demonstrated the strong culture of collaboration and solidarity among IGU students.



THE UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTIONAL VISION REACHED A WIDER AUDIENCE THROUGH STUDENT CLUBS

Club Promotion Week served as an important platform for communicating IGU's vision, which supports academic and social development together. The event emphasized the importance of strengthening club activities and increasing student engagement as a way to broaden the reach of the university's institutional identity.



The recruitment of many new members by various clubs at the end of the event signaled that community activities at IGU will continue with even more momentum throughout the year.



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NEWS FROM IGVS

FUTURE CHEFS MEET THEIR WHITE JACKETS: IGU'S 2025-2026 CHEF JACKET CEREMONY HELD WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM

The Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Applied Sciences, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts, along with the Vocational School's Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Catering Services- Culinary, Pastry, and Baking Programs, proudly held the 2025–2026 academic year Chef Jacket Ceremony with great participation.

The ceremony, organized under the coordination of Asst. Prof. Nevruz Berna Tatlısu and attended by department academics, featured the symbolic moment in which the chef jackets were presented to first-year students of the Turkish and English programs of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department, as well as the Culinary-Pastry and Baking programs at the Vocational School. This special moment was recorded as a meaningful culinary tradition symbolizing the students' first step into the professional kitchen.

During the professional oath ceremony led by Lect. İbrahim Levent Demirçakmak, students pledged to uphold the long-standing values of culinary arts, adhere to ethical principles, rigorously follow hygiene and sanitation rules, and embrace the responsibility of sustainable production and gastronomic creativity. This oath symbolized their commitment to carrying the university's scientific identity forward by integrating academic knowledge with sectoral experience.



Department Chair Lect. Zeynep Kurhan, in her speech, highlighted the practice-focused educational model of the Culinary Program, the sectoral advantages available to students, and the strong interest in the department, extending her best wishes to all new chef candidates. Acting Chair of the Pastry and Baking Program, Lect. Büşra Sağlam, emphasized the field's technical mastery and precision, wishing students a qualified educational journey and a productive professional future.

One of the most remarkable moments of the ceremony was the serving of "chicken over rice" prepared for 600 people by Lect. Levent Demirçakmak in the university's fully equipped professional kitchen facilities. The entire process, from production to service, was carried out in accordance with all technical parameters of kitchen organization, food safety principles, and operational flow planning. This special serving, presented with the participation of our associate dean, academics, students, and families, added significant qualitative and sociocultural value to the ceremony.

Istanbul Gelisim University continues to provide aspiring young chefs with a strong vision in both academic and sectoral fields, carrying the creative, innovative, and scientific aspects of gastronomy into the future.



A SEMİNAR ON “EFFECTİVE CV PREPARATİON AND INTERVIEW SİMULATİON” SUPPORTED BY “İŞKUR” WAS ORGANİZED FOR MARİTİME AND PORT MANAGEMENT STUDENTS

In collaboration with Istanbul Gelisim University Career Center and Gelisim Vocational School, an İŞKUR-supported seminar titled “Effective CV Preparation and Interview Simulation” was held on November 4, 2025, for the students of the Maritime and Port Management Program.

During the seminar, speaker Gürol Bingöl provided students with up-to-date information regarding recruitment processes, interview techniques, and the stages of professional preparation for interviews

In the first part of the program, participants were given practical examples on:

- New-generation CV preparation methods,
- Frequently asked questions in recruitment processes,
- Communication and behavioral elements to pay attention to during the interviews.

In the second part of the seminar, one-on-one interview simulations were conducted, giving students

the opportunity to experience a real interview setting and contributing significantly to their professional development.

We would like to thank İŞKUR for its support, Gürol Bingöl for his valuable insights, and Asst. Prof.

Kenan Akpınar for his contributions to the organization.





The "Autonomous Systems Fundamentals and Application Certificate Program," conducted by Lect. Ali ÇETINKAYA of the Autonomous Systems Technician Program at IGVS, continues successfully within the Istanbul Gelişim University Continuing Education Center (IGU SEM).

The in-person training program is held on December 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, and 25, 2025, between 17:00 and 22:00. The training includes practical exercises and guidance to help participants build a technical portfolio using professional platforms such as GitHub, LinkedIn, and Google Colab.

