



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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I LIVE AND PROSPER WITH MY COUNTRY.

As long as
democracy exists
and thrives, so do
we.

We shall do
our utmost to
strengthen our
economy.

As our economy
prosper, so will
democracy and
our standing in the
world.

Vehbi Koç

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

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True to its original mission, our foundation strives to enhance the Turkish nation's quality of life and continues to steadfastly bring projects to life that create social benefit in the core areas of education, health, and culture.

For the past two years, we have been undertaking significant work centered on the disaster relief fund that our foundation set up to support our fellow citizens affected by any disaster in our country. In the wake of the terrible earthquakes of 2023, we pooled all the donations from Koç Group employees and the contributions from Koç Group companies in the Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund.

Using resources from this fund, we are actively supporting all children in the Umut Kent container cities erected in Adıyaman, Hatay, İskenderun, Kahramanmaraş, and Malatya. Our support comes through projects designed to foster these youngsters' physical, mental, and social development in the areas of education, health, and culture.

As we work to mitigate the impact of those disasters on the survivors, we touch the lives of thousands of children and bring hope for tomorrow. We intend to carry on with these efforts for as long as the Hope Cities exist.

Education lies at the core of the Vehbi Koç Foundation's service philosophy. Our activities in this area extend from Koç School and Koç University to the schools we have turned over to the Ministry of National Education. We likewise continue to provide scholarships to tens of thousands of young people in need. Our directly-conducted philanthropic projects serve as inspiring and exemplary models for both members of Koç Group and the public at large. Our foundation's efforts in healthcare are also achieving notable success in science and technology; at the same time, its cultural and artistic contributions have gained international reach. Ever mindful of the sustainability of the value they create, all our organizations successfully carried out their operations in 2024 and continued to burnish the reputation of the Koç brand.

Indeed, the sustainability of our socially-beneficial efforts is the cornerstone of our continued success. It is out of that awareness that we strive to embrace and build upon the legacy of our founder. The heartfelt contributions and efforts of the Koç Family, combined with the dedicated work of our professional team, are what make us strong. With a vision that is constantly refreshed and bolstered by our foundation's tradition of adapting to global change, we continue to move forward.

Semahat Arsel

Chair

Vehbi Koç Foundation Board of Directors

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GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

We continue to demonstrate the powerful results of solidarity through donations to the Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, which grows with matching contributions from Koç Group employees and companies.



In today's environment of rising uncertainty and diminishing predictability, remaining resilient and prepared for the swift, disruptive winds of change requires us to depend on the power and capabilities of education, science, and technology more than ever before.

The value which the Vehbi Koç Foundation has created since it embarked on its journey in 1969 has acquired even greater significance given present-day circumstances. Our foundation has been serving our country for over half a century and continues its work through the organizations it runs, the programs it conducts, the NGOs it supports, and the diverse partnerships it enters into.

As the Vehbi Koç Foundation, we also gave substantial support to the Hope Cities project, an initiative by Koç Holding partnering with Koç Group companies and both governmental and non-governmental organizations. Established across five cities—Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Adiyaman, Malatya, and İskenderun—the project provides housing for 20,000 people and aims to heal the wounds of the 2023 earthquakes while bringing hope to the region.

We continue to demonstrate the powerful results of solidarity through donations to the Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, which grows with matching contributions from Koç Group employees and companies. As a charitable foundation, we are focused on the educational and social development of all Hope City children

and young people affected by the earthquakes, reaching thousands of them with support such as scholarships, entrance-exam preparation courses, books and educational materials, and sports equipment. Supported by our foundation's contributions, the Learning Units of the Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV) continue their activities in the Hope Cities of Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, and Adiyaman. The Community Health Volunteers Project, another initiative carried out in partnership with Koç University, helps to improve public health literacy and to facilitate access to healthcare services in Hope Cities.

We are also conducting complementary projects intended for parents, teachers, and specialists. In all these efforts, our underlying goal is to beneficially influence the physical, mental, and emotional development of the children involved.

To draw attention to the reality of earthquakes in our country, in 2024 we supported the publication of Deprem Dirençli Kentler: Bir Yol Haritası, a book that lays out a strategic roadmap for creating more seismic-resilient cities. It was prepared by the Science Academy, whose work we have backed since its inception, and was published under the editorship of Prof. Naci Görür. Prepared with input from experts across a wide range of fields, including law, economics, psychology, and environmental and civil engineering, the book presents scientific solutions for building seismic-resilient cities while

also showing how to create a society that is itself more resilient to disasters.

At Vehbi Koç Foundation we consider it our duty to work for Turkey's development and to create multi-dimensional value for society through projects focused on essential needs such as education, health, and culture. Because our foundation regards education as its highest priority, both Koç University and Koç School focus on successfully maintaining their standing as role-model institutions that provide high-quality education and represent the Koç brand and its values in the best possible way.

Our foundation makes ongoing, sustainable contributions to social development through its directly-run scholarship programs and its 21 foundation schools and educational organizations across the country. Since its inception, our foundation has been promoting equal opportunity in education by regularly providing scholarships for talented young people from underprivileged backgrounds. So far, we have provided scholarships to over 50,000 students. We also see it as our duty to support young people on their career journeys after their education is complete.

In numerous ways—most notably through Koç University Hospital and Vehbi Koç Foundation American Hospital—our foundation supports improvements in the provision of healthcare that sustainably enhance treatment effectiveness and service quality.

Driven by its growing portfolio of innovative drug and medical device trials, the Koç University Hospital Phase 1 Clinical Research Center has become our country's leading center for clinical research. It is also one of only a limited number of centers to be approved by the Ministry of Health's Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency.

In 2024, Vehbi Koç Foundation American Hospital and Koç University Hospital both joined the Mayo Clinic Care Network, becoming the first members of this network not just in Turkey but in all of Europe.

Our foundation views art as an integral element that nurtures its vision. Through the exhibitions and events it organizes and its work across a broad spectrum ranging from traditional and contemporary arts to the preservation of

cultural heritage, we aim to enhance the power of art to improve and unite society. Three of our institutions in particular stand out as key reference points: Sadberk Hanım Museum with its collections of Turkish-Islamic and archaeological artifacts is notable as our country's first privately-owned museum; Arter and Meşher have evolved into sanctuaries for contemporary art.

One of Vehbi Koç Foundation's ongoing missions is to acknowledge individuals and organizations that contribute to Turkey's social and economic progress. Vehbi Koç Awards are given out to recognize exceptional achievements and exemplary service in the fields of education, health, and culture. The 2024 recipient of the Vehbi Koç Award was the Turkish Female Physicians' Education Support Foundation (KAHEV), an organization focused on providing children, especially children in rural areas, with access to quality education.

We strive to ensure that the projects we implement and the organizations we manage are both sustainable and responsive to the needs of our times. At the same time, we also manage our foundation's assets with the utmost efficiency, using the resources we generate to support all of our efforts.

As of year-end 2024, the fair value of the foundation's total assets was TL 56 billion. Total outlays amounted to TL 2.6 billion last year. Our expenditure budget for 2025 is TL 6.2 billion. Total expenditures over the last 10 years have reached the equivalent of USD 817.9 billion in value.

Rooted in Vehbi Koç's philosophy that education is central to all economic and social development, Vehbi Koç Foundation was the first privately-owned charitable foundation set up under the Republic of Turkey. With that comes a responsibility that informs the foundation's ongoing efforts to have a tangible, beneficial impact on our country's future.

Our objective is to carry our founder's vision of contemporary philanthropy into the future. We navigate a constantly evolving ecosystem by tracking 21st-century dynamics and capturing the spirit of our times, always striving to generate the maximum sustainable benefit through our activities.

Oğuz Toprakoğlu
General Manager

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VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION IN BRIEF

The first privately-owned charitable foundation to be chartered by the newly-established Republic of Turkey, Vehbi Koç Foundation was created to reinvigorate our country’s venerable charitably foundation traditions by increasingly fading tradition of institutional philanthropy. The foundation aims to play a leading role in improving the quality of life for the people of Turkey by focusing on the three cornerstones of a robust society: education, culture, and healthcare.

Dedicated to the advancement of a progressive, enlightened, and thriving Turkey, Vehbi Koç Foundation has served as an inspiration for philanthropists since its inception and has since achieved numerous significant firsts through the non-profit entities it sets up and manages. The foundation also plays a key role in promoting equal access to education through the scholarships it awards to talented young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Through institutions that have each become centers of excellence, the Vehbi Koç Foundation continues to set an example for society as a whole. The foundation’s mission is to bring new insights into the realms of education, health, and culture in Turkey. In addition to its own institutions, which are central to its purpose, the foundation also serves the community through extensive project support in the areas of education, healthcare, and culture.

Established

17 January 1969

Objective

Taking inspiration from the words of its founder Vehbi Koç “I exist only if my country exists”, Vehbi Koç Foundation aims to set examples of excellence throughout its country through the most effective use of its resources and by creating sustainable, replicable models for social wellbeing in line with the principles of reliability, inclusivity, equality, and transparency.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sources of Income

- Annual income derived from 7.26% of Koç Holding
- Annual donations by Koç Group Companies and the Koç Family
- Income from cash and real estate assets

ASSETS

Market value of foundation assets

TL 56,092 million*

** Market value reached as of 31 December 2024

BALANCE SHEET DATA

2024 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

TL 2,647.5 million



2025 BUDGET

TL 6,172.5 million

EXPENDITURES AND
INVESTMENTS

Period	USD million
1969-1982	1.8
1983-1992	29.3
1993-2002	336.0
2003-2012	494.9
2013-2024	817.9
Total	1,679.8

VEHBİ KOÇ FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

İCRA KOMİTESİ

- Chair**
Semahat Arsel
- Vice Chair**
Rahmi M. Koç
- Members**
Ömer M. Koç
Ali Y. Koç
İpek Kırar
Prof. Üstün Ergüder
Prof. Celal Erkut
Hakan Aran
Temel Atay
Levent Çakıroğlu

- Chair**
Semahat Arsel
- Members**
Temel Atay
Levent Çakıroğlu

PROFESSIONAL TEAM

General Manager

Oğuz Toprakoğlu

Accounting and Administrative Affairs Coordinator

Ahmet Özdirek

Project and Construction Coordinator

Mustafa Karataş

Consultants

Kayhan Dörtlük

Mesrure Tekay

Nevzat Tüfekçioğlu

Headquarters Team

Aylin Urkan

Aysun Rana Bilge

Ayşenur Sencar Esmer

Beril Bilen Gürbüz

Bülent Tan

Çiğdem Toparlak

Devrim Hasar

Dilan Yavuz Aşık

Ebru Kılıç

Görkem Kurt Tunalı

Hakan Vatansever

Hasan Yelkenci

Hilal Şeman Demirtopuz

İrfan Gürbüz

Levent Özbarut

Neslihan Karaosmanoğlu Gür

Neşe Yohay

Nurcan Çakıllık Talay

Onur Yörüken

Orhan Işık

Seçil Kınay Yılmaz

Tuğçe Kutlu Serintürk

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- SCHOLARSHIP ●

1,051 UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Vehbi Koç Foundation and its institutions continued their support for education in 2023 by providing scholarships to 4,825 university students.

783 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Vehbi Koç Foundation and its institutions continued their support for education in 2023 by providing scholarships to 1,027 high school students.

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION IN TURKEY

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION REACHES OUT TO THE ENTIRE COUNTRY THROUGH THE INSTITUTIONS IT MANAGES, THE PROGRAMS IT CONDUCTS, AND THE PROJECTS THAT IT SUPPORTS IN THE THREE CORNERSTONES OF A ROBUST SOCIETY: EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND HEALTHCARE.

İSTANBUL

Vehbi Koç Foundation Institutions

- Koç School
- Koç University
- Koç University School of Nursing
- American Hospital
- American Outpatient Medical Center
- Koç University Hospital
- Koç University Health Sciences Campus
- SANERC - Koç University Semahat Arsel Nursing
- Education, Practice and Research Center
- VetAmerican Pet Hospital
- Arter
- Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED)
- Meşher
- Sadberk Hanım Museum
- Vehbi Koç House

Endowment Schools

- Beyazıt Ford Otosan Koç Elementary School
- Beykoz Koç Middle School
- Beylikdüzü Koç Middle School
- Sarıyer Vehbi Koç Foundation Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School

Supported Institutions

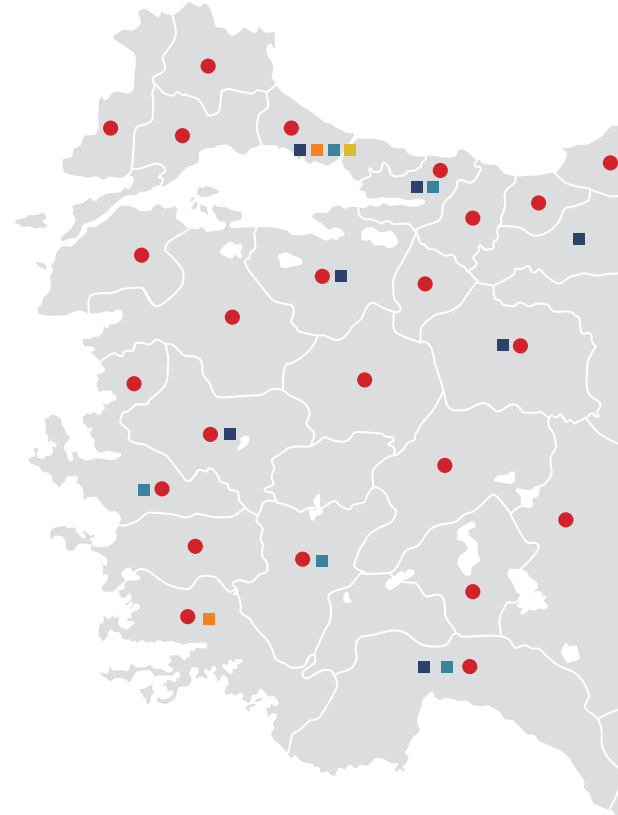
- Atatürk Library
- Boğaziçi University Superdorm Student Dormitory
- Boğaziçi University Foundation
- Galatasaray University Suna Kırac Library
- Hisar Foundation
- Robert College Suna Kırac Hall
- Haydarpaşa Numune Hospital Vehbi Koç Emergency Medical Center

Regularly Supported NGOs

- Darülaceze Institution

Supported Cultural Heritage Projects

- Saint Euphemia Church



ADIYAMAN

Supported Institutions

- Adiyaman University Faculty of Education Vehbi Koç Building

AKSARAY

Endowment Schools

- Ağzikarahan Vehbi Koç Primary School

ANKARA

Vehbi Koç Foundation Institutions

- VEKAM and Ankara Orchard House

Endowment Schools

- Sincan Koç Primary School

Supported Institutions

- Ankara Eye Hospital
- METU - Vehbi Koç Dormitories
- Ankara University Vehbi Koç Dormitories
- The Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV) Semahat - Dr. Nusret Arsel Education Park

ANTALYA

Vehbi Koç Foundation Institutions

- AKMED and Kaleiçi Museum

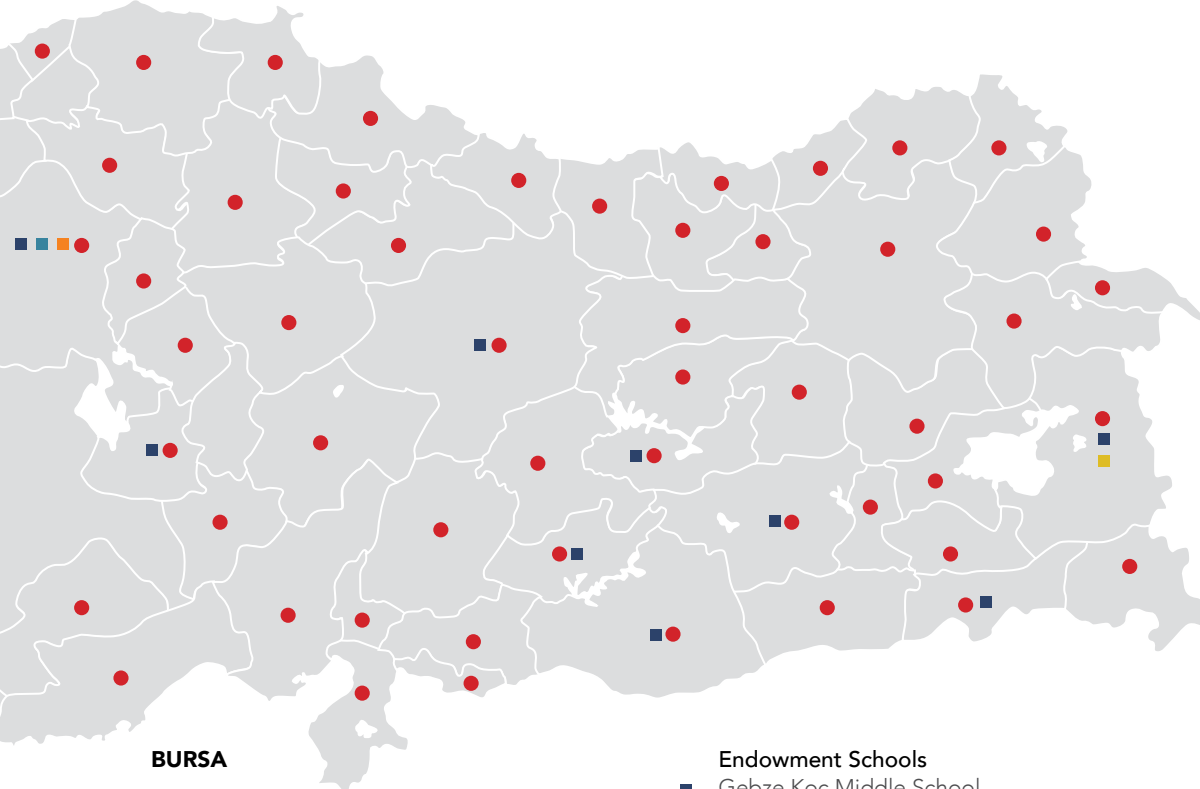
Supported Institutions

- TEGV Suna-Inan Kırac Education Park

BOLU

Endowment Schools

- Bolu Koç Primary School

**BURSA****Endowment Schools**

- İnegöl Vehbi Koç Primary School
- Nilüfer Koç Middle School
- Orhangazi Koç Primary School
- Yenişehir Koç Middle School

DENİZLİ**Supported Cultural Heritage Projects**

- Hierapolis Ancient City

DİYARBAKIR**Endowment Schools**

- Bağlar Vehbi Koç Primary School
- Kayapınar Vehbi Koç Primary School

ELAZIĞ**Endowment Schools**

- Elazığ Koç Primary School

ESKİŞEHİR**Endowment Schools**

- İnönü Vehbi Koç Middle School

İZMİR**Supported Projects**

- Ankara University Mustafa V. Koç Marine Archaeology Research Center

KOCAELİ**Vehbi Koç Foundation Institutions**

- Vehbi Koç Foundation Ford Otosan Gölcük Culture and Community Center

Endowment Schools

- Gebze Koç Middle School
- İzmit Ford Otosan Middle School

Supported Institutions

- Kocaeli University Vehbi Koç Foundation Ford Otosan Gölcük İhsaniye Automotive Vocational School

MANİSA**Supported Institutions**

- Celal Bayar University Soma Underground Training Pit Project

MUĞLA**Vehbi Koç Foundation Institutions**

- Bodrum American Hospital

SİVAS**Endowment Schools**

- Kangal Koç Anatolian High School

ŞANLIURFA**Endowment Schools**

- Şanlıurfa Koç Primary and Middle Schools

Supported Institutions

- TEGV Sevgi-Erdoğan Gönül Education Park

ŞIRNAK**Endowment Schools**

- Silopi Koç Primary School

VAN**Endowment Schools**

- Van Koç Primary School

Supported Institutions

- Vehbi Koç Foundation Ford Otosan Van Teachers' Housing Complex

NATIONWIDE**ONGOING PROJECTS**

- Endowment School Project
- Anatolia is Reading
- Educational Scholarships

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

- Science Academy Young Scientists (BAGEP) Scholarship Award
- TEGV - Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey
- Turkish Nurses Association
- TÜSEV - Third Sector Foundation of Turkey

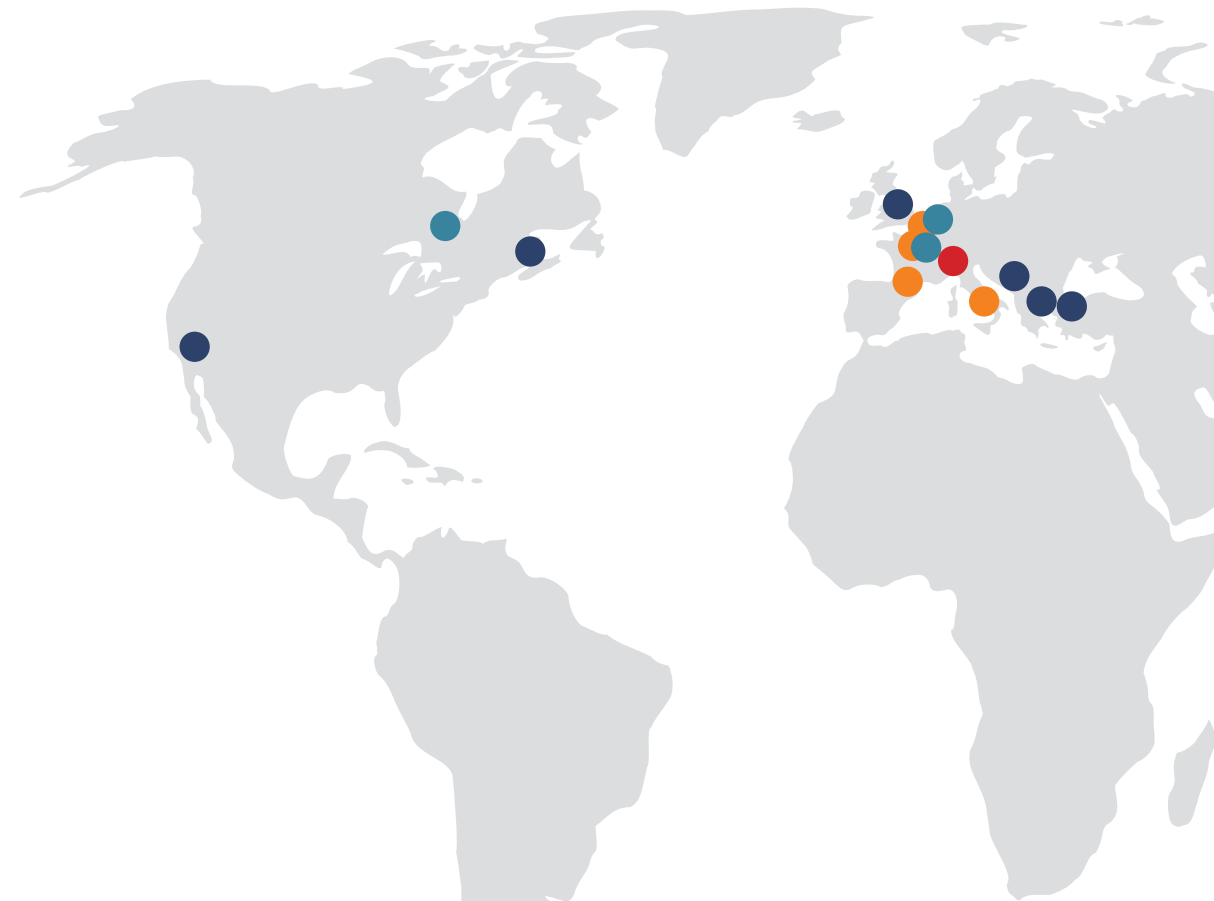
**INSTITUTIONS
SUPPORTED THROUGH
KOÇ GROUP COMPANIES**

- İnönü Family Foundation
- Rahmi M. Koç Museum and Culture Foundation
- Suna and İnan Kiraç Foundation
- TAPV - Turkish Family Health & Planning Foundation
- TEMA - Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, for Reforestation and the Protection of National Habitats

**SUPPORTED
INSTITUTIONS IN 2024**

- Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSİV)
- STDV - Civil Society Support Foundation
- Wild Fires Emergency Support Fund
- The Turkish Foundation for Underwater Archaeology
- TURMEPA Turkish Marine Environment Protection Association

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION IN THE WORLD



- **International Cooperations - USA**
 - Boston USA**
 - Harvard University Vehbi Koç Chair of Turkish Studies
 - New York USA**
 - The American Turkish Society
 - Award of Excellence in Philanthropy
 - World Monuments Fund
 - Hadrian Award
 - Iris Foundation
 - Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Decorative Arts
 - Koç Family Galleries of Ottoman Arts at the Metropolitan Museum
 - Synergos Institute
 - Rhode Island - Providence USA**
 - Brown University
 - San Francisco - California USA**
 - Global Heritage Fund
 - Stanford USA**
 - The Carnegie Foundation
 - The Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy

- **International Cooperations - EUROPE**
 - Sarajevo Bosnia-Herzegovina**
 - Mozaik Foundation
 - London United Kingdom**
 - Social Enterprise UK
 - Geneva Switzerland**
 - The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)
 - İstanbul Turkey**
 - Ashoka Turkey
 - Athens Greece**
 - Stavros Niarchos Foundation



Through projects and partnerships coordinated by its headquarters in Turkey, the Vehbi Koç Foundation is also active in many other countries worldwide.

● Affiliation - EUROPE

Brussels Belgium

Konektor

Philanthropy East Forum

PHILEA Philanthropy Europe Association

Paris France

BNP Paribas Grand Prix for Individual Philanthropy

Den Haag Netherlands

Euclid

Europa Nostra Award for Conservation

Venice Italy

Venice Biennale Pavilion of Turkey

● Works from the Arter Collection were Exhibited at

Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany

Museum für Neue Kunst

Lennik, Belgium

Kasteel van Gaasbeek

Chicago, Illinois, USA

The Art Institute of Chicago

Berlin, Germany

Hamburger Bahnhof

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION PROJECTS

Education	Healthcare	Culture
• The Teachers' Network • Endowment Schools • Model School • BAGEP Awards • Anatolia is Reading • Supporting TEGV Educational Parks and Points • Hope Cities Vehbi Koç Foundation TEGV Container Learning Units • Joint Koda and Vehbi Koç Foundation Mentoring Summer Camp • Gelecek Hayalim Project to Empower Women in STEM Disciplines • Earthquake Projects	• Ankara University School of Medicine Vehbi Koç Eye Hospital • Vehbi Koç Foundation American Hospital • Haydarpaşa Numune Hospital Vehbi Koç Emergency Medical Center • Koç University School of Nursing • Social Health Volunteers Project	• Pamukkale Hierapolis Ancient City Excavations • İstanbul Biennial • KARMA XR LAB: Cultural Heritage Interactive Experiences

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION INSTITUTIONS

• The Koç School (High School 1988, Elementary School 1998) • Koç University (1993) • Koç Elementary and Middle Schools (1998) - In 1998, when the 75th anniversary of the Republic was celebrated, the Foundation opened 13 primary schools throughout the country. New schools have been added to this project since 2006 and the total number has reached 21.	• Semahat Arsel Nursing Education, Practice and Research Center (SANERC, 1992) • Vehbi Koç Foundation American Hospital (1995) • American Outpatient Medical Center (1997) • Koç University School of Nursing (1999) • Koç University School of Medicine (2010) • Koç University Hospital (2014) • Bodrum American Hospital (2019) • VetAmerican (2023)	• Sadberk Hanım Museum (1980) • Koç University Vehbi Koç Ankara Studies Research Center (VEKAM, 1994) • Koç University Suna & İnan Kiraç Research Center for Mediterranean Civilizations (AKMED, 1996) • Antalya Kaleiçi Museum (1996) • Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED, 2005) • TANAS Art Gallery, Berlin (2008-2013) • Arter, İstanbul (2010) • Vehbi Koç Foundation Ford Otosan Gölçük Culture and Community Center (2010) • Koç University Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Center (GABAM, 2015) • Meşher (2019)
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AWARD PROGRAMS

Vehbi Koç Award

Vehbi Koç Award, coordinated and financed by Vehbi Koç Foundation, is given annually for education, health and culture, respectively to individuals or organizations that have contributed significantly to the people and the development of Turkey. Vehbi Koç Foundation considers it a social responsibility and an honorable duty to embrace and support individuals and organizations that serve and contribute to our country; and aims to recognize exemplary services that add value to the society with the "Vehbi Koç Award".

Vehbi Koç Foundation Outstanding Service to Humanity Award

As part of its annual Vehbi Koç Award program, which honors exceptional achievements in the fields of health, education, and culture in rotation, the Vehbi Koç Foundation has created a new award category called the "Vehbi Koç Foundation Award for Outstanding Service to Humanity." Through the Vehbi Koç Foundation Outstanding Service to Humanity Award, the Vehbi Koç Foundation seeks to honor Turkish scientists and institutions operating within the borders of the Republic of Turkey which have demonstrated exceptional achievements and work, outperformed their peers, and had a profound impact on humanity. The award recognizes those who have created solutions addressing a specific, temporary or ongoing critical global challenge or emergency with worldwide implications and the impact of whose work improves quality of life worldwide.

The award is not confined to a specific timeframe and is granted as circumstances merit.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Designed to support the educational pursuits of high-achieving students in financial need, our scholarship programs include undergraduate, vocational training, nursing, assistantship, earthquake zone scholarships, scholarships for students attending endowment schools, and scholarships for the children of Koç Group employees.

CIVIL SOCIETY PARTNERSHIPS

Entreprise İstanbul Project

VEHBI KOÇ AWARD

SINCE 2002...

The Vehbi Koç Foundation Vehbi Koç award is intended to "highlight and honor exemplary services that contribute to society."

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Vehbi Koç Award in Brief

Vehbi Koç Award, coordinated and financed by Vehbi Koç Foundation, is given annually for education, health and culture, respectively to individuals or organizations that have contributed significantly to the people and the development of Turkey. Vehbi Koç himself played an important part in Turkey's development and strived to provide a better life for Turkish people, believing that every individual should assume responsibility for social issues. He founded Vehbi Koç Foundation, the first large-scale private foundation in Turkey in 1969 with the conviction that social support should be systematic and permanent. Focused on the areas of education, health and culture, the Foundation has established several exemplary facilities, and developed a different model by operating most of them.

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The individual or organization to receive the award is chosen by the Vehbi Koç Foundation Board of Directors among three names nominated by the Selection Committee, consisting of leading scientists and experts in their fields.

Recipients of the Vehbi Koç Award

2024 - Education:	Turkish Female Physicians' Education Support Foundation (KAHEV)
2023 - Culture:	Genco Erkal
2022 - Healthcare:	Ord. Prof. İvet Behar
2021 - Education:	Prof. Hüseyin Vural
2020 - Culture:	Prof. İlhan Tekeli
2019 - Healthcare:	Prof. Mehmet Toner
2018 - Education:	Prof. Yılmaz Büyükerşen
2017 - Culture:	Prof. Zeynep Ahunbay
2016 - Healthcare:	Prof. Kamil Uğurbil
2015 - Education:	Prof. Ali Nesin and the Mathematics Village Project
2014 - Culture:	Prof. Zeynep Çelik
2013 - Healthcare:	Prof. Gökhan Hotamışlıgil
2012 - Education:	Prof. Nermin Abadan Unat
2011 - Culture:	Prof. Filiz Ali and the Ayvalık International Music Academy
2010 - Healthcare:	Prof. Turgay Dalkara
2009 - Education:	Prof. Türkan Saylan
2008 - Culture:	Prof. Mehmet Özdoğan
2007 - Healthcare:	Prof. Aziz Sancar
2006 - Education:	Nuri Okutan
2005 - Culture:	Fazıl Hüsnü Dağlarca
2004 - Healthcare:	Bilkent University Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics
2003 - Education:	Mother Child Education Foundation (AÇEV)
2002 - Culture:	Topkapı Palace Museum

2024 VEHBİ KOÇ AWARD

23RD VEHBİ KOÇ AWARD GOES TO TURKISH FEMALE PHYSICIANS' EDUCATION SUPPORT FOUNDATION IN 2024

The Turkish Female Physicians' Education Support Foundation (KAHEV) has received the 2024 Vehbi Koç Award. The award is presented annually by Vehbi Koç Foundation and rotates each year between the fields of culture, education, and health. Vehbi Koç Foundation was established 55 years ago as the Republic of Turkey's first privately-owned charitable foundation.

The selection process involved a recommendation of three candidates by a Selection Committee. The committee was chaired by Prof. Hüseyin Vural, recipient of the



20th Vehbi Koç Award, and its members were Prof. Ebru Aktan Acar, Prof. Soner Yıldırım, Prof. Emine Erkin, and Prof. Yüksel Kavak. From this shortlist, the Vehbi Koç Foundation Board of Directors selected KAHEV as the year's recipient.

Set up by female physicians in 2018, KAHEV has a dual mission: to provide children, especially children in rural areas, with access to quality education and to supply their schools with material support. What began as a scholarship program for students has expanded over the years. KAHEV now also provides maintenance and repair services for rural schools and continues to set up new classrooms, laboratories, and libraries within them. The foundation provides regular scholarships to more than 5,000 students and likewise gives scholarships and support to the children of healthcare workers who lost their lives during the Covid pandemic. KAHEV currently has more than 5,500 registered members and is supported by over 26,000 volunteers.

TURKISH FEMALE PHYSICIANS' EDUCATION SUPPORT FOUNDATION (KAHEV)

KAHEV's mission is to provide children in rural areas with access to quality education and to supply their schools with material support.



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The Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund supports a wide range of activities and programs to promote the cognitive and social-emotional development of children and young people living in the Umut Kent container cities set up by the Koç Group.



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NOURISH HOPE
THROUGH THE VEHBI KOÇ
FOUNDATION DISASTER
RELIEF FUND.

Guided by the vision of its founder–Vehbi Koç– and his principle–“I exist only if my country exists”–Vehbi Koç Foundation works to benefit society. Through the Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, the foundation continues to support relief and recovery efforts in the Kahramanmaraş region in the wake of the 6 February 2023 earthquakes. Since July 2023, a series of support projects have been launched to foster social solidarity, focusing on the development of children and young people impacted by the earthquakes. These initiatives are made possible by the support of Koç Holding, in addition to that of Koç Group companies and their employees. In the Umut Kent container cities that were erected by Koç Group in Adıyaman, Hatay, İskenderun, Kahramanmaraş, and Malatya and together house about 20 thousand people, projects are carried out to support children and young people through initiatives that defray the cost of attending courses and include support such as merit scholarships and educational coaching and the provision of educational materials and sports equipment.



VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION DISASTER RELIEF FUND IN BRIEF

In the aftermath of the devastating Gölcük earthquake of 1999, the Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund was set up by Vehbi Koç Foundation to support disaster victims everywhere in our country. Following the 6 February 2023 earthquakes that laid waste to large areas of the country's southeast, donations made by Koç Group companies and their employees and by Koç Group dealerships were pooled in the Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund. Seeking to foster the wellbeing of children and young people living in the Umut Kent container cities erected by Koç Group in Adıyaman, Hatay, İskenderun, Kahramanmaraş, and Malatya, the fund uses its resources to help them achieve their full potential and be the very best they can be. To ensure that the Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund's resources are being utilized in the most effective way possible, an advisory board has been formed, consisting of experts in the fields of education, culture, and health.

The intention is that Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund initiatives in Hope Cities should continue for at least two years and that all donations made to the fund should be used flexibly taking into account both the needs of youngsters and the circumstances on the ground as they evolve. Vehbi Koç Foundation also plans to use its own resources to support activities aimed at the parents, teachers, and other adults who are essential to children's wellbeing.



VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION DISASTER RELIEF FUND FOCUS

Raising healthy, successful, and happy children is possible only by supporting them in all three key areas of development: physical, cognitive, and emotional-social. In the conduct of the Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund's efforts to support children and young people living in the foundation's Hope Cities, priority is given to two main issues:

- Fostering child wellbeing: Addressing the physical, cognitive, and emotional-social developmental needs of children and providing targeted programs for parents
- Supporting children in achieving their full potential: Identifying each child's unique interests, curiosities, aptitudes, and academic needs, and providing tailored support both directly to students and in collaboration with their teachers and schools.

The allocation of all fund resources is handled flexibly and is guided by periodic assessments of the children's evolving needs and prevailing local conditions.

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION COORDINATION CENTERS

Vehbi Koç Foundation Coordination Centers serve as common areas for the coordination and conduct of disaster recovery and relief efforts in the Adıyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş Hope Cities by Vehbi Koç Foundation organizations, Koç Group companies, and NGOs.

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION COORDINATION CENTERS

Vehbi Koç Foundation Coordination Centers located in the Adıyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş Hope Cities serve as common spaces for activities in the areas of education, health, and culture. These activities are conducted in collaboration with Vehbi Koç Foundation organizations, Koç Group companies, and NGOs. They are designed to support the wellbeing of children and young people and to help them realize their potential.

All the Vehbi Koç Foundation Coordination Centers were designed using the same master plan and contain the following functional spaces:

- Office, training, or workshop space for the disaster-relief operations of Vehbi Koç Foundation and its organizations
- Short-term office, training, or workshop space for the activities of Koç Group companies in the area
- Short-term office, training, or workshop space for NGOs collaborating with Vehbi Koç Foundation
- Short-term supplementary training or workshop space for NGOs active in Hope Cities
- Study hall space for Hope City-resident middle school and high school students preparing for entrance exams.

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION

To foster the physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development of children and young people in Hope Cities, Vehbi Koç Foundation provides a variety of focused activities. These initiatives cover fields such as education, science, sports, environmental issues, mathematics, arts and culture, and philosophy.

