




KIRKLARELİ UNIVERSITY



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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Today, in order to have a say in the fields such as education, economy and science, one of the paths is the internationalization of education. In parallel to the internationalization strategy, our primary objectives are to increase cross-cultural interactions, to share research and knowledge universally and to advance the level of education to international standards. In this vein, we place great importance to our international students, whom we call “volunteer ambassadors”. Having received good education and as qualified graduates, our international students will likely to contribute to Turkish society or to serve in significant positions in their own countries. Besides, through various social and cultural events with national students, our international students help to cement the practice of coexistence of people from different cultures.

Being aware of developments and changes brought about with globalization, Kırklareli University bears always in mind its parts in order to have a competitive advantage in culture, arts, literature, sports and science, and works hard to become an international university preferred by students from different geographies of the world, as much as from local, regional and national levels. Our university embraces international students from all over the world as much as from the Balkans, in the direction of becoming a university armed with many different funds of knowledge and experience. We also strive to provide proper conditions to our students to make them feel at home. Each step taken at this direction gives us opportunity to receive international students from every language and color. For our university, international students are the source of joy, and biggest supporters of our intentions and endeavors to advance our university to the level of international standards.

Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR
Rector

MISSON AND VISION OF KIRKLARELI UNIVERSITY

IN THE CONTEXT OF THE STRATEGY OF INTERNATIONALIZATION

- To raise the national and the international prestige of our university;
- To set ground for potential cooperations in the fields of science, culture and sports, by communicating with national and international higher education institutions;
- To develop an efficient strategy with clear objectives to receive international students;
- To increase dynamism and the number of international academic activities;
- To support social and cultural activities of our international students;
- To help our international students through orientation programs;
- To make agreements of cooperations with international universities, and thus to increase the capacity of international student exchange.





KIRKLARELI UNIVERSITY

ONE OF THE YOUNGEST UNIVERSITIES

- ★ One of the youngest universities in Turkey, founded in 2007, Kirkklareli University attracts international students due to its central location and closeness to the city of Istanbul.

A PEACEFUL AND PLEASED ENVIRONMENT

- ★ The city of Kirkklareli, whose residents are mainly the Balkan immigrants, has a cosmopolitan and tolerant social structure so that international students enjoy a peaceful and pleased social and educational environment.

RECORD NUMBER OF NEW ENROLLMENTS

- ★ The number of international students enrolled during 2019-2020 academic year, has become 695, which is more than the number of the registered international students in the previous academic year.

RICH DIVERSITY

- ★ With the new admissions in 2019-2020 academic year, Kirkklareli University has now 1493 international students from 38 different countries. In three years' time, the number of international students has increased from 620 to 1493, and the diversity of the origins of country from 19 to 38.

HIGH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT QUOTA

- ★ Providing online admission service for the prospective international students, as a result of increasing demand from various countries, Kirkklareli University has allocated 10% of its student quota to the prospective international students.

100+ STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

- ★ Kirkklareli University has now more than 100 student exchange agreements with the global partner universities and welcomes international exchange students.

3 INSTITUTIONS

12 FACULTIES

2 COLLEGES

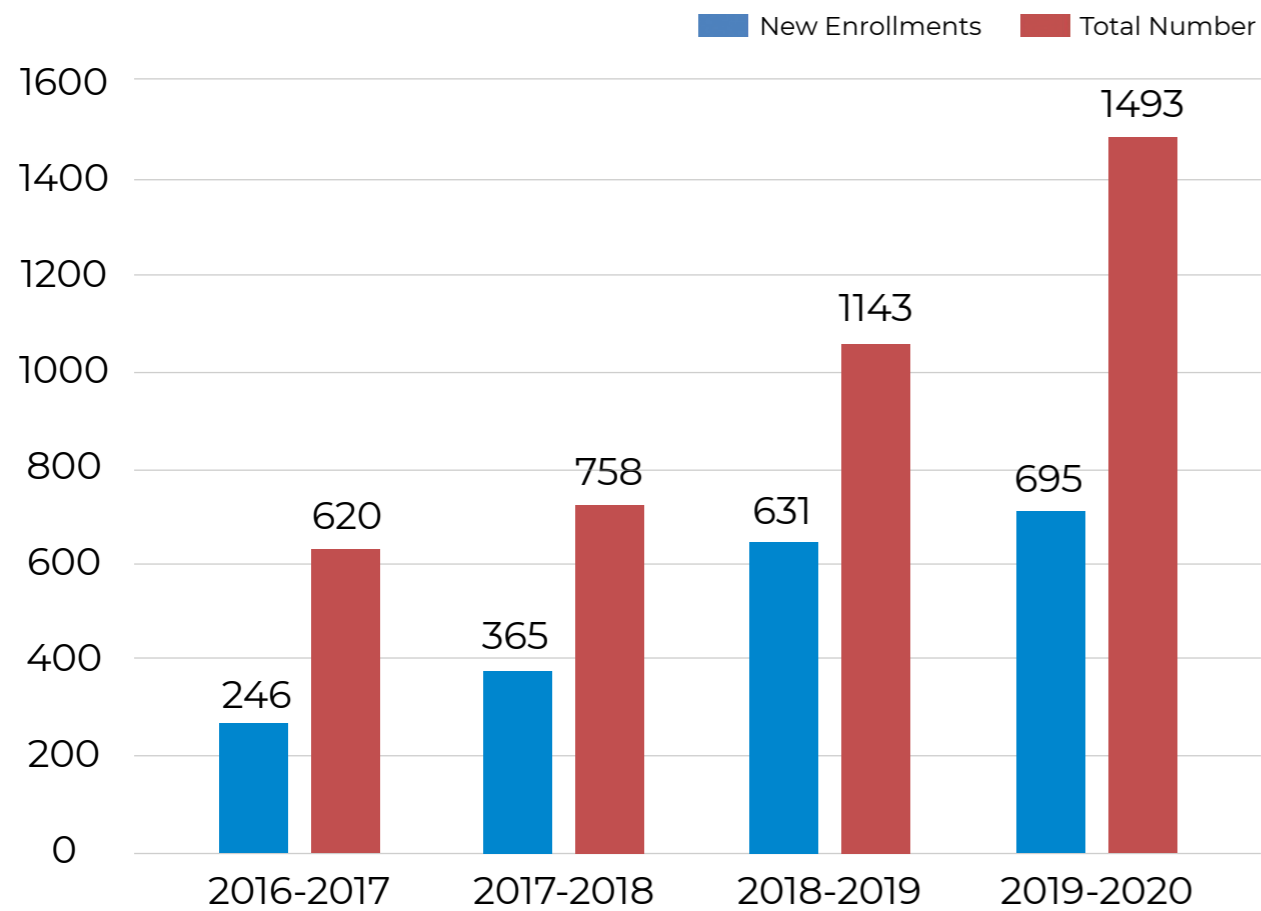
7 VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