The training covers the fundamental components of autonomous systems, sensor technologies, sensing and decision-making mechanisms, control systems, path planning and obstacle avoidance algorithms, communication protocols such as I2C, SPI, and CAN, autonomous system architecture, and basic applications using the Python language in detail. Furthermore, current application examples of autonomous systems in industry, defense, transportation, and robotics are shared with participants.

This training program, primarily aimed at students studying engineering and technology, as well as participants interested in robotics, embedded systems, automation, and artificial intelligence, also provides a significant technical foundation for professionals involved in autonomous vehicle technologies and R&D.

The goal is for participants who successfully complete the program to gain the knowledge and skills to evaluate the working principles of autonomous systems from a holistic perspective; to understand the relationship between sensor, sensing, decision-making, and control processes; and to develop fundamental applications.



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A Meaningful Celebration on November 24 Teachers' Day

At Istanbul Gelisim University Vocational School, November 24 Teachers' Day was celebrated with a meaningful and warm event. The event, planned by the Head of the Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Catering Services, Lect. Zeynep Kurhan, together with department academic staff member Lect. Büşra Sağlam, was carried out under the leadership of the Vocational School Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Soyal and Vice Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Taner Atasoy.

As part of the celebration, cookies specially prepared by department students for Teachers' Day were presented to the academic staff of the Vocational School, allowing faculty members to share this meaningful day together. During the event, the devoted role of academics in the educational journey and their contributions to society were emphasized.

This special day was crowned with the words of Head Teacher Mustafa Kemal Atatürk: "Teachers are the most devoted and most respected elements of the human community in every part of the world," once again reminding everyone of the sacred responsibility carried by the teaching profession.

Istanbul Gelisim University Vocational School celebrated November 24 Teachers' Day with deep gratitude and respect for all teachers who illuminate the future.





A Meeting of Flavor and Solidarity at the ITB Autumn Festival

The ITB Autumn Festival, organized for the first time this year by the International Trade and Business Program of the Faculty of Economics, Administrative, and Social Sciences at Istanbul Gelişim University, featured vibrant events aimed at fostering student bonding and social interaction. The Culinary Program also contributed actively to the day-long organization.

Under the leadership of Lect. Zeynep Kurhan and Lect. M. Büşra Sağlam, various delicious snacks prepared by first-year Culinary Program students were served to participants throughout the festival area. This contribution, which integrated the university's applied education approach with social activities, allowed students to showcase their professional skills in a real-world setting.

During the festival with interdisciplinary collaboration at its center, students enjoyed a productive and fun-filled day participating in icebreaker activities, inter-class competitions, Latin dance performances, and workshops, as well as events organized by the Music Club, Dance Club, and Theater Club. In addition to supporting academic education through social, cultural, and artistic interaction, the ITB Autumn Festival stood out as a significant event that strengthened the sense of belonging within university life.

By bringing together entertainment, solidarity, and interdisciplinary interaction, the ITB Autumn Festival made a strong contribution to student-oriented campus life.





Industry Experience Meets Academia: Neapolitan Pizza Workshop

As part of the Dough Techniques course led by Lect. M. Büşra Sağlam, a Neapolitan Pizza Workshop was held for first-year students of the Pastry and Bakery Program. Supporting the university's commitment to application-based learning, the event featured guest chefs and university alumnae Hümeysa Gözeller and Ferihan Tezcan, who are currently pursuing successful professional careers in the industry.

During the workshop, students were provided with both theoretical and practical insights into the historical development and geographical origins of Neapolitan pizza, in accordance with traditional production criteria and international standards. The session covered detailed topics such as pizza dough formulation, the impact of flour selection on dough structure, types of yeast, kneading techniques, and the effects of fermentation time and temperature on dough rheology.

In the practical phase, students learned correct dough-stretching techniques and observed how elasticity and gas-retention capacity affect final product quality. The sauce preparation process emphasized fundamental gastronomic principles, including tomato varieties, acidity balance, and flavor development during cooking. In addition, students carried out applications following professional standards regarding ingredient selection, portioning, and product balance based on pizza types.



Industry Experience Meets Academia: Neapolitan Pizza Workshop



As the workshop progressed, students gained hands-on experience with the high-temperature baking process in a stone oven, observing the direct impact of baking time, oven heat, and hearth structure on the quality of the final product. The event concluded with an evaluation and tasting session of the pizzas prepared by the students.