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION DISASTER RELIEF FUND VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION IN 2024 | MAIN ACTIVITIES |

Vehbi Koç Foundation conducts its socially-beneficial activities in Hope Cities as guided by the needs of those living there. The foundation carefully plans its projects and scholarship support initiatives in line with the same principle.

To foster the physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development of children and young people in Hope Cities, Vehbi Koç Foundation provides a variety of focused activities. These initiatives cover fields such as education, science, sports, environmental issues, mathematics, arts and culture, and philosophy.

- More than 6,500 school-supply kits and book sets totaling more than 9,000 course and reading texts were distributed among children living in Hope Cities.
- Vehbi Koç Foundation handed out sports equipment to 884 Hope City resident children enrolled in various Koç Group Sports Club (KTSK) teams.
- Nearly 400 Hope City resident high school students were awarded scholarships by the Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund while 100 university students received scholarships from the Vehbi Koç Foundation university fund. Free prep course support was provided by leading test preparation centers in the region to more than a thousand students preparing for national high school and university entrance exams. Laptops were gifted to students who made it into the top 10% of the 2024-2025 academic year Lycee Entrance Exam and also to the top 10,000 students who sat for the same academic year's University Entrance Exam. Freshman-year high school and university students who were awarded scholarships were also provided with living and transportation allowances. The foundation is tracking the progress of all recipients closely.
- Vehbi Koç Foundation sponsored the establishment of Container Learning Units at the Adıyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Hope Cities by Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV). TEGV volunteers have been on hand and working with children in the 6-14 age group without interruption since the very beginning.

- In 2023 Vehbi Koç Foundation partnered with Ford Otosan in the opening of "My Dream of the Future" centers at the Kahramanmaraş and Adıyaman Hope Cities. These centers will be used by the Innovative Solutions for the Sustainable Development Association to provide young people living in these cities with the programs and services they need to realize their potential.
- Vehbi Koç Foundation partnered with Koç University's Department of Public Health, Faculty of Nursing, and Trauma & Stress Research Laboratory on a Community Health Volunteers Project. Under this project, 34 volunteers are conducting first-aid and basic health seminars in three provinces. First-aid kits are handed out to those who attend the seminars.
- Vehbi Koç Foundation Coordination Centers have been set up at the Adıyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş Hope Cities. These centers serve as venues for socially-beneficial projects conducted by the foundation itself as well as by Koç Group companies.

* Vehbi Koç Foundation Disaster Relief Fund data are from July 2023 to December 2024.



MONITORING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY THE KOÇ UNIVERSITY SOCIAL IMPACT FORUM (KUSIF)

EMOTIONAL/SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT • Art therapy • Guidance/Counseling • Social activities & events • Science, art, philosophy, sport & environment events • KTSK sport schools • Music education	PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT • Work & study space provision • Internet access • School facilities improvement • Merit scholarships • Community Health Volunteer-provided awareness training • Early childhood & adolescence awareness training	INTELLECTUAL/ COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT • Career Introductions / Presentations • Mentoring • Guidance/Counseling • Tutoring • Academic coaching • Workbooks • Storybooks • Entrance exam prep kits
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ~500 high school & university students	SCHOOL SUPPLY KIT RECIPIENTS +4,500 students	PREP COURSE PARTICIPANTS ~1,000 middle & high school student
BOOK SET RECIPIENTS +5,000 students	RECIPIENTS OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY KOÇ GROUP SPORTS CLUB TO SPORTS SCHOOLS 884 students	



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2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

OUR GOAL IS TO ADDRESS OPPORTUNITY INEQUALITIES BY HELPING STUDENTS PREPARE FOR ENTRANCE EXAMS AND BY PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO THOSE WHO ENTER THE SCHOOL OF THEIR CHOICE.

As it did in 2023, in 2024 Vehbi Koç Foundation again provided support to young Hope City residents preparing for school entrance exams. With the foundation's support, a total of 627 students are receiving help to prepare for these exams at well-equipped local prep-course centers: 77 in Adıyaman, 164 in Hatay, 79 in İskenderun, 224 in Kahramanmaraş, and 83 in Malatya. The initiative aims to address opportunity inequalities by providing scholarships to 66 students who, after preparing for university exams with foundation support in 2023, successfully enrolled in the school of their choice in 2024. Vehbi Koç Foundation provided scholarships to 215 students (165 high school, 50 university) in the 2023-2024 academic year. In the following 2024-2025 year, the foundation is supporting a total of 406 students, comprised of 254 high school and 152 university students. This total includes 139 students (105 from high school and 34 from university) who are continuing on scholarships from the previous year.

BOOK SETS AND SCHOOL-SUPPLY KITS

SCHOOL-SUPPLY KITS AND SPECIALLY-PREPARED BOOK SETS WERE PROVIDED TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION.

School-supply kits like the ones given to primary, middle, and high school students in five provinces in 2023 were handed out to 4,485 students when schools reopened in the fall of 2024. Students received specially prepared packages of supplies distributed by schools and through Vehbi Koç Foundation Coordination Centers. Teachers in Hope City schools were consulted on what supplies they were in need of and these were also procured and turned over. Personalized packages of reading and course books for children and young people studying in Hope City schools were prepared and handed out. A total of 54,802 books were given to 5,255 students.



SUPPORT WORKSHOPS FOR 0-3 INFANTS AND THEIR PARENTS

PARENTS WERE PROVIDED WITH EXPERT GUIDANCE AND TIPS ON HOW TO CREATE SAFE PLAY SITUATIONS FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

As part of its activities in Hope Cities, Vehbi Koç Foundation focuses on the needs of infants in the critically important 0-3 age group. Workshops conducted by a team of child education and psychology specialists from the Porta consultancy in the Adıyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş Hope Cities were attended by 300 people caring for 0-3 infants and other young children. During these workshops, play cards developed by child psychologist Aslıhan Özcan Morey of the Koç University Hospital Pediatrics Department

and the Porta team along with toys and books were handed out to parents. Parents were also provided with expert guidance and tips on how to create safe play situations for their children. Moving forward, this project will be expanded with the support of local universities and volunteers in the region.



WORKSHOPS AND AUTHOR MEETINGS FOR 3-6 AGE-GROUP CHILDREN

WHILE THE CHILDREN PLAYED GAMES UNDER EXPERT SUPERVISION, THEIR PARENTS WERE INFORMED ABOUT HOW TO APPROACH PLAY-RELATED ISSUES.

Preschool children aged 3-6 and their parents/guardians represent another key focus group at Hope Cities. An Aileden Okula team and its expert trainers conducted workshops in the Adıyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş Hope Cities to support the wellbeing of children in this age group. Working in groups of 20 under the guidance of supervisors, the children participated in activities using play kits from various workshops that included "Emotion Game", "Creative Reading", "Game Bag", and "Math Game". Afterwards, workshops were held for parents, focusing on how they should approach their children and telling them about play activities they could do all together at home. A total of 461 people (62 parents and 399 children) took part in these workshops. Moving forward, additional workshops targeting the same age group will again be conducted at Hope City Vehbi Koç Foundation Coordination Centers.



"KOÇ SINIFLARI'NDA SAHNE VAR" CHILDREN'S THEATER PERFORMANCES

UNDER THE "KOÇ SINIFLARI'NDA SAHNE VAR" PROJECT, FOUR DIFFERENT PLAYS WERE PERFORMED IN 674 CLASSROOMS IN 24 SCHOOLS IN 24 CITIES.

The Arsız Kumpanya children's theater company, which delighted young audiences with their performances when the Umut Kent container cities were first opened, embarked on a "Koç Sınıfları'nda Sahne Var" tour of Vehbi Koç Foundation-endowed schools in Anatolia. Visiting schools in the Adıyaman, Hatay, İskenderun, and Kahramanmaraş Hope Cities in addition to 21 Koç Foundation schools, the team performed four plays consisting of 10-minute sketches for children aged 7-14. In total, Arsız Kumpanya performed their sketches in 674 classrooms across 24 schools in 15 cities, reaching an impressive 20,634 students.

KOÇ VOLUNTEERS AT SUMMER SCHOOLS

CHILDREN TOOK PART IN ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING THEIR PHYSICAL, COGNITIVE, AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

The summer school program, which was only conducted at the Hatay Hope City in 2023, attracted so much interest that it was held in Adıyaman as well as Hatay in 2024. Twenty-three volunteer Koç School and Teachers' Network teachers served as instructors in the two-week program, which was attended by 138 students in Adıyaman and 178 students in Hatay. Children in age groups ranging from kindergarten to high school engaged with volunteer teachers from different disciplines and took part in a variety of activities that supported their physical, cognitive, and emotional development.



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ACADEMIC AND EFL SUMMER COURSES FOR HOPE CITY CHILDREN

THESE PARTNERSHIPS HAD THE ADDED BENEFIT OF HELPING TO RENORMALIZE THE LIVES OF THESE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND WERE CONTINUED DURING THE SUMMER.

As was the case worldwide, the Covid-19 pandemic disrupted the formal education of children and young people in Hope Cities, however conditions in the aftermath of the earthquakes put them in an even more disadvantaged position. To lessen this disadvantage, Vehbi Koç Foundation collaborated with local test preparation centers to organize winter programs for children studying for the upcoming national entrance exams. These partnerships had the added benefit of helping to renormalize the lives of these children and young people, and to sustain this positive impact, the

courses were also continued during the summer. During these programs, the following courses were conducted:

- Adıyaman: Academic courses for 58 young people currently in or graduated from the 7th, 8th, 11th, or 12th grades
- Hatay: English-language courses for 165 primary school students
- İskenderun: Academic courses for 26 high school students
- Kahramanmaraş: Academic courses for 59 students in 8th and 12th grades along with English-language courses for 201 primary school students.

The courses in Adıyaman were held at the container city. Those in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş took place on the premises of the educational centers, with Vehbi Koç Foundation covering the cost of transporting the children to and from the centers.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE PREPARING FOR SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS AND FOR THEIR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

ONLINE SEMINARS AND OFFLINE SESSIONS WERE AGAIN ORGANIZED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE PREPARING FOR SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS.

The previous year's four-session online seminars for young people preparing for school entrance exams were continued in 2024 as 18 sessions. A total of 95 Hope City-resident 8th-grade students preparing for high school entrance exams attended "My LGS" and "Last Exit Before LGS" seminars. Vehbi Koç Foundation worked with local educational centers and supported the conduct of "My Life, My Dreams" and "YKS-Speak" seminars for Hope City-resident students preparing for university entrance exams. Two offline seminars were organized by a team of child education and psychology specialists from the Porta consultancy to reduce students' pretest anxiety and ready them to take the exams. The first of these seminars was attended by 152, the second by 106 students.

POST-EXAM SELECTION GUIDANCE

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION SUPPORTED THE PROVISION OF POST-EXAM SELECTION GUIDANCE TO STUDENTS TAKING THE LGS AND YKS ENTRANCE EXAMS.

Vehbi Koç Foundation supported the provision of post-exam selection guidance to Hope City resident students taking the high school (LGS) and university (YKS) entrance exams. The guidance focused on helping students make informed decisions about their future academic and career paths. Working with foundation stakeholders and partnering with non-governmental organizations, Vehbi Koç Foundation ensured that young people being tracked during the year by educational center managers, NGO field personnel, and the Adiyaman and Kahramanmaraş Gelecek Hayalim centers received the support they needed to

make knowledgeable career and department choices. An interactive career planning tool focusing on 21st-century competencies and factors influencing careers was used by psychological consultant and guidance specialist Bora Serhat Çelik to help students identify career opportunities and plan career paths aligned with their life goals. Vehbi Koç Foundation also supported and coordinated the use of this tool by 28 Hatay Hope City resident students about to enroll in university. With the foundation's support, educator Çağlagül Turhan worked with 32 students in Adiyaman and Kahramanmaraş in the conduct of future-planning activities while child education and psychology specialists from the Porta consultancy met individually with 60 students in Hatay, İskenderun, and Malatya to help them make informed post-exam selection choices.

PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR HOPE CITY TEACHERS

ONLINE SEMINARS WERE CONDUCTED TO PROVIDE PRIMARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS WITH PSYCHOSOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT.

Online seminars were again conducted to provide primary and middle school teachers assigned to schools in the Adiyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş Umut Kent container cities with psychosocial and professional support. These seminars, conducted by child education and psychology specialists from the Porta consultancy, focused on two topics: "Bullying and solidarity"

and "The right to privacy". Seminar content was selected with the needs and interests of both teachers and students in mind and both morning and evening sessions were planned to better accommodate teachers' schedules. Twenty-five teachers attended the seminars. These seminars for teachers are planned to continue in the upcoming academic year in collaboration with provincial and county Ministry of National Education directorates for the benefit of teachers who work outside Hope Cities and who were also affected by the earthquakes. Morale-building teacher-appreciation celebrations were held at Hope Cities on the occasion of November 24th Teachers' Day.

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SUPPORTING AND MOTIVATING NGO AND PUBLIC AGENCY PERSONNEL WORKING IN Umut KENT CONTAINER CITIES

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SEMINARS WERE
CONDUCTED FOR NGO AND PUBLIC AGENCY
SPECIALISTS AT WORK IN HOPE CITIES.

Psychosocial support seminars addressing identified needs and issues continued to be organized for NGO and public-agency personnel who are employed in Umut Kent container cities and interact directly with the cities' residents. Three online sessions conducted by child education and psychology specialists from the Porta consultancy focused on the themes of "Psychosocial communication and feedback skills" and "Group management".

CAPACITY-DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOPS FOR
NGO AND PUBLIC-AGENCY SPECIALISTS
FOCUSED ON SUPPORTING PSYCHOLOGICAL
WELLBEING AND INCREASING SOLIDARITY
AMONG THOSE WORKING IN HOPE CITY
SETTINGS.

Two psychosocial capacity-building workshops were conducted jointly by the Porta Education and Psychological Consultancy and Vehbi Koç Foundation for NGO personnel working with Hope City resident children and adults, Ministry of Family and Social Policy psychosocial specialists, and Hope City administrators and staff. The first of these three-day workshops was attended by 32 people, the second by 47. Focusing on core objectives and issues in education, these workshops are intended to support the psychosocial wellbeing of participants while promoting team spirit, increasing solidarity, and boosting morale among all Hope City personnel.

SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION COORDINATION
CENTERS BASED IN HOPE CITIES HOSTED
SCIENCE WORKSHOPS.

In the aftermath of the 6 February earthquakes, fourteen İLKİYAR Foundation volunteers conducted science workshop activities for middle school students at the Hatay Vehbi Koç Foundation Coordination Center. Designed to acquaint youngsters with science and scientific thinking at an early age, these activities focused on such subjects as robotics, mathematics, and physics and featured a number of entertaining outdoor experiments. İLKİYAR Foundation is a charity whose mission is to provide aid to primary schools. During the activities, its founder and director Hüseyin Vural met with students and teachers.

Hope City Vehbi Koç Foundation Coordination Centers also hosted a series of "Science Generation" workshops that were sponsored by Türkiye İş Bankası and Petrol Ofisi and conducted by Young Guru Academy. During these workshops, teams of five children aged 10-12 performed a variety of carefully-supervised scientific experiments. Nine workshops—three each in Adıyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş—were attended by a total of 162 children.

ONLINE KOÇ VOLUNTEERS CLASSES FOR HOPE CITY CHILDREN

KOÇ GROUP VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED ACADEMIC SUPPORT TO HOPE CITY RESIDENT STUDENTS.

Koç Group volunteers conducted online science, math, Turkish, and English lessons for Hope City-resident 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students. Between March 2024 and January 2025, 44 Koç Volunteers reached a total of 306 Hope City children in this way.

At the beginning of this project, Koç Volunteers who would be participating in it attended a comprehensive Okul Destek Association course dealing with such subjects as how to teach lessons, appropriate approaches when working

with children, and the overall operational flow of the program. Hope City students who signed up for the project were given assessment exams to determine their level and then matched up with a Koç Volunteer. The volunteers in turn conducted their online lessons using weekly lesson plans provided by the association.

The Vehbi Koç Foundation Adıyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş Coordination Centers and social facilities in Malatya are equipped with internet connections, tablets, and the like so that students in these places can freely access and benefit from such online resources at all times. Every student who is registered with a program is also gifted a set of wireless headphones by Vehbi Koç Foundation.

COMMUNITY HEALTH VOLUNTEERS PROJECT

THE GOAL OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH VOLUNTEERS PROJECT IS TO PROMOTE HEALTH LITERACY AMONG HOPE CITY RESIDENTS.

The Community Health Volunteers Project is an initiative being carried out jointly by Vehbi Koç Foundation and Koç University at the Adıyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş Umut Kent container cities. The project is being conducted by Koç University Assistant Prof. İlker Kayı. Its aim is to promote health literacy among Hope City residents and facilitate access to health services.

In the initial phase of the project, teams of 10-12 volunteers were formed in each city. Aided by project consultants, these volunteers received training on topics such as Fundamentals of Health & Disease, Hygiene & Infection Prevention, First Aid, Reproductive Health, and Child & Infant Health. Volunteers also received training in Effective Communication & Presentation Skills. Under the guidance of local project coordinators, participants completed the World Health Organization's psychological empowerment modules over five weeks. After completing their training, volunteers in all three cities began providing first-aid training to city residents. Vehbi Koç Foundation supported the provision of a first-aid kit to every household participating in the program.

HATAY

At the Hatay Hope City, first-aid training classes and kits were provided to 576 households during the months of June, July, August, and September. While at the site, volunteers also visited the homes of disabled residents. In December, the volunteers conducted first-aid presentations for primary school teachers and handed out first-aid kits. They also began developing a reproductive health module and made their first trial presentation in January 2025.

ADIYAMAN

At the Adıyaman Hope City, volunteers assisted by medical faculty students conducted various seminars dealing with mother and child health issues. In July, volunteers working with Cancer Early Diagnosis, Screening, and Training Center personnel organized mammogram screenings for women residents. In late October, Dr. Tuğba Gürsoy, Prof. and Associate Dean at Koç University Faculty of Medicine and Dr. Necla İpar from the same faculty together with Assistant Prof. Öykü Özbörü Aşkan from İstanbul University conducted a two-day series of training sessions covering topics such as healthy child development, newborn care and nutrition, and

breastfeeding methods. As a result of these sessions, it was decided that a pediatrics resident and an intern doctor would regularly work on-site each month. Pediatrics Resident Batıgöl Taş and Intern Doctor Cennet Koçu were the first to serve on-site from December 9th to 12th. During these four days, hygiene training was provided to kindergarten students, while seminars and workshops on child health, adolescence, and nutrition were organized for parents and volunteer participants. A career-guidance session was also conducted for teenage residents.

KAHRAMANMARAŞ

At the Kahramanmaraş Hope City, volunteers who had completed trainer-training programs in 2024 worked on preparing first-aid presentations, which they trialed on November 15th. Community Health Volunteers provided first-aid training to personnel of seven NGOs working at the site on December 6th and again to members of the Kitchen Workshop team on December 9th.

In 2025, the Community Health Volunteers Project will conduct home visits and surveys to identify current needs and then develop training and support activities accordingly.

|EDUCATION|

- 32 SCHOLARSHIPS
- 44 KOÇ UNIVERSITY
- 58 KOÇ SCHOOL





SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 1969, the Vehbi Koç Foundation has provided scholarships to over 50,000 students with the aim of supporting equal access to educational resources. During the 2023-2024 academic year, the foundation awarded scholarships to a total of 7,844 students across Turkey. Designed to support the educational pursuits of high-achieving students in financial need, the foundation's scholarship programs include undergraduate, vocational training, nursing, assistantship, earthquake zone scholarships, scholarships for students attending endowment schools, and scholarships for the children of Koç Group employees. Scholarship applications are accepted annually in September through an online portal designed to streamline the process. As long as they remain eligible, scholarship recipients continue to receive financial support throughout their academic journey until they have completed their studies.

Targeted Scholarship Programs

A targeted scholarship program was initiated in 2023 for students living in areas affected by the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes last year. Information about these scholarships is presented on page 24 of this report.

University Scholarships

The Vehbi Koç Foundation University Scholarship Fund is intended to provide financial assistance to talented but economically disadvantaged university students throughout their studies. Its resources consist of allocations from the foundation's primary assets and other sources of income.

Scholarships Offered for the Following Universities

Akdeniz University
Boğaziçi University
Dokuz Eylül University
Atatürk University
Firat University
Gaziantep University
Harran University
İstanbul University (Faculty of Law)
İstanbul Technical University
Marmara University (Department of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Atatürk Education Faculty)
Mersin University
Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University
Ondokuz Mayıs University
Middle East Technical University
Selçuk University
Van 100. Yıl University

Nursing Scholarships

The Vehbi Koç Foundation Nursing Scholarship Fund was set up in 1974 by founder and current president Semahat Arsel. The fund has been supporting professional nursing education and training projects since 2003. More than 2,000 students have received such scholarships since the fund's inception. Talented but financially disadvantaged students continue to receive scholarship support for as long as they remain eligible or have graduated.

Nursing Scholarships Offered for the Following Universities

Dokuz Eylül University
Atatürk University
Ege University
Hacettepe University
İstanbul University - Cerrahpaşa Florence Nightingale School of Nursing
Marmara University
Cumhuriyet University

Nursing Scholarships Offered for the Following Vocational High Schools for Health

Konya Selçuklu Atatürk Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School
Merzifon Şehit Dursun Özsaraç Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School

Scholarships for Teaching Assistants

Vehbi Koç Foundation teaching assistant scholarships are provided to support post-graduate scientific and scholarly research. Recipients are chosen from among candidates designated by Boğaziçi University and İstanbul Technical University scholarship committees.

Vehbi Koç Foundation Endowment School Scholarships

Students who attend middle schools built by Vehbi Koç Foundation and subsequently turned over to the Ministry of National Education and who graduate in the top third of their class are awarded scholarships contingent upon their continued enrollment in high school.

In the 2023-2024 academic year, financial support was provided to a total of 110 graduates of Endowment School to enable them to continue their high school education.

City	School
Ankara	Sincan Koç Primary School
Bolu	Bolu Koç Primary School
Bursa	İnegöl Vehbi Koç Primary School
Bursa	Nilüfer Koç Middle School
Bursa	Orhangazi Koç Primary School
Bursa	Yenişehir Koç Middle School
Diyarbakır	Bağlar Vehbi Koç Primary School
Diyarbakır	Kayapınar Vehbi Koç Primary School
Elazığ	Elazığ Koç Primary School
Eskişehir	İnönü Vehbi Koç Middle School
İstanbul	Beyazıt Ford Otosan Koç Elementary School
İstanbul	Beykoz Koç Middle School
İstanbul	Beylikdüzü Koç Middle School
Kocaeli	Gebze Koç Middle School
Kocaeli	İzmit Ford Otosan Middle School
Şanlıurfa	Şanlıurfa Koç Primary and Middle Schools
Şırnak	Silopi Koç Primary School
Van	Van Koç Primary School
Sivas	Kangal Koç Anatolian High School
İstanbul	Sarıyer Vehbi Koç Foundation Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School
Aksaray	Ağzıkarahan Vehbi Koç Primary School

Vehbi Koç Foundation Vocational Education Scholarships

A fund, established through donations from Koç Group companies, aims to improve vocational and technical education by providing scholarships to deserving and financially needy students in vocational high schools or universities. Scholarship recipients are chosen through interviews conducted by a committee comprising representatives from the Vehbi Koç Foundation, the sponsoring company, and the school.

Fiat Laboratories Scholarships / Offered for Schools (High School)

Ankara Güvercinlik Industrial Vocational High School
Bursa Automotive Industry Exporters' Association Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School
İstanbul Samandıra Technical and Industrial Vocational High School
İstanbul Şişli Technical and Industrial Vocational High School
İzmir Gaziemir Technical and Industrial Vocational High School

Yapı Kredi Bank Scholarships / Offered for Schools (High School)

Kocaeli Çayirova Yapı Kredi Bank Technical High School for Girls
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Ford Otosan Scholarships / Offered for Schools (High School)

Bursa Veysel Karani Vocational Technical Anatolian High School
Eskişehir İnönü Vocational Technical Anatolian High School
İstanbul Borsa İstanbul Başakşehir Vocational Technical Anatolian High School
İstanbul Küçükaly Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School
İstanbul Samandıra Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School
İzmir Konak - Şehit İdari Ataşe Çağlar Yücel Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School

SCHOLARSHIPS

Ditaş Women Sailors Scholarships (University)

Ditaş and the Vehbi Koç Foundation teamed up to create the Women Seafarers Success Scholarship Program, aiming to increase female participation in the merchant marine. 17 scholarships were awarded during the 2023-2024 academic year. Eligibility for a scholarship requires a ranking within the top 100,000 on the national university admissions exam and enrollment in a university-level Maritime Transport and Management Engineering or a Marine Engine Operation Engineering program.

School	Faculty	Department
İstanbul Technical University	Maritime Faculty	Maritime Transportation and Management Engineering & Marine Engineering
İstanbul University Cerrahpaşa	Faculty of Engineering	Maritime Transportation Management Engineering
Karadeniz Technical University	Faculty of Marine Sciences	Maritime Transportation and Management Engineering & Maritime Business Administration
Dokuz Eylül University	Maritime Faculty	Marine Transportation Engineering & Marine Engineering
Yıldız Technical University	Naval Architecture and Maritime Faculty	Marine Engineering

AKMED Scholarships

Within the scope of AKMED fellowships, which are awarded regularly every year in the fields of archaeology, history, art history and cultural heritage, 8 project support, 10 doctoral and 2 master's fellowships were awarded in 2024. Thus, the number of research projects supported by AKMED has reached 319, doctoral projects 191, and master's projects 211. In 2024, within the scope of the Library Research Accommodation Support Program, 13 graduate students and academics were given the opportunity to conduct research at the AKMED library.

ANAMED Scholarships

Koç University's Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED) provides support to researchers from both Turkey and abroad who are studying the history of Anatolia. The center offers doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships to an average of 25 researchers a year to support their academic work.

Koç University Scholarships

Koç University offers scholarships to current students who satisfy eligibility criteria so that they may pursue their further studies at an internationally-recognized institution of higher learning.

Koç School Scholarships

Koç School scholarships are awarded to qualified students enrolled at the school to allow them to continue pursuing their studies in Turkey while also gaining a global perspective.

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION EDUCATION PROJECTS

ACCESS TO 9,563 PEOPLE

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**"TEACHERS: PILLARS IN
LIFE'S RECONSTRUCTION!"**



**TEACHER SUPPORT
FOR HATAY HOPE CITY
SUMMER SCHOOL**



THE TEACHERS' NETWORK

The Teachers' Network was launched in 2016. Led by the Education Reform Initiative and supported by the Vehbi Koç Foundation, Aydın Doğan Foundation, We Live Together Social Research & Education Foundation (BAYETAV), Ekol Foundation, ENKA Foundation, Mehmet Zorlu Foundation, and Sabancı Foundation, the Teachers Network works to empower teachers both professionally and personally. It is a platform for teachers to connect, collaborate, and share with colleagues and experts from various fields.

In 2024, the Teachers Network, led by 877 Changemaker Teachers from across 64 cities, collaborated with over 400 partner organizations and individuals. Together, they reached 9,563 people through a series of 418 events, both online (257) and in-person (161). This year, the Teachers Network's Adhocratic Communities, a mechanism where teachers collaboratively create and share within small groups around specific themes, saw 25 such communities work on 46 different themes. These themes included

psychological solidarity, child participation, critical thinking, inclusion (such as for students who are seasonal agricultural workers), gender, mathematics teaching, and gamification.

In the aftermath of the 6 February 2023 Kahramanmaraş earthquakes, the Teachers Network prioritized empowering teachers and rebuilding quality education in all earthquake-affected areas. Forty-three teachers volunteered to take part in the "Teachers: Pillars in Life's Reconstruction!" project that was launched for this purpose. In the course of the project, these teachers reached 1,728 children and 71 parents or guardians in Adıyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş. The centerpiece of this project was a Post-Disaster Support Program aimed at easing post-disaster trauma, restoring a basic sense of safety, and enhancing stress-coping skills. All program material, guidance on how to use it, and issues that are in need of particular attention were subsequently published as a Post-Disaster Support Program handbook.



Vehbi Koç Foundation and Koç Volunteers joined forces to organize and conduct summer schools for children living in the Koç Group Adıyaman and Hatay Umut Kent container cities. During these sessions, which focused on the academic, social, and emotional development of primary, middle, and high school-aged children, Teachers Network Change Ambassadors and Koç School teachers and administrators also interacted with the youngsters.

One of the most pressing needs in earthquake-affected areas has been for safe spaces where teachers can gather and interact with one another. The Teacher Solidarity Hub, which was opened in Antakya on 6 January 2024 for this purpose, continues to address the particular needs of teachers living and working in the region.

The Teacher Empowerment Project to Prevent Child, Early, and Forced Marriages (CEFM) began in December 2022 with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). This project was launched to empower teachers and inform them about support mechanisms in recognition

of their crucial role in raising awareness about preventing CEFM. The project kicked off with a Creative Problem Solving Program that started with the question, "What can we do in schools to prevent CEFM?" The outcomes of this program were compiled into a publication titled "Prevention and Intervention Guide for Child, Early, and/or Forced Marriages: Practical Advice for Teachers". This publication is a guide created for educators seeking to empower themselves or planning to work on combating child marriage. The texts and activities included in the guide are intended for use not just by teachers but also by guidance counselors and psychological counselors.

The fourth in the series of Creative Self-Confidence Festivals was held on Teachers' Day 24 November 2024 at Zorlu PSM Sky Lounge in İstanbul. This festival draws its inspiration from the courage of teachers who come up with creative solutions for dealing with all the everyday problems they encounter. The theme of the 2024 Creative Self-Confidence Festival, which attracted more than 450 attendees, was #WhereDoesCreativityFitInThis? Its aim is to explore the intersection of education and creativity. The festival featured Prof. Türker Kılıç, Bager Akbay, Cansu Erkan, and Murat Menteş as speakers.

One of the key features that makes the Teachers Network a true network is the annual Change Ambassadors Summer Gathering. This event celebrates the collective work produced by Change Ambassador teachers, their colleagues, and stakeholders. It also serves as a planning session for the following year's initiatives. The 2024 summer gathering, the 8th in the series, was held at Koç School on July 17th-19th with the theme #LongLiveTeaching.

With over 24,000 members, the www.ogretmenagi.org website continues to expand its community of teachers and education stakeholders. It serves as a platform for collaboration and shares open-source, free resources to support teachers in developing innovative teaching and learning solutions.

"TEACHERS: PILLARS IN LIFE'S RECONSTRUCTION!"

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VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION EDUCATION PROJECTS

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORKS

In 2024, the foundation conducted maintenance, repair, and renovation works at the Silopi Koç Primary School, the Elazığ Koç Primary School, the Van Tuşba Koç Primary School, and the Kayapınar Vehbi Koç Primary School.

ENDOWMENT SCHOOLS

Endowment School Support Program

During 2024 Vehbi Koç Foundation continued to fund maintenance and repair operations at its twenty Endowment Schools in different parts of the country. As usual, this work focuses on undoing the effects of wear and tear over time and is usually initiated by requests from the schools themselves.

Due to budgetary constraints, it is not possible to carry out maintenance and renovation operations at all schools simultaneously. In 2024, the foundation decided to conduct maintenance, repair, and renovation works at the Silopi Koç Primary School, the Elazığ Koç Primary School, the Van Tuşba Koç Primary School, and the Kayapınar Vehbi Koç Primary School. Teams from the foundation's Projects & Investments Department conducted on-site inspections, prepared projects, and created cost estimates, all while considering schools' needs and foundation budget constraints. Project specifications were prepared and tendering processes were handled by contractors Ark İnşaat in May of the year.

All maintenance and repair projects and associated works and processes were completed between June and September before the beginning of the new academic year.

2024 ENDOWMENT SCHOOL MAINTENANCE & REPAIR OPERATIONS

Silopi Koç Primary School

Maintenance and repair works carried out in response to requests from the school and on-site assessments are summarized below:

- Plaster and paint maintenance and repairs were performed on interior and exterior facades.
- All wet areas were renovated and their capacities were increased through spatial rearrangements.
- Roof maintenance and repairs were completed.
- Classroom doors were replaced.
- The electrical system was overhauled, with all outlets and lighting fixtures replaced, electrical panels changed, and lightning rod and fire alarm/PA systems installed.
- The school's plumbing fixtures and fire safety cabinets were renovated, heating systems and air conditioners underwent maintenance and repairs, a chlorine dosing system was installed to sanitize the well water used at the school.
- Maintenance, repair, and landscaping work was carried out in the schoolyard.
- The Atatürk corner and the Vehbi Koç corner were renovated.

Elazığ Koç Primary School

Maintenance and repair works carried out in response to requests from the school and on-site assessments are summarized below:

- Plaster and paint maintenance and repairs were performed on interior and exterior facades.
- All wet areas were renovated.
- Roof maintenance and repairs were completed.
- Classroom doors were replaced.
- The electrical system was overhauled, with all outlets and lighting fixtures replaced, electrical panels changed, and lightning rod and fire alarm/PA systems installed.
- The school's plumbing, heating, and fire suppression systems were all renovated. Radiators, air conditioners, and all mechanical systems underwent maintenance and repairs. A chlorine dosing system was installed to sanitize the well water used at the school.

Van Tuşba Koç Primary School

This school is in a relatively better condition and state of repair than are the others. Maintenance and repair works carried out in line with both foundation teams' on-site assessments and budgetary constraints are summarized below:

- Plaster and paint maintenance and repairs were performed on interior and exterior facades.
- All wet areas were renovated and their capacities were increased through spatial rearrangements.
- Roof maintenance and repairs were completed.
- Classroom doors were replaced.
- The electrical system was overhauled, with all outlets and lighting fixtures replaced, electrical panels changed, and lightning rod and fire alarm/PA systems installed.
- The school's plumbing system, fire-safety cabinets, and boiler room were renovated. Maintenance and repair work was carried out on the heating and air-conditioning system.
- Maintenance and repair work was carried out in the schoolyard, the fountain was renovated, a ceremonial platform was built.
- The Atatürk bust in the schoolyard was renovated.

Diyarbakır Kayapınar Vehbi Koç Primary School

Although not originally included in the endowment schools' 2024 M&R budget, it was decided to carry out various works at this school in line with requests from its administrators.

- Wet areas were renovated, their capacities were increased through spatial rearrangements, a school-designated classroom was converted to a wet area.
- The school's central courtyard was surfaced with rubber matting. Appropriate playground equipment was also purchased and installed, making this area suitable for use by disabled pupils.

VEHBİ KOÇ FOUNDATION EDUCATION PROJECTS

BOOK SETS FOR 4,021 SCHOOLS

As part of the Anadolu is Reading project, launched in 2011, the number of schools receiving book sets had increased to 4,021 by the end of 2024.

OTHER SUPPORTED EDUCATION PROJECTS

2024 BAGEP Awards

The Young Scientist Awards Program (BAGEP), started in 2013 by the Science Academy Society of Turkey, was recently awarded for the 12th time. This program aims to recognize, support, and showcase exceptional young scholars while also providing them with the opportunity to stay informed about their peers' work. With 42 young scientists receiving the award in 2022, the total number of BAGEP awards granted so far has reached 475. BAGEP Awards are granted without any public funding and are sustained solely by the support of donors. The Vehbi Koç Foundation has been supporting the BAGEP Awards Program since 2013.

Anatolia is Reading

The Vehbi Koç Foundation has been donating sets of books, selected from among prominent Turkish and world literary works, as well as titles by VKV Publications appropriate for young readers, to the libraries of all the elementary, middle, and high schools in a chosen city each year. The program was begun in 2011 in reply to the great demand for books from numerous schools across Turkey.

To date, book sets have been sent to schools in Hakkari, Van, Şırnak, Ağrı, Muş, Bitlis, Siirt, Batman, Iğdır, Şanlıurfa and Hatay. In 2024, sets of 30 books were delivered to all high schools (160) and middle schools (420) in Kahramanmaraş province. This brings the total number of schools that have received book sets to 4,042.

For detailed information about all awards given so far:
<https://bilimakademisi.org/bagep-odul-sahipleri/>



TEGV EVENT SUPPORT

Vehbi Koç Foundation continues to support the Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV), a charitable organization whose guiding principle is that if even one child changes for the better, the whole country benefits. TEGV supports quality education for primary school age children at touchpoints all over the country. Dedicated to raising progressively-minded youngsters who embrace Republican ideals and values, the foundation is gearing up to celebrate its 30th year in 2025.

Since its inception in 1995 as an initiative of Suna Kırış, who sincerely believed that everything begins with good education, TEGV has deployed its sustainable resources, an array of effective programs that deliver tangible benefits, and more than a hundred thousand volunteers to provide more than three million children with access to quality education and hope for a better future. TEGV aims to nurture individuals who are environmentally conscientious, who are conversant with science and technology, and who are equipped with advanced social and emotional skills. The foundation supports children through long and short-term, remote and in-person programs and projects in such areas as EFL, STEM, Informatics and Coding, Reading, Art, and Social & Emotional Learning. TEGV organizes workshops on socially-transformative issues like children's rights, social gender equality, and peace. Through its TEGV Academy digital platform, the foundation provides free training resources to children, parents, teachers, and volunteers.



TEGV activities and events in 2024 were attended by:

- 4,499 children supported by 545 volunteers at the Semahat Dr. Nûsret Arsel Education Park in Ankara
- 3,391 children supported by 693 volunteers at the Suna-Inan Kırış Education Park in Antalya
- 3,400 children supported by 275 volunteers at the Sevgi-Erdoğan Gönül Education Park in Şanlıurfa
- 1,757 children supported by 85 volunteers at the İpek Kırış Learning Unit in İstanbul.