14 R&D CENTERS

23.000 STUDENTS

769 ACADEMICS

THE NUMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BY YEARS



THE FLAGS OF THE COUNTRIES OF OUR STUDENTS



141%

INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WITHIN THE THREE YEARS

695

NEW ENROLLMENTS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IN TOTAL

1493

THE NUMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BY THEIR COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018		2018 - 2019		2019 - 2020	
	NEW ENROLLMENTS	TOTAL	NEW ENROLLMENTS	TOTAL	NEW ENROLLMENTS	TOTAL	NEW ENROLLMENTS	TOTAL
Afghanistan	1	9	1	9	3	9	21	24
Albania	7	26	3	22	21	36	1	6
Azerbaijan	2	3	1	4	2	6	27	57
Bangladesh	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Bulgaria	23	63	35	75	67	125	85	149
Israeel	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
China	-	1	1	2	-	1	10	11
Djibouti	1	1	-	1	-	1	2	3
Gambia	-	-	-	-	3	3	8	11
Germany	-	-	3	3	3	6	1	5
Greece	13	21	2	22	3	20	3	14
Haiti	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	5
Indonesia	1	1	68	69	53	98	68	132
Iran	-	-	-	-	2	2	4	5
Iraq	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	4
Ivory Coast	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Kazakhstan	-	2	-	2	1	3	5	7
Kosovo	-	1	-	-	2	2	4	6
Egypt	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	15
Moldova	2	4	2	5	-	5	1	6
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Nigeria	-	-	-	-	13	13	5	18
North Macedonia	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1
Norway	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Palestine	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	6
Russia	1	1	1	2	-	2	4	6
Serbia	1	-	1	1	4	4	3	5
Somali	-	1	-	-	2	2	27	27
Syria	3	1	2	2	1	2	31	28
Tajikistan	2	4	1	4	-	1	2	3
Turkmenistan	187	475	241	528	444	787	301	880
Uganda	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Jordan	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Uzbekistan	1	2	1	2	-	2	18	18
Gine Bissau	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Sudan	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
UAE	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5
Yemen	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	12
	246	620	365	758	631	1143	695	1493

THE NUMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BY THEIR ACADEMIC UNITS

ACADEMIC UNIT	2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018		2018 - 2019		2019 - 2020	
	NEW ENROLLMENTS	TOTAL	NEW ENROLLMENTS	TOTAL	NEW ENROLLMENTS	TOTAL	NEW ENROLLMENTS	TOTAL
INSTITUTE OF GRADUATE								
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES	-	4	2	6	2	7	1	4
INSTITUTE OF GRADUATE								
SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES	-	2	-	2	-	2	3	3
FACULTY OF LAW	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	14
FACULTY OF MEDICINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCES	19	67	31	70	81	124	63	151
FACULTY OF ECONOMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES	30	97	52	123	91	181	87	224
FACULTY OF DIVINITY	7	8	11	18	6	20	27	38
FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE	8	10	20	27	33	54	38	79
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING	8	30	28	54	94	130	73	168
FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY	9	10	14	19	26	40	21	48
FACULTY OF TOURISM	4	8	13	17	29	42	21	56
SCHOOL OF HEALTH	40	118	47	131	90	192	105	253
FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES	4	4	13	16	32	46	25	51
BABAESKI VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	12	21	13	25	22	30	11	31
LÜLEBURGAZ VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	20	54	15	45	21	44	41	65
PINARHİSAR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	8	16	12	20	20	32	18	37
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SERVICES	16	46	24	48	15	46	42	71
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES	18	44	25	51	25	52	43	71
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OF TECHNICAL SERVICES	26	57	33	68	31	71	39	91
VİZE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	17	29	13	24	16	30	20	35
	246	623	366	762	634	1143	695	1493

TURKISH LANGUAGE RESEARCH AND APPLICATION CENTER



Abbreviated as Turkish Language Center ("Türkçe Merkezi"), Turkish and Foreign Languages Research and Application Center (TÖMER) of Kırklareli was founded in 2010. From its inception, the center has been providing Turkish Language teaching and certification services. In the center, the international students from 35 different countries, such as Turkmenistan, Indonesia, Russia and Ukraine has been receiving Turkish Language education. Besides, international students from the other universities are receiving language education in the center.