At the end of the lesson, plaques were presented to guest chefs Hümeyra Gözeller and Ferihan Tezcan for their contributions, highlighting the importance of alumni-student interaction in boosting professional motivation and knowledge transfer. This workshop underscores the significance of integrating industry experience with academic education to enhance professional competencies and cultivate a high-quality workforce.



A Flavor Heritage from Tradition to the Future:

Technical Visit to Karaköy Güllüoğlu with Our Students

Under the leadership of Lect. Zeynep Kurhan, a technical visit was organized to Karaköy Güllüoğlu, one of the iconic brands of Turkish dessert tradition, with students of the Culinary Arts and Gastronomy Program. At the establishment, which stands out with its century-long accumulation of knowledge and craftsmanship, the entire baklava production process—from raw materials to final presentation—was observed on site. During the visit, students had the opportunity to closely examine the production stages of baklava through practical observation and to gain detailed insight into the traditional production process.

During the program held at the Karaköy Güllüoğlu production facility, the baklava production process was comprehensively explained to the students by company representative Nadir Güllü. The presentation focused on the deep-rooted history of Güllüoğlu Baklava, the brand's development within the sector, its growth story, and the dedication, craftsmanship, and quality philosophy behind this success. In addition, students were shown through practical examples how traditional production methods are integrated with modern production techniques.





Gelenekten Geleceğe Uzanan Lezzet Mirası: Öğrencilerimizle Karaköy Güllüoğlu'na Teknik Gezi

At the end of the educational program, the technical visit concluded with the serving of baklava (a traditional Turkish dessert) and su böreği (traditional Turkish water pastry) to the students. It is considered that this visit not only enhanced students' professional knowledge and awareness, but also contributed to gaining sectoral experience and strengthening their professional motivation.

In appreciation of their kind hospitality and valuable contributions, Lect. Zeynep Kurhan presented a plaque to Nadir Güllü and the Karaköy Güllüoğlu team. We hope that the workshop provided our students with a productive and inspiring learning experience.





APPLIED WORKSHOP FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

On Tuesday, December 16, 2025, within the scope of the Human Resources Management Program, the event titled "Payroll and Personnel Affairs: Applied Workshop" was held at the G Block Prof. Dr. Aziz Sancar Conference Hall.

The event was moderated by Asst.Prof. Hülya Ateşoğlu, and our graduate, Human Resources Solutions Consultant Ali Dilber, shared his professional experiences with the participants. At the end of the program, a plaque was presented to Ali Dilber in appreciation of his contributions.

The event was successfully completed with strong interest and participation from academic staff and students.



JOB-SEEKING SKILLS" EVENT HELD SUCCESSFULLY

The "Job-Seeking Skills" event, organized by the Human Resources Management Program, took place on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, from 15:00 to 16:00 at the Prof. Dr. Aziz Sancar Conference Hall in G Block.

The session was moderated by Asst. Prof. Hülya Ateşoğlu. Guest speaker Hüseyin Can Genç, a Job and Vocational Counselor from İŞKUR, shared invaluable insights with students regarding critical points in the job search process, effective CV preparation, interview techniques, and career planning. The presentation also included up-to-date evaluations of the current labor market.

The event, which drew significant interest from the student body, concluded after a productive Q&A session. At the end of the program, a commemorative plaque was presented to the speaker in appreciation of his contributions.

As the Human Resources Management Program, we would like to extend our gratitude to Hüseyin Can Genç for his valuable expertise and to all our students for their participation.





COFFEE TALKS - CANVA TRAINING



The Coffee Talks – Canva Training, organized within Istanbul Gelişim University, was held as an application-oriented event aimed at enhancing students' digital design literacy and facilitating their access to creative production processes. Conducted by Lect. Yeliz Bilir, the training sought to empower students to use contemporary digital design tools effectively and consciously.



Having been planned considering the decisive role of visual communication in academic, professional, and social fields, the event covered key topics such as Canva's fundamental design tools, the creative transformation of ready-made templates, typography, color harmony, and visual hierarchy.