Hope City Vehbi Koç Foundation TEGV Container Learning Units

With Vehbi Koç Foundation's support, TEGV opened Vehbi Koç Foundation TEGV Container Learning Units at the Umut Kent container cities set up in Adıyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş in the immediate aftermath of the disastrous 6 February 2023 earthquakes in southeastern Turkey. Already well experienced in post-disaster recovery and relief operations itself, TEGV had immediately set to work in stricken areas and thus further expanded its presence through these units. Each learning unit has 105 m² of enclosed space consisting of five standard shipping containers laid out with one Dreams Workshop, one Activity Room/Library, a break room for volunteers, an office, and 70 m² or 100 m² of landscaped grounds. All learning units became operational in 2023.

During 2024, approximately 70,000 hours of activities conducted in these learning units were attended by:

- 307 children supported by 70 volunteers in Adıyaman
- 280 children supported by 36 volunteers in Hatay
- 732 children supported by 44 volunteers in Kahramanmaraş.

Vehbi Koç Foundation TEGV Container Learning Units will continue to give Adıyaman, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş Hope City children access to quality education in 2025.

OVER 3 MILLION CHILDREN REACHED

Established in 1995, TEGV has reached over 3 million children since then, offering free, quality educational support with the help of more than 100,000 volunteers.

<https://tegv.org/>



VEHBİ KOÇ FOUNDATION EDUCATION PROJECTS

JOINT KODA AND VEHBİ KOÇ FOUNDATION MENTORING SUMMER CAMP

MENTORING SUMMER CAMP

The Post-Disaster Rural Education Support Program (ASKDEP) launched by the Village Schools Change Network (KODA) is especially intended to support the professional and personal development of teachers in rural schools. One of its core components is the Basic Education Mentoring Summer Camp, inaugurated with Vehbi Koç Foundation support in 2024.

The Post-Disaster Rural Education Support Program (ASKDEP) launched by the Village Schools Change Network (KODA) following the devastating Kahramanmaraş earthquakes is a comprehensive initiative aimed at improving education in earthquake-affected areas. This program is especially intended to support the professional and personal development of teachers in rural schools. One of its core components is the Basic Education Mentoring Summer Camp, inaugurated with Vehbi Koç Foundation support in 2024.

Held in Ankara from August 19th to 22nd, this camp formed the program's initial step, aiming to introduce participating teachers to KODA and to foster a sense of community belonging. Fifty-six early-career classroom teachers working in eleven of Turkey's earthquake-affected provinces took part in the camp. Going forward, the intention is that these teachers will continue to receive mentoring support focused on enhancing their social-emotional learning skills.

The summer camp program is equipped with a rich array of resources designed to increase these teachers' personal and professional abilities. Training sessions cover important topics such as rural education pedagogy, inclusive education, behavior management, social-emotional learning, nonviolent communication, and creative drama. Particular attention is given to equipping teachers with methods that will make them more effective in classroom settings.

The teachers attending the four-day 2024 summer camp demonstrated exceptional engagement and enthusiasm. They showed particular interest in social-emotional learning and non-violent communication and said that they were extremely eager to put these skills to work in their own classrooms. Post-camp, the teachers will continue to benefit from online resources such as group chats and training sessions.

One important outcome of this Vehbi Koç Foundation financially-supported KODA project has been the creation of a viable model for the sustainable improvement of rural education processes. It also represents a meaningful step towards empowering teachers working in disaster-stricken areas.

GELECEK HAYALİM PROJECT TO EMPOWER WOMEN IN STEM DISCIPLINES

Vehbi Koç Foundation's career-aspirational Gelecek Hayalim project aims to support the presence of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through the promotion of social gender equality. Under this project, university students, recent graduates, working women, and women who have put their careers on hold receive STEM training, mentoring, and job-placement support. Besides increasing women's presence and advancing their careers in STEM disciplines, this project also aims to close the digital divide.

During 2024, the Gelecek Hayalim project reached a total of 25,814 people through the conduct of its awareness-building, personal leadership training, professional development, and mentoring activities. The project aims to help empower a hundred thousand women in STEM disciplines before the end of 2026. The Gelecek Hayalim project was conceived and is being conducted by the Mikado consultancy with the support of Vehbi Koç Foundation. Other project partners include KAGİDER, Kodluyoruz, Microfon, Sisterslab, and Teknolojide Kadın Derneği.

The underrepresentation of women and the gender inequality they encounter in STEM fields served as the driving force behind the decision to launch this project. A variety of training resources, mentoring programs, and awareness-building activities are conducted to equip women with technical knowledge and skills that can be used in the pursuit of careers.

Thousands of women have so far been reached through the Gelecek Hayalim project's awareness-building activities and personal and professional development programs. Technical training and mentoring programs have enhanced their knowledge and skills and contributed significantly to their career progression. The project also undertakes generalized awareness-building efforts focusing on social gender equality issues and the presence of women in technology within business circles and throughout the public at large. Responses to these efforts indicate that substantial progress is being achieved towards making the project's goals a reality. By going beyond offering solutions for the problem of women's underrepresentation in STEM disciplines, the Gelecek Hayalim project creates a viable model for promoting social equality and supporting sustainable development.

GELECEK HAYALİM PROJECT

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KOÇ UNIVERSITY



KOÇ UNIVERSITY IN NUMBERS

OVER 9,000 STUDENTS



1 SUPPORT CENTER (EÇADEM)



627 FACULTY MEMBERS



22 UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS



OVER 21,000 ALUMNI



44 MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS



7 COLLEGES



30 PHD PROGRAMS



4 GRADUATE SCHOOLS



OVER 225 RESEARCH LABORATORIES



26 RESEARCH CENTERS



5 RESEARCH FORUMS



EXCHANGE PROGRAM AGREEMENTS WITH OVER 300 UNIVERSITIES



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KOÇ UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE

Established in 1993 in İstanbul, Koç University is a nonprofit foundation university with a mission to become a center of excellence, bringing highly talented young people together with competent faculty to contribute to science on a universal scale. Koç University graduates are equipped with impeccable moral values and are socially responsible individuals dedicated to protecting the values of democracy. The University contributes to the advancement of science in Turkey and the world through 22 undergraduate, 44 master's, and 30 doctoral programs delivered by its College of Social Sciences and Humanities, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, College of Sciences, College of Engineering, Law School, School of Medicine, and School of Nursing.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY

KU CARES

A group of 215 Koç University students, graduates, academicians, and staff members took part in KU Cares Koç University Volunteerism Day activities.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY IN 2024 MAIN ACTIVITIES



EMBO SELF-LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

On 24-26 April 2024 Prof. Elif Nur Fırat Karalar collaborated with the Koç University Office of Social Gender Equality in the conduct of an EMBO Self-Leadership Workshop for Female Scientists. Under the guidance of distinguished instructors Stephanie Ruder Schoof and Melissa Davies, participants in the two-day workshop explored the subjects of self-awareness, trust, and effectiveness in depth. This workshop provided female scientists with invaluable insights and methods to develop their leadership skills and confidently address professional challenges.



INTERNATIONAL STAFF WEEK: INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE

The week of 13-17 May 2024 at Koç University was given over to a celebration of internationalization. To mark the occasion, the International Programs Office, Koç University Suna Kıraç Library, and the Office of Social Gender Equality each organized an International Staff Week program of its own.

Twenty-nine international representatives, academicians, and administrative personnel from 22 institutions across 19 countries attended the 7th International Staff Week observances organized by the International Programs Office.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS PLAYS HOST TO AYŞEGÜL İLDENİZ

On Thursday 19 December 2024, Koç University Graduate School of Business hosted Ayşe İldeniz, a Silicon Valley researcher and authority known for her work in artificial intelligence, in a special event organized for the school's graduates at Koç Pera. Serving as moderator during the presentation was Prof. Hakan Ürey, Koç University Assistant Rector for Research and Innovation.



INTERNATIONAL STAFF WEEK: OFFICE OF SOCIAL GENDER EQUALITY

The theme of the International Staff Week observances organized by the Office of Social Gender Equality was "Innovation Approaches". During the event, eight distinguished speakers from Koç University explored innovative, creative, and advanced approaches for dealing with academic inequalities.

The observances were further enhanced with insightful sessions and workshops organized by leading Koç University academicians and staff members and by cultural activities and networking opportunities that made participants' experience even more productive and enjoyable.



KU CARES

18 May 2024 marked the inaugural observance of Koç University Volunteerism Day, an occasion given over to promoting a culture of volunteerism by building awareness of addressing social and global needs consistent with KU's social-service mission. A group of 215 Koç University students, graduates, academicians, and staff members took part in KU Cares Koç University Volunteerism Day activities. Staged in Hatay, İstanbul, and İzmir, the

event provided participants with opportunities to serve as volunteers in projects ranging from cleanup walks to educational workshops. Fourteen NGOs also joined the observances: AÇEV, Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Derneği, Çöpüne Sahip Çık Vakfı, EÇADEM, Geleceğe Adımlar Derneği, İZEV, KAHEV, Kanser Savaşçıları Derneği, Kurtaran Ev Derneği, SemtPati Vakfı, TEGV, Sokak Lambası, TOÇEV, and TURMEPA.

<https://dayofservice.ku.edu.tr/>



KOÇ UNIVERSITY

KOÇ UNIVERSITY IN 2024 | MAIN ACTIVITIES I

1,488
GRADUATES

At Koç University's
30th graduation
ceremony, 1,488
students were
awarded their
diplomas.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY GRADUATES ITS 30TH COHORT

On Saturday 29 June 2024, 1,488 undergraduate and graduate Koç University students received their diplomas at a ceremony held at the school's Rumelifeneri campus. The proceedings were attended by Koç University Board of Trustees Honorary Chair Rahmi M. Koç, Board of Trustees Honorary Chair Prof. Nur Yalman, Prof. Metin Sitti, Board of Trustees and Advisory Board members and academicians along with the graduates and members of their families.

Guest speaker at the ceremony was Alexis Tsipras, who served as prime minister of Greece and leader of the SYRIZA Party between 2015 and 2019 and is a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and Chairman of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe's Western Balkans Committee. The year's top honors were shared by Kerem Başol (Department of Mathematics), Mete Erdoğan (Electrical & Electronics Engineering Department and Computer Engineering Department), and Lila Naz Güneş (Department of Psychology).



2024 KOÇ UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE OPEN-HOUSE DAYS

Koç University Open-House Days are regularly held both online and offline every year in fall, spring, and summer. In 2024, an Open-House Day event was also organized between July 16th and August 2nd at the school's Rumelifeneri Campus after the release of the year's national university entrance examination results. Over the course of nearly three weeks, the campus welcomed some 4,500 prospective students and their families while Open-House Team members responded to more than 1,600 queries.

The Rumelifeneri Campus has been accessible by appointment for visits by school groups from all over Turkey since April 2022. Fall and spring-semester tours should be booked well in advance through KU's tour signup page at adaylar.ku.tr. Appointments will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to school calendar availability. In 2024, a total of 32,697 people from 404 schools located across the country visited and toured the Koç University Rumelifeneri Campus.



PROF. DARON ACEMOĞLU SHARES 2024 NOBEL MEMORIAL PRIZE IN ECONOMIC SCIENCES

Prof. Daron Acemoğlu, who received the Koç University Rahmi M. Koç Medal of Science in 2017, shared the 2024 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences with Simon Johnson and James Robinson for their “studies of how institutions are formed and affect prosperity.” The trio accepted their medals honoring their influential work on the causal relationship between inclusive/extractive institutions and national wealth/poverty at a ceremony that was held in Stockholm.

Prof. Acemoğlu received the 2017 Koç University Rahmi M. Koç Medal of Science for his “pioneering contributions to macroeconomic growth and development, labor economics, and political economy.” He is especially known for his research on the role of political institutions in shaping economic development, particularly in developing countries.



MEGA FIRMS AS ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND GEOPOLITICAL ACTORS IN EMERGING MULTIPOLARITY

Joining forces with Yapı Kredi Bank, Koç University College of Administrative Sciences and Economics (CASE) and Graduate School of Business (GSB) together hosted a Strategic Management Society İstanbul Conference extension titled “Mega Firms as Economic, Social, and Geopolitical Actors in Emerging Multipolarity” on 17 October 2024. The event was attended by prominent sectoral academicians and professionals.

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KOÇ UNIVERSITY IN 2024 | MAIN ACTIVITIES I

ZONE
COMMUNICATION
CAMPAIGN IS CASE
AWARD RECIPIENT

Koç University's
Zone
Communication
Campaign,
an integral
component of the
school's KUGEP
Gender Equality
Plan, was cited as
Best in Europe in
"Environmental
Graphics"
category by
the Council for
Advancement
and Support of
Education (CASE).



HOMECOMING 2024

Koç University's 2024 alumni homecoming day was held on Sunday October 20th at the school's Rumelifeneri Campus. Koç University alumni and their families spent an enjoyable day in their 'second home,' catching up with old friends from their student days and with their former teachers and mentors. A vibrant, festival-like program filled the day, featuring street food, complimentaries, concerts, a DJ performance, dance shows, alumni booths, children's workshops, games, sponsored activities, and the 2024 Time Capsule. As is customary every year, the event included the eagerly anticipated "Time Capsule" ceremony. The Class of 2024, as the newest alumni, placed items significant to their university journeys in the 2024 Time Capsule.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY 2024 SCIENCE FESTIVAL

On 23 October 2024, the Rumelifeneri Campus hosted the 2024 edition of the Koç University Science Festival, an annual event organized by the KU Communication Office, colleges, and student clubs. Highlighting the always exciting and entertaining aspects of science, the event included tours of the university's Engineering and Humanities & Social Sciences' laboratories and facilities conducted by research assistants, fascinating experiments designed by Faculty of Sciences instructors, problem-solving challenges, and a KU Orchestra concert of a selection of music from science-fiction movies. An exhibition of photographs in the courtyard of the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences showcased the results of some of the scientific and scholarly research being conducted at Koç University. Science-themed seminars held by members of different faculties as well as creative and innovative presentations by student clubs attracted, enlightened and inspired visitors at the fair.



A NEW FUTURE: REFLECTIONS OF THE EARLY REPUBLICAN PERIOD THROUGH PENS AND LENSES

Koç University College of Social Sciences and Humanities' "A New Future: Reflections of the Early Republican Period through Pens and Lenses" exhibition opened on the KU campus on October 23rd. The show provided visitors with opportunities to explore how the early Republic of Turkey envisioned a future of progress and transformation. Focusing on key issues such as education, urbanization, and the arts through an array of contemporary cartoons and other visual materials now held in the Koç University Suna Kiraç Library archives, the exhibition showcased the newborn republic's aspirations between 1923 and 1938.

ZONE

Zone is a communication campaign that aims to raise awareness about gender-based violence around the Koç University campus. Zone aims to inform everyone on campus—not just students but also university staff and instructors—about how gender-based violence manifests itself in daily life, how to cope with such situations, whom to approach about it, and how to get help.

Zone is an integral component of the Koç University Gender Equality Plan (KUGEP). As a campaign, it is informed by a recognition of the pressing need to identify shortcomings in gender-based violence and sexual harassment awareness within the campus community and to deal with them urgently. The campaign's name "Zone" references a zone of safety and comfort, a personal space that is compatible with one's individual needs, feelings, and boundaries. The aims of Zone are to empower all members of the campus community as individuals who define their own "zones", to ensure that these zones are respected by others, and to provide guidance on how to protect oneself from gender-based violence.

Zone is being conducted jointly by the Office of the Dean of Students, the Office of Social Gender Equality, and the Communication Office. Its primary goal is to create and build campus-community awareness about gender-based violence and sexual harassment, particularly among students.



Koç University's Zone Communication Campaign was honored as Best in the Europe in the "Environmental Graphics" category by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

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KUES

Koç University-
Esas Center
for Alternative
Investments
(KUES) is Turkey's
first alternative
investments
research center.



KURAGEOUS: TALKS WITH ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERS

The first in the series of "KURageous: Talks with Entrepreneurial Leaders" events took place on 4 November 2024 and was moderated by Koç University Assistant Rector for Research & Innovation Prof. Hakan Ürey. The guest speaker at the inaugural seminar, conducted in Koç University Founders Hall, was Hakan Aran, the CEO of Türkiye İş Bankası, who talked about major global trends in technology and entrepreneurial ecosystems.

The second event took place on November 13th and featured Esas Holding Chair Ali Sabancı, who delivered an inspiring presentation about his career in business as well as about his entrepreneurship vision.

The third event of the "KURageous: Talks with Entrepreneurial Leaders" series featured Rina Onur Şirinoğlu, co-founder and CEO of Spyke Games, who is also a co-founder of Turkey's first unicorn startup, Peak Games. Again moderated by Prof. Hakan Ürey, the inspiring talk explored Rina Onur Şirinoğlu's entrepreneurial vision of the internet ecosystem and of the mobile gaming sector.

KUES: A KOÇ UNIVERSITY AND ESAS HOLDING JOINT VENTURE AND TURKEY'S FIRST ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS CENTER

Koç University-Esas Center for Alternative Investments (KUES) is Turkey's first alternative investments research center. A ceremony marking the center's opening at the Koç University Rumelifeneri Campus on November 25th was attended by Koç Holding Deputy Chair Ali Y. Koç, Esas Holding Chair Ali Sabancı, Koç University Rector Prof. Metin Sitti, Esas Holding CEO Çağatay Özdoğan, and the new center's head Assoc. Prof. Uğur Çelikyurt, as well as by business world representatives and KU teaching staff.

Set up to explore issues related to alternative investments for inclusion in Koç University Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences BA, MA, and PhD programs, KUES's mission is to increase alternative-investment awareness in Turkey, to encourage scientific research, to conduct academic programs that develop high-quality human resources in this field, and to be a global reference on the subject of alternative investments.

2024 RAHİMİ M. KOÇ MEDAL OF SCIENCE GOES TO PROF. METE ATATÜRE

The ninth Rahmi M. Koç Medal of Science was awarded to Prof. Mete Atatüre in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the field of quantum optics and quantum technologies.

Details about the award may be found on page 54 of this report.

AWARD-WINNING FACULTY MEMBERS

YÖK RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES PERFORMANCE MONITORING INDEX BEST UNIVERSITY

Koç University

TÜBİTAK SCIENCE AWARDS

Prof. Özgür Esat Müstecaplıoğlu

Prof. Nazlı Baydar

Prof. Devrim Gözüaçık

2023 TÜBİTAK INCENTIVE AWARDS

Assoc. Prof. Savaş Taşoğlu

Asst. Prof. Serkan Kır

SCIENCE ACADEMY'S YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARDS (BAGEP)

Faculty Member Dr. Erhun Özkan

Faculty Member Dr. Buse Cevatemre Yıldırım

Faculty Member Dr. Işıl Aral

Faculty Member Dr. Serkan Kır

Faculty Member Dr. Erkan Şenses

Faculty Member Dr. Umut Varolgüneş

Faculty Member Dr. Sevcan Yeşiltaş

Faculty Member Dr. Livio Nicola Carenza

L'ORÉAL-UNESCO FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE PROGRAM AWARD

Faculty Member Dr. Ece Öztürk

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY (ACS) INDUSTRIAL & ENGINEERING CHEMISTRY RESEARCH EXCELLENCE IN REVIEW AWARD

Prof. Seda Keskin

OPTICA FOUNDATION'S CHALLENGE

Asst. Prof. Uğur Teğın

EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ERC)

PROOF OF CONCEPT GRANT

Asst. Prof. Levent Beker

TURKISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (TÜBA) MEMBERSHIP

Prof. Şener Aktürk

Assoc. Prof. Ertuğrul Başar

SCIENCE ACADEMY MEMBERSHIP

Prof. Seda Keskin Avcı

Prof. Çağatay Başdoğan

Prof. Fikri Karaesmen

THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING (NAE) MEMBERSHIP

Prof. Metin Sitti

GEORG FORSTER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Asst. Prof. Ceyhan Arslan

EUROPEAN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY ORGANIZATION (EMBO) MEMBERSHIP

Assoc. Prof. Elif Nur Fırat Karalar

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSING (AAN) MEMBERSHIP

Prof. Ayişe Karadağ

FERNAND BRAUDEL SENIOR FELLOW

Prof. Bertil Emrah Oder

ACADEMIA EUROPAEA MEMBERSHIP

Prof. Aylin Küntay

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF SLEEP MEDICINE FELLOW MEMBERSHIP

Prof. Yüksel Peker

EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP ON METROLOGY

Assoc. Prof. Mehmet Cengiz Onbaşlı

HORIZON-WIDERA-ACCESS-07 EXCELLENCE HUBS

Koç University KARMA Lab.

MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS (MSCA) DOCTORAL NETWORK

Migration Research Center at Koç University
(MiReKoc)

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"FOR
CONTRIBUTIONS
WHICH HAVE
DEEPEDED OUR
UNDERSTANDING
OF THE
FUNDAMENTAL
PRINCIPLES
OF QUANTUM
SYSTEMS"

2024 Rahmi M. Koç
Medal of Science
Prof. Mete Atatüre
award citation

RAHMI M. KOÇ MEDAL OF SCIENCE

ABOUT RAHMI M. KOÇ MEDAL OF SCIENCE

The Koç University Rahmi M. Koç Medal of Science was launched in 2016 to celebrate exceptional Turkish scientists under the age of 50 who have achieved international recognition for their research. The medal is intended to be a source of inspiration for future generations of scientists and to promote scientific excellence in Turkey.

The Koç University Rahmi M. Koç Medal of Science Selection Committee comprised of experts from diverse disciplines draws up a shortlist of each year's potential recipients. Since 2016, the medal has been awarded in rotation to those involved in Science, Engineering, and Medicine and to those involved in the fields of Administrative Science, Sociology, the Humanities, and Law.



2024 RAHMI M. KOÇ MEDAL OF SCIENCE

The ninth Rahmi M. Koç Medal of Science was awarded to Prof. Mete Atatüre. Prof. Atatüre received the 2024 medal in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the fields of quantum optics and quantum technologies, which have deepened our understanding of the fundamental principles of quantum systems. His work not only holds many practical applications, such as greatly improved data security and privacy, but also has the potential to lead to transformational changes in critical areas like healthcare and energy.





KOÇ ÜNİVERSİTESİ
RAHMİ M. KOÇ
BİLİM MADALYASI

RECIPIENTS OF THE KOÇ UNIVERSITY RAHMİ M. KOÇ MEDAL OF SCIENCE

- 2024 - Prof. Mete Atatüre
(Physics)
- 2023 - Prof. Ayşe Zarakol
(International Relations)
- 2022 - Prof. Bilge Yıldız
(Nuclear Science and Engineering, Materials Sciences and Engineering)
- 2021 - Prof. Ali Hortaçsu
(Economy)
- 2020 - Prof. Hatice Altuğ
(Bioengineering)
- 2019 - Prof. Filiz Garip
(Sociology)
- 2018 - Prof. Metin Sitti
(Mechanical Engineering)
- 2017 - Prof. Daron Acemoğlu
(Economy)
- 2016 - Prof. Aydoğın Özcan
(Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Bioengineering)

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KOÇ UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS

UP 230%

KUP experienced unprecedented growth in 2024, more than doubling its previous record-setting 2023 sales, up 230% on a TL basis.



During 2024, operations at Koç University Press (KUP) focused on three main areas: adding new books to the catalogue, effective marketing and sales, and reorganizing the publishing house.

Last year, KUP deepened its existing relations with some of the world's leading university and academic publishing houses, resulting in the addition of 69 new titles to the KUP rights portfolio. These books are currently undergoing translation. Of those, two were published in 2024, quickly sold out, and necessitated second printings. KUP will be expanding its collaborations with Oxford UP, Cambridge UP, and other prominent university publishing houses again in 2025.

Although it is primarily an academic press, KUP also gives great importance to publishing quality books for children, focusing especially on books that speak to and expand young readers' emotional, imaginative, and intellectual worlds from an early age on. Priority is also given to captivatingly entertaining books that make their readers curious about and receptive to basic

scientific principles and better prepared for school life. When selecting titles, the utmost attention is given to those that aim to help children discover their individual creativity and guide them through the world of reason and science. To achieve these objectives, KUP has entered into agreements with some of the world's most respected and biggest publishing houses.

Including reprintings, a total of 132 books were published in 2024: 42 for adults and 90 for children. Among them, the year's star performer was *Batı'dan Önce*, a Turkish translation of Cambridge University Press's *Before the West: The Rise and Fall of Eastern World Orders* (2022) by Prof. Ayşe Zarakol, a Rahmi M. Koç Medal of Science winner. *Batı'dan Önce* went through two printings in just its first two months.

KUP experienced unprecedented growth in 2024, significantly surpassing its previous record-setting year of 2023 in both revenue (up 230% on a TL basis) and the absolute number of books sold (up 180%).



THE YEAR'S STAR PERFORMER: TWO PRINTINGS IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS.

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A serious issue KUP has contended with since its inception is the difficulty potential readers face in gaining access to its publications. This was largely due to the house's inadequate presence in distribution and sales channels, a challenge pervasive across the entire publishing industry. Last year's formation of a dedicated KUP Marketing & Sales Unit should go a long way towards resolving this issue. This unit immediately set about entering into agreements with major bookstore chains and websites, as well as with strong players in traditional distribution channels. We believe we will see the benefits of this new approach in 2025 as readers and buyers find it increasingly easier to gain access to our books.

KUP is also exploring other ways to boost sales. Its marketing-oriented Instagram social media account immediately attracted attention, with the number of followers more than doubling from around 5,000 to over 11,000. KUP is aiming to increase this to at least 25,000 in 2025.

KUP attended the TÜYAP İstanbul Book Fair for the second time last year. Its stand and its books attracted considerable attention among visitors, among them Koç University alumni who had their pictures taken. The stand sold twice as many books in 2024 as it did in 2023. KUP also entered into an agreement with a book distributor and attended the Kocaeli Book Fair for the first time last year. These developments have laid a promising foundation for KUP's sales and marketing in the years ahead.

New personnel were taken on last year to address the greater HR needs brought on by setting up a dedicated marketing and sales unit and by reorganizing some operations. More proactive marketing and sales resulted in new sales and distribution channel access and agreements. These efforts translated almost at once into record-breaking sales.

KUP's reorganization is still a work in progress. In 2025, a separate graphics department will be set up and new additions will be made to both the editorial staff and the sales staff.

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INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE



CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAM AT K-5 LEVEL



KOÇ SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

The Koç School was initially founded as a high school by the Vehbi Koç Foundation in 1988. In 1998, it added an elementary school within the framework of the eight-year education program made compulsory by the Turkish Ministry of Education (MEB). Within only a few years, The Koç School became one of the most prominent schools in Turkey. With the introduction of the so-called “4+4+4 system” announced by the MEB in 2012, it continues to provide education as a K12 school composed of primary, middle, and high schools. The Koç School’s academic team is composed of local and international teachers, and its bilingual educational programs enhance its global perspective and culture. From kindergarten to Grade 12, The Koç School aims to enhance the intellectual and personal qualities of its students, raising global citizens who are self-confident, ethical, and responsible and who

have leadership qualities. The Koç School is an Accredited International Baccalaureate World School, as well as a member of the Educational Collaborative for International Schools (ECIS) and the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), USA. As of the 2023-2024 academic year, the Cambridge International Program has started to be implemented at the K-5 level. The program, which has been prepared in accordance with the identified themes, aims to help students learn the concepts of communication, research, analysis, evaluation, reflection and cooperation. Furthermore, our school has been following the Eco-Schools Program. The program, which is implemented to teach environmental awareness, environmental management and sustainable development in preschool, primary and middle schools, aims to familiarize our students with environmental issues through its participatory approach.

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PRESENTATION

VEHİ KOÇ FOUNDATION
AT A GLANCE

VEHİ KOÇ AWARD

VEHİ KOÇ FOUNDATION
EARTHQUAKE PROJECTS

EDUCATION

HEALTHCARE

CULTURE

CIVIL SOCIETY PARTNERSHIPS



2,300 STUDENTS



Primary School	515
Middle School	755
High School	1,030
Total Number of Students	2,300

355 TEACHERS



Local	308
International	47
Total Number of Teachers	355

156 ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES



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KOÇ SCHOLAR'S ACADEMY: IN PURSUIT OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Launched in 2012, Koç Scholar's Academy is an academic program conducted in partnership with prestigious international organizations like World Scholar's Cup (WSC). Its aims include developing Koç School middle and high school students' EFL competencies along with their written composition, teamwork, and research and debating skills, while also expanding students' global horizons. The program seeks to provide participants with in-depth knowledge across a broad range of subjects from science and technology to the social sciences, history, art, music, literature, and media so that they can successfully confront even the toughest challengers in global academic competitions. Further strengthening Koç Scholar's Academy interdisciplinary approach is an extremely experienced team of KU administrators and instructors who serve

as students' leaders and guides. During the process, the students also interact with other academicians, coaches, and mentors who share the same passion for learning as they do and with whom they establish close friendships.

Koç Scholar's Academy is the story of an adventure that begins in Turkey and culminates at the WSC Tournament of Champions in the United States. In keeping with the academy's "Once a scientist, always a scientist" mindset, many of its members are KU alumni who went on to pursue their studies as some of the world's top universities. Koç Scholar's Academy has become a hallmark of the kind of success that can only be achieved through solidarity and mutually embraced goals. Every year since the academy opened its doors, Koç Scholar's Academy teams of have successfully made it through the WSC Regional and Global Rounds and attended the Tournament of Champions at Yale University. Koç School middle and high school students have consistently made it to

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the top 100 challengers from among thousands of peers attending hundreds of schools from 40 to 75 countries every year.

In 2024, 107 Koç School students accompanied by 10 coaches successfully made it through the Regional Rounds in Eskişehir and Bucharest. They then went head-to-head against 1,700 students from different nations and cultures at the WSC Global Tournament in Stockholm. Their outstanding performance as academic ambassadors of both Koç School and Turkey, earned them silver and gold.

These successes also earned our young scholars the right to compete in the World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions, hosted by Yale University in New Haven CT from November 10th to 21st. Demonstrating their critical thinking and debating skills and their collaborative problem-solving abilities, the Koç Scholar's Academy team once again

individually and collectively represented their school and country with success in one of the world's toughest academic challenges, all in the presence of some of the world's foremost academicians serving as judges.

Our team of 71 Koç School students and 7 Koç Scholar's Academy coaches successfully represented our school and country in New Haven CT, going head-to-head against 2,700 regional winners from 50 countries in a globally prestigious academic event.

Displaying the utmost dedication and commitment on their journey to Yale University, our young scholars also gained a life-transforming experience by taking part in a challenging yet rewarding celebration of learning, debate, and collaboration. Thanks to their exceptional efforts, they proudly returned home with silver and gold attesting to their superior performance.



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

- Debate Champions: 13 gold medals / 19 silver medals
- Team Bowl: 6 gold medals / 11 silver medals
- Writing Champions: 14 gold medals / 15 silver medals
- Individual Challenge: 4 gold medals / 4 silver medals
- Challenge Medals: 10 silver medals / 16 gold medals
- Asimov Award: 1 silver medal / 4 gold medals
- Team Debate: 5 silver medals / 7 gold medals
- Cria Scholars: 4 gold medals / 4 silver medals
- Team Writing: 7 silver medals / 6 gold medals
- Champion Scholars: 4 silver medals
- Region Top Teams - Top Europe Teams: Silver Medal in Europe
- Team Countdown: Silver Medal



KOÇ HIGH SCHOOL 2024 GRADUATION CEREMONY

Held on 26 June 2024 on the school campus, Koç High School's 2024 graduation ceremony was celebrated with great enthusiasm and pride. A total of 240 students who had successfully completed their studies received their diplomas. Koç Holding was represented at the event by Honorary Chair Rahmi M. Koç, Chair Ömer M. Koç, Deputy Chair Ali Y. Koç, and boardmembers Semahat S. Arsel and İpek Kırış. Vehbi Koç

Foundation was represented by General Manager Oğuz Toprakoğlu.

Guest speaker at the year's ceremony was İlber Ortaylı, a respected historian, academician, and author. His advice to the new graduates filtered through many decades of life experience also captivated his audience of 1,300 guests.

The event concluded with a Class of 2024 orchestra performance and Koç School's traditional graduation ceremony cake cutting.

2024 GRADUATES

In 2024, once again making Koç School proud, 240 high school graduates received a total of 1,321 acceptances from 251 universities in 15 countries. 188 of the graduates, who received a total of USD 2,170,000 in annual scholarships from universities abroad, decided to continue their education in 11 different countries. Among the graduates who took the Higher Education Institutions Exam (YKS), 101 students who were admitted to select universities in Turkey received a total scholarship of 7,509,979 TL per year.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

According to the results of the High School Entrance Exam (LGS), student enrollments to Koç High School were completed in the 0.47% to 0.57% percentile range for the 2024-2025 academic year.



2024 LIVE@KOÇ

As is customary for this annual Koç Middle School event, Live@Koç took place on Sunday, 19 January 2024 at the school. With members of the 8th Grade Student Union acting as presenters, about a hundred students took the stage and showcased their impressive skills in musical composition, digital music, solo instrument, vocal, dance, photography, and cartooning to an enthusiastically appreciative audience. Live@Koç concluded with a mini-concert by Koç Philharmonic before the students headed off on their winter break.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM AND BOOK DONATION PROJECTS

Koç School's School Uniform & Book Donation Project is an ongoing social solidarity undertaking. In 2024, the project focused on providing school uniforms to needy students attending the Harbiye primary and middle schools in the earthquake-devastated Esenbulak

township in Hatay province. Additionally, project participants comprising socially-aware, responsible, and conscientious Koç School students, parents, and staff who believe in the power of solidarity sought to do their part in helping to alleviate at least some of the trauma the students had suffered. They achieved this by donating a total of 1,575 books covering diverse subjects such as stories, fairytales, poetry, science, culture, art, and sport. Koç School volunteers once again contributed significantly to the success of this year's project by actively involving themselves in every stage from procuring materials and preparing them for shipment to publicizing delivery schedules and handing the donations out to recipients.

Volunteers continued to demonstrate the power of solidarity and sharing by donating a total of 1,137 books for use by students attending the Adem Nural primary school, Ulubatlı Hasan middle school, and Kuşalanı Anadolu high school in earthquake devastated Hatay.



NASA SCIENCE TRIP

During the 2024 winter break, a group of 8th-grade Koç Middle School students embarked upon an unforgettable adventure by taking part in a week-long NASA Science Trip organized by the Science Department between January 20th and 27th. During the trip, the youngsters not only had a chance to meet with real astronauts but also to vicariously experience the uncertainties and challenges inherent in space flight. During their two day stay at Kennedy Space Center, the high point of the trip, they took turns on the center's simulators gaining first-hand knowledge of how tough it is to live and work in space and do research there. During the simulation training, students learned how to move themselves about like astronauts, use space vehicles, and work in zero-gravity space station settings.

Touring Kennedy Space Center's Rocket Garden, the youngsters had a chance to examine NASA rockets up close and learn to identify their different kinds. Inside the Apollo 8 launch room, they witnessed a simulated rocket launch and viewed the Atlantis space shuttle up close. At NASA's massive Vehicle Assembly Building, they watched how space vehicles are put together. They also got a close-up view of an example of the revolutionary Saturn V rocket, the workhorse of the NASA space program, and took pictures of it.

Leaving Kennedy Center and proceeding to Miami, the Koç Middle School Science Trip continued with a visit to the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, whose aim is to inspire curiosity and understanding of science, technology, engineering, and math for people of all ages. The students took part in enjoyable learning activities at the museum's Sea Lab, Planetarium, and Aquarium and also interacted with the museum's nanotechnology and biotechnology exhibits. At the Miami-Dade Zoological Park and Gardens, the students learned about global wildlife conservation efforts and breeding programs for endangered species. At the Disney World and Universal Orlando theme parks, the youngsters delighted in interactive Star Wars, Indiana Jones, and other iconic movie and TV experiences.



VEHBI KOÇ COMMEMORATION DAY

The cherished and respected memory of Koç Group's founder, Vehbi Koç, was honored at Koç School with remembrances marking the 28th year of his passing. On the occasion of the memorial ceremony, held in the Mehmet Yurdal Auditorium on Friday, February 23rd, guest speaker M. Özalp Birol, head of the Pera Museum, also talked to Koç Primary School youngsters. He spoke about the importance that Vehbi Koç gave to art during his lifetime and answered their questions about the work that Vehbi Koç Foundation is doing to support the arts.

18TH SEVGİ GÖNÜL ART NIGHT

The 18th edition of the Sevgi Gönül Art Night for Koç School middle and high school students and their parents and guardians was held on 15 March 2024. Named in honor of Sevgi Gönül, daughter of Koç Group founder Vehbi Koç and a significant patron of Turkish culture and arts in her lifetime, this year's audience included Koç School Deputy Director Zeynep Yazgan Akıalp, Vehbi Koç Foundation General Manager Oğuz Toprakoğlu, Koç School General Manager Prof. Murat Günel, and members of both schools' administrations. A highlight of the evening was a mesmerizing demonstration of the impact of AI on art using a specially-designed LED-illuminated visual display. The program included a dramatic performance by four students, a performance by a 25-student orchestra, and choral and dance performances by 94 students.



31ST CAREER DAY

The 31st edition of Career Day, an annual Koç School event organized by the Koç High School Student Guidance and Psychological Counseling Department, was held on April 4th. The theme of the 2024 Career Day was "Bağlan Güçlendir, Geleceği Şekillendir". The event comprised 64 sessions conducted by 46 professional organizations, 18 speakers, and 15 universities. The sessions were attended by school graduates, students' parents and guardians, academicians, and sectoral representatives.

Not confining itself to just Koç School students this year, Career Day 2024 was also conducted as a social-responsibility project by giving online access to the proceedings to 21 Vehbi Koç Foundation Endowment Schools, to Hope City schools, and to 11th and 12th-grade recipients of Koç Group company scholarships.