TURKISH LANGUAGE COURSES

The curriculum of Turkish Language courses intended for international students are designed in line with the Europe Common Language Criteria. Having admitted to the course, students take placement exams to determine their level of Turkish Language skills, and thus their classes. These classes are as follows: A1, A2 (Basic Level), B1, B2 (Intermediate), and C1, C2 (Advanced). The coordinators and instructors of the Turkish Language Center are experts in their fields. The center organizes excursions, sports

and music activities as well as movie screenings. The students of the center befriend a Turkish student from Turkish Language and Literature program, as part of tandem program, so that the Turkish student converse with the international student at the center, at least once a week. The Turkish student also keeps weekly reports and records the progress.

Registrations for Turkish Language courses are opened before courses begin. The timeline for registrations are announced in the academic calendar. In the month of October, courses begin. Weekly hours for courses are as follows: Basic groups 16 hours (+4 hours for counselling); Intermediate groups 12 hours (+8 hours for counseling). Classes are between 9:00 - 12:10 and 13:30 - 16:50. In total, yearly class hours are 460 (23x20).

CERTIFICATION

Students who has successfully completed courses are given certificates (basic, intermediate or advanced). With the certificates given by the Turkish Language Center, international students can start their university education anywhere in Turkey.

WHY THE KIRKLARELI UNIVERSITY TURKISH LANGUAGE CENTER?

- Opportunity to live and receive Turkish Language education in Kırklareli, which is only two hours away from Istanbul and is one of the most peaceful, calm and educated cities
- Kırklareli is one of best city to learn and practice Turkish language
- Modern language education approaches, methods and techniques
- All four basic language skills
- Maximum 20 people in classes
- Rich technical materials and well equipped classes
- Professional and experienced instructors
- Cultural and national diversity in classes
- Excursions to the nature and the city
- Through Tandem Project, students befriend students from Turkish Language and Literature programs

WHY TURKISH LANGUAGE?

Turkish language is one of the most spoken languages in the world. One can communicate through Turkish language from the Balkans to China, from Russia to Syria. Turkish language and culture is one of the oldest and rich language and culture. In the recent years, it has become one of the most valuable and strategic languages. It is of significance in the fields of commerce, diplomacy, education and religion.





“VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS” PROGRAM VISITS KIRKLARELİ UNIVERSITY

Broadcasted by TRT HABER in Saturdays, the documentary series “Volunteer Ambassadors” was filmed at KLU.

May 15, 2017

The program recounts the stories of international students as they encounter with Turkish culture, as to their acculturation and adaptation to local culture, forming new bonds as well as carrying up their own culture. In the documentary series, several interviews were conducted with the international students of KLU.

The filming included interviews with Jelal CHARYYEV (a senior student at Labour Economics and Industrial Relations) from Turkmenistan, Sitora SARSENOVA, (a freshman at Labour Economics and Industrial Relations) from Uzbekistan, Ahmadou ADAMOU (a sophomore at Management of Health Institutions) from Cameroon, Artiom BOIARINOV (a freshman at Economics) from Moldova, Maharram TAGHIZADE (a senior at Public Administration) from Azerbaijan, Ayan MOHAMUD (a senior at Economics) from Somali. The documentary crew filmed several places at the campus, notably the library. Besides, many video shootings around the city were recorded with the international students.

The documentary crew, having interviewed with the students about their experiences while learning Turkish language, conducted an interview with Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR on the opportunities and facilities provided, and on the

Turkish language teaching at Kırklareli University. Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR stated that “Kırklareli University, necessiated by the objective of becoming an international university and its location, take firm steps forward by enrolling 675 international students from 25 countries, mainly from the Balkan countries, with whom we historical, cultural and social bonds.

Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR, having stated that from its inception in 2010 until today, Turkish and Foreign Languages Research and Application Center (TÖMER) of Kırklareli renders service to the international students, remarked that “we help [the international] students to gain listening, speaking, reading and writing skills with modern approaches, methods and techniques in language teaching in classes of 9-20 students.

Our students get opportunity to speak and listen Turkish language in Kırklareli, one of the best places in Turkey where Turkish is spoken well. We provide education [in all four language skills] with a professional and experienced staff.

Besides, language friendship groups formed with the students of Turkish Language and Literature department contribute greatly to the international students while they are learning Turkish language.”





CONSUL GENERAL OF TURKMENISTAN IN ISTANBUL, SEYITMAMMEDOV VISITS OUR UNIVERSITY

**Myratgeldi SEYITMAMMEDOV,
Consul General of Turkmenistan
in Istanbul, has visited Prof. Dr.
Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR.**

May 23, 2017

Myratgeldi SEYITMAMMEDOV expressed his appreciation that students from Turkmenistan receive education at Kırklareli University:

“We are grateful to the administration of Kırklareli University for paying close attention to our students. The education that they receive here will play a great role in their future.”

Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR stated at the visit that by year 2017, 475 students from Turkmenistan study at the university. ŞENGÖRÜR also remarked that “We regard our students from Turkmenistan as the children of the families of one nation and two states. We are glad that students from the Turkic world, from the Balkans and the Middle East receive education at our university. These students are our guests.” At the end of the visit, gifts are exchanged.