Throughout the session, students did not only acquire technical knowledge, they also had the opportunity to experience firsthand how design decisions impact the power of communication. The primary outcomes of the event include enabling students to produce higher-quality designs for presentations, posters, social media content, and academic visuals. Particularly for students without formal design training, the introduction of accessible digital tools like Canva serves to expand creative expression and support interdisciplinary production.

This training, held as part of the Coffee Talks series, contributed to students' development of the visual communication skills required in the digital age, helped them build self-confidence, and provided practical competencies for their academic and professional lives. Conducted in a warm and interactive learning environment, the event is regarded as a significant step in strengthening the university's student-centered and practice-based educational approach.

Talk - Artificial Intelligence and Animation

The "Artificial Intelligence and Animation" talk organized by Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School was successfully held with strong participation from our students.

Experienced speaker Tolga Vuranel discussed the impact of artificial intelligence technologies on animation production processes through current examples, industry experience, and future projections.



Within the scope of the talk, the following topics were discussed from multiple perspectives:

- AI-supported production tools,
- Transforming creative practices in animation processes,
- Ethics, copyright issues, and the future role of designers.



The event contributed to students' understanding of technology not only as a tool, but also as an integral part of creative thinking and production processes. Offering an interactive learning environment through the question-and-answer session, the talk stood out as a qualified meeting that strengthened academia-industry interaction.

We would like to thank our esteemed speaker Tolga Vuranel for his contributions and all our students who participated.

We look forward to meeting again at future events.



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R & D



The sustainable management of seas and oceans, the conservation of marine resources, and rapid advancements in marine technologies are currently among the global issues of paramount importance. In this context, the 1st International Maritime Law and Technologies Symposium (IMLTech 2025), hosted by Düzce University in Düzce between November 20-21, 2025, brought together current developments, scientific research, and applications in the fields of maritime law and technologies on an international platform.

Main Topics of the Symposium:

- International Law of the Sea and Conventions
- Jurisdictional Areas and Boundaries of Maritime Zones
- Legal Protection of the Marine Environment and Marine Pollution
- Management and Law of Marine Resources (Fishing, Mining, etc.)
- Maritime Commercial Law and Sea Transport
- Maritime Security Law and Piracy
- Law of Maritime Navigation and Shipping
- Blue Economy and its Legal Dimensions
- Legal Issues and Solution Proposals Arising from Developments in Maritime Technology
- Current Developments in Maritime Law and Dispute Resolution Mechanisms



Maritime Technologies:

- Autonomous Underwater Vehicles and Robotic Systems
- Marine Sensors and Monitoring Technologies
- Marine Energy Technologies (Wind, Wave, Current, etc.)
- Sustainable Maritime Transport Technologies
- Smart Ports and Logistics Systems
- Subsea Technologies and Applications
- Use of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence Applications in the Maritime Field
- Marine Pollution Control and Cleaning Technologies
- Technologies for the Sustainable Use of Marine Resources
- Problems of Trained Human Resources in the Maritime Sector and Solution Proposals
- Electronic Documentation, Electronic Bill of Lading, and Electronic Letters of Credit
- Fisheries (Political, Technological, Legal, and Ecological Dimensions)
- Legal and Technological Effects of Artificial Intelligence on Maritime Affairs

Also, the Head of the Maritime and Port Management Program at IGVS, Master Mariner Asst. Prof. Ramazan AÇIKGÖZ, participated in this symposium, held under the leadership of the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, on November 21, 2025, with an online oral presentation titled, "Liman ve Gemi İşletmeciliğinde Kalite Yönetim Sistemleri Uygulama Örneği ve Önerileri" (English: Examples and Recommendations for the Implementation of Quality Management Systems in Port and Ship Operations).

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TÜBİTAK 2209-A Student Colloquium Held at IGU VET School

Istanbul Gelişim Vocational School hosted a project supported by the TÜBİTAK 2209-A program as part of the Student Colloquium, organized to strengthen the scientific research culture of its students.

The project titled "Yapay Zeka Destekli Akıllı Sera: Otomatik Gubreleme, Sulama ve Toprak İşleme Sistemi" (English: AI-Supported Smart Greenhouse: Automatic Fertilization, Irrigation, and Tillage System) was presented in the session held on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 1:00 PM in Meeting Room 108 in G Block.