By expanding the reach and accessibility of Career Day, Koç School communicated its messages about such issues as the importance of social engagement, career flexibility, 21st-century competencies, and the future of work and business to an even broader audience. Participants, including students and their parents and guardians, also had a chance to meet with professionals across many different sectors and disciplines and attend panel discussions, seminars, and presentations sharing a wide range of experiences.

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17TH SUNA KIRAC SHORT STORY CONTEST

The theme of the 17th edition of the Suna Kırac Short Story Contest was "Cumhuriyet'in Aydınlik Yüzü". Named in honor of Suna Kırac, daughter of Koç Group founder Vehbi Koç and a respected patron of Turkish education and culture, this year's event attracted a large number of submissions from students attending Koç School as well as other high schools in İstanbul. The contest's award ceremony took place at the Koç School campus on Wednesday, April 17th.



MUSTAFA V. KOÇ STORY AND OPINION WRITING CONTEST

"Work really hard, never give up, and never complain. Be consistent, open, honest, and dependable." Those were the words of Mustafa V. Koç, Vehbi Koç's grandson, fondly remembered not only for his business acumen and vision but also for his humanistic values, passion for sports, and philanthropic contributions. The Mustafa V. Koç Story and Opinion Writing Contest is an annual event organized by the Koç School Turkish Department. 7th and 8th grade students attending Koç Middle School and other middle schools across İstanbul were invited to submit stories and essays showcasing the contest's 2024 theme of "Honesty". The authors of the winning submissions received their awards at a ceremony held on 9 May 2024.



14TH INFORMATICS WEEK

The 14th edition of Informatics Week, an annual Koç School tradition for its middle and high school students, took place from May 6th to 10th. The week was celebrated with the motto "Yarat, Katıl, Paylaş, Yarış, Bilgilen" and focused on the theme "Yeni Çağ: Yapay Zeka". Activities during the week included AI-based interactive games and other engaging exercises, as well as talks about current and future AI technologies and developments designed to spark students' curiosity about AI and encourage them to use it creatively. Students worked on AI applications in Informatics & Coding classes and had fun competing in an "AI Knowledge Contest" on the Kahoot! game-based learning platform. 11th and 12th-grade students competed against one another in a rapid keyboard skills challenge to see who could type the fastest and most accurately.



2024 RAMFEST JR AND RAMFEST

Ramfest Jr for middle school students and Ramfest for high school students are two annual Koç School events held at the end of the spring term before students head off on summer break.

This year's Ramfest Jr began with an impressive presentation by guest speaker Ozan Sihay, a video and photographic artist and director. He fascinated his young audience with AI-enhanced Atatürk visuals and videos created to mark the first centenary of the Republic of Turkey. The opening ceremony continued with the AI-assisted composition of a song, demonstrating the technology's use in creating content, and ended with a performance by the school chorus. The audience then dispersed to explore and take part in entertaining activities around the campus, all

designed to enhance students' knowledge and skills and encourage their creativity.

Known for its entertaining activities and artistic events and for the unforgettable memories it leaves behind, the 2024 edition of Ramfest for Koç High School students that opened on June 12th did not disappoint. This year's event included a visually stunning "Harmony" fashion show displaying stylish knitwears and accessories created by 10th-grade student Defne Güney and showcased by 9th and 10th-grade and preparatory year students. After the show, all the garments and accessories were put on sale and the proceeds were donated to the Suna and İnan Kırac Foundation's Suna'nın Kızları initiative supporting and empowering girls to identify and pursue their dreams.



KOÇ SCHOOL

KOÇ SCHOOL IN 2024 | MAIN ACTIVITIES



2024 TALENT SHOW

The traditional year-end Koç High School talent show was held on Thursday, May 23rd. With 11th-grade students acting as presenters, teachers performed humorous sketches and 65 students showcased their musical composition, dance, vocal, choral, and solo instrument talents in performances that were enthusiastically applauded. As an occasion to bid the graduating 12th-grade class goodbye and wish them well as they continue their life journeys, this annual talent show is also integral to the Koç School ethos.



HOMECOMING 2024

Koç School's traditional homecoming day, held at the beginning of the fall term, took place last year on Sunday, September 15th. Alumni attending the event along with members of their families met up with other alumni, refreshing memories and catching up with one another while enjoying being back on campus. As is customary at Koç School homecomings, anniversary plaques were handed out to those who had graduated 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years previously.

SUNA'NIN KIZLARI SUMMER INSTITUTE

The Suna'nın Kızları Summer Institute is a two-part program conducted jointly by the Suna and İnan Kiraç Foundation's Suna'nın Kızları initiative and Koç School in the summer of 2024. As preparation for the summer institute, an orientation program for potentially participating Koç School students and their family members was held on April 19th on the school campus and was attended by Koç School Chair İpek Kiraç.



The first part of the Suna'nın Kızları Summer Institute took place in Şanlıurfa from June 7th to 13th and was attended by 20 girl students each from Koç School and the village of Sugeldi in Şanlıurfa. In the second part, the girls were hosted at Koç School in İstanbul from July 1st to 14th. This collaborative program aims to foster a supportive learning community, empowering girls with new skills and perspectives.

CHANGE AMBASSADORS 2024 SUMMER GATHERING

Two hundred six Change Ambassador teachers, educators, and stakeholders from 43 cities across Turkey met at the annual Change Ambassadors Summer Gathering hosted on the Koç School campus from July 17th to 19th. The themes of this year's gathering were #YaşasınÖğretmenlik and #ÖğretmenlikYaşasın (#LongLiveTeaching and #MayTeachingLiveLong). Once again, the gathering served as a great festival in which teachers from dozens of cities with a wide range of disciplines and responsibilities supported one another and celebrated education.

KOÇ SCHOOL CAMPUS PUBLICATIONS

Student magazines Koçi, Epic Authors, Tohum, Edge STEAM, Felsefe, Ekvator, Koç Science Cope, LP Magazine, Boyut, Anonim, Era, and Psychology Magazine, all containing original content written and edited by students themselves, continued to be published on the Koç School campus during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Besides hosting these student publications, Koç School also publishes its corporate annual magazine Voice, the Koç Group's monthly Koç Bulletin, and KoçWins, a magazine that showcases alumni achievements. Additionally, the Koç School Guidance and Psychological Counseling Department publishes monthly bulletins for the parents and guardians of Koç primary and middle school students.

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KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

SINCE 2014

Koç University
Hospital was
founded as
a research
and teaching
hospital in
September 2014.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IN NUMBERS

357 INPATIENT ROOMS 

55 INTENSIVE CARE UNITS 

49 CHEMOTHERAPY UNITS 

220,000 M² THE HEALTH
SCIENCES CAMPUS 

- SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
- SCHOOL OF NURSING
- RESEARCH LABORATORIES
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KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AT A GLANCE

Koç University Hospital was founded as a research and teaching hospital in September 2014. The hospital has a total capacity of 357 single inpatient rooms, 55 intensive care units, and 49 chemotherapy units. The Health Sciences Campus, established on an area of 220,000 m², includes the School of Medicine, the School of Nursing, research laboratories, and the Rahmi M. Koç Academy of Interventional Medicine, Education, and Simulation. Boasting an innovative approach and a dynamic team meeting North American standards, the Health Sciences Campus aims to contribute to the education of qualified human resources for the healthcare industry

KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IN 2024 MAIN ACTIVITIES

KOÇ UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS GUESTHOUSE WAS OPENED.

The opening of the dormitory and guesthouse building was held on Monday, June 10th, with the participation of Mrs. Semahat Arsel, Mr. Rahmi Koç, Mr. Mehmet Dereli and Mr. Sinan Dereli.

Dr. Erhan Bulutcu, CEO of Koç Healthcare, delivered the opening speech and guesthouse presentation at the ceremony, which was attended by a large number of guests. A plaque of appreciation was presented to Mrs. Semahat Arsel and Mr. Sinan Dereli for their support.

The guesthouse, where Nursing Services employees, Faculty of Nursing students, Faculty of Medicine students and PhD students stay, continues to provide service with its extensive facilities.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IN 2024 | MAIN ACTIVITIES



FESTIVAL ENTHUSIASM AT KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL WITH "KUH FEST"

Koç University Hospital held "KUH FEST" events on Friday, July 5th and Friday, September 27th, allowing hospital staff to relieve winter fatigue and experience the joy of the festival. At the events attended by Koç University Hospital staff and medical students, Koç Healthcare Music Club bands "Retro Akor", "Ertesi Dünden", "Akustik Travma" and Ilgaz Altın took the stage at the events, while Okan Falay, Tuba Mutluer and Bülent Yıldırım also performed DJ performances.



"HEALTH STARTS AT HAND" PROJECT IN ITS 8TH YEAR...

Koç University Hospital continues its awareness-raising activities in the 8th year of the "Health Starts at Hand" Project, which was implemented in cooperation with Zeytinburnu Municipality and the District National Education Directorate within the scope of "October 15th World Handwashing Day".

The "Health Starts at Hand" Project aims to help first-year students studying in Zeytinburnu acquire the habit of cleaning their hands and nails at an early age by demonstrating the correct



hand washing steps in practice by expert doctors at Koç University Hospital.

Zeytinburnu Mayor Ömer Arısoy, Zeytinburnu District National Education Director İsmail Çetinkaya, Koç University Hospital Deputy Chief Physician Dr. Özgür Gözer and Koç University Hospital Infectious Diseases Specialist Dr. Özlem Alhan attended the first educational event held at Gazi Paşa Primary School on Tuesday, October 15th. This year, as part of the project, handwashing training was provided to approximately 5,000 students from 15 schools in the Zeytinburnu region.

"DİYABET ARKADAŞIM MI? BENİM GÖZÜMDEN BAK!" EXHIBITION

On the occasion of November 14th World Diabetes Day observances, an awareness-building "Diyabet Arkadaşım mı? Benim Gözümden Bak!" ("Is diabetes my friend? See it how I see it!") exhibition was mounted at Koç University Hospital to give viewers insightful glimpses into the world of children with diabetes. The exhibition showcased the imaginative and perceptive takes of thirteen children about what it means to have to live with diabetes for the rest of one's life.

The creativity, insightfulness, and originality of the children's responses to the question help

keep the tone of what might have otherwise been a very depressing exhibition friendly, while the "fragility" of their condition is eloquently expressed in stained glass artworks accompanying their responses, photographs, and a documentary. "Diyabet Arkadaşım mı? Benim Gözümden Bak!" invites everyone to see the reality of living with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus through the eyes of a child.

Attracting great interest when it opened, the "Diyabet Arkadaşım mı? Benim Gözümden Bak!" exhibition will remain at Koç University until mid-November 2025.

CTU (CLINICAL TRIAL UNIT) - KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL HAS BECOME THE "LEADING CENTER OF OUR COUNTRY IN CLINICAL RESEARCH" WITH INCREASING INNOVATIVE MEDICATION AND MEDICAL DEVICE STUDIES

the Ministry of Health, has doubled the number of medicine and medical device research projects this year compared to the previous year and has become one of the leading research centers of our country by increasing the number of patients

it serves by approximately threefold. With the activation of the collaboration with BioNTech, innovative research focused on combating cancer has been initiated. Projects are being produced with Mayo Clinic to improve the center's operational processes. In addition to important academic collaborations, relationships have been developed with leading pharmaceutical and medical device companies in the industry, and sustainable financial success has been achieved with the quality research services we provide.

As a result, our research center has become a center that has been shown as an example by both academia and the sector.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IN 2024 | MAIN ACTIVITIES



RAHMI M. KOÇ ADVANCED INTERVENTIONAL MEDICINE, TRAINING AND SIMULATION CENTER (RMK AIMES)

Rahmi M. Koç Advanced Interventional Medicine, Training and Simulation Center (RMK AIMES), which offers healthcare professionals and students the opportunity to learn and develop their skills in a safe and realistic environment in order to increase patient safety and quality of care, continues its activities by expanding the number of participants and training content every year. As of the beginning of 2024, more than 5,000 participants from 80 different countries have been provided with training opportunities.

The second Oxford University and Koç University Hospital Urology Symposium, held at RMK AIMES on 31 August 2024, was completed with great success. More than 70 physicians attended the symposium, which attracted participants from six different branches and stood out with its multidisciplinary structure; a rich program was presented with interactive discussions and question-answer sections.

Within the scope of the symposium, EBLUS laparoscopic training, Da Vinci robotic simulator training and laparoscopic and robotic upper urinary system pig model courses were given within the scope of the "Low Pressure Robotics and Laparoscopic Urology Course" organized by Koç and Oxford Universities Urology Faculties. The course, which included 20 participants from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Türkiye, provided participants with experience at an international level.

The symposium and course provided participants with the opportunity to share knowledge and strengthen cooperation on an international platform.

MEDICAL SEMINARS AND EVENTS

In 2024, 18 seminars and events were held at Koç University Hospital, 16 physical and 2 hybrid

- **08.01.2024** Diagnosis and Treatment of Epilepsy
- **09.01.2024** Koç University Hospital & French Lape Hospital Tuesday Meetings
- **10.01.2024** Neurosurgery Meeting
- **31.01.2024** Neurology Seminar Series
- **13.02.2024** Koç University Hospital & French Lape Hospital Tuesday Meetings
- **14.02.2024** Neurosurgery Meeting
- **16.02.2024** EKDH Meeting
- **12.03.2024** Koç University Hospital & French Lape Hospital Tuesday Meetings
- **13.03.2024** Neurosurgery Meeting
- **14.03.2024** World Kidney Day Event
- **10.04.2024** Neurosurgery Meeting
- **14.04.2024** Koç University Hospital & French Lape Hospital Tuesday Meetings
- **08.05.2024** Neurosurgery Meeting
- **10.05.2024** NMOSD (Nöromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder) Treatments: Focusing on the New Completed Trials
- **04.06.2024** Koç University Hospital & French Lape Hospital Tuesday Meetings
- **21.09.2024** TIREX (Transplant Immunology Research Center of Excellence) EXPERT Meeting
- **21.09.2024** Current Developments in Stomach and Esophageal Cancers
- **09.10.2024** Neurosurgery Meeting

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VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN 2024

MAIN ACTIVITIES



AMERICAN HOSPITAL AND KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL BECAME MEMBERS OF "MAYO CLINIC CARE NETWORK"

American Hospital and Koç University Hospital, which are under the roof of Koç Healthcare, have partnered with Mayo Clinic in order to maintain international standards in the field of health and to always provide higher quality health services to their patients. American Hospital and Koç University Hospital have joined the "Mayo Clinic Care Network" after demonstrating high performance in Mayo Clinic's comprehensive

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VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION AMERICAN HOSPITAL AT A GLANCE

The hospital was first founded in 1920 as the Constantinopolis American Hospital and was acquired in 1995 by the Vehbi Koç Foundation to serve as a non-profit private hospital. The Vehbi Koç Foundation American Hospital has always aimed to provide the highest international standards with its healthcare personnel, medical technologies, and administrative systems. It has also been playing a key role in the development of Turkey's healthcare system.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN NUMBERS

217 INPATIENT ROOMS



32 INTENSIVE CARE UNITS



164 OUTPATIENT CLINICS



12 OPERATION ROOMS



evaluation process, which includes an in-depth examination of clinical and business practices, quality and safety standards.

As the first member of the "Mayo Clinic Care Network" in Europe and Türkiye, it is planned to provide projects and facilities to employees and patients in line with Mayo Clinic services and brand standards within the year. As part of the "Go-Live Announcement" launch events, a "Physician Event" was organized on July 29th at the American Hospital A Meeting Hall, and a "Public Event" on September 18th at the American Hospital A Meeting Hall to announce this collaboration to the press.

OUR AWARDS

American Hospital was Selected As The "Most Admired Company".

American Hospital has once again maintained its leadership as the "Most Admired Company" in the hospital category in the "2024 Most Admired Companies in Business" survey, which has been prepared by Capital magazine for 24 years and carried out with the intense participation of business world representatives. At the award ceremony, the prize was accepted by Dr. İsmail Bozkurt, Chief Physician of American Hospital.

VEHBİ KOÇ FOUNDATION AMERICAN HOSPITAL

VEHBİ KOÇ FOUNDATION AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN 2024 | MAIN ACTIVITIES

SPONSORSHIPS



Zihnin Bilinmez(iz)leri

*"Adım adım bana doğru yaklaştı.
Davranışları giderek daha samimi bir hal aldı.
İçimde bir tedirginlik belirdi, ta ki sesini duyana kadar.
'Beni tanımadın mı?' diye seslendi.
İşte o anda sesinden tanıdım onu..."*

Amerikan Hastanesi olarak 16 yıldır Contemporary İstanbul Sağlık Partneri olmaktan ve sanatın hayatımızdaki değerini sanatseverlerle paylaşmaktan gurur duyuyoruz.

Zihnin Bilinmez(iz)leri'ni keşfetmek için Contemporary İstanbul'da standımızı ziyaret edebilirsiniz.

AMERİKAN HASTANESİ ci contemporary istanbul

Contemporary İstanbul

Ambulance support accompanied by a healthcare professional was provided as a "Health Partner" to Contemporary İstanbul Bloom, which took place at the Lütfü Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Center between 25-28 April 2024, and to the 19th Contemporary İstanbul, which took place at Tersane İstanbul between 23-27 October 2024. In order to draw attention to the symptoms and the process of the disease, an informative work was prepared for "Alzheimer's Awareness" and included in the Contemporary İstanbul exhibition.



28. İstanbul Tiyatro Festivali'nde
Birbirinden Muhteşem Oyunlarla Hayat Buluyoruz!
22 Ekim - 19 Kasım 2024

Amerikan Hastanesi olarak İKSV Sağlık Sponsorluğu ile sanatın iyileştirici gücünü geniş kitlelere ulaştırmaya hedefliyoruz ve İstanbul Tiyatro Festivali'nden büyükleyici dünyemizin bir parçası olmaktan gurur duyuyoruz.

AMERİKAN HASTANESİ

İstanbul Culture and Arts Foundation (IKSV)

Ambulance support accompanied by a health officer was provided as the "Service Health Sponsor" at festivals organized by IKSV in different fields such as music, film and theater.

- 43rd İstanbul Film Festival (17-28 April 2024)
- 52nd İstanbul Music Festival (21 May - 12 June 2024)
- Buffalo Festival (25 May 2024)
- 31st İstanbul Jazz Festival (3-18 July 2024)
- Traveling Hall Festival (29-30 June 2024)
- Leyla Gencer Singing Competition Final Night (27 September 2024)
- 28th İstanbul Theatre Festival (22 October - 19 November 2024)



The Bodrum Cup

The Mediterranean's largest sailing festival, "The Bodrum Cup", brought together maritime and sailing enthusiasts from all over the world in Bodrum this year for the 36th time. As part of the sponsorship that has been carried out for 6 years as the American Hospital, we provided support as the "Platinum Sponsor" in "The Bodrum Cup" held between 21-27 October 2024.



Business Tennis Cup

American Hospital continues to support the "Business Tennis Cup" Tournament as a "Health Sponsor" with the same excitement for 9 years. Ambulance support was provided as a "Health Sponsor" in the tournaments held between 1-9 June 2024 and 7-15 September 2024. Koç Healthcare Tennis Team completed the tournament as the 3rd in the White Group of the "Business Tennis Cup 2024".

MEDICAL SEMINARS AND EVENTS

In 2024, 16 seminars and events were held at the American Hospital, 13 physical and 3 hybrid structures.

- 25.01.2024 Genital Hyaluronic Acid Applications Training
- 24.02.2024 Explanation of Theorhinoplasty Technique
- 03.03.2024 Genital Hyaluronic Acid Applications Training
- 13.03.2024 Holistic Delirium Care
- 14.03.2024 March 14th Medicine Day Conference
- 18.03.2024 Colon Cancer Seminar
- 17.03.2024 TSRM Endometriosis Meeting
- 13.05.2024 Nurse Week Symposium
- 15.05.2024 Roche Lung Cancer Meeting
- 27.05.2024 Pelvic Floor Diseases Meeting
- 26.06.2024 HPV Vaccine Awareness Symposium
- 30.06.2024 TSRM Meeting
- 16.09.2024 Acupuncture's Today and Tomorrow Conference
- 27.09.2024 Patient Safety Symposium

BODRUM AMERICAN HOSPITAL

MUSEUM HOSPITAL

Bodrum American Hospital is Turkey's first "Museum Hospital".



BODRUM AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN NUMBERS

33 PATIENT BEDS



15 ICU BEDS



25 OUTPATIENT CLINICS



3 OPERATION ROOMS



BODRUM AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN 2024

MAIN ACTIVITIES

BODRUM AMERICAN HOSPITAL HOSTED PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH A MUSEUM TOUR AND HAND HYGIENE TRAINING IN THE 3RD YEAR OF THE "HEALTHY GENERATIONS START WITH US" PROJECT.

Bodrum American Hospital hosted primary school students this year as part of the "Healthy Generations Start with Us" project, which was carried out in collaboration with the National Education Directorate and DenizTemiz Association/TURMEPA Bodrum Branch.

Students from Umurca Ömer Akın Primary School and Bodrum MOD College, who toured the museum area of Bodrum American Hospital, where historical artifacts from the Late Roman

Period are exhibited under protection, and learned about mosaics, were given hand hygiene training by the Bodrum American Hospital infection nurse. DenizTemiz Association/TURMEPA informed students about environmental and coastal cleaning.

As part of the project, primary schools have been visited and nutrition seminars have also started to be given to students as of 2024. Dietician Billur Çalık from the Bodrum American Hospital Nutrition and Diet Department came together with students from Mod College Bodrum, Güler Mustafa Kızılağaç Primary School and Umurca Ömer Akın Primary School at their schools and informed them about the topics titled "What is Healthy Nutrition?", "What are the Food Groups?" and "What are the Benefits of Healthy Nutrition?" within the scope of the Nutrition Seminar.

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BODRUM AMERICAN HOSPITAL AT A GLANCE

The Bodrum American Hospital opened in 2019 following extensive improvements and renovation work. It offers services in all fundamental branches, has 33 patient beds, and provides various ambulatory care services, as well as high-tech diagnostic and laboratory services. In total, there are 25 outpatient clinics, 15 ICU beds, 3 operation rooms, a cardiovascular surgery unit, angiography, chemotherapy, and a medical oncology treatment unit.

BODRUM AMERICAN HOSPITAL HELD A COASTAL CLEANING EVENT ON THE AEGEAN COAST WITH IMEAK TURKISH CHAMBER OF SHIPPING BODRUM BRANCH AND DENİZTEMİZ ASSOCIATION/TURMEPA.

Bodrum American Hospital, together with the IMEAK Turkish Chamber of Shipping Bodrum Branch and the DenizTemiz Association/TURMEPA, set out to clean the beaches on the Aegean coast on the "June 5th World Environment Day".

Bodrum American Hospital, IMEAK Turkish Chamber of Shipping Bodrum Branch and TURMEPA organized the coastal cleaning event within the scope of "June 5th World Environment Day" and it was attended by Bodrum District Governor Mustafa Çit, Bodrum Regional Port Director Tuncay AYDIN, IMEAK Turkish Chamber of Shipping Bodrum Branch and TURMEPA Bodrum Branch Director Orhan DİNÇ, IMEAK Turkish Chamber of Shipping Bodrum Branch Assembly Member and Milta Bodrum Marina General Manager Seher ÇALI, Bodrum American Hospital employees and the press.

In the event, participants went to Bitez Adaboğazi by boat and carried out a coastal cleaning, and collected plastic waste, metal/glass bottles and other waste accumulated along the coast in order to create a more livable coast and spread environmental awareness. The collected wastes were delivered to the relevant units for recycling and proper waste management.

BODRUM AMERICAN HOSPITAL HOSTED THE "6TH PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION" OF ASSOC. PROF. KEMAL GÖL IN ITS MUSEUM AREA.

The "6th Personal Photography Exhibition" of Assoc. Prof. Kemal Göl from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Bodrum American Hospital, which was established in the museum area at Bodrum American Hospital, met with art lovers. Bodrum District Governor

Mustafa Çit, Bodrum American Hospital Chief Physician Dr. Yusuf Babayiğit, Bodrum American Hospital Deputy Chief Physician Dr. Şahin Ünal, outstanding guests from the business and art worlds and members of the press attended the opening of the exhibition.

MEDICINE AND ART MEETINGS

Doctors and artists known for their valuable works in the field of art came together with healthcare professionals at the "Medicine and Art Meetings" event at the Bodrum American Hospital.

On Wednesday, 24 July 2024, Op. Dr. Süleyman Ali Zennuboğlu from the ENT Department presented a video titled "Nepal Himalayas", narrating his trip to Nepal and the Himalayas. This enjoyable event, which took place in a conversational atmosphere, was greatly appreciated.

MEDICAL SEMINARS AND EVENTS

8 physical events were held at Bodrum American Hospital in 2024.

- 16.03.2024 | Museum Hospital Student Tours | Konacık Cahit Özvezneci Primary School | Physical
- 06.05.2024 | Dr. Şahin Ünal 11th Personal Painting Exhibition Opening | Physical
- 26.05.2024 | Museum Hospital Student Tours | Dr. H. Mümtaz Ataman Primary School | Physical
- 06.06.2024 | Museum Hospital Student Tours | Şehit Serkan Göker Primary School | Physical
- 09.06.2024 | Museum Hospital Student Tours | Umurca Primary School | Physical
- 15.06.2024 | Museum Hospital Student Tours | Hüseyin Boyacı Primary School | Physical
- 19.09.2024 | Medicine and Art Meetings | Zülfü Livaneli - Dr. Şahin Ünal | "Republic and Culture from Yesterday to Today" | Physical
- 07.11.2024 | Medicine and Art Meetings | Assoc. Prof. Kemal Göl | "Tunceli with Photos" | Physical

AMERICAN OUTPATIENT MEDICAL CENTER



AMERICAN OUTPATIENT MEDICAL CENTER AT A GLANCE

The American Outpatient Medical Center is located on the Anatolian side of İstanbul and has been affiliated with the American Hospital since 1997. It has 33 examination rooms, a clinical laboratory, a medical imaging facility, an in-vitro fertilization center, a physiotherapy and rehabilitation clinic, and a health and wellness clinic, as well as 2 operating rooms and 17 observation beds.

AMERICAN OUTPATIENT MEDICAL CENTER IN NUMBERS

17 OBSERVATION BEDS 

33 EXAMINATION ROOMS 

2 OPERATING ROOMS 

AMERICAN OUTPATIENT MEDICAL CENTER IN 2024

MAIN ACTIVITIES

WE AGE HEALTHILY WITH “ATHLETE CHECK-UP” AT THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLINIC!

While the American Medical Center continues its programs consisting of examinations and tests designed according to individual health risks for the patients of the Health and Wellness Clinic to live a healthy and well life, it offers 3 new health packages with the “**Athlete Check-Up**” it has added to its structure this year. The Health and Wellness Clinic offers services to everyone who wants to exercise with the “Sports and Exercise Consultancy Package”, “Pediatric Sports Health Package” and “Bone, Joint, Muscle and Sports Health” packages, which are designed to help you age healthily.

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"TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOURSELF!" BOOK FOR THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTH PROGRAMS

Prepared with the contributions of American Medical Center physicians Dr. İlham Tokatlı Dilmen, Dr. Diler Acar, Dr. Figen Yemliha, Dr. İoana Tomi Yılmaz, Spec. Diet. Şimal Deniz, Dr. Erkan Zor, Dr. Pınar Akan, Prof. Yüksel Peker, Assoc. Prof. Gamze Aslan, Dr. Zeynep Aydın, Dr. Filiz Tosun and Assoc. Prof. Nurten Andaç Baltacıoğlu, the book "TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOURSELF!" offers practical suggestions on how people can improve their own health, happiness and general quality of life, while also providing guidance on stress management, healthy nutrition, exercise, mental health and emotional balance.

MARCH 14TH MEDICINE DAY EXHIBITION – "LIFE IN İSTANBUL"

As part of March 14th Medicine Day, the "Life in İstanbul" exhibition was organized at the American Medical Center between 14 March and 14 April 2024, with the contributions of our doctors and employees. The exhibition, which features 48 photographs reflected from the lens of doctors and employees, became the center of attention of hospital visitors.



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4 OPERATING ROOMS



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VETAMERICAN AT A GLANCE

Launched in 2023 under the Koç Healthcare brand, VetAmerican Pet Hospital aims to provide high-quality healthcare to our beloved pets. Employing a team of seasoned vets and state-of-the-art technology, the hospital strives to create a trusting and caring environment for pets and their owners alike.

Just like human healthcare facilities that continuously evolve by reviewing and evaluating their outcomes, VetAmerican is dedicated to delivering standardized, comprehensive care and treatment to our cherished pets.

With an indoor area of 7,500 m², VetAmerican is one of the largest private animal hospitals in Europe, bringing together cat and dog treatment areas under one roof; 16 examination

rooms, two of which are emergency, 2 imaging rooms, 1 imaging center, 4 operating rooms, 39 infection areas, 2 outpatient clinic areas and 1 dialysis room. VetAmerican, which has 442 bed capacity, 109 of which are ICU (Intensive Care Unit) cabins, devices and facilities such as Radiotherapy (LINAK), MRI, Computed Tomography, Scopy, Digital X-ray, ESWL (stone crushing) designed for animals, endoscopy, arthroscopy, PCR, offers Radiotherapy services to all of Turkey and neighboring countries with LINAK technology for the first time in Turkey. VetAmerican works for the health of our friends as a corporate organization that questions itself and improves itself with quality standards, where the duties and responsibilities of its large staff of veterinarians who are experts in their fields are clear, the results are shared with the patient.

VETAMERICAN IN 2024

MAIN ACTIVITIES

"ADOPT WITH LOVE, RAISE WITH HEALTH"

On "October 4th World Animal Protection Day" VetAmerican launched its social responsibility project "Adopt with Love, Raise with Health". As part of the project, VetAmerican Animal Hospital is undertaking all health examinations and treatment procedures of 1 chipped and registered pet that is documented to have been adopted from state shelters between 4 October 2024 and 4 April 2025, free of charge for this 6-month period, until 4 April 2025.

The aims of the "Adopt with Love, Raise with Health" project are as follows:

- **To protect the health of our beloved friends:**
To undertake all necessary examination and treatment services throughout the project period free of charge for the pet to live a healthy life and
- **To encourage "Responsible Adoption":** To ensure awareness about health and care when adopting pets from shelters, and to pave the way for long-term and happy relationships with our beloved friends.

VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS JOINT PROGRAMS

KOÇ HEALTHCARE

"HEALTHY LIFE MOVEMENT" WITH THE COLLABORATION OF KOÇ HEALTHCARE AND KOÇ HOLDİNG

The "Healthy Life Movement", implemented in collaboration with Koç Healthcare and Koç Holding, was launched this year as a project aiming to increase the health and well-being of Koç Group employees.

Within the scope of the project, all Koç Group employees are offered the opportunity to get evaluated online via the Koç Healthcare application and to make an appointment with doctors in different branches and consult them free of charge. Employees who can reach American Hospital and Koç University Hospital doctors via the Koç Healthcare application

can find answers to all their needs, from online examinations to dietician consultancy, from psychological support to 24/7 Emergency Health Services in 38 branches.



"MEDICINE DAY SPIRIT" WITH PROF. CENK BÜYÜKÜNAL

Prof. Cenk Büyükünâl shared his views on the "March 14th Medicine Day Spirit" at the conference held at the American Hospital specifically for the "March 14th Medicine Day".

After the conference, which was broadcast live at Koç Healthcare institutions, a reception and a book signing ceremony for the book "Known and Unknown Facts about Atatürk's Health Problems" written by Prof. Cenk Büyükünâl was held.

NEW HEALTH APPLICATION FOR USA: "HEALTHPASS"

The "Healthpass" Application, which was launched this year, aims to provide a unique experience for Turks living in the US by providing them with a membership to the Koç Healthcare system through the "HealthPassClub" website (www.healthpassclub.com), and to support them in their remote healthcare needs with the "TytoCare" device and in the healthcare services they will need when they come to Türkiye. The project aims to enable people who live far from Türkiye but want to benefit from Koç Healthcare healthcare services to easily receive quality healthcare services from all our institutions under the roof of Koç Healthcare, thanks to the 3 different programs it offers, and presents a new model of healthcare understanding on international platforms and in online healthcare services.

IPP - INTERNATIONAL PATIENT PROGRAM

Koç Healthcare International Patient Program is carried out under a single roof with a total of 89 employees working in the Sales, Marketing, Operations and Business Development areas, and the program offers translation services in 22 languages. From initial inquiries, questions and concerns about medical treatment to all stages of care, we provide service in our patients' own language. It also promotes our hospitals in the international arena through the OPDs (Outpatient Diagnosis) it organizes and the symposiums it attends to reach patients abroad.

In 2024, 32 OPDs were organized in the international market, primarily in the Balkan countries (Macedonia, Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro), as well as in England, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Uzbekistan, Romania and Kuwait. Koç Healthcare took part in 5 congresses, 1 fair and 2 symposium. In addition to these, 2 domestic events were also organized.

Additionally, memorandums were signed with ASA Bolnica Hospital (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Foça University, Dr. İrfan Ljubijankic Cantonal Hospital (Bihac, Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Unicamed (Gjilan, Kosovo).



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

“BREAST CANCER AWARENESS RUN”

Within the scope of “Breast Cancer Awareness Month”, the “Breast Cancer 3K Awareness Run” organized in cooperation with Koç Group Sports Club (KTSK) was held with the participation of 150 people on Sunday, October 13th.

Participating volunteers prepared for the 3K run with warm-up exercises moderated by the KTSK team. Later, attention was drawn to Breast Cancer with an awareness run held on the running track in the Grove.

In Prof. Yasemin Bölükbaşı’s interview on Breast Cancer, the importance of individuals taking time for themselves for their health and early diagnosis was emphasized.

The interview and running event, which turned into an interactive event with the questions of the participants, was completed with great interest.

By planning to make the running and interview event a tradition, it is aimed to reach more audiences within the scope of awareness month.

“BREAST CANCER RISKS AND EARLY DIAGNOSIS” WEBINAR

Within the scope of “Breast Cancer Awareness Month”, “Breast Cancer Risks and Early Diagnosis Webinar” was held in cooperation with Koç Healthcare and Koç Holding.

In the program, Prof. Fatih Selçukbiricik and Assoc. Prof. Orhan Ağcaoğlu provided information about breast cancer, its risks, symptoms and treatment methods. The webinar, which was attended by people who had previously been diagnosed with breast cancer and completed treatment, emphasized the great importance of early diagnosis and regular check-ups.

2024 MEDICAL CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

In 2024, Koç Healthcare held a total of 304 Medical Council Meetings, 239 online and 65 hybrid. In addition to medical meetings, 36 seminars/events were organized under the Koç Healthcare structure.

MEDICAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Gastrointestinal System Cancers Meeting | Online
- Multidisciplinary Cancer Meeting | Hybrid
- Breast Cancer Meeting | Hybrid
- Urological Cancers Meeting | Online
- Thyroid Diseases and Endocrinology Council | Online
- Multidisciplinary Pediatric Tumors Meeting | Hybrid
- Interstitial Lung Diseases Meeting | Online
- Hematology-Pathology Meeting | Online
- Muscular Diseases Council | Hybrid
- Neuromuscular Genetics Council | Hybrid
- Cardiovascular Surgery Meeting | Online
- Medical Oncology Meeting | Hybrid
- Pediatric Neuroorthopaedics Council | Online
- Dermatology Department Meeting | Online
- Pediatric Allergy Laboratory Meeting | Online
- Mortality and Morbidity Meetings | Hybrid
- Anesthesia Meeting | Online
- Indication Meeting | Online
- Neurology Seminar Program Meeting | Online
- Anesthesia Meeting

SEMINARS AND EVENTS

In 2024, Koç Healthcare organized seminars and events in 2 physical structures.

- 13 May 2024 | Nurses Day Symposium & Certificate Ceremony | Physical
- 13 October 2024 | Breast Cancer Cycling Event | Physical

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KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING (KUSON)

THE NURSES WHO WILL GUIDE THE FUTURE

With its more than 100 years of nursing education experience, the School of Nursing trains the nurses who will guide the future.



29 GRADUATES IN 2024



THE FIRST AND ONLY
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM
WITH ACEN ACCREDITATION
IN TÜRKİYE



KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING IN 2024

MAIN ACTIVITIES

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING CONTINUES TO TRAIN CLINICAL MENTOR NURSES.

"Mentor Nurse Training" was held on 7-9 February 2024 by Koç University School of Nursing to train "mentor nurses" who will guide students in clinical practice settings to provide a more efficient and safe teaching environment. This year a total of 29 nurses participated in the training, including nurses from the state hospitals where Koç University nursing students visit for clinical practice. 178 nurses have been provided free mentor nurse training since 2016.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING AT A GLANCE

The history of the School of Nursing, Turkey's first private health education institution, dates back to the Admiral Bristol School of Nursing, which was established in 1920 under the auspices of the American Hospital and supported by the US government until 1957. It was incorporated into the Vehbi Koç Foundation in 1995 and, under the leadership of Semahat Arsel, underwent a total restructuring in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing to become part of Koç University in 1998 to offer a 4-year nursing degree. In the 1998-1999 academic year, the School of Nursing started to provide nursing education as a Health College of Koç University, which became the College of Nursing in 2005, and then the School of Nursing in 2016 with the decision of the Council of Ministers. The School of Nursing continues its education and training activities with its academic staff at the Health Sciences Campus honored to have more than

100 years of nursing education experience and continues to train the nurses who will guide the future. Koç University School of Nursing is the first and only internationally accredited nursing school in Turkey, accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Koç University Health Sciences Campus, with its state-of-the-art physical infrastructure, nursing curriculum prepared with a global perspective, and AIMES laboratory and simulation center, increase the interdisciplinary education opportunities offered to students every year in cooperation with Koç University Hospital and other Vehbi Koç Foundation Healthcare Institutions and public institutions. The School of Nursing also develops scientific evidence that improves the quality of healthcare services through quality research outputs. Through its Ph.D. program, Koç University School of Nursing trains leader nurses and strong academicians.