After the visit, Consul General, SEYITMAMMEDOV, came together with the students from Turkmenistan in the conference hall at Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences for acquaintance meeting.



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ORIENTATION MEETING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

An orientation meeting was organized by International Relations Office with the newly registered international students.

September 21, 2017

To the meeting organized at İİBF Conference Hall, Coordinator of International Relations Office, Asst. Prof. Neriman HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR; Director of the Center of Career Research and Application, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Neziha MUSAOĞLU; Director of Student Affairs, Mükerrerem EROL; Kırklareli Provincial Immigration Administration staff, Asst. Expert Görkem ÖZGÜR; International Relations Office staff, Expert Mehmet Fatih ÇÖMLEKÇİ; Health, Culture and Sports Office staff, Türker CEYLAN, Turkish and Foreign Languages Research and Application Center (TÖMER) of Kırklareli staff, Bedirye ATASEVER; and the international students attended.

Asst. Prof. Neriman HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR delivered the opening speech in which she expressed that as International Relations Office, they are going to help accelerating the processes of adaptation of the international students and help them to get to know the university, by organizing activities throughout the year. Subsequently, Expert Mehmet Fatih ÇÖMLEKÇİ gave a presentation on the city of Kırklareli, the university and its strategy of internationalization.

Following the presentation, Asst. Expert Görkem ÖZGÜR, Kırklareli Provincial Immigration Administration staff, gave a briefing on "The Law on Foreigners and International Protection" and answered in

detail the questions of the international students on procedures regarding residence permits in Turkey.

Türker CEYLAN, Health, Culture and Sports Office staff, also briefed the audience of the meeting on social and cultural possibilities of our university. Lastly, Mükerrerem EROL, Director of Student Affairs, and Bedirye ATASEVER, Turkish and Foreign Languages Research and Application Center (TÖMER) of Kırklareli staff, answered the questions of the students.

At the end of the meeting, the international students were given The Cultural Guide to Kırklareli, The Nature Guide, advertisement brochures of Kırklareli University and booklets printed by Kırklareli Provincial Immigration Administration.

Following the meeting, a trip in the Kayalı campus were organized. Under the guidance of Türker CEYLAN, Health, Culture and Sports Office staff, students were introduced the premises. During the visit of the library, Sacit AR, Director of Library and Documentation Office, and the other personnel attended to the international students, and informed them on the matters of registration to the library, borrowing services, catalog search, periodical and non-periodical publications and the rare collection.



ACQUAINTANCE MEETING WITH THE INDONESIAN STUDENTS AT KLU

In an event organized by International Relations Office, Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR and Herry SUDRADJAT, General Consul of Indonesia in Istanbul, met with the Indonesian students of KLU.

December 03, 2017

Ekrem KALKAN, Kırklareli Provincial Director of the Credit and Dormitories Institution; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yakup YILMAZ, Director of Turkish and Foreign Languages Research and Application Center (TÖMER) of Kırklareli; Asst. Prof. Neriman HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR, Coordinator of Foreign Relations attended the event, which took place at the Dining Hall.

Herry SUDRADJAT, General Consul of Indonesia in Istanbul, expressed during his speech that he is glad that the Indonesian students are receiving education in Kırklareli. He also stated that it is of significance that the students learn Turkish language as soon as possible and take part in social activities.

SUDRADJAT told also that the Indonesian students of KLU are ambassadors of their country and will behave with such an awareness. SUDRADJAT expressed his wishes that Indonesian students will

continue to come to Kırklareli to study. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yakup YILMAZ, Director of Turkish and Foreign Languages Research and Application Center (TÖMER) of Kırklareli University, serving to 200 international students, is the window to the world. YILMAZ noted in his speech that there are affinities in terms of culture and faith between Indonesia and Turkey, and thus the Indonesian students are special for us.

In the event, the Indonesian students of KLU also performed the Holy Qur'an recitation. Following the recitation, the students sang traditional songs from Indonesia. Herry SUDRADJAT also performed a Turkish song in the event.

At the end of the program, Herry SUDRADJAT, General Consul of Indonesia in Istanbul, held a meeting with the Indonesian students and answered their questions.

Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR, delivered the opening speech and stated that General Consul, SUDRADJAT paid a visit to the university last April and afterwards 69 Indonesian students enrolled in KLU. ŞENGÖRÜR said also that this is a historical milestone, and proceeded his speech to state Kırklareli University embraces the Indonesian students and approaches them with compassion to make them feel like home. ŞENGÖRÜR expressed his wishes that after the Indonesian students graduate from KLU, they will be bid farewell to their countries as volunteer cultural ambassadors of Turkey.





THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OF OUR UNIVERSITY MET AT DINNER PARTY

Turkish and Foreign Languages Research and Application Center (TÖMER) of Kırklareli organized and end of the semester dinner party for the international students.

January 18, 2018

Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR; Vice Rector, Prof. Dr. Neziha MUSAOĞLU; Coordinator of International Relations Office, Neriman HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR; Director of TÖMER, Assoc. Prof. Yakup YILMAZ, TÖMER staff and the international students attended to the event.