İrem Türkyılmaz, Bülent Efe Keleş, and İsmail Gündoğan, who are part of the project team, shared information with the participants regarding the prototype development stages of the system, the software infrastructure used, and the pilot application results.

Support from Academic Consultancy

Project advisor Lect. İzzet Yavuz stated that the study has the potential to contribute to sustainable agriculture technologies, emphasizing the students' success in their research processes.



A Meeting Encouraging Scientific Production

The colloquium organized by IGVS contributed to the strengthening of scientific production by enabling students to share their TÜBİTAK-supported research with the academic community. The event concluded with participants' evaluations of the project and a question-and-answer session.



The book chapter titled "Kamusal Alanın Algoritmik Dönüşümü: Dijital Sessizlik, Yankı Odaları ve Demokratik Katılımin Geleceği" (English: The Algorithmic Transformation of the Public Sphere: Digital Silence, Echo Chambers, and the Future of Democratic Participation) by Asst. Prof. Simge Yılmaz, an academic of the Radio and Television Programming Program at IGVS, was published in the book "Sosyal ve Beşerî Bilimler Alanında Uluslararası Akademik Araştırma ve Çalışmalar - Ekim 2025" (English: International Academic Research and Studies in the Field of Social and Human Sciences – October 2025).

The article titled "Knowledge and Power in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Facebook's Digital Hegemony" by Asst. Prof. Simge Yılmaz, an academic of the Radio and Television Programming Program at IGVS, was published in "Visionary Journal", a journal indexed in TR Dizin.

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Asst. Prof. Duygu Çelik's Book Titled "The Informal Economy and Its Macroeconomic Effects" Published

The book titled "The Informal Economy and Its Macroeconomic Effects", authored by Asst. Prof. Duygu Çelik, a faculty member of the Finance, Banking, and Insurance Department at Istanbul Gelisim University, has been published.

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Visit to Istanbul Gelisim University Technology Development Center (TEKMER) with Our Front-End Software Development Students

nder the coordination of Lect. Çisem Yaşar and Lect. Sena Nur Benli, our students from the Front-End Software Development and Computer Technologies programs visited the Istanbul Gelisim University Technology Development Center (IGUTekmer).

Students and academic staff from the Front-End Software Development Program of Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School had the opportunity to closely examine current developments in software, technology, and entrepreneurship during their visit to IGU TEKMER. The visit proved to be a productive and inspiring meeting, offering valuable insights for future projects for both students and academics.

Exploring TEKMER's Technological Infrastructure and Innovation Capacity

In the first part of the visit, students gained detailed knowledge about TEKMER's advanced technological infrastructure, laboratory facilities, and project development areas. Informative presentations were delivered on how the technical capabilities offered by the center can be integrated into software development processes.

A Closer Look at Project Development and Incubation Processes

Students received comprehensive information from experts about project development, incubation, mentoring, and commercialization processes carried out within TEKMER. Extensive information was shared regarding how startup ideas are developed, the stages they go through, and how technical and managerial support mechanisms function. This enabled students to closely observe how software projects grow through academia–industry collaboration.

A Gateway to Internships, Collaboration, and Career Opportunities

An important part of the visit focused on internship opportunities, collaborations, and career prospects offered by companies operating within TEKMER in the software field. Students had the chance to interact directly with industry representatives, gain insight into real business environments, and establish connections that may shape their future career paths.



Visit to Istanbul Gelisim University Technology Development Center (TEKMER) with Our Front-End Software Development Students

Productive Meetings for Academic and Industrial Collaboration

Meetings held between accompanying academic staff and TEKMER administrators included in-depth discussions on potential joint projects, sectoral collaborations, software-oriented research, and innovative applications. These meetings paved the way for new opportunities that will strengthen the integration of academic work with industry.

IGU Continues to Contribute to the Technology and Entrepreneurship Ecosystem

This visit significantly contributed to students' ability to observe professional practices on site, understand technology production processes, and become more familiar with entrepreneurial culture. Additionally, the meetings conducted by academic staff laid the groundwork for the university to achieve a stronger position in technology-focused projects.

With its innovative educational approach and strong sectoral collaborations, Istanbul Gelisim University continues to add value to the technology and entrepreneurship ecosystem.