THE 14TH TRADITIONAL AND 4TH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SYMPOSIUM OF KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING WAS HELD WITH THE THEME OF "INNOVATION AND THE FUTURE IN HEALTHCARE WITH 21ST CENTURY NURSING STUDENTS".

Koç University School of Nursing Student Symposium was held on 24 April 2024, hosted by Koç University School of Nursing students with hybrid and international participation. The event, themed "Innovation and the Future in Healthcare with 21st Century Nursing Students," featured senior students presenting the results of their projects that drew attention to society's

health problems. An international European University of Cyprus student also attended the symposium as an invited speaker. Koç University School of Nursing students and representatives from other nursing schools in İstanbul attended the symposium in person, with approximately 200 participants joining.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING (KUSON)

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING IN 2024 | MAIN ACTIVITIES

A CAREER DAY EVENT WAS ORGANIZED FOR THE STUDENTS OF THE KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING.

The “Careers in Nursing” program included events such as a seminar on career paths in the nursing profession, an alumni panel, interviews with specialist nurses and human resources experts from Koç University Hospital and American Hospital, and social responsibility projects for nursing students. These events took place in person and online from 30 April to 6 May 2024, in collaboration with Koç University School of Nursing and Career Development Center. The program organized various sessions to help students at the School of Nursing with their career planning and journey.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY AND VKV KOÇ HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS NURSES WEEK SYMPOSIUM

Koç University School of Nursing, Semahat Arsel Nursing Education, Practice, and Research Center (SANERC) and VKV Koç Healthcare Institutions united healthcare professionals, students, and experts at the Nursing Week Symposium in American Hospital Hall A, on 13 May 2024. The symposium centered around the theme “Our Nurses, Our Future: The Economic Power of Care,” featuring presentations from esteemed national and international speakers who shared valuable insights and recommendations for the future of nursing and healthcare. The hybrid event was attended by approximately 350 people, including international participants from countries such as the USA, the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands, Cyprus, and Turkey.

The symposium’s theme this year revolved around the economic power of care, emphasizing the belief that every investment in the nursing profession will yield economic and social benefits for the public. The International Council of Nurses (ICN) stressed the need to reshape perceptions of nursing as the backbone of health services, especially in the face of epidemics, geopolitical conflicts, climate crises, and financial instability threatening the world.

During the symposium’s opening, Semahat Arsel, Koç Holding Board Member and SANERC Founder, an esteemed figure with enduring contributions to the nursing profession and education in Turkey, conveys her heartfelt congratulations to all nurses in honor of Nursing Week by expressing her delight in engaging with the participants, underscoring the significance of this occasion.



The symposium's opening speeches were given by Prof. Ayiße Karadağ, the Dean of Koç University School of Nursing, and Dr. Erhan Bulutcu, the CEO of VKV Koç Healthcare.

During the "Investment in Nursing" panel, chaired by Prof. Fahriye Oflaz from Koç University School of Nursing, Specialist Nurse İlkay Akçay from the Ministry of Health presented "Personnel Rights in Nursing and Future Strategies." Prof. Gülseren Kocaman, a retired faculty member at Dokuz Eylül University and the founder of the Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Nursing Education Programs (HEPDAK), discussed "Investment in Nursing Care." Additionally, Assoc. Prof. Azize Atlı Özbaş, the President of the Turkish Nurses Association, presented on "Investment in the Development of the Nursing Profession." Afterwards, during the panel, Prof. Ayiße Karadağ delivered a speech titled 'Vehbi Koç Foundation's Investment in Nursing Education and Practice.'

During the conference chaired by Prof. Sevilay Şenol Çelik from Koç University School of Nursing, Dr. Carey McCarthy, the Health Workforce Department Manager at the World Health Organization, also presented on "Strategic Investment in Nursing."

ERASMUS FACULTY EXCHANGE- CROATIA SPLIT UNIVERSITY

Croatia Split University faculty members Dr. Rahela Orlandini, Vesna Antičević ve Varja Dogas visited the School of Nursing on 24-28 June 2024 as part of the Erasmus+ Mobility Exchange Program. During their visit, Dr. Orlandini, Antičević, and Dogas held individual meetings with the faculty members of the School of Nursing to discuss potential future research and exchange program activities.

GRADUATION CEREMONY AT KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

At the Koç University Graduation Ceremony on 29 June 2024, 29 students who started their nursing studies in 2020 and completed their courses graduated from Koç University School of Nursing and began their careers.



**"OUR NURSES
ARE OUR
FUTURE AND
THE ENGINES OF
MEDICAL CARE"**

A hybrid event, "Our Nurses are our Future and the Engines of Medical Care", was organized on the occasion of Nursing Week from 12-18 May 2024. The event was attended in person or online by about 350 people from Turkey, the USA, the UK, Germany, Holland, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and other countries.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING (KUSON)

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING IN 2024 | MAIN ACTIVITIES



THE OPENING OF THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR AND THE SCHOOL OF NURSING STUDENTS' PINNING CEREMONY

The opening of the 2024-2025 academic year at Koç University School of Nursing took place on 16 October 2024. The event featured the participation of several distinguished guests, including Prof. Funda Yağcı Acar, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Koç University; Prof. Bülent Kılıç, Dean of Students; Prof. Duygu Gözen, Dean of the School of Nursing; and Prof. Ayşe Ferda Ocakçı Birhekimoğlu, Emeritus Professor at the School of Nursing. Prof. Katrin De Winter, the Pediatric and Neonatal Care Coordinator from Thomas More University of Applied Sciences in Belgium, was also present. Additionally, managers from Koç University Hospital, including the Chief Physician and the Nursing Services Directorate, attended the event, along with faculty members and students from the School of Nursing.

At the ceremony, Prof. Duygu Gözen, Prof. Ayşe Ferda Ocakçı Birhekimoğlu, and Prof. Funda Yağcı Acar delivered the opening speeches. Dr. Katrin De Winter presented the opening lecture, "Developmental and Family-centred Care: a Topic of Great Importance in Neonatology," as the first course.

During the Pinning Ceremony, following the opening speeches and lecture, second-year students were pinned by faculty members and guests, marking their first steps into the nursing profession.



AN ERASMUS AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING AND BELGIUM THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY.

During a visit to Koç University School of Nursing, Prof. Katrin De Winter, the Pediatric and Neonatal Care Coordinator at Thomas More University of Applied Sciences in Belgium, signed an Erasmus Faculty and Student Exchange Program agreement with Koç University School of Nursing. The signing took place in the presence of the Koç University School of Nursing Dean, Prof. Duygu Gözen, along with other faculty members. During the meeting, Prof. Katrin De Winter presented an overview of Thomas More University of Applied Sciences in Belgium. She underscored the importance of fostering faculty and student exchange programs between two institutions. Thus, the School of Nursing has initiated a new faculty and student exchange program as part of this international collaboration.

THE 44TH PEDIATRIC NURSING ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE (PNAE) MEETING WAS HOSTED BY THE KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING, SANERC, AND THE NURSING SERVICES DIRECTORATE OF KOÇ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.

The 44th meeting of the Pediatric Nursing Association of Europe (PNAE) took place on 17-18 October 2024. The event was attended by representatives from the Pediatric Nurses' Associations across 17 countries. It was hosted by the Koç University School of Nursing, SANERC and the Nursing Services Directorate of Koç University Hospital. Dean Prof. Duygu Gözen delivered a speech to the representatives, introducing "The Status of Nursing in Turkey, Nursing Education, and Koç University School of Nursing." Following the speech, the guests were taken on a brief tour, showcasing the school's classrooms, laboratories, simulation areas, and clinics.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING FACULTY MEMBERS AND STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCIENCE FAIR.

On 23 October 2024, faculty members and students from Koç University School of Nursing participated in the Science Fair at Koç University Rumeli Feneri Campus, showcasing their prepared studies through fun events, experiments, and scientific activities. Under the supervision of Prof. Sevilay Şenol Çelik and Teaching Assistant Hande Nur Aslan, undergraduate students Tuba Türkmen and Miray Baştürk conducted a practical activity on "First Aid in Airway Obstruction", which attracted significant interest and provided useful information.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING (KUSON)

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING IN 2024 | MAIN ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND PROJECTS OF KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

- Prof. Duygu Gözen, along with her colleagues Fatma Bozdağ, Maksud Yildirim, and Halil Dolap, received the first prize at the Foundation of Mustela 2023 Nursing & Midwifery Research Awards for their study titled "The Effect of Breastfeeding Education Provided to Adolescent Mothers Using the Lactation Simulation Model on Mother's Breastfeeding Self-Efficacy, Mother-Infant Bonding, and Infants' Anthropometric Measurements" in March 2024.
- Prof. Duygu Gözen, along with her colleagues Nagihan Sabaz and Ayhan Taştekin, received the **first prize** at the Foundation of Mustela 2023 Nursing & Midwifery Research Awards for their study titled "The Effect of Breastfeeding on Physiological Signs, Test Weighing, and Feeding Performance in the First Oral Feeding of Preterm Infants: A Randomized Controlled Trial" in March 2024.
- Prof. Duygu Gözen, along with her colleagues Burcu Aykanat Girgin, Fatma Çarıkçı, and Yağmur Kul, received the Best Oral Presentation First Prize at the 3rd Neonatal Nursing Days with their study titled "Psychometric Properties of the Turkish Version of the Neonatal Nutrition Assessment Tool - Breastfeeding" (4-6 October 2024).
- Prof. Duygu Gözen, along with her colleagues Burcu Aykanat Girgin, Sabiha Çağlayan, and Fatma Çarıkçı, received the Best Oral Presentation Second Prize at the 3rd Neonatal Nursing Days with their study titled "Post-Discharge Feeding Problems and Affecting Factors in Preterm Infants: A Cross-Sectional Study" (4-6 October 2024).
- The "Lifetime Achievement" award was presented to Prof. Duygu Gözen by the Turkish Neonatology Nursing Association during the 3rd Neonatal Nursing Days Congress, held from 4-6 October 2024.
- Koç University School of Nursing Faculty Member Prof. Ayiße Karadağ was selected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.
- Assoc. Prof. Tuba Şengül was the Spring 2024 recipient of the Koç University Outstanding Teaching Award.
- Asst. Prof. Remziye Semerci was the Spring 2024 recipient of the Koç University Outstanding Research Award.
- The research on the "Innovative Inhalation Device" by Asst. Prof. Meryem Yıldız Ayvaz, in collaboration with Bartın University faculty member Assoc. Prof. Hilal Uysal and Başakşehir Çam and Sakura Hospital Specialist Nurse Büşra Şahin, has been registered by the Turkish Patent Institute.

VISIT FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BY FACULTY MEMBERS OF KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

- **Assoc. Prof. Tuba Şengül**, within the scope of the Koç University Visiting Scholar Program, visited the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing in Sacramento, California, United States of America between 1 June and 31 July 2024.
- **Asst. Prof. Remziye Semerci** visited the Center for Children's Health Research, Cancer and Palliative Care Outcomes at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and the QUT School of Nursing in Brisbane, Australia, as part of the Koç University Visiting Scholar Program between 15 July and 15 September 2024.
- **Asst. Prof. Seda Güney** visited the University of Évora in Portugal from 9-11 September 2024. During her visit, Dr. Güney participated in the "Cross-Country Comparative Study of Ethical Dilemmas and Concerns Observed and Experienced by Formal and Informal Stakeholders." This project focuses on dementia care ethics and is funded by the European Science and Technology Cooperation Program.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING (KUSON)

KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING IN 2024 | MAIN ACTIVITIES

SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS BY FACULTY MEMBERS OF KOÇ UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

- The article titled "The Effect of Position on Feeding Performance in Infants With Cleft Lip and Palate: Quasiexperimental Study," co-authored by **Prof. Duygu Gözen**, was published in the International Journal for Specialists in Pediatric Nursing.
- The article titled "Elastic Sac to Support Oral Feeding Performance of Preterm Infants: Crossover Randomized Controlled Study", co-authored by **Prof. Duygu Gözen**, was published in the International Journal of Nutrition In Clinical Practice.
- The article titled "The Effect of Abdominal Massage on Bilirubin Levels in Term Infants Receiving Phototherapy", co-authored by **Prof. Duygu Gözen** and **Asst. Prof. Özge Eda Karadağ Aytemiz**, was published in the International Journal of Advances In Neonatal Care.
- The article titled "Turkish Adaptation of the Neonatal Eating Assessment Tool-Bottle-Feeding in Preterm Infants Discharged to Home", co-authored by **Prof. Duygu Gözen**, was published in the International Turkish Journal of Medical Sciences.
- The article titled "Reducing Dehydration-Induced Readmissions Post-Colorectal Surgery: The Impact of a Prevention Bundle", co-authored by **Prof. Ayiße Karadağ**, was published in the International Journal of Colorectal Disease.
- The article titled "Development and Evaluation of a Serious Game on Pressure Injury Prevention for the Training of Patient Relatives: A Quasi-Experimental Study", co-authored by **Prof. Ayiße Karadağ**, was published in the International Journal of Simulation & Gaming.
- The article titled "Exploring Nursing Students' First Experiences Providing Wound and Ostomy Care to Patients: A Qualitative Study", co-authored by **Prof. Ayiße Karadağ**, **Assoc. Prof. Tuba Şengül** and **Teaching Assistant Havanur Kılıç**, was published in the International Journal of Advances In Skin & Wound Care.
- The article titled "Psychological Well-Being for Cognitively Impaired People Scale: Assessing Reliability and Validity of Turkish Version", authored by **Prof. Ayiße Karadağ** and **Asst. Prof. Seda Güney**, was published in the International Archives of Psychiatric Nursing.
- The article titled "Lived Experiences of Patients After Colorectal Cancer and Permanent Colostomy: A Parallel-Design Mixed-Methods Study", co-authored by **Prof. Sevilay Şenol Çelik**, was published in the International Journal of Advances In Skin & Wound Care.
- The article titled "The Opinions and Experiences of Nursing Students, Nurses, and Patients Regarding Clinical Practices: A Mixed-Methods Study", co-authored by **Prof. Sevilay Şenol Çelik**, **Prof. Gülcan Bağcıvan** and **Asst. Prof. Seda Sarıköse** was published in the International Journal of Nursing & Health Sciences.
- The article titled "Roles, Experience and Views of Nurses Working in Robotic Surgery Settings: A Mixed-Methods Study", co-authored by **Prof. Sevilay Şenol Çelik** and **Asst. Prof. Seda Sarıköse** was published in the International Journal of Perioperative Practice.
- The article titled "Effect of Peri-Intubation Non-Pharmacological Interventions on Postoperative Laryngeal Symptoms: A Systematic Review with Meta-Analysis and Meta-Regression", co-authored by **Prof. Sevilay Şenol Çelik**, **Asst. Prof. Seda Sarıköse** and **Teaching Assistant Hande Nur Aslan**, was published in the International Journal of Intensive and Critical Care Nursing.
- The article titled "Nursing Interventions for the Self-Efficacy of Ostomy Patients: A Systematic Review", co-authored by **Prof. Sevilay Şenol Çelik** and **Teaching Assistant Hande Nur Aslan**, was published in the International Journal of Tissue Viability.

- The article titled "Utilizing GPT 4.0 with Prompt Learning In Nursing Education: A Case Study Approach Based on Benner's Theory", co-authored by **Assoc. Prof. Pelin Karaçay**, was published in the International Journal of Teaching and Learning In Nursing.
- The article titled "The Potential and Pitfalls of Artificial Intelligence in Nursing: Preserving Humanity in the Face of Advancement", co-authored by **Assoc. Prof. Pelin Karaçay**, was published in the International Florence Nightingale Journal of Nursing.
- The article titled "The Effect of Vasopressor Agents on Pressure Injury Development In Intensive Care Patients", co-authored by **Assoc. Prof. Ayda Kebapçı** and **Teaching Assistant Ruhat Tilki**, was published in the International Journal of Intensive and Critical Care Nursing.
- The article titled "Investigation of Nursing Students' Knowledge Levels and Attitudes in Incontinence-Associated Dermatitis Management through Game-Based Learning: A Mixed Methods Study", co-authored by **Assoc. Prof. Tuba Şengül**, was published in the International Journal of Wound Management & Prevention.
- The article titled "Everyday Prevention: The Impact of Daily Comprehensive Skin Assessments on Pressure Injury Healing in the General ICU", co-authored by **Assoc. Prof. Tuba Şengül**, was published in the International Journal of Advances In Skin & Wound Care.
- The articles titled "Effectiveness of School-Based Interventions on Child Sexual Abuse Knowledge in Children with Disabilities: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis", "Turkish Version of the Resilience Scale for Young Children: Validity and Reliability Study", "Comparison of the effect of natural products and breast milk for preventing and treating nipple trauma and pain in lactating women: A systematic review and meta-analysis", "The Effect of Therapeutic Play on Fear, Anxiety, and Satisfaction Levels of Pediatric Oncology Patients Receiving Chemotherapy" and "Impact of Psychosexual Development Theory-Based Breastfeeding Education on Infant Feeding Attitudes and Knowledge of Primiparous Mothers: A Randomized Controlled Study", co-authored by **Asst. Prof. Remziye Semerci**, were published in the International Journal of Pediatric Nursing-Nursing Care of Children & Families.
- The article titled "Pediatric Asthma Inhaler Technique: Quality and Content Analysis of YouTube Videos", co-authored by **Asst. Prof. Remziye Semerci** and **Teaching Assistant Enes Şimşek**, was published in the International Journal of Asthma.
- The article titled "Totally Implantable Venous Access Device Care Practices and Experiences of Pediatric and Adult Oncology Nurses", co-authored by **Asst. Prof. Remziye Semerci**, was published in the International Journal of Infusion Nursing.
- The article titled "What does the public really know about dementia? A community-based cross-sectional survey in Türkiye", co-authored by **Asst. Prof. Seda Güney**, was published in the International Journal of Public Health Nursing.
- The article titled "Validity and Reliability of the Turkish Version of the Australian National University-Alzheimer's Disease Risk Index (ANU-ADRI)", co-authored by **Asst. Prof. Seda Güney**, was published in the International Journal of Applied Neuropsychology-Adult.
- The article titled "Dementia Risk Awareness, Health Behaviors and Motivation for Dementia Prevention in Middle-Aged and Older Adults in Türkiye", co-authored by **Asst. Prof. Seda Güney** and **Teaching Assistant Özlem Çiçek Doğan**, was published in the International Journal of Applied Gerontology.

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SANERC IN 2024 MAIN ACTIVITIES

SUPPORTING THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF GRADUATE NURSES

Semahat Arsel Nursing Education, Practice and Research Center (SANERC), which was established to contribute to the competence of graduated nurses in Türkiye to be capable of making change, continues to support the professional development of nurses with the understanding of lifelong learning and equal opportunity in education. In 2024, SANERC organized a total of 13 training programs and 1 seminar. The training programs reached a total of 299 health professionals, mostly nurses.



COLLABORATION WITH SANERC FOR ÇAMLİBEL FOUNDATION'S PROJECT "AT LEAST 100 GERONTOLOGY NURSES IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

The aging population in Türkiye increases the need for care for elderly individuals. In this context, it is important for elderly care nurses to receive training regarding elderly nursing care and improve their knowledge and skills. A training contract was signed between SANERC and Çamlıbel Foundation in 2024 within the scope of the project to train "At least 100 Gerontology Nurses in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye". According to this agreement, the Gerontology Nursing Course was held three times in 2024, in February, May, and October, and a total of 100 gerontology nurses were trained at SANERC.



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Koç University Semahat Arsel Nursing Education, Practice and Research Center (SANERC) was established with the mission of developing creative educational models and providing best practices in post-graduate nursing education to contribute to the development of the nursing profession in our country; it is the first and only internationally accredited post-graduate education and research center established for health professionals in Türkiye. SANERC was re-accredited for the third time by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), one of the world's longest-established accreditation bodies, on 24 March 2023, for a period of 4 years, the longest accreditation period that can be obtained, until 31 March 2027. SANERC has turned into a center approved by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) with the regulation dated 17 November 2019 and numbered 30951 published in the Official Gazette. SANERC, which conducts its training according to American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) accreditation standards, supports nursing research that develops evidence-based and clinical practices and publishes books and journals, has been leading continuous education in nursing in Turkey since 1992.

COLLABORATION WITH THE TURKISH HEART FOUNDATION

Having a Basic Life Support (BLS) certificate before graduation increases patient safety and prepares nursing students to fulfill their professional responsibilities. As part of the Turkish Heart Week activities, SANERC provided BLS training for the 13th time to the most successful senior students of nursing schools in collaboration with the Turkish Heart Foundation. The training program was held on 7-8 May 2024, with the participation of 25 senior nursing students from different schools. Kenan Güven, President of the Turkish Heart Foundation, and Gülsevim Çeviker, former Director of Amiral Bristol, attended the opening of the program.

THE FIRST AID TRAINING SEMINAR WAS PROVIDED TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TURKISH HEART FOUNDATION.

A theoretical and practical First Aid Seminar was provided to the healthcare professionals and administrative staff of the Turkish Heart Foundation. The seminar, held at the foundation, was also attended by the President of the Turkish Heart Foundation, Kenan Güven, and members of the foundation's board of directors.

SIMULATION TRAINING COURSE WAS PROVIDED.

The aim of the simulation training is to improve the knowledge and skills of educators, nurses and other health professionals about

simulation teaching and learning strategy and to contribute to the successful implementation of simulation-based training in Türkiye. In SANERC, which is the only center in Türkiye that regularly provides simulation training, the simulation training course was held on 6-8 March 2024, with the participation of 25 health professionals.

PEDIATRIC NURSES ASSOCIATIONS OF EUROPE (PNAE) 44TH ORDINARY MEETING WAS HELD.

The 44th Meeting of Pediatric Nursing Associations of Europe (PNAE) was held at SANERC with the cooperation of the Koç University Hospital Nursing Services Directorate and Koç University School of Nursing with participants from 17 countries, including Türkiye representative Emeritus Prof. Ayşe Ferda Ocakçı. Assoc. Prof. Pelin Karaçay, Director of SANERC, gave a presentation introducing SANERC to the delegates.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY SEMAHAT ARSEL NURSING EDUCATION, PRACTICE AND RESEARCH CENTER (SANERC)

NURSING RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED AND SUPPORTED BY THE VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION IN 2024

VKV Nursing Fund has been supporting professional development projects carried out by nurses since 2003. The main objective of the program is to contribute to the development and strengthening of the nursing profession in our country. Vehbi Koç Nursing Fund supported 3 projects in 2024. In addition, 4 projects accepted in the 2022-2023 period were completed. Thus, a total of 83 projects have been supported to date.

Project Number	Project Name	Project Owner	Status
2023.2	The effects of mindfulness-based meditation and yoga on stress, self-esteem, body perception, and sexual adjustment in mastectomized breast cancer patients	Asst. Prof. Semra Eyi	Completed
2023.6	Development of a mobile application for the care of children with gastrostomy and the effect of the application on gastrostomy complications, parents' care burden, self-efficacy, and anxiety levels	Prof. Emine Efe	Completed
2023.9	The effect of mandala art and value clarification based on Watson human care theory on anxiety and emotional state of parents of children with cancer	Assoc. Prof. Sevcan Atay Turan	Completed
2023.21	The effect of a decision support system for symptom self-management on symptom management, quality of life, and unplanned hospital admissions in non-Hodgkin's lymphoma patients	Prof. Hicran Bektaş	Completed
2024.2	Impact of Two Different Positive Pressure Flushing Techniques on Implanted Port Catheter Occlusion and Cost of Care in Pediatric Oncology Patients: A Randomized Controlled Study	Asst. Prof. Sevil Özkan	In Progress
2024.3	Nurses' Intention to Report Child Abuse and Associated Factors	Prof. Ayşe Ferda Ocakçı	In Progress
2024.7	The Effect of the Mobile Education Program and Phone Monitoring Developed for Patients with Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators on Shock Anxiety, Device Acceptance and Self- Efficacy	Prof. Zeynep Özer	In Progress



SANERC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The training programs carried out by SANERC in 2024 are listed below:

Name of Educational Program	Date	Participant Number	ANCC Credit
Basic Electrocardiography Course (LearnX)	2024	17	20
Intensive Care Nursing Training Program (LearnX)	2024	2	16
Gerontology Nursing Course (Face to Face)	8-9 February 2024	31	16
Simulation Training Course (Online)	6-8 March 2024	25	15
Wound Care Course (Online)	27-29 March 2024	35	16
Basic Life Support Course (Face to Face)	7-8 May 2024	25	12
Gerontology Nursing Course (Face to Face)	30-31 May 2024	35	16
First Aid Training Seminar (Face to Face)	4 June 2024	25	4
Basic Life Support Course (Face to Face)	6-7 June 2024	9	12
Wound Care Course (Online)	24-26 September 2024	24	16
Gerontology Nursing Course (Face to Face)	2-4 October 2024	34	20
Educator Nurse Training Program (Face to Face)	21-25 October 2024	12	28
Intensive Care Nursing Certification Training Program (Face to Face)	11 November-20 December 2024	11	240
Basic Level Oncology Nursing Course (Online)	4-6 December 2024	14	20
Total	14	299	451

(*) 1 ANCC Credit = 1 Hour

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PUBLICATIONS

Journal of Education and Research in Nursing (JERN) is a scientific, open-access, online-only journal published in accordance with the principles of independent, impartial, and double-blind peer review. The journal is published quarterly in March, June, September and December. In 2024, JERN published 47 articles in 4 issues.

JERN Issues	Type of articles
March 2024	10 articles have been published (10 original research)
January 2024	14 articles have been published (14 original research)
September 2024	10 articles have been published (9 original research, 1 review)
December 2024	13 articles have been published (11 original research, 2 review)



ANKARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE VEHBİ KOÇ EYE HOSPITAL

The Vehbi Koç Eye Hospital, which was founded in 1967 as part of Ankara University's School of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology and underwent a large-scale renovation in 2007, has been supported regularly by the Vehbi Koç Foundation. The hospital serves approximately 300 patients a day in its outpatient clinics. Approximately 70 eye surgeries are performed every week at the hospital. It has also been offering ESASO (European School for Advanced Studies in Ophthalmology) accredited post specialization courses for ophthalmologists since 2012 with the support of the Vehbi Koç Foundation.

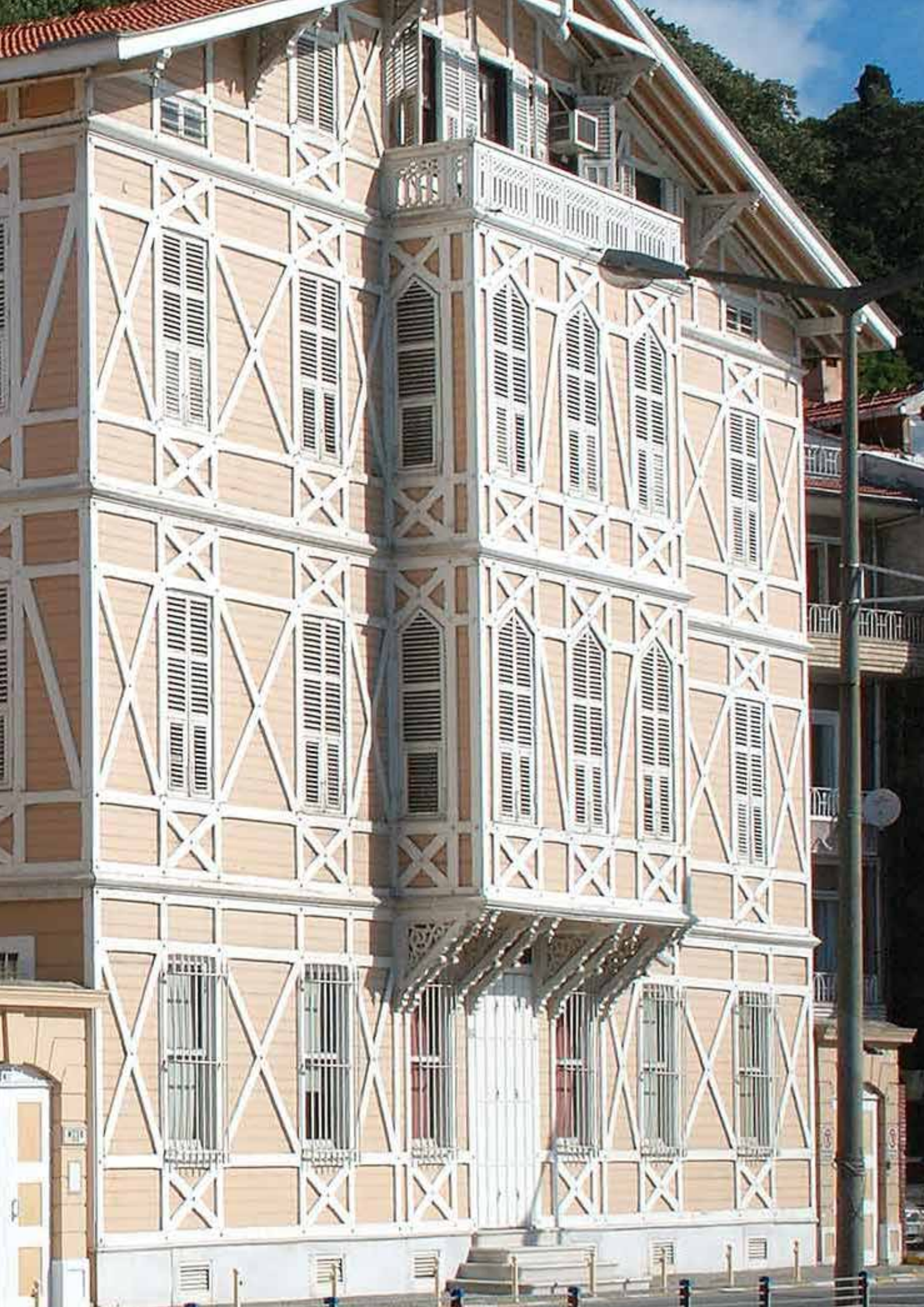
HAYDARPAŞA NUMUNE HOSPITAL VEHBİ KOÇ EMERGENCY MEDICAL CENTER

Founded in 1985 with the support of the Vehbi Koç Foundation, the Haydarpaşa Numune Hospital Vehbi Koç Emergency Medical Center underwent a major overhaul in 2015 to meet increasing demand. The center has been supported consistently by the Vehbi Koç Foundation. It is able to serve a great number of patients simultaneously thanks to its interior layout that is able to cater to different needs and is considered one of Turkey's best-organized emergency wards.

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ONE OF TURKEY'S FIVE LARGEST ANCIENT CITIES

The Vehbi Koç
Foundation
and Tofaş have
supported the
excavations carried
out in Hierapolis
since 2005.



AVERAGE OF 1.8 MILLION
VISITORS PER YEAR



PAMUKKALE HIERAPOLIS ANCIENT CITY EXCAVATIONS

The Vehbi Koç Foundation and Tofaş have supported the excavations carried out in Hierapolis, one of Turkey's five largest ancient cities and included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1988, since 2005. An international team of approximately 70 people, mainly from Italy and Turkey, including archaeologists, architects, restorers, and experts, takes part in the works carried out under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and Denizli Governorate and with the primary sponsorship of Tofaş. Among the most critical works unearthed in Hierapolis so far are the Antique Theatre, Necropolis, Hot Springs, Great Church, San Filippo Matrium, Frontinus Gate, Gymnasium, Temple of Apollo, and Pluto's Gate (Plutonium). Pamukkale Hierapolis Ancient City welcomes an average of 1.8 million visitors per year.

MOST COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTEMPORARY ART EVENT



İSTANBUL BIENNIAL

The İstanbul Biennial is Turkey's most comprehensive international contemporary art event and has been organized by İKSV since 1987. Koç Holding and the Vehbi Koç Foundation have supported the İstanbul Biennial since 2007. While maintaining the development of the art environment in Turkey, these two institutions aim to make culture and art accessible to everyone, especially the youth, at higher levels every year. Accordingly, they have decided to extend the 2007-2026 sponsorship of the İstanbul Biennial until 2036.

SUPPORT SINCE 2007

Koç Holding and the Vehbi Koç Foundation have supported the İstanbul Biennial since 2007.

SADBERK HANIM MUSEUM

MORE THAN
20,000
ARTIFACTS

The museum today
boasts more than
20,000 artifacts in
its collections.



JOSEPHINE POWELL COLLECTION: ANATOLIAN KILIMS AND WEAVING TOOLS

Location: Büyükdere Vehbi Koç House

A “Josephine Powell Collection: Anatolian Kilims and Weaving Tools” exhibition was mounted at the Büyükdere Vehbi Koç House on the occasion of the 15th International Conference on Oriental Carpets held in İstanbul. An opening reception for invited guests took place on 9 June 2024.

Formerly used by Vehbi Koç and his family as a summer residence, the Büyükdere Vehbi Koç House was first opened to visitors in 2018. Although it was later closed, it was reopened to host this exhibition showcasing a selection from Josephine Powell’s collection of Anatolian kilims and weaving tools. Shortly before her death in 2006, collector and photographer Josephine Powell had donated her lifelong collection of Anatolian kilims, weaving tools, ethnographic objects, and Central Asian textiles to the Vehbi Koç Foundation. The exhibition was put together

by a team from Sadberk Hanım Museum, who spent two weeks preparing objects from the Powell collection for display at the Büyükdere Vehbi Koç House.

The exhibition was laid out across two of the stately building’s four floors. Immediately upon entrance to the lower floor, visitors first encountered a display consisting of a vertical Yörük loom and four woven sacks of the sort that these nomadic people would commonly have used to carry provisions. Displayed to the left were brief biographical texts about the collector Josephine Powell, including excerpts from her friends’ and acquaintances’ writings about her. This section also provided information about the profound importance of kilim weaving in Turkish culture, alongside explanations of recurring kilim motifs and patterns. In the room to the right were displayed examples of kilims woven in different parts of Anatolia. On the upper floor, visitors were greeted by an intriguing installation consisting of weaving tools suspended mobile-like from the ceiling. Three rooms on this floor were given over

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SADBERK HANIM MUSEUM AT A GLANCE

The Sadberk Hanım Museum was initially founded to exhibit the private collection of Sadberk Koç, wife of Vehbi Koç; it was opened on 14 October 1980 in the Azaryan Mansion in Sarıyer, İstanbul, and the adjoining Sevgi Gönül Wing, acquired in 1983 and subsequently restored, opened in 1988. Its inventory of over 20,000 items includes archaeological artefacts of Anatolian cultures and civilizations from the 6th millennium BC through the Byzantine era, as well as Islamic artefacts, predominantly from the Ottoman period, such as woven textiles, garments, embroideries, manuscripts, and ceramics. Along with its permanent collection, temporary exhibitions and exhibition catalogues introduce its rich collections to the public. Educational programs for children also constitute an essential part of the museum's activities.

to displays of kilims from the Powell collection together with a selection of her photographs from Koç University's archives revealing aspects of Yörük life.

"Yörük" is a name used to designate a Turkish ethnic subgroup of people who were mostly transhumant pastoralists that migrated between lowland winter camps and highland summer camps. The kilims—flat-woven carpets or tapestries—which they wove were essential elements of their nomadic life and had both utilitarian and aesthetic functions. Besides being visually appealing, Anatolian kilims, along with their weaving and dyeing techniques, symbols, colors, and compositional forms, are the subjects of much scholarly research.

Designed by Umut Durmuş, curated by Havva Furat Ay, and coordinated by Hülya Bilgi, "Josephine Powell Collection: Anatolian Kilims and Weaving Tools" is now a permanent exhibition at the Büyükdere Vehbi Koç House and can be visited every day (except Wednesdays) from 10:00 to 17:00.



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Elegance From Past To Future Women's Costume From The Late Ottoman Empire To The Early Republican Era

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ELEGANCE FROM PAST TO FUTURE WOMEN'S COSTUME FROM THE LATE OTTOMAN EMPIRE TO THE EARLY REPUBLICAN ERA

Date: 29 October 2023 - 29 October 2024

Location: Abdülmecid Efendi's Summer Residence

Organized by Sadberk Hanım Museum at the Abdülmecid Efendi Summer Residence on behalf of Koç Holding as an event celebrating the first centennial of the Republic of Turkey, "Elegance from Past to Future: Women's Costume from the Late Ottoman Empire to the early Republican Era" showcased the evolution of women's fashion in Turkey in the transition between the last decades of the empire and the early years of the republic. Designed by Dr. Umut Durmuş and curated by Hülya Bilgi, Dr. Şebnem Eryavuz, and Bahattin Öztuncay, the exhibition greeted visitors in the elegant surroundings of a late 19th century Ottoman summer residence accompanied by the strains of classical Turkish music and video installations.

On display in the exhibition were examples of women's garments and accessories on loan from the Sadberk Hanım Museum, Rahmi M. Koç Museum, İnönü Foundation, Mutlu İlmen, Ayfer Neyzi, and Yapı Kredi Bankası collections.

Viewers strolled through a visual feast of fashionable wedding dresses, street cloths, and other garments and accessories that revealed the social and cultural identities of their original owners and of their times. A centerpiece of the show was Osman Hamdi Bey's iconic 1887 "Gezintide Kadınlar" oil painting of a group of nine women promenading outside a mosque. Accompanying it were garments worn by poet Leyla Saz, Atatürk's adopted daughter, Atatürk's wife Afet İnan, and İsmet İnönü's wife Mevhibe İnönü, all prominent figures in the early decades of the Republic. A separate section was devoted to a display of some of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's personal belongings, autographed photographs, and an exact copy of a full-dress suit whose original is at the Atatürk Mausoleum museum.