Commenced with stand-in-silence and the Turkish national anthem, in the organization Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR, delivered the opening speech. ŞENGÖRÜR, in his speech, stated that Kırklareli University has always been supportive of the international students and treat them with compassion to make them feel at home. He also said that Kırklareli University gives much importance to the international students and heralded that in the second semester, various activities and cultural trips are going to be organized.

Assoc. Prof. Yakup YILMAZ, Director of TÖMER, also delivered a speech and stated that TÖMER has the mission of teaching, research and application of each aspect of Turkish language: "We are working with a great care for our students came from different nations. The number of the registered students at the Center is quite high. In the following year, we believe, these numbers will keep increasing. We have left behind a productive semester. It is praiseworthy that the international students kept coming to classes consistently. We are glad seeing the students

as they are enthusiastic about learning Turkish."

Afterwards, Neriman HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR, Coordinator of International Relations Office, reminded the numbers of the International students at KLU; Of 27 thousand students, She highlighted, the number of the international students are 758: "With encouragement and support of Our Honorable Rector, we are increasing the number of international students every year. In the context of the strategy of our university to open up to the world and internationalization, in the coming years, we wish to host new students from different nations in our city and university. We wish you to join the International Student Club formed for you."

On behalf of TÖMER of Kırklareli students, Akil Ziyaulhak AZİZİ delivered a speech. AZİZİ said it has only been three months that they are at the center, and within this period of time, they learned Turkish well so that they can communicate and live in Turkey comfortably. Following AZİZİ's speech, Lütfi RİZİKİ and İhsan NOOR performed Turkish folk songs.

Following the dinner, Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR together with Prof. Dr. Neziha MUSAOĞLU, Vice Rector of KLU, and Assoc. Prof. Yakup YILMAZ, Director of TÖMER visited the dining tables to converse with the students.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PROMOTED THEIR CULTURES

International Relations Office and International Students Club jointly organized “Culture Night” event.

March 14, 2018

Taken place at the Cultural Center of Kırklareli University, the event started with stand-in-silence and the Turkish national anthem.

The opening speech of the event was delivered by Coordinator of International Relations Office, Dr. Neriman HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR. In her speech, HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR briefed on International Students Club. She stated that International Students Club has more than 300 members and reminded the aim of the club as to help the international students to get to know each other and socialize.

Prof. Dr. Neziha MUSAOĞLU, Vice Rector, also delivered a speech, in which she stated that they are striving for the students to growing up as self-reliant, having the qualities of a researcher, entrepreneur and responsible, through activities organized by student clubs.

MUSAOĞLU also expressed that they relished seeing that the international students are organizing such events. She also highlighted the significance of such activities in consolidating cultural, civilizational and international relations. MUSAOĞLU advised the

international students to learn Turkish language as fast as possible to socialize with other students.

Following the speeches, the students promoted their countries through cine visions. Followed by a great enjoyment, in the night the students from Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Moldova, Afghanistan and Indonesia performed folk dances.





OUR RECTOR MEETS WITH STUDENTS OF YUNUS EMRE INSTITUTE

Our Rector Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR has met with the students of Yunus Emre Institute, who are attending summer school classes.

July 18, 2018

Turkish and Foreign Languages Research and Application Center (TÖMER) of Kırklareli organized a dinner party, in which Our Rector Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR and 20 International students who are attending language classes at the center came together at a dinner party.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yakup YILMAZ, Director of Turkish and Foreign Languages Research and Application Center (TÖMER) of Kırklareli; Beytullah BEKAR, Vice Director of TÖMER of Kırklareli; language instructors of the center and international students of the center during summer time.

Our Rector Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR conversed with the students and received information on their progress.

The students who are receiving language education at the summer school, as part of a deal made with Yunus Emre Institute, expressed their gratitude to have been receiving language at Kırklareli University.





ENDONEZYA günü

Kırklareli'nden Endonezya'ya Mükemmel Bir Yolculuk"



**“A GREAT JOURNEY FROM
KIRKLARELI TO INDONESIA”**

Kırklareli University and Indonesian Consulate General in Istanbul jointly organized an event entitled “A Great Journey from Kırklareli to Indonesia”, 2018 at the Cultural Center of Kırklareli University.

October 24, 2018

To the event organized in order to promote Indonesian culture in Turkey and to boost cultural exchange between the two countries, Our Vice Rector, Prof. Dr. Neziha MUSAOĞLU, and Herry SUDRADJAT, General Consul of Indonesia in Istanbul, attended.

The event commenced with stand-in-silence and the Turkish and Indonesian national anthems. Afterwards, a promotional film on Indonesia was presented.

Prof. Dr. Neziha MUSAOĞLU, Vice Rector of Kırklareli University, delivered a speech in which she thanked all those who contributed to the event for taking away the audience to a cultural journey. MUSAOĞLU reminded that by this year, the number of the Indonesian students has increased to 96, and expressed her gratitude for entertaining international students. She also highlighted that in 11 years, the university has reached an important point.

Herry SUDRADJAT, General Consul of Indonesia in Istanbul, also made a speech in which he noted an interesting fact that Kırklareli is the second most preferred city to study in Turkey by Indonesian students. He proceeded his speech stating “We are proud for taking part, as a result of constructive initiatives, in organizing the Indonesia Day at Kırklareli University. I believe, the current state of affairs

between the two countries will be brought by future generations to more advanced levels. There is a saying in Indonesia:

‘You cannot love without knowing.’ I hope that this event will make a good impression in you to visit and to get to know Indonesia. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to Indonesia for you to see our hospitality.”