Job Satisfaction and Motivation in the Civil Aviation Sector

The new book titled "Sivil Havacılık Sektöründe İş Tatmini ve Motivasyon" (English: Job Satisfaction and Motivation in the Civil Aviation Sector), authored by Asst. Prof. Elçin Yakupoğlu, Head of the Department of Transportation Services at IGVS, has been published by Nobel Publications. The work examines the concepts of job satisfaction and motivation within the civil aviation industry through an academic point of view and serves as an essential resource for academics, students, and industry professionals interested in the field.





2237-A TÜBİTAK Project Approved: “MATLAB Training from Basics to Applications”

The project titled “MATLAB Training from Basics to Applications,” prepared by our university, has been awarded funding under the 2237-A TÜBİTAK Scientific Education Activities Support Program.

The training program, which runs from January 5–9, 2026, will take place in person daily from 09:00 to 13:00 in the 254 PC5 Laboratory at the Engineering Faculty.

During the training, participants will be introduced to basic programming structures, data analysis, data visualization, and practical examples in the MATLAB environment. The program aims to provide participants with both theoretical knowledge and practical experience to enhance their software skills.

Ceyda Cevahir Yıldız will lead the project, and the training will be given by a team of instructors consisting of expert academics in their fields. The training team includes:

- Asst. Prof. Ceyda Cevahir Yıldız
- Lect. Ali Çetinkaya
- Lect. Çisem Yaşar
- Lect. Sena Nur Benli
- Lect. Tuğba Saray Çetinkaya
- Lect. Volkan Cantemir

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During the training, participants will have the opportunity to develop their MATLAB skills by working on real-world problem scenarios. This training program, designed for MATLAB, which is widely used in engineering and scientific work today, is among the topics that have recently attracted great interest and popularity, and the program is in high demand.



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Corporate Social Responsibility: The New Force Shaping The Consumer Behavior

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Civil Aviation Transportation Management (English) Program

Today, businesses are held accountable for their impacts on the environment, society, and ecosystems while meeting increasing consumer demand. Issues such as global warming, climate change, natural disasters, famines, epidemics, and migration are now seen as natural consequences of companies' activities. This raises consumer awareness and makes them more sensitive. People now expect their preferred brands not only to offer quality products but also to contribute to society and nature. This shift in awareness forces companies to move beyond their traditional profit-oriented approaches. The modern consumer prefers brands that value social, environmental, and ethical principles. Thus, companies today are evaluated not only by their economic performance but also by their sensitivity toward social welfare, environmental protection, and stakeholder relationships. At this point, corporate social responsibility (CSR) has become more than just an obligation—it has turned into a strategic opportunity for businesses. CSR practices provide brands with both reputation and competitive advantage. Companies that support social projects, adopt environmentally friendly production processes, or prioritize employee rights gain a reliable and valuable position in the eyes of consumers. This trust directly influences purchasing intentions and brand loyalty. Today, many global brands have placed social responsibility activities at the center of their business strategies. Charity campaigns, environmental protection projects, and support for education and healthcare not only create social value but also strengthen brand reputation. In this way, businesses both help solve social problems and contribute to their sustainable growth objectives. Corporate social responsibility is no longer viewed solely as an ethical responsibility; it is also seen as an economic opportunity. Consumers trust socially responsible brands more, are more willing to purchase their products, and are even prepared to pay higher prices for them. In conclusion, the key to success in today's competitive environment isn't limited to financial performance. Brands that prioritize social expectations and demonstrate a high level of environmental and social sensitivity are taking stronger steps into the future.



Growth, Competition, and Structural Issues in the Civil Aviation Sector: Dynamics of a Developing Industry

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The civil aviation sector is currently exhibiting a notable growth momentum driven by rapidly increasing passenger demand. This increase is evident not only in the number of passengers carried but also in the economic, social, and environmental impacts of the sector.

In response to demand, the number of businesses operating in the sector is growing, and employment opportunities are expanding in parallel. However, these developments simultaneously create an intense competitive environment. It is becoming increasingly difficult for smaller-scale businesses to sustain themselves in the sector, as high costs provide a competitive advantage to larger firms. Pricing strategies, service diversification, and the quality of in-flight services are among the determining factors in this competition.

Civil aviation, besides being a capital-intensive industry, is also grappling with several structural challenges. Pilot shortages, high capital costs, and inflexible labor laws are among the fundamental issues faced across the sector. Furthermore, in some periods, government decisions made without regard for the supply-demand balance can increase the fragility of the sector.