"Elegance from Past to Future: Women's Costume from the Late Ottoman Empire to the early Republican Era" proved to be so popular that it remained open by request until 29 October 2024, by which time it had been visited by more than 190 thousand people.





ADORABLE & PRECOCIOUS: CHILDREN'S COSTUMES IN THE SADBBERK HANIM MUSEUM COLLECTION

Date: 24 November 2023 - 31 December 2024

Location: Sadberk Hanım Museum

"Adorable & Precocious: Children's Costumes in the Sadberk Hanım Museum Collection", an exhibition organized by that museum on the occasion of first-centennial celebrations of the Republic of Turkey, attracted so much interest that it remained open until the end of the year. A selection of children's garments and accessories spanning the late 19th and early 20th centuries from the SHM collection eloquently revealed the social contexts of their wearers and times as well as fashion concepts and tailoring techniques.

Curated by Dr. Lale Görünür and coordinated by Hülya Bilgi, "Adorable & Precocious" focused primarily on garments which children would have worn on special occasions and important turning-points in their young lives while also revealing how much children of their class were cherished by their parents in their day. Accompanying the show was a selection of objects such as cradles, utensils, and birth-related

artifacts and a display of child-related rituals such as the prayers that were performed when a youngster is sent off to school for the first time.

Accompanying the show were three prints on loan from the Ömer M. Koç collection depicting children that had been selected from Nicolas de Nicolay's Travels in Turkey (1567) travelogue, a book regarded as one of the earliest and most accurate European depictions of Ottoman society.

Although the Sadberk Hanım Museum collection of children's garments is modest, the lovingly-preserved artifacts are outstanding examples of their kind and the collection continues to be enriched with new donations and acquisitions. A book accompanying the exhibition contains fascinating details about the role that children played in Ottoman society and their impact on its material and moral culture.



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SADBERK HANIM MUSEUM IN 2024 | LOANS

RUMI 750TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS REUNION

Date: 24 January 2024 – 3 March 2024

Location: Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts, İstanbul

Sadberk Hanım Museum lent ten 19th-century calligraphic plates from its collection to the “Rumi: 750th Anniversary of his Reunion” exhibition mounted jointly by the Turkish Ministry of Culture & Tourism and the Konya Metropolitan Municipality at the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts in İstanbul. The exhibition showcased a total of 85 artifacts that revealed the life and teachings of Mevlânâ Celâleddîn Rûmî, a 13th-century poet, jurist, theologian, and Sufi mystic. The show also included calligraphies and musical instruments and other objects used in Sufi rituals.



HORSEPOWER

Date: 26 November 2024 – 10 June 2025

Location: Rahmi M. Koç Museum, İstanbul

For the “Horsepower” exhibition mounted at the Rahmi M. Koç Museum to mark the 30th year of its opening, Sadberk Hanım Museum lent thirteen objects comprising ceramics, tiles, porcelains, metalworks, and textiles incorporating the “horse” motif from its Archaeological and Turkish and Islamic Arts collections. SHM also contributed a riding habit including a handkerchief and tie pin that had once belonged to Vehbi Koç and is now part of its collection.



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SADBERK HANIM MUSEUM IN 2024 | EVENTS

“LET’S GO TO THE MUSEUM!” FIELD TRIP PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Sadberk Hanım Museum’s “Let’s go to the museum!” field trip program for preschool, primary school, and middle school children continued during the 2023-2024 academic year. “Let’s go to the museum!” focuses on showcasing museums as fascinating places of discovery and learning where youngsters can also have fun. Between 13 October 2023 and 11 June 2024, the museum opened its doors every Monday, Tuesday, and occasionally Saturday (except national and religious holidays) to groups of children from state and private schools. After the last contingent during the week before school summer break, the program was suspended until the fall. A total of 3,491 youngsters visited SHM during the 2023-2024 season, 2,165 of those in 2024.

The program resumed on 1 October 2024 with the beginning of the 2024-2025 academic year and the museum began accepting field trip reservations for preschool, primary school, and middle school teachers and school administrators once again. Slots were quickly snapped up and the October-December calendar was soon booked solid. The program will continue in 2025 on the same schedule as last year until the end of the spring term.

The “Let’s go to the museum!” field trip program is designed to provoke and nourish children’s and young people’s curiosity about history, art, and cultural heritage and to make them aware that museums are treasure-troves of such assets. The content of each school’s field trip is carefully selected to appeal to the age of the youngsters and to dovetail with curriculum content and ongoing school projects if any. A typical Sadberk Hanım Museum school field trip tour usually provides an interactive two-hour experience that includes looking at objects on display, visiting temporary exhibitions, encouraging youngsters to talk about what they’ve seen, and reinforcing the learning process through hands-on activities.



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EXHIBITION TALKS

A series of exhibition talks were organized to accompany both the "Elegance from Past to Future: Women's Costume from the Late Ottoman Empire to the early Republican Era" exhibition that Sadberk Hanım Museum held at the Abdülmecid Efendi Summer Residence on 29 October 2023 on the occasion of the first centennial of the Republic of Turkey and the "Adorable & Precocious: Children's Costumes in the Sadberk Hanım Museum Collection" exhibition that opened on 24 November 2023 at the museum itself. Events paralleling both shows were conducted at their respective locations between February and November 2024.

During the talks, specialists in the fields of Ottoman and Republican history, art, architecture, and political science along with each exhibition's designers and curators focused on the works on display. Drawing attention to the works' social, political, and economic contexts and messages, the specialists engaged in in-depth discussions with audience members about the objects themselves and their times. No admission was charged for these talks, which took place at the exhibition venues and included a specially guided tour by SHM personnel. A total of 375 people attended the talks, which were recorded and later published on the SHM website.

"ELEGANCE FROM PAST TO FUTURE EXHIBITION" TALKS

Between February and June 2024 while the "Elegance from Past to Future: Women's Costume from the Late Ottoman Empire to the early Republican Era" exhibition was still in progress, four monthly gatherings were organized at the Koç Group Sports Club, each focusing on a different aspect of the show. These talks, which were recorded, attracted so much interest that, by request they were conducted twice each month, with one session being open to the general public with Koç Group personnel encouraged to attend the other.

The first talk featured a presentation by Prof. Namık Sinan Turan of İstanbul University's Department of Political Science & International Relations on the subject of changes in and public debates about women's costume in the Late Imperial Period.

In the second, Assoc. Prof. Ahmet Kuyaş of Galatasaray University's Department of Social Sciences talked about women's education, social engagement, and political rights in the transition between Late Empire and Early Republic. His presentation also gave his listeners a chance to think about and debate different aspects and examples of the modernization process which the

Ottoman Empire underwent throughout the 19th century and into the early 20th.

The third gathering featured a talk by Prof. Turgut Saner of İstanbul Technical University's Department of Architecture about the architectural and artistic attributes of the Abdülmecid Efendi Summer Residence that was serving as the venue for the "Elegance from Past to Future" exhibition as well as about the structure's place in Ottoman İstanbul's urban landscape.

The fourth and last "Elegance from Past to Future" talk featured presentations by Sadberk Hanım Museum Director and participating exhibition curator Hülya Bilgi and exhibition designer Dr. Umut Durmuş. Titled "Is the space the message? The Abdülmecid Efendi Summer Residence and the relationship between exhibition and space", the presentations revealed the background and thinking that informed this important show.

"ADORABLE & PRECOCIOUS" TALKS AT SADBERK HANIM MUSEUM

Three talks to accompany the "Adorable & Precocious: Children's Costumes in the Sadberk Hanım Museum Collection" exhibition were hosted at SHM in May, June, and November 2024 respectively. The first talk featured a presentation by Assoc. Prof. Güven Gürkan Öztan of İstanbul University's Department of Political Science & International Relations titled "Little citizens, big responsibilities: Childhood in the nation-state building process". The second featured a "Coming-of-age ceremonies in the three monotheistic religions" presentation by Retired Prof. Kürşad Demirci formerly of Marmara University's Department of Religious Studies that examined the social context of the period covered by the exhibition through the lenses of political and religious history. In the third and final talk, "Children without toys: Aziz Nesin's childhood and teenage years", Prof. Suraiya Faruqi of İbn Haldun University fascinated her listeners with examples, taken from Nesin's memoirs, of the condition of children and childhood in Turkey during a decade of an almost continuous state of war (1912-1923) and into the early years of the Turkish Republic.





International Museum Day observance: “Music and voice in the museum: Reading İstanbul through music” (Talk and recital)

On the occasion of International Museums Day (18 May 2024), Sadberk Hanım Museum hosted an evening talk and recital for an audience of invited museum professionals and academicians in the SHM garden. Titled “Music and voice in the museum: Reading İstanbul through music”, the event featured a joint presentation by Prof. Namık Sinan Turan of İstanbul University’s Department of Political Science & International Relations and Prof. Bilen Işıktaş of the İstanbul University State Conservatory’s Department of Musicology. The pair examined and discussed the changes that Ottoman-Turkish society experienced throughout the 19th century and into the early 20th century, as reflected in period music and song, while Dr. Işıktaş enchanted guests with a curated program of delightful examples of popular works of the day performed on the oud.



“Turkish music in Atatürk’s day” (Talk and recital)

On the evening of 17 September 2024, Sadberk Hanım Museum hosted a talk and recital in the garden of the Abdülmecid Efendi Summer Residence to mark the closing of the “Adorable & Precocious: Children’s Costumes in the Sadberk Hanım Museum Collection” exhibition. The admission-free event was sponsored by Vehbi Koç Foundation exclusively for Koç Group personnel and featured Prof. Namık Sinan Turan of İstanbul University’s Department of Political Science & International Relations and Prof. Bilen Işıktaş of the İstanbul University State Conservatory’s Department of Musicology as speakers.

The evening began with one last tour of the “Adorable & Precocious” exhibition conducted by SHM personnel before it was dismantled. It continued with a reception in the palace garden followed by a richly curated program of period music showcasing the foremost composers, instrumentalists, and soloists of the Republican era. Featuring insightful presentations by Dr. Turan, examples of early 78 RPM recordings, and masterful performances on the oud by Dr. Işıktaş, the pair gave their guests an unforgettable musical experience on a pleasant İstanbul evening.

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INTERNATIONAL SADBERK HANIM MUSEUM SYMPOSIUM

Last year Sadberk Hanım Museum decided to initiate a series of biennial international symposiums exploring the scholarly, scientific, and technical aspects of museology. The inaugural gathering, whose theme was "Textile Conservation", was held on 26-27 September 2024 in the auditorium of the Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED) in İstanbul. A total of twelve papers were submitted across the four sessions of the two-day symposium. All presentations and accompanying discussions were simultaneously translated into both Turkish and English for the convenience of symposium speakers and listeners. The admission-free sessions were attended by 408 listeners.

The symposium began with opening remarks by Sadberk Hanım Museum Director Hülya Bilgi and Zeynep Boz of the Turkish Ministry of Culture & Tourism and continued with a framework presentation by Janina Poskrobko, head of the Department of Textile Conservation at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Over the ensuing two days, invited conservators, restorers, and unit heads from the Textile Museum, Washington DC, the Musée des Tissus et des Arts Décoratifs (Museum of

Textiles and Decorative Arts) in Lyon, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the İstanbul Restoration and Conservation Central Laboratory, the DATU Laboratory, Qatar Museums, and the Turkish Energy, Nuclear and Mining Research Agency, along with SHM conservators and independent specialists presented papers and engaged in in-depth, lively discussions that were well-attended by the audience.

During sessions directly related to Sadberk Hanım Museum's current projects, discussions focused on disciplines and issues critical for advancing textile conservation. These included conversions and relocations informed by museums' changing needs, two- and three-dimensional display and storage solutions for textiles, and case-study-based applications of radiation and digital technology.

To make the proceedings of the first International Sadberk Hanım Museum Symposium more accessible and lasting for as broad an audience as possible, a book containing all the papers presented during the gathering is planned for publication in 2026. The papers will appear in their original language and translated into English or Turkish as appropriate. The theme of the second symposium planned for 2026 is "Book Arts".



SADBERK HANIM MUSEUM IN 2024 | NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Sadberk Hanım Museum has been conducting its Artist in Residence program for Fulbright-scholarship artists and researchers wishing to explore its collections, do research on various subjects, and develop original interpretations since 2022. Since the program's inception, several US-based artists on Fulbright scholarships have benefited from this program, investigating the dyeing and weaving techniques of the Anatolian kilims in the SHM collection and other aspects of Yörük culture. Over a nine-month period, they examined the unique motifs, color palettes, and weaving techniques of the kilims and then reinterpreted the textiles' rich cultural heritage in their own works. Projects like these have two benefits. Not only do they enable artists from other cultural backgrounds to be inspired by this heritage but they also contribute significantly towards the heritage's preservation and advocacy. Another Fulbright scholar, Senior Museum Researcher Nancy Micklewright, is currently engaged in a comprehensive study of late 19th- and early 20th-century photographic depictions of women's fashion based on the examples in the SHM costume collection and photographs in the museum's archives.

DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION USING IONIZING RADIATION TECHNOLOGY

In 2023 the International Atomic Energy Agency initiated a new five-year coordinated research project (CRP) titled "Development and Implementation of Cultural Heritage Preservation Using Ionizing Radiation

Technology". Joining forces with the Turkish Energy, Nuclear and Mining Research Agency (TENMAK), Sadberk Hanım Museum is contributing to this CRP with its own "Synergic Effects of Ionizing Radiation and the Use of Green Antimicrobial Agents on Historical Textile Preservation" project. This project will be exploring methods and procedures for using nuclear radiation to disinfect and preserve vulnerable textiles in the museum's collections. SHM and TENMAK signed an initial technical-specification agreement concerning the examination and analysis of textiles that would be candidates for use in the project as it moves forward.

The first phase of the project, which was completed during 10-14 March 2024, entailed a series of XRF, spectrophotometric, Raman, and FT-IR analyses of textiles, ancient glassware, and metalware in the SHM collection by a TENMAK team comprising Assoc. Prof. Ömer Kantoğlu, Assoc. Prof. Ece Ergun, Dr. Yakup Kalaycı, and Gencay Gündoğdu accompanied by Prof. Ümit Ergun and Prof. Ersin Orhan of Düzce University. Surfaces in the museum's exhibition and storage spaces were swabbed to monitor microorganism formation in these enclosed environments. Experiments were carried out to identify the precise radiation dose needed to effectively neutralize or destroy the microorganisms that were found. The team is now conducting further analyses and tests to verify with absolute certainty that the chosen radiation dose, while effective against microorganisms, does not damage or degrade the textiles themselves. The ultimate goal of the project is to assess the utility and effectiveness of these techniques in the preservation of historically important but vulnerable cultural heritage textiles for the benefit of future generations.



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SADBERK HANIM MUSEUM CURATOR PRESENTATIONS

Sadberk Hanım Museum library and archives curator Mevlüde Kurt attended a “Sustainability and Advocacy” program conducted by the İstanbul branch of the Turkish Librarians’ Association at İstinye University on the occasion of the 60th iteration of Libraries Week (25-31 March 2024). During the event, which dwelt on such subjects as library-related and cultural sustainability issues and the utility of AI-based applications in libraries, Ms. Kurt talked about the history of collection management at SHM since the museum’s opening and about the transition of the museum’s collection database from a manual card catalogue system to a state-of-the-art The Museum System database developed by Gallery Systems.

Sadberk Hanım Museum art historian Dr. Beyza Uzun attended the “Historicizing the Muslim Sensorium: Toward a Sensory History of Islam in the Early Modern World” conference at Utrecht University in Holland on 17-18 October 2024. During the event, she presented her paper titled “Olfactory Persona of Ottoman Sultans:

The Usage of Incense Burners at the Public Imperial Ceremonies”. The Utrecht University conference brought together a multidisciplinary group of scholars to explore how the senses of sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch inform social, cultural, and political structures, and to offer new perspectives on the history of the early modern Islamic world. In her presentation, Dr. Uzun provided examples of Ottoman sultans’ use of incense in public imperial ceremonies and discussed the religious, cultural, and political significance of scent as a marker of both secular and religious authority.

Sadberk Hanım Museum Projects Coordinator and Art Historian Makbule Merve Uca attended the “Museum Storage: Current Situation and New Challenges” conference, jointly hosted by the International Council of Museums (ICOM) and Sorbonne Nouvelle University in Paris on 18-23 September 2024. During the gathering, Ms. Uca presented her paper titled “Unveiling the Journey: Quest for Full Storage Solutions at the Sadberk Hanım Museum”, which outlined SHM’s storage management and relocation strategies. The conference brought together professionals and researchers to discuss various aspects of

museum storage, including mediation and communication, technological challenges and solutions, reorganization of reserves, and new types of storage. Attendees also explored how to effectively address current and future challenges facing museum reserves. In her presentation, Ms. Uca shared visuals and statistics on SHM's current reserves storage. She also detailed and evaluated the factors influencing the design of the museum's new premises and its strategy for creating a synergistic and sustainable narrative for its collections.

Sadberk Hanım Museum Learning Program Coordinator Dr. Ozan Torun participated in the "Cultural Heritage Studies Workshop for Children (0-18) V: Digital Practices" academic gathering organized by Koç University's Vehbi Koç Ankara Research Center (VEKAM) at Ankara Orchard House on 7-8 November 2024. Dr. Torun presented a paper on the definition, implementation, operation, and development of digital archives. The workshop brought together specialists from Turkish and European cultural heritage institutions to exchange innovative ideas and methods for creating and conducting learning programs. In his presentation, Dr. Torun

highlighted learning activities for students at Beykoz Koç Middle School during the 2024 spring semester, focusing on the proper and effective use of student-related digital archives and databases.

Sadberk Hanım Museum Conservator Yasemin Biga and Conservator Burak Üryani Söylemez attended a program about identifying and conserving cultural heritage using nuclear and analytical techniques and radiation technology. This program was conducted by the Turkish Energy, Nuclear, and Mining Research Agency (TENMAK) on 4-7 November 2024. During the program, presentations were given on a range of topics including analytical devices used in the diagnosis of cultural assets (age, material, technique), the working principles of these devices, sample preparation, selecting the appropriate device for a sample, interpreting and comparing data obtained from analyses, and the sterilization of biological elements using radiation. Laboratory tours were also organized during the event.

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“ELEGANCE FROM PAST TO FUTURE WOMEN’S COSTUME FROM THE LATE OTTOMAN EMPIRE TO THE EARLY REPUBLICAN ERA” RECEIVES 2024 IF DESIGN AWARD

The “Elegance from Past to Future: Women’s Costume from the Late Ottoman Empire to the early Republican Era” exhibition mounted by Sadberk Hanım Museum was the “Exhibition Design” category recipient of the prestigious 2024 iF Design Award. Established in Germany in 1953, the iF Design Award is one of the world’s most highly regarded design competitions.

The SHM show, designed by Dr. Umut Durmuş, successfully made it through a rigorous two-stage assessment process involving nearly 11,000 submissions from 72 countries across nine disciplines. “Elegance from Past to Future” was cited for its effective use of design to improve the temperature, humidity, acoustics, lighting, and other ambient conditions of the Abdülmecid Efendi Summer Residence, thereby making it a suitable cultural heritage exhibition venue.

FINAL STAGE REACHED IN BOFA-GRANT CALLIGRAPHIES CONSERVATION PROJECT

In 2021, Sadberk Hanım Museum was awarded a Bank of America (BoFA) Art Conservation Program grant to conserve 13 manuscripts and illuminated calligraphies in its collection. The works covered by this grant were divided into two groups: one consisting of seven early manuscripts and the other of five illuminated manuscripts and an album of drawings of flowers. Conservation work on the first group was completed and the associated project reports were published in 2022. These manuscripts were presented in detail in Bank of America Art Conservation Program 10th Anniversary, a book published to mark the program’s tenth year. SHM Conservator Yasemin Biga is currently working on projects to conserve the works in the second group. These projects are expected to be completed by midyear 2025.



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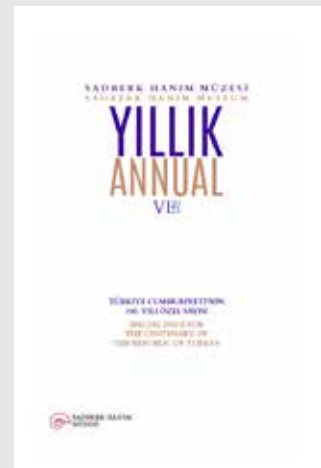
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After rather a long hiatus, Sadberk Hanım Museum's biennial review, which first appeared in 1997, resumed publication with a special issue commemorating the first century of the Republic of Turkey. This issue was given over entirely to articles focusing on the importance of education, culture, and social progress in the early years of the Republic, as mediated through art and architecture. It also offered a reassessment of their aspirations' national and international impact, manifestations, and gains, benefiting from a century of hindsight.

The articles appearing in this special commemorative issue had previously been presented during a symposium titled “The Selection of Works and their Implications in the Representation of Turkish Art in Vienna (1873, 1932)” that was held at Sadberk Hanım Museum on 16-17 November 2022 on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of a major exhibition of historical and contemporary Turkish art that took place at the Vienna Secession building in that city in 1932. This marked the articles’ first publication as a single group. For this issue, a group of young academicians and researchers were also invited to submit material appealing to readers interested in Turkish history, culture, art, and architecture.

The latest issue of the SHM biennial consists of three sections: "Turkish Art from Seven Centuries - 1932 Vienna", "The Representation of Turkish Art in the International Arena", and "Art in Education and Public Outreach". The articles offer a coherent panoramic view ranging from the earliest representations of Ottoman art in Europe to the nascent Turkish Republic's education and cultural policies. They also delve into Ottoman and Republican-period investments in these areas and the domestic and international impact of Turkish art. Collectively, the articles provide a snapshot of the significance that Turkey's intellectual circles attributed to artistic expression and cultural enlightenment a century ago.

This special issue of the Sadberk Hanım Museum Biennial is available for purchase at the museum shop.



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7 NEW EXHIBITIONS

In 2024, Arter organized 7 new exhibitions with artworks both from and outside of its collection.



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ARTER AT A GLANCE

A subsidiary of the Vehbi Koç Foundation, Arter was opened in 2010 with the aim of providing a sustainable infrastructure to produce and exhibit contemporary art at its building on İstiklal Street, Beyoğlu. Arter moved to its new home in İstanbul's Dolapdere district in 2019, the year also marking the 50th anniversary of the Vehbi Koç Foundation. At its new building, designed by Grimshaw Architects, Arter presents an ever-expanding range of programs including exhibitions from, but not limited to, its collection, as well as performances and events across multiple disciplines.

ARTER IN 2024 MAIN ACTIVITIES

NEW PERSPECTIVES IN CONTEMPORARY ART

In 2024, Arter organized 6 new exhibitions with artworks both from and outside of its collection; and hosted the tenth cycle of Prix Pictet, the world's leading award for photography and sustainability. The Show of Hands Improvised Music Festival, which included seminars, film screenings, masterclasses and networking events for music professionals, was hosted by Arter for the second consecutive year. Arter also provided venue for the closing events of İstanbul Fringe Festival's sixth edition and hosted the symposium SONIFIED, which featured a comprehensive program of presentations, panels and performances by students, alumni and lecturers of İstanbul Technical University's Center for Advanced Studies in Music (İTÜ MIAM). Throughout 2024, Arter continued to be a vibrant cultural platform, offering performances across various disciplines of art, as well as learning opportunities such as interpretation events, workshops and guided tours.

Yasemin Özcan
Islak Zemin
2024
View from the exhibition
Photo: flufoto

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SATURDAY LATE AT ARTER

In 2024, Arter remained open for extended hours on select days through its "Saturday Late" programs supported by Paribu. In addition to exploring current exhibitions, visitors were invited to enjoy the Arter Library, Bookstore, and Bistro by Divan between 11:00 and 24:00. The "Saturday Late" programs featured various activities, including concerts, film screenings, talks, guided tours, as well as interpretation events, and workshops designed for participants of all ages. Free shuttle buses operated from Taksim and Tepebaşı to Arter until midnight thanks to the kind support of Transportation Sponsors Ford Otosan and Otokar.



ARTER COLLECTION AT INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

Founded in 2007, Arter Collection has grown to include more than 1,400 contemporary works of art and has loaned 177 works to 86 institutions as of 2025. In 2024, Handan Börüteçene's "Don't Break / See" was loaned for exhibition at Salt Beyoğlu, Ay-O's "Ay-O's and Joe's Soundbox" at the Museum für Neue Kunst, Gülsün Karamustafa's "Double Action Series for Oriental Fantasies" at Kasteel van Gaasbeek, Nil Yalter's "Topak Ev" at the 60th Venice Biennale, Kader

Attia's "Asesinos! Asesinos!" at The Art Institute of Chicago, Semiha Berksoy's "Self-Portrait" at Hamburger Bahnhof, and Emre Hüner's "Anoxic Event" at the 16th Sharjah Biennial. A selection of works by Žolt Kovač, Rada Boukova, Gabriela Vanga, Barış Doğrusöz and Nuri Kuzucan from the Arter Collection was exhibited at The Koç School as part of a collaboration between two institutions.

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SUPPOSE YOU ARE NOT

Curator: Selen Ansen

Date: 19 January - 29 December 2024

Probing the ways in which the domestic context of a private collection can be transferred into a museum context by articulating the affinities created between distinct objects, the exhibition brought together artworks, anonymous artefacts, mass-produced items and multifarious pieces selected from the Ömer Koç Collection in the 4th and 3rd-floor galleries of Arter.



GLOSSOLALALA

Johanna Gustafsson Fürst & Dilek Winchester

Curator: Selen Ansen

Date: 6 March - 4 August 2024

The exhibition, which presented the individual creations of Johanna Gustafsson Fürst and Dilek Winchester that bridge language with sound, text, body and space, featured a selection of works produced in different places and distinct mediums by the two artists.



AS IT SEEMS

Şakir Gökçebağ

Curator: Emre Baykal

Date: 4 April - 10 November 2024

Drawing together Şakir Gökçebağ's installations, sculptures and photographs produced across different time periods through a multitude of materials, the exhibition offered a comprehensive exploration of the artist's approach of using formal manipulations to transport ordinary objects and familiar images into the realm of the extraordinary.



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PRIX PICTET HUMAN

Hosted by Arter

Date: 26 April - 28 July 2024

Showcasing the works of 12 photographers shortlisted for the tenth cycle of Prix Pictet, the exhibition explored the various facets of the theme “human” through documentary photographs, portraiture, landscape, and studies of light and process.



LANDING PROHIBITED

Maaria Wirkkala

Curator: Nilüfer Şaşmazer

Date: 19 September 2024 - 27 February 2025

Taking its name from the cautionary phrase “Landing prohibited” commonly seen along the canals of Venice, the exhibition presented Maaria Wirkkala’s installation, which was exhibited at the 52nd Venice Biennale in 2007 and included in the Arter Collection the same year, to audiences in Istanbul for the first time.



KITE TIME

Jackie Matisse

Curator: Gill Eatherley

Date: 23 May - 15 December 2024

The exhibition, spread across Arter’s high and low, light and dark spaces, featured a comprehensive selection of Jackie Matisse’s diverse body of work, ranging from her early pieces on paper and fabric to her later collaborations with other artists.



WET FLOOR

Yasemin Özcan

Curator: Eda Berkmen

Date: 19 September 2024 - 4 May 2025

Exploring the themes of intergenerational transmission, migration and self-construction by delving into the relations between human beings and earth, language and remembrance, and autobiography and fiction, the exhibition brought together a selection of Yasemin Özcan's existing works with new pieces created especially for this context.



THE SKIN WE LIVE IN

Koray Ariş

Curator: Selen Ansen

Date: 12 December 2024 - 3 August 2025

"The Skin We Live In" offers a comprehensive look at Koray Ariş's six-decade career as a sculptor through the lens of central themes in his works such as figure, skin, timbre (sound/ tone), movement, and balance. The exhibition brings the artist's works together with objects and materials documenting his production processes in his studio, all in the context of a site-specific installation.



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LEARNING PROGRAM

In 2024, the Learning Program continued to organize workshops for both adults and children, interpretation events, and contemporary art seminars, held within the framework of Arter's current exhibitions.

The seminar series "How Worlds Are Made and How Worlds Are Destroyed", led by Kerem Ozan Bayraktar, examined the changing perceptions of reality in art, alongside philosophy, history, and science. Led by Genco Devrim Barikan, the seminar series "The Politics of Aesthetics" explored the concept of aesthetics through the theories of contemporary philosopher Jacques Rancière.

Mona Hatoum gave an artist talk in the context of Arter's collection-based group exhibition "In Its Own Shadow". Dilek Winchester and Johanna Gustafsson Fürst engaged in a conversation moderated by curator Selen Ansen within the scope of the exhibition "GLOSSOLALALA". Artist Nil Yalter, who received the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement award at the Venice Biennale, joined curator Eda Berkmen in a conversation about her works exhibited at the Biennale. Arter hosted art historian Claudia Swan for a talk on the essay she authored for the book accompanying the exhibition "Suppose You Are Not".

The 2024 program included a workshop series titled "Production Methods in Contemporary Art" to introduce participants to various production techniques through different artists in each session. In the first session, Güneş Terkol focused on storytelling and sewing, while the second session, led by Ali Kazma, delved into the production processes of lens-based media.

The "Library Conversations" featured discussions with Latife Tekin, Yekta Kopan, Gündüz Vassaf and Murat Gülsoy in an attempt to foster new perspectives on the relationship between literature and art.

The Guided Tour in Turkish Sign Language (TİD), led by Nisan Köknar, provided free admission to Arter's exhibitions for participants using TİD, allowing them to engage with artworks through creative interpretations.

Organized for the third time, Arter Children's Festival titled "Art As I See It" offered guided tours, workshops, rhythm-based activities and spaces to explore the use of everyday objects for collective production. Arter also hosted children's workshops titled "Sound, Music and Movement" and "The Song of the Kite" in the context of Atta Festival.

A new online exhibition titled "ENDLESS: Beyond Respiro" and a selection showcasing over 40 works from the Arter Collection were launched on Arter's Google Arts & Culture page.

Events Program

Arter organized the fifth edition of the New and Newest Music Festival under the artistic direction of Matthias Osterwold in 2024. The festival featured various artists, including Onur Türkmen, Gedik Philharmonic Orchestra, Mieko Suzuki, Cevdet Erek, Hezarfen Ensemble and Nicolas Collins, with concerts and workshops that particularly highlighted new compositions by Turkish artists.

The “Sea Tails Performances”, held in parallel with the exhibition “Kite Time”, translated the intuitive processes used by Jackie Matisse into dance and movement, with a choreography spread across different areas of the Arter building.

Recorded by Chromas Choir at İTÜ MIAM Studios with a 360-degree sound design, “Cloudburst” was presented in Karbon as a site-specific sound installation following a live performance in the foyer and atrium of the Arter building. At the end of the year, the Events Program organized an international festival titled “Circuits, Resonance, Collaborations” focusing on the works of David Tudor.



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SUPPOSE YOU ARE NOT

Edited by: Selen Ansen, Süreyya Evren
Design: Yeşim Demir Pröhl

The book, published in the context of the exhibition "Suppose You Are Not", sheds light on the diverse mediums and themes the exhibition encompasses while exploring the relations that emerge through the juxtapositions offered by a collection. The publication compiles the curatorial text by Selen Ansen and newly commissioned essays by Cana Bostan and Claudia Swan.



YASEMİN ÖZCAN: WET FLOOR

Edited by: Eda Berkmen, Süreyya Evren
Design: Ayşe Bozkurt

The publication, which highlights the works featured in Yasemin Özcan's solo exhibition at Arter, alongside her past exhibitions and productions, features an in-depth interview conducted by curator Eda Berkmen, as well as essays by Kaya Genç, Evrim Kaya and Işın Önol that offer fresh insights into the artist's works.

MAARIA WIRKKALA: LANDING PROHIBITED

Author: Nilüfer Şaşmaz
Series and Book Design: Esen Karol

The fifth book of the Arter Close-Up series offers an in-depth look at Maaria Wirkkala's installation "Landing Prohibited" through the comprehensive interview Nilüfer Şaşmaz conducted with the artist. The book also features installation photographs and close-up images by Orhan Cem Çetin, presenting the artwork in greater detail.



MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS: THE WRITINGS OF ANDREA FRASER

Edited by: Alexander Alberro

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Arter Publications acknowledges the importance of key reference materials about the history of contemporary art and strives to disseminate such content as widely as possible, by making them accessible free of charge on its website through downloadable e-books in Turkish. The 3rd e-book, made available for this purpose, includes the essays, criticism and performance scripts written between 1985 and 2003 by artist Andrea Fraser whose practice investigates and reveals the social structures of art and its institutions.



EXHIBITION GUIDES

In 2024, Arter prepared both printed and digital guides for the exhibitions "Suppose You Are Not", "GLOSSOLALALA", "As It Seems", and "Kite Time", along with digital guides for "Landing Prohibited" and "Wet Floor". Bringing together diverse materials such as curatorial texts, floor plans, and artwork information, as well as lists of exhibition-related publications accessible from the Arter Library, these comprehensive booklets remained a vital resource frequently consulted by visitors.

MEŞHER

168 EVENTS

A total of 168 events were organized as part of the exhibition "İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See: Views across Five Centuries."



CONTEMPORARY & CLASSICAL ART AND RESEARCH-BASED EXHIBITIONS

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İSTANBUL AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE: VIEWS ACROSS FIVE CENTURIES

Meşher hosted İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See: Views across Five Centuries exhibition, curated by Şeyda Çetin and Ebru Esra Satıcı, with Bahattin Öztuncay as consultant, and designed by Senior Architect Nilüfer H. Konuk. Opening on 20 September 2023, the exhibition's original closing date of 26 May 2024 was extended to 29 September 2024 due to high public interest. Based on a selection of more than 100 rare works from the Ömer Koç Collection, the exhibition

spanned 500 years, from the 15th century – when İstanbul became Ottoman Empire's capital – to the first quarter of the 20th century. Paintings and engravings showing wide-angle views, together with rare books, albums, panoramic photographs, and even souvenirs of İstanbul, offered visitors a richly varied visual record of the city.

The many producers of these works were also very diverse, including a ship captain, travelers, soldiers, ambassadors, writers, photographers, architects, and city planners; many of them were Westerners with agendas ranging from political to military to aesthetic, and the medium they

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MEŞHER AT A GLANCE

Meşher is an exhibition space that opened its doors in September 2019 in İstanbul. Situated on Istiklal Street in the historical building known as Meymenet Han, Meşher has an exhibition space across three floors. Offering free exhibitions, events, and guided tours, Meşher can be visited from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

MEŞHER IN 2024

MAIN ACTIVITIES

In 2024, Meşher hosted the exhibition İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See: Views across Five Centuries (20 September 2023–29 September 2024).

Alongside the exhibition, a wide range of activities for adults and children were organized, and original podcast content was created and shared.

used varied. Their work revealed both diplomatic relations and the city's multi-cultural structure and social life, tracing the major changes that have taken place in the city over time. Quotations from written sources accompanied the visual representations, creating a dialogue between Western perspectives and 19th- and early 20th-century Ottoman/Turkish literature. Rather than being yet another ode to the city, the exhibition encouraged reflection on the diversity of its narratives and the differences in its many depictions.



<https://www.mesher.org/sergiler>



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EVENTS FOR ADULTS

As part of the exhibition “İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See: Views Across Five Centuries,” a total of 168 events were held between 1 January and 30 September 2024. Approximately 1,600 people participated in the adult and children’s activities.



“ASSOCIATIONS” PANEL (5 JANUARY 2024)

As part of the exhibition *İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See: Views across Five Centuries*, prominent figures from the fields of history, photography, performing arts, literature, music and visual arts gathered at the “Associations” panel, organized on January 5th. Aiming to present perspectives on İstanbul from various disciplines, the panel featured Latife Tekin, Murat Germen, Dikmen Gürün, Cem Behar, Murat Belge and Gülsün Karamustafa, who shared their personal associations inspired by the exhibition. Zeynep Çelik delivered the closing speech.

Titles of the speakers’ presentations about the exhibition are as follows:

- Cem Behar – The City’s Common “Sound”
- Murat Belge – İstanbul from a Western Perspective
- Murat Germen – Ways of Looking, Seeing, and Narrating: The Past and Present of İstanbul
- Gülsün Karamustafa – “Sharing” Old İstanbul on Social Media



- Latife Tekin – Those Who Build İstanbul upon İstanbul
- Dikmen Gürün – State of Spectacle in Beyoğlu

More than 200 people attended the all-day event, which was organized in two sessions. Video recordings are available on Meşher’s YouTube account.

THREE TALES OF A CITY: STREETS, THE SKY AND THE SEA

Manzaralar A series of events was planned around the theme of “an İstanbul panorama through their eyes”, taking its inspiration from the animals hidden in the details of the artworks featured in the exhibition İstanbul as *Far as the Eye Can See: Views across Five Centuries*:

KEDI FILM SCREENING (14 MARCH 2024)

The first event, on March 14th, was a screening of the 2016 documentary “Kedi”, directed by Ceyda Tosun. The screening took place in the auditorium of Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED) and began with a presentation by editor and historian Özge Ertem. The film explores the relationship between people and the city through the eyes of stray cats living in various districts of the city, and particularly in Beyoğlu.