At the end of the event, plaques were presented in remembrance of the day and the guests were served Indonesian food.



**You cannot love
without knowing.**

**An Indonesian
Saying**





ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International Relations Office of Kırklareli University organized an orientation meeting with the newly registered international students.

September 31, 2018

Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR, Vice Rector, Prof. Dr. Nezih Müsaoğlu and many other distinguished guests have attended to the event, which took place at the Cultural Center of Kırklareli University,

Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR delivered the opening speech and stated that Kırklareli University is making great efforts to become an international university for students from not just local, regional and national but also different geographies to study.

ŞENGÖRÜR, in his speech, said that as a result of the efforts made to increase cultural interaction, to share research and knowledge universally, the number of the international students came from all over the world to study at Kırklareli University has increased to 1143: "We are making great efforts to provide appropriate conditions for you to feel at home during your study."

Lecturer Dr. Mehmet Fatih Çömlekçi, International Relations Office staff, also made a briefing to inform the audience on International Relations Office, the resources of Kırklareli University, health services, psychological counseling, guidance service, dining services, accommodation, transportation, health, culture and sports activities.

A promotional video on Kırklareli prepared by Kırklareli Provincial Directorship of Culture and Tourism was also presented in the event.

In the following parts of the program, information and answers to the questions of the students on residential procedures in Turkey, activities of Students Affairs Office and Health, Culture and Sports Office, were presented.



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Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR



A MEETING ON YÖK SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Vice President of Council of Higher Education (YÖK) in Turkey, Prof. Dr. Rahmi ER; Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR; and Rector of Trakya University, Prof. Dr. Erhan TABAKOĞLU, held a meeting at Trakya University on "Scholarship Funds Provided by YÖK to International Students."

November 30, 2018

In the meeting, information was shared on the activities by Association of Thrace Universities. The policies of the two universities, both of whom draw attention of students due to their central location in the Balkans and closeness to Istanbul, were discussed in detail.

At the meeting, the participants also signed the Book of Honor and exchanged gifts.

Following the meeting, Prof. Dr. Rahmi ER met with the students of Kırklareli University

and Trakya University, came from Kosovo and Macedonia, and receive scholarship from YÖK. Prof. Dr. Rahmi ER expressed his greatest wish for international students to get good education and contribute to progress of their countries after their graduation. ER also expressed his wish the students on success during their study.

Prof. Dr. Rahmi ER Also also shared information on scholarship funds provided by YÖK, and answered questions of the students at the end of the program.





NEUTRALITY DAY OF TURKMENISTAN COMMEMORATED

International Relations Office of Kırklareli University and International Students Club jointly organized a promotional event on Turkmenistan and its culture on the occasion of Neutrality Day of Turkmenistan.

December 12, 2018

The event commenced with stand-in-silence and the Turkish and Turkmenistan national anthems. Among the attendees were Asst. Prof. Neriman HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR, Coordinator of International Relations Office, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yakup YILMAZ Director of Turkish and Foreign Languages Research and Application Center (TÖMER) of Kırklareli, university staff and students.

Asst. Prof. Neriman HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR delivered the opening speech. In her speech, HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR shared the vision of Kırklareli University and its strategy of internationalization. BAHADIR also stated that of all 1143 the International students, 787 are from Turkmenistan. BAHADIR shared that, as International Relations Office, they strive for supporting the international students during their education, and to this end, they formed International Students Club last year, which has conducted several cultural activities to this day.

BAHADIR stated that, within this context, International Relations Office and

International Students Club jointly organized and orientation program and promotional activities for countries. She proceeded her speech stating that "Today, we have organized an event as International Students Club on the occasion of Neutrality Day of Turkmenistan. Turkmenistan has already commemorated the day of 12th of December as 'Neutrality Day' for the last 22 years. Last year, the United Nations declared 12th of December as 'International Day of Neutrality' proposed by Turkmenistan. On the occasion of the day, we have organized an event to promote Turkmenistan and its culture."

Following the opening speech, Aksona REJPOVAYI conducted a promotional presentation on Turkmenistan. The event proceeded with song and poetry performances, as well as "Kust Depdi" and Kavkaz dance performances.



INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

As part of the International Migrants Day, commemorated on each year on 18th of December, since 2000 after a United Nations resolution, an event was organized at Kırklareli Provincial Immigration Administration Pehlivan köy Removal Center.

December 18, 2018

Several distinguished guests along with Bekir Sıtkı KOCAKUNDAKÇI, Deputy Governor of Kırklareli; Sinan ÖZSOY, Director of Kırklareli Provincial Immigration Administration; Özlem DUYMUŞ, Director of Pehlivan köy Removal Center; and Asst. Prof. Neriman HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR, Coordinator of International Relations Office, attended to the event.

The member students of United Nations Club and International Students Club has staged several activities, music and folk dance performances, Karagöz and Hacivat play, and presented short movies.

The students from Indonesia and Turkmenistan has also presented traditional dance performances. Following the performances, traditional foods were served to the attendees.

United Nations Club also donated clothings to immigrants and gifts to children at the center.





ACQUITANCE DINNER WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The international students of KLU came together at an acquittance dinner organized by TÖMER of Kırklareli.

April 30, 2019

Among to the attendees to the event were Our Rector Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR; Our Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Neziha MUSAOĞLU; Director of TÖMER, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yakup YILMAZ; Coordinator of International Relations Office, Asst. Prof. Neriman HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR.