On a global scale, the constraint on supply stands out as a significant problem. In contrast, the demand for air travel is constantly rising. External factors, such as natural disasters, global health crises, and the socio-political structures of countries, can directly impact the sector's financial stability. This situation indicates that risk factors in the sector must be addressed not only at the company level but also at the macroeconomic level.

One of the basic characteristics of the civil aviation industry is its seasonality and cyclicity. The inability to stock products (such as seating capacity) places companies under significant time and revenue pressure. Investments made to increase capacity, especially during peak seasons, increase the fixed cost burden during off-peak periods, which can negatively affect the financial performance of companies.

Long-term aircraft acquisition processes and financial planning complicate the strategic decision-making processes in the sector. As often stated in academic literature, assumptions regarding current economic conditions and the operating environment increase the strategic risk for airline companies.

In conclusion, while the civil aviation sector continues to maintain its growth potential, competition, costs, the supply-demand balance, and structural issues stand out as key elements that must be carefully evaluated for the sector's sustainability.



Vocational School End-of-Term Project Exhibition Successfully Held

The End-of-Term Project Exhibition, featuring innovative works developed within the scope of applied courses by the Mechatronics, Electricity, Electronics, and Computer Technology programs of our Vocational School, was held with great success and broad participation.

The exhibition's inauguration was marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by our Rector, Prof. Bahri Şahin. The event was attended by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Abdulkadir Gayretli; our Rector, Prof. Bahri Şahin; Secretary General, Assoc. Prof. Serdar Egeli; Director of the Vocational School, Assoc. Prof. Mehmet Soyal; and Assistant Directors, Assoc. Prof. Taner Atasoy and Lect. Bilge Yılmaz.



Following the opening, members of the protocol and university administration toured the exhibition area. They examined all projects in detail, receiving comprehensive information from students regarding the technical content, implementation processes, and development potential of their work.



Vocational School End-of-Term Project Exhibition Successfully Held

The exhibition showcased more than 50 projects, developed under the mentorship of Lect. Kübra Erdoğan, Head of Electronics and Automation Department and Mechatronics Program; Lect. İzzet Yavuz, Head of Electricity and Energy Department and Electricity Program; Lect. Şehmus Turan; and Lect. Sena Nur Benli, Head of Computer Technology Program. Under the guidance of their advisors, students demonstrated their ability to transform theoretical knowledge into practical applications.

During the event, discussions focused on transforming these projects into advanced studies, their usability in various application fields, and strategies for industry integration. Constructive feedback and contributions were provided to further enhance the projects.



Within the scope of the exhibition, the feasibility of transforming the projects into advanced studies, their applicability in different fields, and strategies for their integration into the industry were evaluated. Additionally, constructive feedback and contributions regarding the development of the projects were provided.



Vocational School End-of-Term Project Exhibition Successfully Held

This exhibition served as a vital platform for improving professional competencies of students, increasing the gains from applied education, and supporting interdisciplinary collaboration skills. The event strongly reflected our Vocational School's vision of application-based education and its commitment to raising a qualified workforce.

We would like to thank all our faculty members for their hard work in organizing the exhibition and our students for their valuable project contributions.





A New Year's Inspiration from Kitchen to Design Event Held

Within Istanbul Gelisim University Vocational School, the event titled "From Kitchen to Design: New Year's Inspiration", organized under the coordination of Lect. Yeliz Bilir, Lect. Zeynep Kurhan, and Lect. Büşra Sağlam, brought together students from different disciplines in a creative production process.

Held on Wednesday, December 31, at the G Block Prof. Dr. Aziz Sancar Conference Hall, the event featured students from the Culinary, Pastry and Bakery, and Graphic Design Programs, who produced original works centered around the New Year theme. At the event, where gastronomy and design intersected, visual aesthetics and flavor-oriented production processes were addressed together.

While contributing to the development of students' interdisciplinary perspectives, the event aimed to support creativity, collaboration, and design-oriented thinking skills. Participants experienced hands-on production while also having the opportunity for sharing and interaction in a festive New Year atmosphere.

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School continues to maintain its qualified education approach through such events that support students' professional and creative development.





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