DOLPHIN AND BIRD-WATCHING EXCURSION (1 JUNE 2024)

The second event of the series was a dolphin and bird-watching excursion along the Bosphorus. Inspired by the animals hidden in the details of the artworks, the event offered participants an opportunity to observe how İstanbul’s inhabitants, who live in the sea and soar in the sky, experience the city, inviting reflection on seeing İstanbul through their eyes.

Organized in collaboration with the Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TÜDAV), the excursion boat departed from Beykoz Korusu. During the observation session along the northern shores of the Bosphorus, TÜDAV experts provided information about various dolphin and bird species found in the area.

BORDER_LESS ARTBOOKDAYS (3-5 MAY 2024)

The event was hosted by Yapı Kredi Culture and Arts Publications between May 3rd-5th. Meşher joined the event with its complete range of exhibition publications since its opening, reaching a wide audience interested in art publications.

MOTHER’S DAY GUIDED TOUR

On May 12th Mother’s Day, Meşher organized a special mother-child guided tour of the exhibition.

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CURATOR-LED EXHIBITION TOURS

Starting in May, Meşher began offering monthly curator-led tours of the exhibition. The first tour, led by Ebru Esra Satıcı, took place on May 23rd, followed by the second on June 27th led by Şeyda Çetin. Additional tours were held on July 30th and August 23rd. Due to high demand, two final curator-led tours were organized in September, the exhibition's closing month.



GUIDED EXHIBITION TOURS

Guided tours were organized twice daily on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the exhibition *İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See: Views across Five Centuries*. Including these weekly tours, the participation rate in activities for adults reached 98%.

CITY CROSS-SECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE (1-3 JUNE 2024)

This workshop, led by artist and publisher Ali Taptık, aimed to offer alternative views to the İstanbul landscapes in the exhibition *İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See*, addressing conceptual approaches such as the topographical change in the distance travelled to reach the view, the evolution of the panoramic view into the vertical, and urban representations as reverse archaeology.

In the first session, participants considered "the possibility of İstanbul landscapes as parts of an imaginary cross-section," using cross-sectional drawing from architectural visualization as a method. They discussed how this method can serve as a tool for exploring the different layers of the city and creating documents for the future. In the second session, participants presented the city cross-sections they have prepared based on insights from the first session.





PEEPSHOW WORKSHOP WITH BAŞAK ÖZDOĞAN (24 AUGUST 2024)

The workshop, led by stage designer and academic Başak Özdoğan, explored İstanbul's landscapes featured in the exhibition *İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See* from a theatrical perspective. Drawing inspiration from the peepshows – or three-dimensional books – displayed in the exhibition, participants combined selected visuals from the works in the exhibition with details from photographs of İstanbul's streets to create a paper-based stage using the peepshow-making technique. Through silhouettes, plants, animals, boats, yalis, cemeteries, senses, and colors showcased in the exhibition, participants revisited İstanbul's story while creatively exploring the city's changing identity through the lens of the exhibition experience.



POSTER WORKSHOP WITH BERİL ATEŞ (14 SEPTEMBER 2024)

The exhibition *İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See*, which allowed its visitors to see İstanbul from various angles throughout history, reminded them once again that stray animals, ever-present in every frame no matter the perspective, are an essential part of the city. These unique creatures, each with their own distinct soul, like every neighbourhood, street, and flavour, are symbols of the city. In this workshop, participants designed their own vision of İstanbul by creating a poster that combined iconic/graphic visual elements of the city with images of cats.



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WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

As part of the *İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See* exhibition, monthly workshops with diverse contents were organized for children.

JIGSAW PUZZLE WORKSHOP (31 JANUARY 2024)

In the workshop, children got to craft jigsaw puzzles based on the panoramic Tophane and Sarayburnu jigsaw puzzle from the early 20th century displayed in the exhibition.



THE CITYSCAPE OF MY DREAMS: PANORAMA WORKSHOP (1 FEBRUARY 2024)

Inspired by the panoramas in the exhibition, children aged 7-12 created the panorama of the city they imagine. The workshop began with an introduction to the meaning and technique of panoramas. Looking at panoramas of İstanbul from different periods, they were encouraged to become painters of the city of their dreams.

PEEPSHOW WORKSHOP (9 MARCH 2024)

The peepshow, or three-dimensional book, formed by joining scenes together in an accordion, was one of the most popular forms of entertainment for children, especially in the 19th century, with the vast world hidden inside them. This workshop was based on the four peepshows in the exhibition *İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See*. Children aged 8-12 learned about the history and technique of peepshows while transforming their own imaginary scenes into unique peepshows.

REPORTING FROM İSTANBUL: TRAVELOGUE WORKSHOP (23 APRIL 2024)

The workshop offered children the opportunity to explore the travelogues of Guillaume Joseph Grelot and George Sandys, which were displayed in the exhibition *İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See*. Afterwards, they created their own travelogues, drawing inspiration from the artists.



POSTER DESIGN WORKSHOP (23 APRIL 2024)

Following a discussion about İstanbul and the posters displayed in the exhibition *İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See*, children created a poster for their dream trip.



MAP DRAWING WORKSHOP (27 APRIL 2024)

This workshop is designed around the maps of İstanbul in the exhibition by Alexandre Raymond, Helmuth Karl Bernhard von Moltke, Gioacchino Brunetti, and François Kauffer, who produced one of the first rigorously surveyed map of İstanbul. The Map Drawing Workshop introduced children aged 7-12 to various maps of İstanbul, sparking a conversation about mapping techniques. They then had a chance to create their own maps drawing inspiration from those displayed in the exhibition.

INTERNATIONAL İSTANBUL CHILDREN AND YOUTH ART BIENNIAL (8 MAY 2024)

The seventh edition of the International İstanbul Children and Youth Art Biennial, the world's largest and most comprehensive art organization dedicated to children and youth, took place from April 22nd to May 23rd this year. As part of the Biennial, Meşher hosted a peepshow workshop with 25 participants on May 8th.

SHOWCASING MY WORKS: DESIGN WORKSHOP (18 MAY 2024)

During International Museum Week, Meşher invited children to explore the exhibition *İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See*. Following a tour of the exhibition, participants engaged in a discussion, asking questions such as "What is a museum?" and "What can be exhibited in a museum?" They also created their own artefacts to display on the model of a museum wall that they built.

SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS (29 MAY-29 AUGUST 2024)

Seven workshops for children were organized during the three-month summer holidays. The program included workshops on poster design, peepshow creation, flowerpot painting and jigsaw puzzle, along with two guided tours for children. Nearly 60 children participated in the summer workshops.

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MEŞHER PODCAST

İSTANBUL LANDSCAPES IN THE WORKS OF EUROPEAN COMPOSERS OF THE 19TH CENTURY WITH EMRE ARACI

Meşher's original podcast content, specially tailored for each exhibition and enriched with various guests, has surpassed fifteen episodes with the İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See exhibition. In this podcast episode of the exhibition *İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See*, which presents a rich visual record of the city, musicologist Dr. Emre Aracı and Şeyda Çetin discussed İstanbul landscapes in the works of 19th-century European composers.

The conversation invited listeners to reflect on the diversity of representations of İstanbul through the lens of music, as we encounter the breezes and landscapes of the city that have inspired the musical compositions and artwork on the sheet music covers; it is also accompanied by Emre Aracı's playlist specially prepared for the exhibition.



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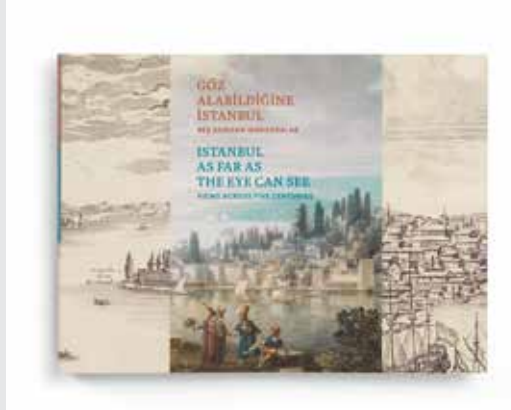
Meşher and the exhibition *İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See* were the focus of the final event in "Islamic Art in Solitude", an online lecture series organized by the Department of Islamic Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (The MET), one of the world's leading museums. Nilüfer Konuk, director of Meşher, Ebru Esra Satıcı and Şeyda Çetin, curators of Meşher, and Prof. Zeynep Çelik of Columbia University provided information about the exhibition at the talk and answered questions from the audience on November 2nd.

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**İSTANBUL AS FAR AS THE EYE
CAN SEE: VIEWS ACROSS FIVE
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Published both in English and Turkish, the 289-page exhibition catalogue draws attention to the diversity of İstanbul's representations with contributions from experts in the field. Catalogue entries are written by Sven Becker, Briony Llewellyn, Bahattin Öztuncay, and Claude Piening. Beginning with a preface by Ömer M. Koç, the book contains an introduction to the exhibition by the curators Şeyda Çetin and Ebru Esra Satıcı, as well as an essay by Prof. Zeynep Çelik entitled "We, the city of İstanbul, we are beautiful."

The second edition of the exhibition catalogue, which had sold out in its first printing, was published in March.

**ALL PUBLICATIONS (MEŞHER
EXHIBITION PUBLICATIONS FROM
2019 TO 2024)**

- İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See: Views across Five Centuries
- John Craxton: Drawn to Light
- I Am Nobody. Are You Nobody Too?
- I- You- They: A Century of Artist Women
- Ben-Sen-Onlar: Sanatçı Kadınların Yüzyılı
- Preserving the Past: A Selection from the Sadberk Hanım Museum
- Alexis Grichenko: Constantinople Years
- Beyond the Vessel: Myths, Legends, and Fables in Contemporary Ceramics around Europe

Catalogues accompanying Meşher's exhibitions can be purchased from the information desk on Meşher's ground floor. While the catalogues for the first five shows were published separately in Turkish and English, those for the last two were published as a single, bilingual edition each. A total of 2,639 catalogues were sold during the "İstanbul as far as the eye can see: Views across five centuries" exhibition.

VISITOR NUMBERS

In 2024, Meşher welcomed 34,704 visitors. During the *İstanbul as Far as the Eye Can See* exhibition, an average of approximately 220 people visited Meşher each day, resulting in a total of 55,880 visitors throughout the exhibition.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY ONLINE PROGRAM

Prepared with a focus on community education, ANAMED's bilingual (English and Turkish) Environmental Archaeology training program reached record audiences in 2024. The program attracted ca. 400 participants, from undergraduate and graduate students to scholars, museum staff, and teachers, all over Türkiye.

ANAMED SUMMER PROGRAMS

ANAMED organized the "Ancient Languages of Anatolia Summer Program" in the summer of 2024. The "Ancient Languages of Anatolia Summer Program," coordinated online this year by N. İlgi Gerçek, was held on 29 July–16 August 2024. It is the only summer program that offers Hittite, Akkadian, Sumerian, and Luwian together. Seventeen students from five countries attended classes online via Zoom.

ANAMED LIBRARY DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The titles of the digital academic program organized by the ANAMED Library in fall 2024 were as follows:

- Modeling the Eighth-Century BC 'Midas Tomb' for Research and Tourism (Asst. Prof. Matthew Harpster, KUDAR; October 17th)
- Developing a 'Born Digital' Research Project' (Dr. Catherine Scott, ANAMED; November 12th)
- Research Data Management and Open Access for Cultural Heritage (Dr. Nurdan Atalan Çayırmez, The British Institute at Ankara; December 2nd).

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ANAMED, the Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, housed in the historic Merkez Han on İstanbul's İstiklal Street, was founded in 2005 to develop and facilitate research projects that are dedicated to the art, history, art history, archaeology, and heritage of civilizations in Türkiye. As the first local academic research center founded to support scientific research on the history of Anatolia, ANAMED carries out this mission through publications, exhibitions, symposia, and fellowships for doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers.



19TH INTERNATIONAL ANAMED ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM / NURTURING BYZANTIUM: GROWTH, CHANGE, AND VIBRANCE IN BYZANTINE STUDIES, A SYMPOSIUM DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF ROBERT G. OUSTERHOUT (1950–2023)

Date: 5-6 December 2024

This symposium is a tribute to the memory of Robert G. Ousterhout, a leading figure in Byzantine and Eastern Medieval architectural history, who recently passed away. Known to many as Bob, Ousterhout was a prolific writer, a scholar, a caring friend, and a mentor. His ground-breaking publications significantly influenced the field of Byzantine studies, integrating written sources, material culture, and the elements of climate, environment, economy, and socio-religious history.



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SYMPOSIUM/PHANARIOT MATERIALITIES: DOMESTIC ARCHITECTURE, URBAN CULTURE, AND SOCIAL MOBILITY

Date: 29-30 June 2024

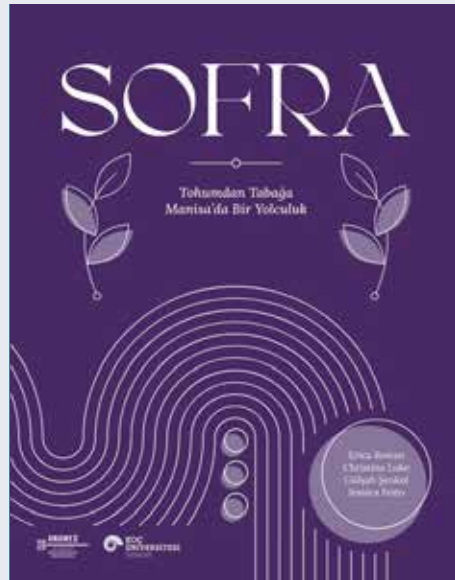
The primary objective of the symposium was to present the current state of research on Phanariot studies and to facilitate the establishment of a new network of academics engaged in this field. In addition, the symposium served to prepare the ground for new collaborative and interactive research. The international symposium, organized in collaboration with Meşher and Sismanoglu Megaro, focused on the material and social history of the Greek-speaking, Orthodox Christian, İstanbul-based Ottoman mercantile elites, the Phanariots. The two-day symposium, convened by Namık Günay Erkal, Firuzan Melike Sümertaş, and Haris Theodorelis-Rigas, hosted Christine Philliou, Shirine Hamadeh, and Constanta Vintilă as keynote speakers.

LECTURE SERIES/TÜRKİYE'DE SOSYAL VE BEŞERİ BİLİM DİSİPLİNLERİNİN 100 YILINA BAKIŞ

Date: January-May 2024

Organized by Tarih Vakfı and the Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED), the lecture series "Türkiye'de Sosyal ve Beşeri Bilim Disiplinlerinin 100 Yılına Bakış (A Century of Social and Human Sciences in Turkey)" included talks on history, anthropology, architectural history, art history, sociology, and archaeology. The aim of the series was to discuss the journey of various social sciences and humanities disciplines in Türkiye on the occasion of the centennial of the Turkish Republic and to discuss where they stand today.

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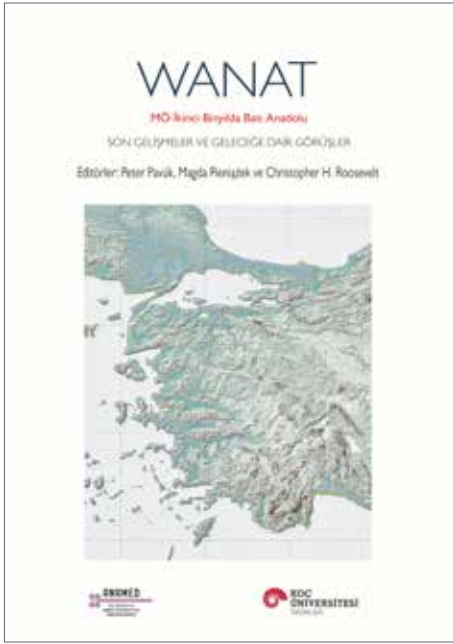
BOOKS

SOFRA: A JOURNEY THROUGH MANISA FROM SEED TO PLATE (IN TURKISH AND ENGLISH)

Authors: Erica Rowan, Christina Luke, Gülşah Şenkol, Jessica Feito

This is a book about and for the people, communities, and food of Manisa province, Türkiye. From the Bronze Age to the present, it is a story about the food traditions that individuals, especially women, chose to prioritize and therefore keep alive, sometimes for millennia. Yet as food priorities shift in response to our rapidly changing world, more and more decision-making is required. Consequently, this is both a cookbook and a guidebook for those wishing to find balance in their own food priorities, as well as a permanent record of these recipes and activities.

SOFRA was published with the support of the UK Arts & Humanities Research Council grant "Negotiating the Modernity Crisis: Globalization, economic gain and the loss of traditional and sustainable food practices in Turkey" (AHRC AH/V000454/1), awarded to PI Erica Rowan, Royal Holloway University, London and co-PI Christina Luke, Koç University.

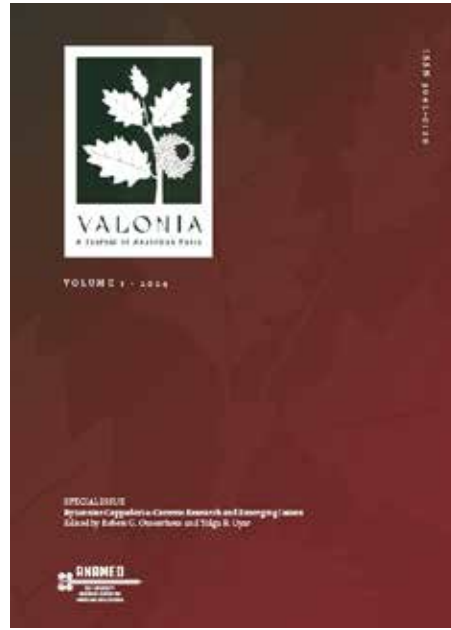


WANAT. WESTERN ANATOLIA IN THE SECOND MILLENNIUM BCE: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Editors: Peter Pavúk, Magda Pieniążek, Christopher H. Roosevelt

Translator: Hilal Gültekin Çatak

This peer-reviewed edited volume brings together the results of a diverse group of international researchers conducting new fieldwork, applying new approaches, and making new interpretations about the archaeology of Middle and Late Bronze Age western Anatolia. The territory is huge, and it shows considerable regional diversity. What makes western Anatolian cultures different from their neighbors? Is it possible to identify discrete subregions clearly? And what trajectories of local cultural change and regional interaction did they follow? In addressing these and many other questions, the contributors to this volume provide fresh overviews of current states of research, demonstrating material and chronological synchronicities and/or gaps in knowledge that stretch across the broad territory of western Anatolia, just as they encourage further research into defining regional and sub-regional specificities. Such specificities suggest that the area should not be thought of as one monolithic cultural whole. Rather, they allude to a collection of related yet discrete units, whose shared commonalities stem from participation in overlapping spheres of communication, exchange, and political interaction, justifying their consideration together in a volume like this one.



JOURNAL

VALONIA: A JOURNAL OF ANATOLIAN PASTS

Editor-in-Chief: Christopher H. Roosevelt (ANAMED Director)

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Managing Editor: Hilal Küntüz

The first volume of Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED)'s international peer-reviewed journal Valonia: A Journal of Anatolian Pasts has been published. The editors of this special issue, titled "Byzantine Cappadocia: Current Research and Emerging Issues," are Robert G. Ousterhout and Tolga B. Uyar. Published online with articles in English or Turkish in open-access format and with limited print runs, the journal aims to bring forth in a timely manner selections of the latest innovative, critical, and synthetic scientific research on the broad range of subjects that fall within ANAMED's mission: the archaeology, architectural and art history, heritage, and history of Anatolia and its affiliated geographies, from deep prehistory through Late Ottoman times. Valonia publishes one special or one open-topic issue per year. The selection of topics for special issues as well as articles for open issues aims for chronologically and disciplinarily balanced representation.

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ANKARA- THEMED EVENTS

VEKAM conducts a range of activities centered around Ankara-themed research, encompassing conferences, symposia, exhibitions, publications, and award programs.



VEKAM IN 2024 MAIN ACTIVITIES

Koç University's Vehbi Koç Ankara Research Center (VEKAM) had a successful year in 2024, distinguished by its national and international events (including workshops, conferences, exhibitions, and training programs), its impactful publications, and the awards the center received for its work.

VEKAM RECEIVES TWO ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

In 2024 VEKAM received two awards recognizing the center's contributions to the field of architecture.

19TH NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE AWARDS - SPECIAL JURY AWARD IN THE "CONCEPT PRESENTATION" CATEGORY

"The Civil Architectural Memory: Ankara 1930-1980" project supported by VEKAM and TÜBİTAK and led by Prof. Nuray Bayraktar of Başkent University received a special jury award in the "Concept Presentation" category at the 19th National Architecture Awards. Organized by the Chamber of Architects of Turkey, the award recognized the project's sustainability, its significant social contributions, and its continued impact on scientific research in its 10th year.

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VEKAM AT A GLANCE

VEKAM, the Koç University Ankara Studies Research Center, was founded in 1994 in an orchard house in Ankara's Keçiören district, where the late Vehbi Koç resided for most of his Ankara years. VEKAM's objective is to engage in the academic study of social, institutional, and economic history, as well as the culture and cultural heritage of Ankara and its region and to collect information and documents relevant to all research on Ankara. The Ankara Orchard House, one of the last extant examples of traditional local architecture, is located nearby and was restored and opened to the public in 2007. VEKAM has been associated with Koç University since 2014 and organizes a range of activities and events on Ankara studies, including conferences, symposia, exhibitions, publications, and grant schemes.

CONTRIBUTION TO CONSERVATION: EMRE MADRAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Koç University VEKAM received the "Contribution to Conservation: Emre Madran Achievement Award" as part of Başkent Architecture Days observances organized by the Ankara branch of the Chamber of Architects of Turkey on the occasion of Architecture Day 2024. The award acknowledged VEKAM's significant impact on architecture and conservation, encompassing its project and research funding, the archive collections built through these efforts, its comprehensive conservation and restoration activities, the on-site preservation achieved by revitalizing its existing premises, and its wide array of publications and events. VEKAM Director Prof. Filiz Yenişehirlioğlu accepted the award on the center's behalf at a ceremony held on 11 October 2024, at the Nazım Hikmet Cultural Center.



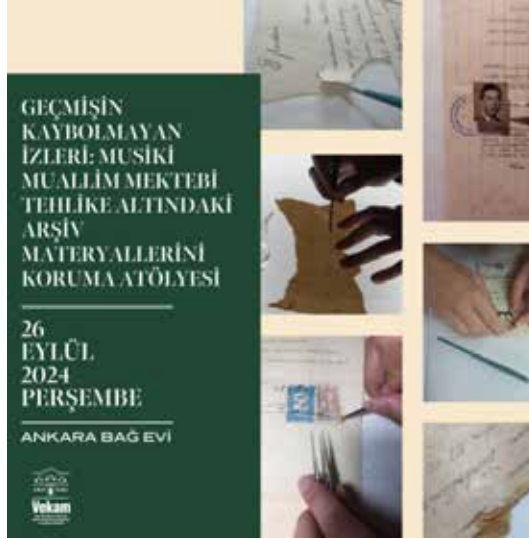
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ANKARA STATE CONSERVATORY HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTS ARCHIVE PROJECT COMPLETED

The British Library's Endangered Archives Program (EAP) aims to digitize archives around the world that are in danger of destruction, neglect, or physical deterioration under a grant from the Arcadia Fund, a UK-based charity founded by Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin. VEKAM continues to add to its existing library and archive assets both to protect and disseminate knowledge and to generate new knowledge. In 2022 the center submitted a proposal to the EAP concerning an "Ankara State Conservatory Historical Photographs and Documents Archive Project" to conserve the archives of Musiki Muallim Mektebi, the predecessor of the Ankara State Conservatory, in its collection. Awarded a "Major Project Grant" by the British Library, the project commenced in November 2022, with the digitization of all materials successfully completed by the end of 2024. The digitized photographs and documents are now accessible to researchers through the digital archives links on VEKAM's website and also through the search function on the EAP.BL.UK website (Keyword: EAP1497-1), where each document's contents are briefly summarized in English. The materials in the collection are classified according to the date of creation and separated according to years, with each year representing a different series. With the completion of the project, a conservation workshop was conducted in September and a symposium concerning the documents' introduction and interdisciplinary use was held in October.



OPEN ACCESS WEEK AT KOÇ UNIVERSITY: VEKAM JULIOPOLIS PROJECT

Juliopolis is an ancient and medieval city located in what is today Ankara province. Since 2018 VEKAM has been supporting archaeological excavations at the site, which are being conducted by Hacettepe University and the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations under the direction of Assoc. Prof. Ali Metin Büyükkarakaya. During Open Access Week, the Juliopolis Project was showcased as a leading-edge example of a project that embraces the principle of making archaeological heritage fully accessible to all through the use of state-of-the-art technology and international standards-compliant digital archiving and e-publishing of all finds beginning with the earliest discoveries.



“CHILD PROTECTION FROM INDEPENDENCE TO THE FUTURE” EXHIBITION

Curated by Alev Ayaokur, Arzu Beril Kırıcı, and Mehtap Türkyılmaz, the “Child Protection from Independence to the Future” exhibition was organized in 2024 by VEKAM partnering with KOREV and supported by Çankaya municipality to mark the founding of Himaye-i Etfal Cemiyetinin (Child Protection Association) in the early 20th century. The exhibition opened at the Çankaya Zülfü Livaneli Cultural Center on June 24th and closed on July 15th.

The Ottoman Empire’s territorial losses that began after the mid-19th century and gained momentum in the early 20th as a result of the Balkan Wars drove repeated waves of refugees eastward into Rumelia and Anatolia, while also orphaning successive generations of children. The “Child Protection from Independence to the Future” exhibition focused on the efforts of enlightened government officials and intellectuals of the times, led by Mustafa Kemal (later Atatürk), to create robust institutions and mechanisms for the protection of such orphans long before the establishment of the Republic of Turkey. Attracting substantial traditional and digital media coverage, the exhibition made a significant contribution to raising awareness about the vital issues it presented.

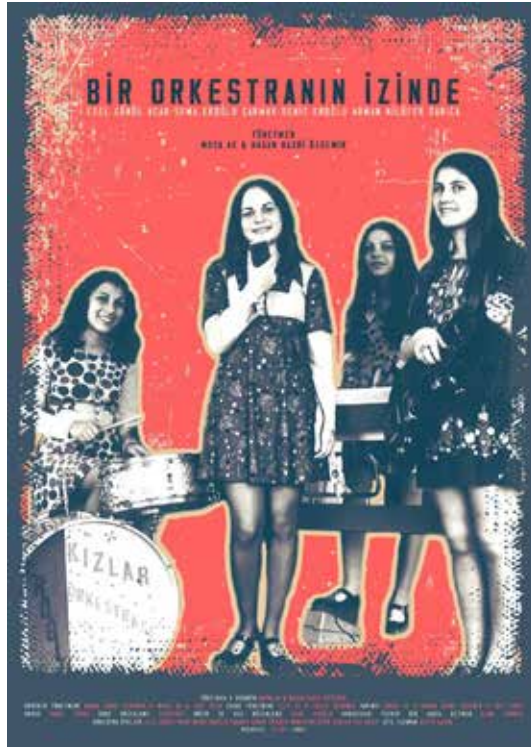


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VEKAM AT THE ANKARA CULTURE ROUTE FESTIVAL

A selection of stamps from VEKAM's "Capital City Ankara in Postage Stamps" exhibition was showcased at the Koç Han building in Ankara between September 21st and 30th to accompany the year's Ankara Culture Route Festival. The display included information about Ankara-themed postage stamps which were issued by the Turkish Post Office between 1922 and 2008 and which reveal fascinating details about the city's history, cultural and social life, educational institutions, buildings and monuments, natural heritage, landmark dates, and personages.



2024 VEKAM SPECIAL AWARD GOES TO MUSA AK AND HASAN BASRİ ÖZDEMİR FOR THEIR "SEARCHING FOR THE BAND" DOCUMENTARY

Introduced in 2020, the VEKAM Special Award is presented during the Ankara Film Festival to recognize documentary films that focus on the city of Ankara and its environs, thereby also contributing to research about the city by preserving and enriching its audiovisual memory. Filmmakers Musa Ak and Hasan Basri Özdemir received the 2024 VEKAM Special Award for "Searching for the Band".

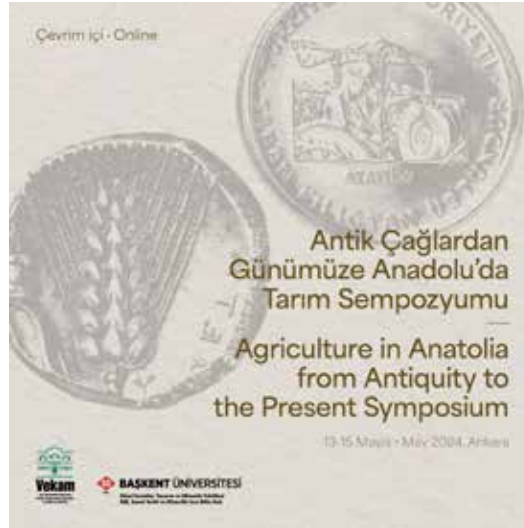
VEKAM LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE RESOURCES CONTINUE TO EXPAND

VEKAM continued to add to its extensive collection of library and archive resources in 2024. Last year's donated acquisitions included:

- 165 photographs and 9 documents related to Hasanoğlu and Ankara (donated by Umut Yılmaz)
- 100 photographs, 52 documents, and 10 artifacts (donated by İlker Başaydın)
- 110 photographs revealing the social gatherings, costumes, and lifestyles of the benefactor and family in early and middle-Republic Ankara (donated by Gülriz Büken)
- 1,267 ephemera comprising cinema tickets, State Opera & Ballet tickets, football match tickets, invitations, and brochures (donated by Murat Parmaksız).

CONSERVATION

Active conservation work, involving direct physical treatment and stabilization, was completed on 415 Musiki Muallim Mektebi collection items comprising student applications submitted between 1941 and 1942. Passive conservation work, focused on providing a stable and protective storage environment, was also completed on another 2,857 items across various categories of the same collection.



SYMPOSIUM | AGRICULTURE IN ANATOLIA FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE PRESENT" SYMPOSIUM

Date: 13-14-15 May 2024

Conducted online by Prof. Billur Tekkök Karaöz of Başkent University for VEKAM, the "Agriculture in Anatolia from Antiquity to the Present" symposium explored subjects such as Anatolian dietary habit, carbonized seeds, archaeobotanical analyses, agricultural technologies, storage techniques, recurrently cultivated and traded crops, interregional produce exchanges, and associated laws and regulations down through history. The aim of the symposium was to draw attention, on the occasion of the first centenary of the establishment of the Republic of Turkey, to Anatolia's rich agricultural heritage and to its importance in human society and history since Neolithic times. The three-day symposium was attended by 494 people hailing from Austria, Cyprus, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Montenegro, Spain, Turkey, and the USA.

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PANEL I "THE ROLE OF MUSEUMS IN BRAND CITY COMMUNICATION: THE CASE OF ANKARA " PROJECT PANEL ASSESSMENT

Date: 24 May 2024

"The Role of Museums in Brand City Communication: The Case of Ankara" was a research project that VEKAM began to support in 2022. Led by Assoc. Prof. Burcu Zeybek (İstanbul University) and Assoc. Prof. İlknur Doğu Öztürk (Doğuş University), the goals of this project are to determine the perception of museums as centers of attraction in the context of cities' brand communication management and to determine the role of museums in brand cities' communication processes. During a #AnkaraMüzeleri social media campaign conducted in 2023 as part of this project, Ankara-based private and state museums' representatives and visitors shared their own views on the subject.

At an online meeting organized on 24 May 2024 International Museum Day, Retired Prof. Pınar Eraslan Yayınoglu of İstanbul University first delivered a presentation titled "Brand City Communication from Traditional to Digital: Practices & Examples", after which project leaders Dr. Burcu Zeybek and Dr. İlknur Doğu Öztürk reported the results of the 2023 social media campaign and summarized the project's findings. The assessment panel's presentations were attended by 60 people.



MNEMOSYNE: A GENCLİK PARK DOCUMENTARY SCREENING AND DIRECTOR'S TALK | EUROPEAN CULTURAL DAYS

Date: 21 September 2024

The third event on the program of the 41st iteration of European Cultural Days organized by the European Network of National Cultural Institutes (EUNIC) took place in Ankara on September 21st and 22nd with the slogan "You're gonna fall in love with Ankara!". During the two-day event, eight of the city's European embassies hosted guided tours around their premises while more than twenty Ankara museums, universities, foundations, associations, and other cultural institutions and venues also organized admission-free activities such as guided tours of their own premises and the city, as well as exhibitions and concerts, all showcasing the capital's rich historical, architectural, and artistic heritage and enabling people to discover—or rediscover—it.

For this occasion, VEKAM hosted a special screening of Mnemosyne: A Gençlik Park Documentary at the Ankara Orchard House. Directed by Deniz Şengün Tunca and produced by Mareliber with VEKAM support in 2022, the film focuses on Gençlik Park, one of Ankara's most significant public spaces. Asking questions about urban spaces as repositories of urban memory in general, Mnemosyne prompts viewers to think about what the park used to mean for the people of Ankara and about how that meaning has evolved over the years. After the screening, the director talked about the challenges of making documentary films and answered viewers' questions.



PANEL I "THE JULIOPOLIS PROJECT IN THE CONTEXT OF OPEN ACCESS WEEK AND THE SCIENCE OF ARCHAEOLOGY" PANEL DISCUSSION

Date: 22 October 2024

Archaeology is rapidly evolving and discovering new possibilities for research by embracing open-access principles and implementing open-science practices. The Juliopolis excavation project being conducted jointly by VEKAM, Hacettepe University, and the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations continues to unearth the riches of this ancient site while embracing the principle of making archaeological heritage fully accessible to all through the effective use of state-of-the-art technologies and international standards-compliant digital archiving and e-publishing of all finds beginning with the earliest discoveries. Organized on the occasion of Open Access Week, the online panel discussion began with a framework presentation followed by presentations reviewing and assessing the latest progress as well as that progress's importance and potential benefits.

WORKSHOP | CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDIES FOR CHILDREN (0-18) WORKSHOP V: DIGITAL APPLICATIONS

Date: 7-8 November 2024

Since 2019, VEKAM has been hosting "Cultural Heritage Studies for Children (0-18)", a workshop series designed to sustainably advance cultural heritage education. Led by Koç University instructors Assoc. Prof. Çiğdem Maner and Özlem Deniz Uğur, these workshops share innovative methods for conveying conservation-awareness messages, thereby disseminating new ideas and approaches among educators and others involved in the field. The fifth workshop in the series, "Digital Practices", was held in person at VEKAM Orchard House on 7-8 November 2024. Attended by professionals from across Turkey, this event featured presentations by guest speakers from Italy, Turkey, and the UK, who shared valuable examples of their experiences implementing digital practices within cultural heritage education programs designed for children, parents, schools, and teachers. The workshop's participants comprised a diverse group that included museum experts, educators (teachers), graduate students conducting research, academicians, conservators, representatives from cultural institutions and NGOs, and editors and publishers specializing in cultural heritage. Each workshop's afternoon session focused on practical applications of the issues and methods presented during the morning session.



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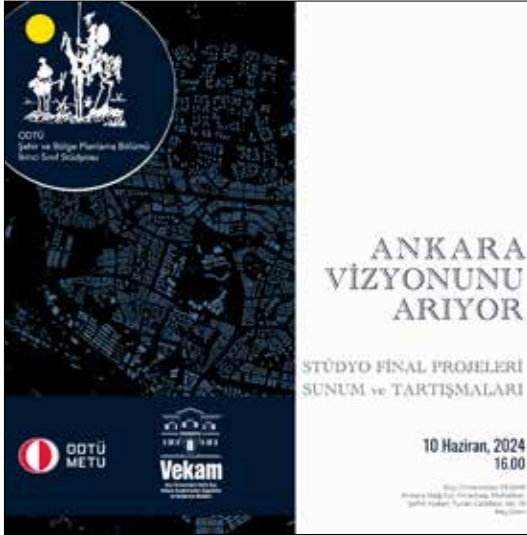
EDUCATION | “INTERPRETING ANKARA THROUGH MEMORIES” WORKSHOP

Date: March-April-May 2024

The “Interpreting Ankara Through Memories” workshop was designed to guide participants in discovering Ankara’s rich urban memory. This exploration was conducted through the personal narratives found in the memoirs and autobiographies of four authors who resided in the city at different periods: Halide Edib Adıvar’s Türk’ün Ateşle İmtihanı, Ahmet Hamdi Tanpınar’s Beş Şehir, Adalet Ağaoğlu’s Göç Temizliği, and Yaşar Seyman’s Hüznün Coşkusu Altında. The workshop also sought to decipher Ankara’s historical and social palimpsest by interpreting the emotions, impressions, and perceptions expressed in these books, thereby revealing how the city has changed and what aspects of it have endured.

Conducted in six sessions across six weeks during March and April 2024, the “Interpreting Ankara through Memories” workshop had two primary aims: first, to achieve an in-depth analysis of the texts by bringing together participants from various academic and professional backgrounds; second, to produce original written pieces enriched by participants’ personal observations and insights gained during the workshop. Participants reconvened on May 17th and 24th to present and discuss their essays. These follow-up sessions were also attended by Yaşar Seyman, author of Hüznün Coşkusu Altında.





EDUCATION | METU CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT STUDIO CLASS: “ANKARA IS SEARCHING FOR ITS VISION”

Date: 10 June 2024

“Ankara is Searching for its Vision” is a special studio class held at the VEKAM Orchard House for sophomore-year students from the Middle East Technical University (METU) City and Regional Planning Department working on their course projects. Asked to answer the question “What sort of city would you like to live in?”, the students developed their responses by integrating statistical projections on Ankara’s future growth and development with a diverse array of contemporary urban design and planning concepts.