Our Rector Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR conducted the opening speech of the event and expressed his content to come together with the students. In his speech, ŞENGÖRÜR said that Kırklareli University embraces its international students and tries to approach them with a family compassion to make them feel at home. He also briefly informed on the latest statistics on the numbers of the international students and said that Kırklareli University has now 1150 international students from 36 countries. Kırklareli University has also now in a good position, offering qualified education and educational environment, with its education infrastructure, labs, social and cultural activities, among others.

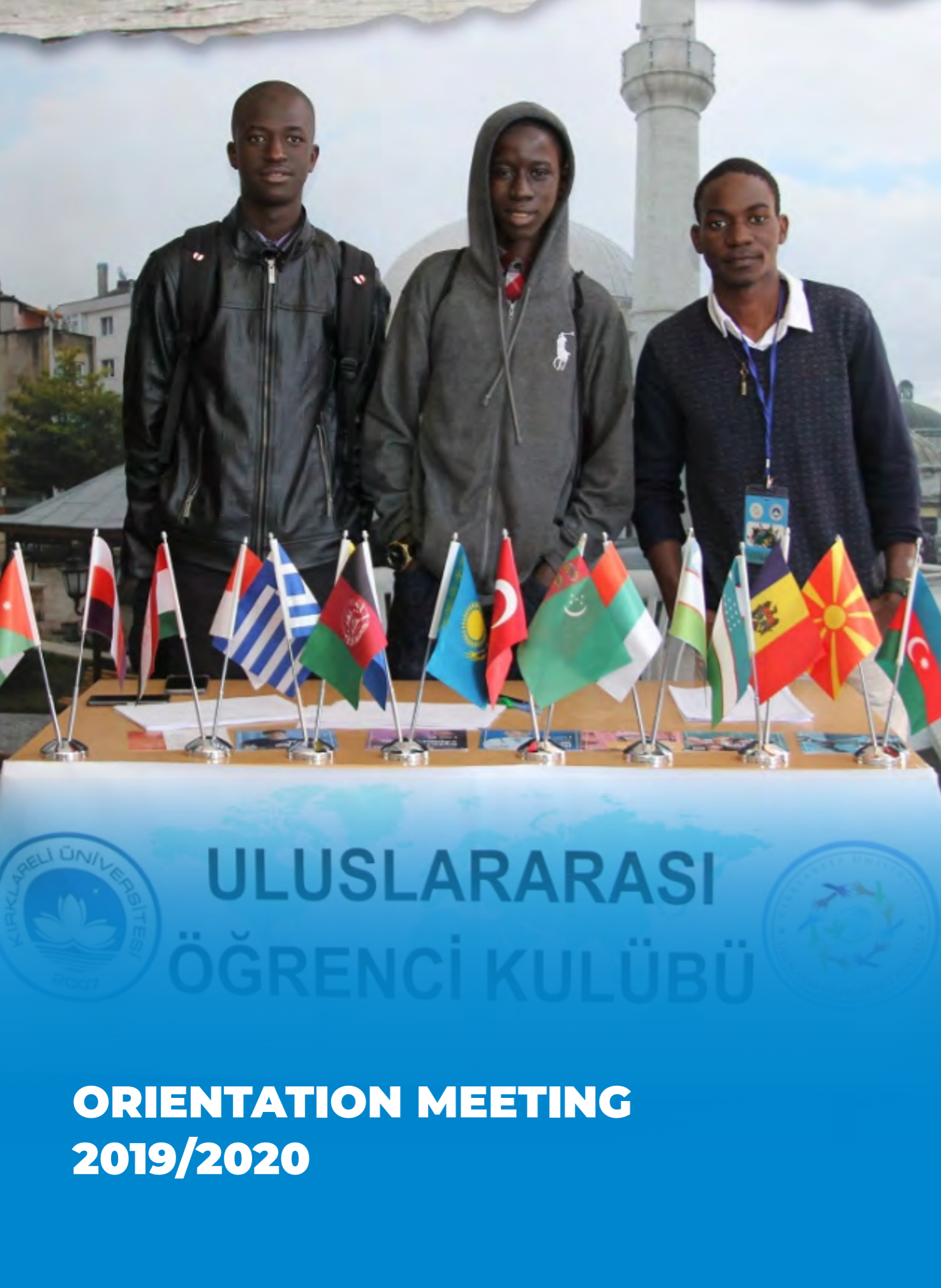
ŞENGÖRÜR also expressed his wishes that the international students of KLU are going to be qualified economists, business managers, engineers, when they return to their home countries. ŞENGÖRÜR also informed the audience on the latest developments on the opening process of Faculty of Medicine.

Assoc. Prof. Yakup YILMAZ, Director of TÖMER, also delivered a speech and stated that TÖMER has the mission

of teaching, research and application of each aspect of Turkish language: “We are working with a great care for our students came from different nations. The number of the registered students at the Center is quite high. In the following year, we believe, these numbers will keep increasing. We have left behind a productive semester. It is praiseworthy that the international students kept coming to classes consistently. We are glad seeing the students as they are enthusiastic about learning Turkish.”

Following the opening speeches, the event proceeded with the speeches made by the international students of KLU. The students of TÖMER of Kırklareli, Alpha JOBE, from Gambia; Bastat Abdulkareem LAMİ, from Nigeria; Rahmat WİBOMO, from Indonesia; Dünya Gözel ATANAZAROVA, from Turkmenistan; and Mahdi MAHROOZ, from Iran, conducted speeches in which they shared their experiences and impression while they are receiving education in Kırklareli and at Kırklareli University. The students expressed their enjoyment getting education in Kırklareli and in Turkey.

After the dinner, Our Rector Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR and Our Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Neziha MUSAOĞLU, accompanied with Director of TÖMER, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yakup YILMAZ, conversed with the international students. The event ended with with a series of group photos taken in the memory of the day.



An Orientation Program organized by Kirkklareli University International Relations Office for international students who enrolled in the 2019/2020 academic year.

November 1st, 2019

During the orientation program, which held at the Cultural Center of Kirkklareli University, lecturers introduced the administrative structure and academic units of our University

Our Vice-Rector Professor Dr. Neziha MUSAOĞLU made the opening speech of the meeting and stated that the number of international students in our university is steadily increasing and this year 1.493 students from 38 different countries are studying in KLU. Prof. Musaoğlu reminded that the West was preferred for education for centuries with the belief that the quality of education is better and noted:

“Now the flow is reversing. The Middle East, Turkey, and Russia became centers for higher education, thanks to their increasing number of international students. In Turkey, we see more international students every year. You are our guests, from the moment you arrive in Turkey. Our university, city, and country are like a second home for international students. Hopefully, following your graduation, you will become volunteer ambassadors who know Turkish people and language well. We want you to introduce us to the world. We, perhaps, have the opportunity to meet the culture and values of some countries which we only can spot on the map before, through our international students. Intercultural education helps to build real dialogue. This is how we start to know you.”

After the speech of Prof. Musaoğlu, International Relations Office Coordinator Dr. Neriman HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR

made a presentation about Kirkklareli, our University, and the internationalization strategies of the International Relations Office. Dr. HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR stated that they would help all international students in their orientation process through the International Office. Lastly, M. Tahir İBIŞ from Student Affairs Migration Management Specialist İlayda BULUT and Dr. Beytullah Bekar from Turkish Teaching, Application and Research Center (TÖMER) met with the students, provided useful information about their units and answered the questions of the international students.



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INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY 2019 CELEBRATION

International Migrants Day event was organized by Kırklareli University International Office with the collaboration of the International Student Club and Provincial Migration Management, at the Rectorate Culture Center.

December 19, 2019

The event organized to raise awareness for migrants. Governor of Kırklareli Osman BİLGİN and his wife Mrs. İlknur BİLGİN, Deputy Governor of Kırklareli Tahir DEMİR, Vice-Rector of Kırklareli University Prof. Dr. Neziha MUSAOĞLU, Coordinator of International Relations Office Dr. Neriman HOCAOĞLU BAHADIR, Provincial Director of Migration Management Sinan ÖZSOY, directors of other public institutions, academic and administrative staff of KLU and students participated to the event.

The program started with a moment of silence and the Turkish National Anthem. In his speech, Kırklareli Governor Osman BİLGİN pointed out that our country is the meeting point of different cultures and said that the Thrace region embodies different values. Reminding that the phenomenon of migration occurred in history due to many reasons, economic and social, BİLGİN stated that all people and nations should be free and independent.

Our Vice-Rector Dr. Neziha MUSAOĞLU mentioned that each migration experience had a different story and noted: "There are tears and suffering within the migration. Migration may not be painful for birds, but it is not easy for us to give up our habits and find a new homeland. After a while, migrant stories told with a smile. The number of our international students, in other words, our migratory birds, is increasing every year in line with our university's internationalization strategy. We host international students from 38 different countries. This year we host 1.493 international students from 38 different countries. They enrich our university with their presence, colors, and cultures. Here is their home and they are our daughters and sons. We are trying to establish a warm home for them by collaborating with other institutions in our city."

Provincial Director of Migration Management Sinan ÖZSOY stated that our country is a heroic homeland that shows the qualities of being human and the virtues that should be preserved, to all of the nations of the world. He also noted that Turkey is hosting 5 million people from 192 different countries.

Following the opening speech, a short-movie entitled "Büyüksün Türkiye" (Turkey, You are great) screened. After the short-movie, Sevim KIRAY told her "Balkan Migration Story" and our international student from Uganda, Ashraf KAWEESEI made his speech, entitled "Turkey through the eyes of foreigners".

During the event, Azerbaijani dance "Nerbeki", Turkmen dance "Küştdepti" and "İhimmil", Kazakh solo dance, Ugandan, Indonesian and Azerbaijani rhythm dances staged. Also, our international students performed various songs from Turkmenistan, Egypt, and Turkey.

The event ended with the fashion show in which local clothes exhibited.





VIDEO MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: "STAY AT HOME"

Regarding the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak, our international students prepared a "Stay at Home" video message.
March 30, 2020.

Our international students, who have been attending distance education classes at home or in their dormitories within the scope of the precautionary measures taken all over the world, called for people not to go out and stay at home by explaining the threats of the pandemic.

Some quotes from the video shared by our international students from Indonesia, Uganda, Gambia, Kazakhstan,

North Macedonia, Kosovo, Egypt, Turkmenistan, and Azerbaijan on social media are as follows:

"Stay at home so that the virus does not spread. Your health is in your hands.", "Stay at home for your health and the world.", "We will stay in our homes for our health.", "Stay at home, stay safe.", "Stay at home and spread love, don't go out and spread the virus", "Stay at home for your health, for the people and the world".





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