EDUCATION | ANKARA ORCHARD HOUSE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

With its distinctive architectural features and rich collections, VEKAM’s Ankara Orchard House is an outstanding example of the cultural heritage of Republic-era Turkey. The venue frequently serves as a destination for field trips and hosts programs and activities that are designed to cultivate schoolchildren’s awareness both of that heritage and of Ankara’s urban memory. Operating under a program conducted jointly with the Culture and Tourism Ministry’s General Directorate of Cultural Properties and Museums (Education & Awareness Branch), the Orchard House welcomed eight school groups between March and November 2023. This number increased significantly in 2024, with a thousand children from 36 groups representing fourteen different schools touring the venue. The total number of schoolchildren reached over the past two years is 1,510. Schools’ interest in museums’ outreach programs and recognition of their benefits continue to grow. This in turn encourages the development of such initiatives. The VEKAM Ankara Orchard House contributes significantly to this process.

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CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDIES FOR CHILDREN (0-18) WORKSHOP III: BOOKS, COMICS, AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Editors: Çiğdem Maner & Özlem Dengiz Uğur

Cultural Heritage Studies For Children (0-18) Workshop III: Books, Comics, and Photographs is a collection of all the papers submitted during the workshop of the same name that was conducted by VEKAM on 2-3 November 2022. During workshop sessions, participants engaged in discussions about the projects described in these papers. They also reviewed and assessed the utility and effectiveness of various printed and visual materials that had been used to support and reinforce the projects.

JULIOPOLIS I

Editor: Ali Metin Büyükkarakaya
(E-kitap)

Juliopolis I is an e-book presenting the current state of the Juliopolis excavations project, a joint endeavor by VEKAM, Hacettepe University, and the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations. The Juliopolis project adheres to a multidisciplinary and multidimensional approach to the publication and interpretation of archaeological research findings, following a model rooted in anthropological contexts that is not yet widely used in Turkey. Juliopolis I is a cornucopia of excavation findings as assessed and interpreted by the project team. It includes the latest results of the project teams' comprehensive archaeological surveys, detailed analyses of the geological makeup of the excavation site and its environs, and the findings of both socioanthropological and ethnobotanical research. The book also features articles on the three-dimensional modeling of the Juliopolis site and the project's digital archiving program.

OSMANLI ANADOLUSU'NDA EKONOMİK HAYAT

Editors: Ebru Boyar & Kate Fleet

Osmanlı Anadolu'sunda Ekonomik Hayat is a collection of papers submitted during the "Osmanlı Anadolu'sunda Ticaret ve Üretim / Trade and Production in Ottoman Anatolia" symposium held jointly by Koç University VEKAM and Skilleter Center in 2017. Making a Living in Ottoman Anatolia, containing English-language versions of the same material, was published by Brill in 2021. Centered on the socioeconomic life of Ottoman Anatolia, the book presents a detailed yet fascinating picture of the livelihoods of farmers, merchants, and craftsmen, the differences between rural and city life, women as economic actors, and how all their activities were taxed by the state. Both Osmanlı Anadolu'sunda Ekonomik Hayat and Making a Living in Ottoman Anatolia are certain to remain essential reference works for researchers exploring the Ottoman Empire's socioeconomic history for decades to come.



ARCHITECTS WHO LEFT THEIR MARKS IN ANKARA 6: KADRI ERKMAN

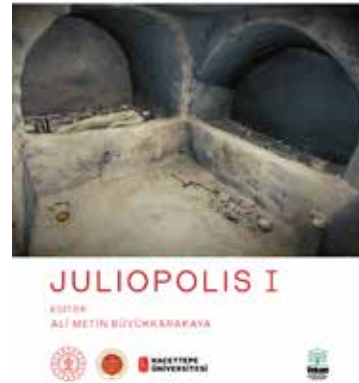
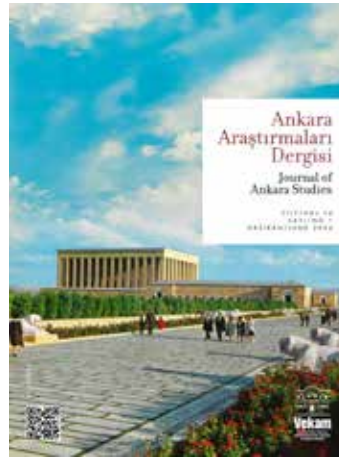
ARCHITECTS WHO LEFT THEIR MARKS IN ANKARA 7: FEHMI DOĞAN-MEHMET ÜNAL

The “Architects who Left their Mark in Ankara” series is a joint Başkent University and Koç University VEKAM project focusing on the work of fourteen architects. These two volumes, Architects who Left Their Marks in Ankara 6: Kadri Erkman and Architects who Left their Marks in Ankara 7: Fehmi Doğan & Mehmet Ünal contain material compiled by Prof. Nuray Bayraktar from papers presented during panel discussions about Kadri Erkman and about the Fehmi Doğan & Mehmet Ünal duo. In addition to describing their major projects, the books also seek to place these architects in the contexts of their times and assess their contributions to Ankara’s architectural assets.



JOURNAL OF ANKARA STUDIES

The 23rd and 24th issues of the Journal of Ankara Studies, which aims to create a platform for academic studies from different disciplines that reveal new data on Ankara’s urban elements through scientific methods and to share these studies with the public, have been published.



VEKAM CONTINUES TO INTRODUCE NEW PUBLICATIONS

VEKAM’s 2024 publication program included two eagerly awaited volumes—Osmanlı Anadolu’sunda Ekonomik Hayat and Çocuklar (0-18) İçin Kültürel Miras Çalışmaları Çalıştayı IV: Saha, Müze ve Doğal Miras Alanlarında Eğitim Uygulamaları as well as issues 23 and 24 of Journal of Ankara Studies.



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THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD

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FIRST INTERNATIONAL
CONGRESS OF THE
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THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE HISTORY OF MONEY AND NUMISMATICS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD

The Koç University Suna & İnan Kiraç Research Center for Mediterranean Civilizations (AKMED) organized two international congresses (2013 and 2016) on the history of money and numismatics in the Mediterranean world and published the papers presented at each in book form. The Third International Congress on the History of Money and Numismatics in the Mediterranean World took place on 1-4 April 2024 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Antalya. The goals of this gathering were to bring together distinguished scholars working on the history of money and numismatics in the Mediterranean world and to share original research findings, to draw

attention to Anatolia's monetary and economic past and to the cultural and economic diversity of Anatolia's Mediterranean littoral from the Lydian period to the emergence of Islamic states, and to contribute to the body of scholarly and scientific knowledge about these issues. Conducted in English, the congress explored topics ranging from the emergence of the concept of money and the appearance of the first coins to the monetary and economic histories of the diverse cultures and civilizations that held sway in Anatolia up until the end of the Ottoman Empire, including the coins they struck or allowed to circulate. Attention was also given to examples of state-approved standardized weights, which were nearly as crucial to monetized trade as coinage itself. Over forty papers were presented during the congress, which also welcomed a limited number of registered attendees.

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AKMED, the Koç University Suna & İnan Kiraç Research Center for Mediterranean Civilizations, is chartered to support scientific research aimed at documenting, conserving, and restoring the historical, archaeological, ethnographical, and cultural assets of the Mediterranean world and interpreting its cultural relations. AKMED organizes conferences, summer schools, certificate programs, academic meetings, and exhibitions, publishes books and periodicals, offers scholarship and project support, and implements social responsibility projects.

The Kaleiçi Museum, also within AKMED, is open to visitors every day except Mondays.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF LEGACY: BENGÜBOZ EXHIBITION

Jointly organized by VEKAM and Bilkom, the "One Hundred Years of Legacy: Bengüboz Exhibition" of extraordinary documentary photographs captured by Ahmet İzzet Bengüboz in Anatolia during the Republican era was hosted at the Koç University Suna & İnan Kiraç Kaleiçi Museum in Antalya from Ocak 9th to 28th.



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THE APOSTLE PAUL IN ANTALYA. MEMORY. TESTIMONY. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Holy Metropolis of Pisidia of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople hosted a "The Apostle Paul in Antalya. Memory. Testimony. International Conference" on 15-17 January 2024. Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Fener Bartholomeos I attended the conference opening and delivered a speech. The papers presented during the conference will be published in book form by AKMED in 2025.

KALEİÇİ OLD TOWN FESTIVAL

As it customarily does, AKMED provided stakeholder support for the ninth iteration of the Ankara Kaleiçi / Old Town Festival organized by the Muratpaşa Municipality. During the four-day festival that began on October 17th, AKMED once again hosted a number of events.

The collage features several posters for events at the Kaleiçi Old Town Festival. The top row includes a large poster for the 'SULU BOYA KARTPOSTAL ATÖLYESİ' (Watercolor Workshop) by Tuğba Ergi TÖRE, and a poster for the 'KALEİÇİ OLD TOWN FESTIVAL' itself. Below these are posters for 'KAĞIT KESME SANATI' (Paper Cutting Art) by Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Zeliha SEVİLİ POLAT, 'SABIR SANATI SERGİSİ ve ATÖLYESİ' (Patience Art Exhibition and Workshop) by Emre KARAKAŞ, and a 'PANEL / PANEL' discussion titled 'SERAMİK SANATINDA ANTALYA'NIN SİMGELERİNİN İFADESİ SANATSAL OBJE ÜRETİMİ' (Expression of Antalya's Symbols in Ceramic Art: Art Object Production) moderated by Gülay ÖZTAN. The bottom row includes posters for 'ANTİSANAT BULUŞMALARI' (Anti-art Meetings) moderated by Tülay ÖZTAN, and a 'KİTAP İMZA / BOOK SIGNING' event for 'ANTALYA REÇELERİ TARİF KİTABI' (Antalya Jelly Recipes Book) by Gülay ÖZTAN. Each poster includes the festival logo, dates (17-20 October), and the venue (Koç University Suna & İnan Kiraç Kaleiçi Müzesi).

AKMED WORKSHOPS

The Suna & İnan Kırâç Kaleiçi Museum frequently conducts and hosts "Learning at the Museum" AKMED workshops for children. A total of nine were organized during the 2024 school spring break or the Kaleiçi Festival focusing on such topics as ivory and terracotta figurines and necklaces in antiquity, ancient columns and capitals, the archaeological adventures of Antoni Gaudi and Casa Batlló, cave art, stone toolmaking, cuneiform writing, and coin design. A special "Green Planet - Climate Change Workshop" was also held. Typically associated with current exhibitions or operations at the museum, these workshops aim to make the Suna & İnan Kırâç Kaleiçi Museum a living cultural and scientific institution, to enhance its image, and to foster a love of cultural heritage among children at an early age.



RUNTALYA MARATHON 2024

An AKMED team of 11 AKMED personnel represented the center in the 2024 iteration of the Runtalya Antalya Marathon. As in previous years, runners solicited donations for the Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV) and more than a hundred were collected.



MOSAIC WORKSHOP: ANCIENT MOSAIC ART AND MOSAIC MAKING TECHNIQUES

A decision was made to begin conducting a new series of workshops focusing on mosaic arts and techniques in antiquity. The inaugural AKMED Ancient Mosaic Art and Mosaic Making Techniques Workshop was conducted between September 16th and 20th at two locations: the AKMED auditorium in the Kaleiçi Museum and at the site of the excavations of ancient Perge. Dr. Şehrigül Yeşil, a lecturer at Işık University conducted the workshop.

Intended for people interested in mosaic art, the workshop focused on its development in antiquity as well as on ancient mosaic making techniques. The workshop began with a theoretical lecture by Dr. Yeşil exploring the art through examples from around the Mediterranean region. During the ensuing days, mosaic-making techniques were demonstrated to participants, who also gained hands-on experience making a mosaic panel of their own.

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EARTH DREAMS: ANADOLU

The Suna & İnan Kiraç Kaleiçi Museum is a regular participant in the annual Antalya Culture Route Festival organized by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism. During the 2024 iteration of the festival, the museum hosted "Earth Dreams: Anadolu", an exhibition showcasing digital works by media artist Refik Anadol. No admission was charged to the show, which attracted considerable attention among festival visitors.

VENERA ENSEMBLE TEV BENEFIT CONCERT

On Sunday November 7th, the Suna & İnan Kiraç Kaleiçi Museum hosted a concert by the Venera Ensemble for the benefit of the Turkish Education Foundation (TEV) at the museum. The Venera Ensemble is a trio of three female artists (mezzo soprano, harpist, cellist) from the Antalya State Opera & Ballet. All proceeds from the concert were donated to TEV.

"STRUCTURES IN ANTIQUITY" 2024 CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

AKMED has been conducting its Antalya History, Culture & Archaeology certification programs since 2017. Beginning in 2024, the museum decided to change the program's format to focus on specific themes instead. The theme of the first program under this new approach was "Structures in Antiquity" and it was held on November 18th-22nd. The five-day online program began with a comprehensive review of urban planning and design in the Hellenistic and Roman eras. Program participants studied representations of buildings on ancient coins and references to them in ancient inscriptions, explored how ancient buildings' materials were quarried, and examined the plans and functions of ancient structures. The last session focused on the sculptural art with which ancient monuments were invariably adorned.

As with all AKMED certification programs of this nature, the goal is to give participants a grasp of the most important elements of a topic, which can then serve as the basis for in-depth study and potentially benefit their professional career. Attention is also given to familiarizing participants with the latest research results. All program material is prepared and delivered by knowledgeable academicians familiar with the subject. Thirty-three undergraduate students attended the 2024 program and successfully completed it.

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**MONETARY HISTORY AND
NUMISMATICS SUMMER SCHOOL
2024**

The eighth iteration of Koç University AKMED Monetary History and Numismatics Summer School was held online from June 24th to 28th. During this five-day intensive program, participants were led through an extensive chronological review of Anatolian monetary history and numismatics spanning more than two millennia from the Archaic period (c 650 BC) to the end of the Byzantine (1453 AD). Program lectures were delivered by Prof. Oğuz Tekin of Koç University AKMED and by Dr. Peter van Alfen of the American Numismatic Society. Intended primarily for newcomers to numismatics, the program introduced them to the basics of the discipline using ancient Greek, Roman, and Byzantine coins as examples while also demonstrating how coins in general are valuable tools in researching and answering questions about a broad range of archaeological, historical, artistic, and architectural issues. Twenty-five participants successfully completed the 2024 program and were awarded certificates.

**AKMED EXCURSIONS: KIBYRA**

Date: 29 June 2024

Introduced in 2023, the AKMED Excursions program takes people interested in archaeology on one-day guided tours exploring ancient sites, ruins, and museums in Turkey's Mediterranean region. Each tour is conducted by an academician who is knowledgeable about and familiar with the day's destination. On 29 June 2024, Dr. Şükrü Özüdoğru led a guided tour of the ancient city of Kibyra, a site in nearby Burdur province that is currently being excavated, and briefed participants on the latest discoveries.



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AKMED EXCURSIONS: LIMYRA

Date: 10 August 2024

The second AKMED Excursion in 2024 was a day trip to the site of ancient Limyra on 10 August 2024. Located about 100 kms west of Antalya on the sea, the site is being excavated by Dr. Martin Seyer, who led the tour and briefed participants on the latest discoveries.



AKMED ARCHAEOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL: EPHESUS

Date: 19-23 August 2024

The 2024 iteration of the AKMED Archaeology Summer School was held from August 19th to 23rd at the site of the ancient city of Ephesus. It was conducted by Koç University AKMED and the Austrian Archaeological Institute at Ephesus and was attended by 10 undergraduate students studying art history and archaeology at universities in Turkey. In 2023, the AKMED Archaeology Summer School was held at the site of ancient Perge in Antalya.



LIMYRA DAY

Date: 7 October 2024

Located in the eastern reaches of ancient Lycia, settlement at Limyra has been traced back to as early as the 2nd millennium BC and probably earlier. It was an important and flourishing trade and cultural center on the Mediterranean seacoast in the 4th century BC and retained its importance during both the Hellenistic and the Roman periods. It was an episcopal see in Byzantine times.

Among the more important buildings deserving of mention at the site are the lavishly decorated pre-Hellenistic Mausoleum of Pericles, the Hellenistic Ptolemaion monument, and the Roman Limyra Cenotaph of Emperor Augustus' grandson Gaius Caesar. A building that may have been an ancient synagogue was discovered a few years ago. Excavations continuing at the site are exploring aspects of Limyra's development under Roman rule and during Late Antiquity.

At the Limyra Day conference held at the AKMED auditorium on Monday 7 October 2024, listeners were briefed about the most recent discoveries at this important ancient site.



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PERIODICALS

1. ADALYA 27, 2024 (Annual and open access journal)
2. ANMED 22, 2024 (Annual and open access e-journal) Excavation head Prof. Nevzat Çevik provided information about the latest discoveries. Visits to the St Nicholas Museum and to the Andriake site and Museum of Lycian Civilizations were conducted.



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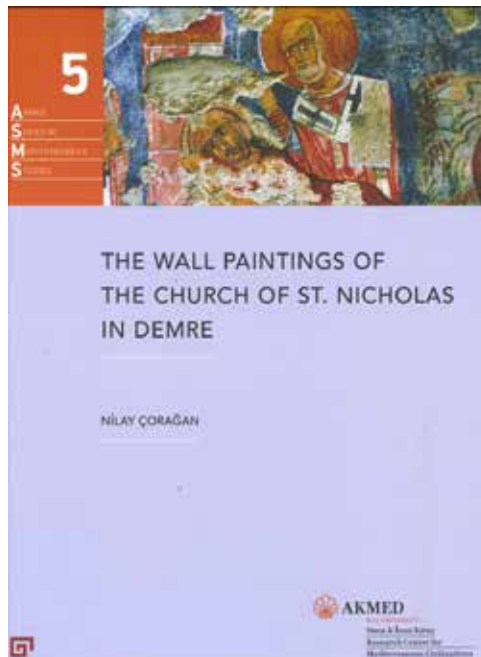
THE WALL PAINTINGS OF THE CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS IN DEMRE

Author: Nilay Çorağan

Published in 2024 by Koç University Press, The Wall Paintings of The Church of St Nicholas in Demre by Nilay Çorağan is the fifth volume in the AKMED Series in Mediterranean Studies.

Byzantine-era frescoes found in the St Nicholas church in Demre are exceptionally important and considered rare because their quality and style are on par with or very similar to those found in the grand buildings of Constantinople. The paintings in the church consist of a total of 39 scenes, 150 figures, various symbolic images, and floral/geometric decorations. Fifteen of the scenes depict events in the life of the church's patron saint, Nicholas. The paintings are located in the apse, bema, naos, side aisles, northeast and southwest corners, esonarthex, chapel in the southeast, tomb chamber, north wings, and the arcosolium of the western courtyard. Despite their artistic and historical value, there has never been a monograph dedicated exclusively to these images until now. In The Wall Paintings of the Church of St Nicholas in Demre, author Nilay Çorağan introduces the church's frescoes

and systematically arranges and describes them according to their iconographic, stylistic, and technical features. She also attempts to date them by comparing them to similar pieces found elsewhere, while simultaneously positioning the frescoes and underscoring their importance within the broader context of Byzantine art.



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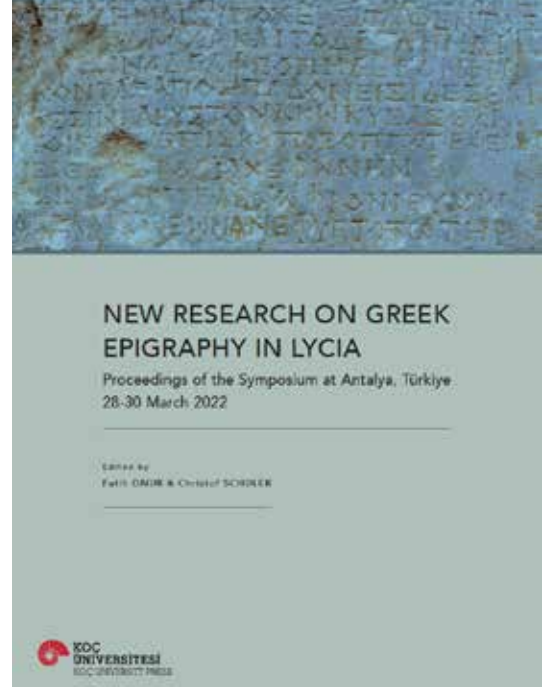
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYMPOSIUM ON NEW RESEARCH ON GREEK EPIGRAPHY IN LYCIA

Editors: Fatih Onur & Christof Schuler

Proceedings of the Symposium on New Research on Greek Epigraphy in Lycia is a collection of papers that were presented at that international symposium held in March 2022 in Antalya. The goal of the symposium was to bring together all the epigraphists who are actively involved in excavations and archaeological research in the region of ancient Lycia. It largely succeeded, as a significant number of the sites and projects where Lycian epigraphical studies are currently in progress have made it into the book. Because the papers published here are connected with one another in various ways, the book presents an overview of the current state of Lycian epigraphic studies and the historical problems associated with them. Arranged according to a combination of chronological and geographical criteria, the papers span a period from the 4th century BC to the 4th century AD, with a majority of them associated with the years between 200 BC and 200 AD.

As members of archaeological dig teams, epigraphists gather new information from excavation finds and research projects and then make that information available for others to use in other historical research. Epigraphy's contributions to archaeology cannot be overstated. Epigraphists have a dual responsibility: publishing their findings in a timely manner and constantly reviewing those findings and improving their accuracy and thoroughness. For this to happen, epigraphists must actively share their methodologies and new discoveries with one another. In that respect, the Antalya symposium was not a transient event but rather a gathering that helped establish new connections and create opportunities for further dialogue and cooperation. Taken as a whole, Proceedings of the Symposium on New Research on Greek Epigraphy in Lycia reveals the current picture of Lycian epigraphic studies.



A POLICHNION IN LYCIA: KEKOVA ISLAND RESEARCH RESULTS

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Kekova Island, the namesake of its locality, is situated about a kilometer offshore along the coast between Demre and Kaş in Antalya. About 7 kilometers long and 1.6 wide, the island was a navigational landmark for ships plying trade routes in the eastern Mediterranean in ancient and medieval times.

The island's rugged and rocky terrain is not suitable for agriculture and, with the exception of three areas, there is only limited space for construction, all of it along the seafront.

The island is uninhabited today and has been for some time. As a protected archaeological zone and an area of special environmental importance, its ruins are fairly well preserved. Indeed the island has suffered far more from the forces of nature than from the hand of man over the millennia. Evidence of successively destructive earthquakes is evident everywhere across Kekova but especially along the seaside, where ancient harbors and their associated buildings are now submerged at a depth of about two meters.

A Polichnion in Lycia: Kekova Island Research Results is the first comprehensive publication of the findings of the methodical archaeological investigation of the island. Documented structures include a monastic church, six churches, five chapels, two baths, five garum ateliers, five wine/olive oil ateliers, 260 houses,



two tower structures, 107 cisterns, five lime kilns, three harbors, two anchorages, and 13 piers. Underwater research has identified seven shipwreck sites and 45 amphorae of various types. All structures and findings are grouped and discussed in twelve chapters.

Ancient and medieval habitation of Kekova island is consistent with typical deme (village) or polikhnion (small town or fort) settlement patterns. Although architectural remains date to between the 4th century BC (Late Classical and Early Hellenistic) and the 4th century AD (Early Byzantine), amphora finds span a much broader timeline from the 8th century BC to the 13th century AD.

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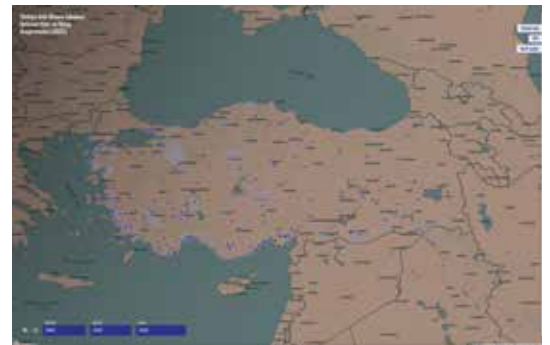
GALATA WALLS PROJECT

In 2024 the Koç University Sevgi Gönül Center for Byzantine Studies (GABAM) initiated a project to study the medieval walls of Galata, a Genoese trading enclave on the northern side of the Golden Horn, and to document them. This project is conducted as an adjunct of the center's ongoing efforts to digitize the outermost fortifications of Istanbul's historical peninsula. Numerous specialists in the field are contributing original research to the Galata Walls Project, whose aims include identifying the elements of the enclave's defenses, better understanding what role they played in the Byzantine capital's overall defense system, and tracing, documenting, and interpreting their subsequent evolution in Ottoman and Republican times.

EXCAVATIONS AND SURVEYS OF BYZANTINE STRATA IN TURKEY MAPPING PROJECT

An interactive map showing locations where Byzantine archaeological strata in Turkey have been or are being excavated and surveyed based on data aggregated from different sources is now accessible at bizansikazmak.ku.edu.tr. This is an ongoing project and the map is constantly being updated and revised as new material becomes available. The project's goal is to serve as a user-friendly interface to a reliable database of information about Byzantine strata in Turkey.

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GABAM AT A GLANCE

Established with the support of Koç University and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation in January 2015 at Koç University's Rumelifeneri Campus, GABAM is the first scientific research center dedicated to Byzantine art history and archaeology to be established in Turkey. GABAM prepares and executes scientific research projects on the history of Byzantine art and archaeology; supports the projects it deems suitable; provides doctoral and post-doctoral research scholarships in the relevant disciplines within Koç University; organizes scientific conferences, symposiums and workshops; publishes scientific literature.

In 2023 the name of the center was changed to Koç University Sevgi Gönül Center for Byzantine Studies.

BYZANTINE STUDIES IN TURKEY BIBLIOGRAPHY DIGITIZATION PROJECT

Another digital project on which GABAM is currently working is the digitization of Byzantine Studies in Turkey: A Bibliography (19th Century-2020), a book edited by Şahin Kılıç and Buket Kitapçı-Bayrı and published by Vehbi Koç Foundation in 2021. In addition to reformatting, standardizing, and updating all the bibliographical information, the project is also developing a digital tool for searching and displaying entries based on keywords and contexts.



GABAM "AN EMPEROR'S TALE" VIDEO SHOWCASED FOR "A UNIVERSE OF IMAGES: THE MADRID SKYLITZES" EXHIBITION

2024 provided an opportunity for a 2020 GABAM project to be shown to a much broader audience. During the "A Universe of Images: The Madrid Skylitzes" exhibition, held from late June to October at the Biblioteca Nacional de España in Madrid, one of the show's curators included links on the exhibition's YouTube channel to "An Emperor's Tale", a video originally prepared by GABAM in 2020 to accompany its Byzantine Musical Instruments Project.

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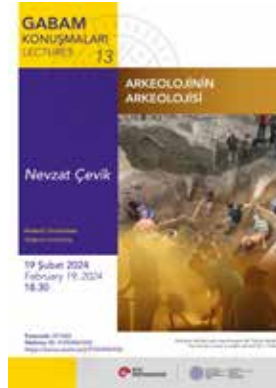


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GABAM continued to organize public lectures and gatherings focusing on a variety of issues related to Byzantine studies in 2024.

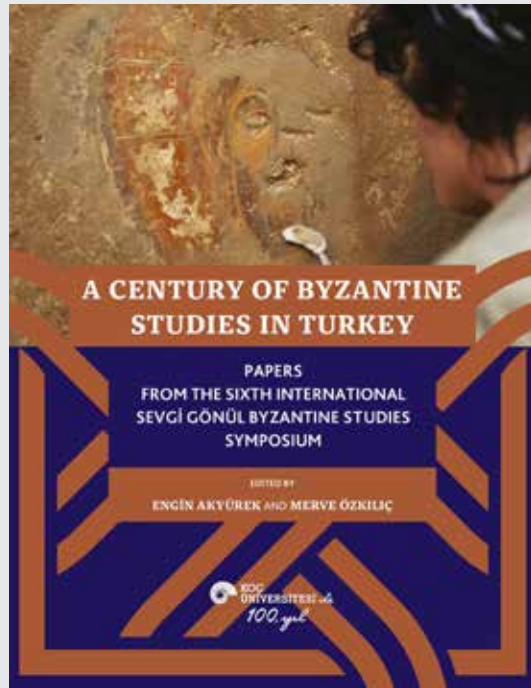
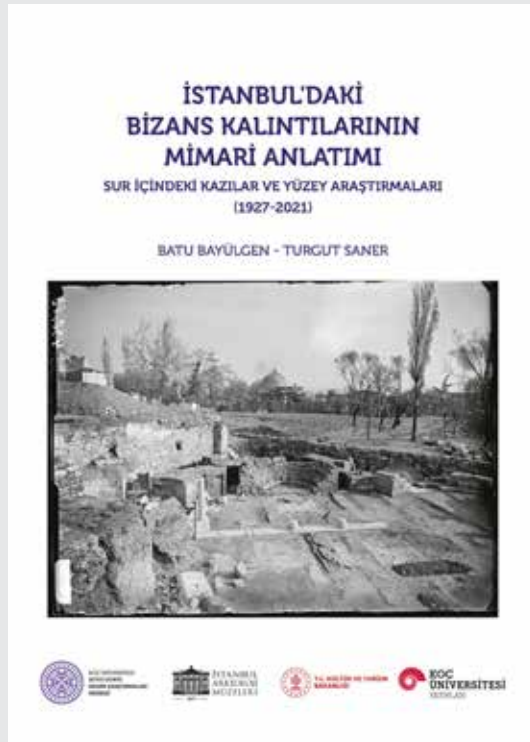
- GABAM Lectures 12: Koray Durak - Türkiye’de Bizans Çalışmalarının Üzerine Bir Sergi Yapmak, **16 January 2024**
(online <https://gabam.ku.edu.tr/events/gabam-konusmalari-12/>)
- GABAM Lectures 13: Nevzat Çevik - Arkeolojinin Arkeolojisi, **19 February 2024**
(online <https://gabam.ku.edu.tr/events/gabam-konusmalari-13/>)
- GABAM Lectures 14: “Recent Excavations at the Church of Saint Polyeuktos”, Rahmi Asal **12 March 2024**
(online <https://gabam.ku.edu.tr/events/gabam-konusmalari-14/>)
- GABAM Lectures 15: Neslihan Asutay-Effenberger - Bizans Mimarisinde Şelçuklu İzleri (13’üncü Yüzyıl) - Yeni Gözlemler, **27 May 2024**
(online <https://gabam.ku.edu.tr/events/gabam-konusmalari-15/>)
- GABAM Lectures 16: Sercan Sağlam - Yeraltı Camii’nden Galata Kulesine: Pera Tahkimatlarına Yeni Yorumlar, **03 July 2024**
(online <https://gabam.ku.edu.tr/events/gabam-konusmalari-16/>)
- GABAM Lectures 17: Şahin Kılıç - Cumhuriyet Üniversitelerinde Bizans Çalışmaları, **24 October 2024**
(online <https://gabam.ku.edu.tr/events/gabam-konusmalari-17/>)



I PUBLICATIONS I

In 2024 GABAM published Architectural Description of Byzantine Remains in İstanbul: Excavations and Surveys in the City Within the Walls (1927-2021), an English edition of a book by Batu Bayülgen and Turgut Saner that previously had appeared in Turkish. The two-volume work, one of texts and the other of maps and drawings, is a rich and comprehensive source of information about Byzantine architectural remains located within the İstanbul Historical Peninsula. The material in the book is the product of about a decade-long exhaustive search through İstanbul Archaeological Museums archives accompanied by information from published and hitherto unpublished excavation findings.

In the follow-up to the 6th International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Research Symposium held in June 2023, GABAM published a book comprising the 27 papers submitted by eminent Byzantinologists tracing the course and development of Byzantine studies in Turkey.



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VEHBİ KOÇ FOUNDATION FORD OTOSAN GÖLCÜK CULTURE AND COMMUNITY CENTER IN 2024

In 2024, the center launched its new season with "Magic Key", a stage play for children, followed by theater events including the "April 23rd Children's Festival", "Toy Story", and "The 39 and a Half Steps".

On the occasion of the first centenary of the Republic of Turkey, the center hosted a talk by the distinguished Turkish historian, academic, and author Prof. İlber Ortaylı.

The annual "October Parade" held across Turkey was one of the year's most important artistic events. It was followed by "Vurgun", a joint exhibition of works by a number of artists. This show attracted large numbers of appreciative visitors to the gallery for about a month.

In the new season, the Cultural Center's theater hosted performances of the play Leyla ile Mecnun Değil, The Little Prince for children, and a variety show titled No Name. The center is also frequently used by local drama groups as a venue for performances of their own.



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VEHBİ KOÇ FOUNDATION FORD OTOSAN GÖLCÜK CULTURE AND COMMUNITY CENTER AT A GLANCE

The Vehbi Koç Foundation Ford Otosan Gölcük Culture and Community Center has been promoting social and cultural events for the people of the Gölcük region. In addition to its beautiful natural settings, the center's events calendar provides a rich cultural environment with art courses, exhibitions, stage performances, musical activities and personal development courses. The center's classical music recitals, jazz concerts, theater and children's plays, art and other workshops attract an average of 10,000 visitors each month. As the center focuses on community service, all its events and activities are free of charge for all age and social groups. The culture and community center's Healthy Living section welcomes countless sports enthusiasts, providing a wide array of options from its fitness hall and basketball court to volleyball training, football matches, yoga sessions, and prenatal Pilates. The center also hosts workshops and ateliers covering a wide range of subjects, including painting, paper marbling, patchwork, instrumental arts, handicrafts, and plastic arts for both children and adults.



OTHER SUPPORTED CULTURE PROJECTS

KARMA XR LAB INTERACTIVE CULTURAL HERITAGE PROJECTS

Set up in 2019 with funding from the İstanbul Development Agency, the Koç University KARMA Mixed Reality Lab focuses on developing applications and content that allow people to interact with digital data and machines through natural and immersive experiences linked to the physical world in the fields of interactive experience design, and extended reality (XR). KARMA Lab is also known for its research, development, and artistic representation work in fields like performance arts, archaeology and art history, psychology, and medicine. The lab is likewise recognized for its continuous education programs suitable for all ages aimed at developing the talent pool in Turkey and for the interactive experience designs that it develops.

During 2024 with the support of Vehbi Koç Foundation, KARMA Lab turned its attention to the digitalization of the arts and culture industries. The lab began developing practices and solutions to help archaeological sites, museums, galleries, archives, and libraries in Turkey to digitize their physical and non-physical heritage assets and to create big-data and 3D media applications using methods like 3D scanning, big-data management, VR, and similar technologies.

In the second half of 2024, KARMA Lab was awarded funding under the Horizon Europe Framework Program's HORIZON-WIDERA-ACCESS-07 Centers of Excellence call. This success aligns with the lab's strategy of preparing competitive grant applications and developing innovative model applications.

A Horizon Europe project, "Cultural Heritage and Immersive Technologies for Innovation Forge" (HERIFORGE), is set to launch in 2025. This initiative aims to foster an innovative and cutting-edge R&D environment in Turkey's Creative Cultural Industries (CCI) by building interconnected ecosystems with Centers of Excellence across other EU countries. Crucially, the project intends to use extended reality technologies to prioritize both responsible engagement with cultural heritage and social resilience.

In 2026, KARMA Lab will focus on developing standardized solutions for Koç Group museums, archives, and collections. This will include training on big data storage and management.

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ASHOKA TURKEY 2024 GALA

For a quarter of a century, Ashoka Turkey has been supporting social initiatives that lead to enduring solutions by taking a systems-change approach to addressing the country's social problems. Ashoka was founded in 1980 with the vision of creating a world where "Everyone is a changemaker". Ashoka Turkey brings together, supports, and mobilizes key players who empower individuals to create change, thereby ensuring that changemaking is internalized and widely embraced as a core value.

After a three-year hiatus, Ashoka Turkey held its GALA 2024 event with the support of Vehbi Koç Foundation at the foundation's Arter venue. During the event, Arayüz Campaign founder Nevzat Taşçı was announced as an Ashoka Fellow, thereby admitting him to a global network of over 4,000 social entrepreneurs in 93 countries. The Arayüz Campaign draws attention to the barriers to political participation faced by young people in Turkey and aims to eliminate the underrepresentation of under-30s in the country's democratic processes.

Nearly 150 guests attended Ashoka Turkey GALA 2024, which was hosted by two Ashoka Fellows, Prof. İtir Erhart and Serra Titiz. Attendees included leaders from business, civil society, and the social entrepreneurship ecosystem, alongside executives and representatives from organizations that play influential roles in young people's formative years such as media, education, and publishing companies and public agencies.

The evening began with opening remarks by Ashoka Turkey Country Director Ezgi Özkök Sefer and Vehbi Koç Foundation Special Projects Manager Seçil Kınay. During the ensuing panel discussion, Ms Kınay, Ashoka Fellow and Fisherwomen of Turkey founder Huriye Göncüoğlu, Adım Adım cofounder and İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality Spor İstanbul General Manager Renay Onur, and Turkish Informatics Foundation President Faruk Eczacıbaşı explored ways to create change at different scales and by redefining roles.

Vehbi Koç Foundation's support creates additional opportunities for Ashoka Turkey to bring together different actors to enter into new partnerships consistent with its vision of bringing about meaningful and enduring country-wide change. Conducted after a three-year hiatus, the excitement and impact of GALA 2024 resonated across Ashoka's global network.

In the wake of the success of GALA 2024, Ashoka Turkey will continue to deploy its financial, pro bono, and global Ashoka resources to support the activities of 30 Ashoka Fellows in the country. While providing systems change approach training targeting Turkey's social entrepreneurship ecosystem and public agencies, the process of selecting 2025 Ashoka Fellows has also begun. By joining forces with key actors in the country's media, education, and publishing ecosystem that play influential roles in young people's formative years, Ashoka Turkey continues its efforts to create a world in which everybody is a changemaker.

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