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Everyone has the right to know what they eat



We had a short interview with "Ekrem Coşkun" about Meat Döner. He answered the most frequently asked questions to "The Konya News".

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Amadeus with the unique story of Wolfgang Amedeus Mozart and Antonio Salieri who are the unforgettable composers in the world music history and written by Peter Shaffer meets with theatre lovers at Selçuklu Congress Centre Anatolian Auditorium Stage on 6 November 2021 evening.

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Famous fashion designer Cemil İpekçi settled in Konya:

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Famous fashion designer Cemil İpekçi closed his workplace in İstanbul. He is setting up a new workplace in Village of Eternal Gratitude, which is 60 km away from Konya, as well as his workplace in Bodrum. İpekçi, who settled in the village, said that "I do not know why but I feel myself closer to God here".



From being a salesclerk on the bazaar to the Dean of the Cerrahpaşa Medical Faculty

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8th Konya Science Festival Held With Intensive Participation From All Over Turkey

Konya Science Festival, organized for the eighth time this year by Konya Metropolitan Municipality, has been completed. The festival, which was started by the Minister of Industry and Technology Mustafa Varank and visited by the Minister of Environment and Urbanization Murat Kurum, hosted tens of thousands of science enthusiasts from Konya and different cities of Turkey. Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay stated that "the Konya Science Festival broke a record with the number of participating companies and visitors. The light in our children's eyes has made us more enthusiastic for the next year. We hope that the Konya Science Festival will continue to grow and continue on its way in the future.

Tens of Thousands of Flavor Enthusiasts at Konya GastroFest

Konya GastroFest, which was organized by Konya Metropolitan Municipality to promote the city's culinary culture, hosted tens of thousands of flavor lovers for 3 days. In the festival, where Konya Palace Cuisine and delicious local tastes were introduced, the participants had unforgettable moments with a special event area for children, concerts, music gigs and talks. Uğur İbrahim Altay, the Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality, thanked the guests, cooks and everyone who set up a booth. He stated that "We hosted more than 250 thousand people in 3 days. We will continue to introduce our food culture to Turkey and the whole world. We hope that the Gastrofest will be much more enthusiastic and big next year.



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Kerem İŞKAN
Executive Editor

The Mysterious City of Dervish...!

As it reflects the signs of humanity's heritage in every area, Konya is a world city rather than an ordinary city. Poets, writers, scholars and statesmen who passed through Konya in the past spoke wonderful words about the city from their own point of view.

World-famous Mevlana Celaleddin-i Rumi, whose name is identified with the city, said that "Konya is a grand and great city". When he said this, he was unaware that the city would be remembered with him in the future, and he underlined how bright and magnificent Konya's past was before him.

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The famous traveler Evliya Çelebi, pointed out in his book called "Seyehatname" that "7 types of wheat are grown in Konya. There is a good kind of wheat called thistle, which only grows around Damascus. It is a city with plenty of grain and grass and very fertile fields". He also underlined that it was the heart of agriculture in the past centuries.

How does the Turkish poet and novelist Ahmet Hamdi Tanpınar describe Konya in his lines as; "Konya resembles the people of Central Anatolia with a strong spirit, who likes to live on their own, unpretentious on the outside, and rich inside. In order to catch it, you have to mix well with its hours and seasons."

Today, the city carries the "Capital" experience of its past on its shoulders like a rank, while being open to all the developments of the age, it strives to stand out in every field from culture to art, from gastronomy to trade, from industry to science.

As in Tanpınar's verses, Konya presents its wealth, which is overflowing in every field, to the service of humanity with an elegant and unpretentious presentation without losing its Seljuks side which creates its dignified manner.

Everyone who visits this city finds a part of the city as if it was always here, and when leaving the city, they take different parts of Konya in their heart.

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There is a KONYA that is told outside and there is a completely different KONYA that is lived inside.

Konya is a sooty but bright light leaking from the back rooms of history.

Konya is a secret relic hidden in a thousand bundles.

For people who know the secrets of this city, Konya is like the sound of an echoing river cascading far away.

KONYA is the Mysterious City of Dervish...

Coming to Konya means knowing the secrets.



Assoc. Dr.
Yusuf SAYIN

On some global problems in pandemic politics

It can be stated that the 2020 agenda of the world passes by trying to put the pieces together like a jigsaw puzzle under the influence of coronavirus and pandemic. The efforts of states to manage this process on their own, the inability of international organizations to encourage cooperation and unifying structures at the table and in the field, and the political and economic rivalry between the USA and China played a role in shaping the global health crisis. In addition to these developments in international area, global pandemic politics face new opportunities and challenges with cooperation between developed and developing countries, the attitudes of international organizations, and the more active involvement of vaccine producing companies in the process.

In global cooperation, it is realized that international organizations (UN, WHO, WTO etc.) are important actors that should be consulted in terms of managing the process, although it is subject to criticism. It should be underlined that the experts and decision makers in these organizations can help them in cooperation with the states rather than political conflicts and carry out the information sharing traffic in a coordinated way to further increase the functionality and centrality of international organizations. It is beneficial to strengthen the sanctions and bindingness of international organizations in the coming years and to take deterrent measures against states that do not want to cooperate. On the other hand, international organizations that have failed to show a successful performance in the fight against the coronavirus also need to improve their own image and start building trust with states again.

In terms of the current consequences of the Covid-19, a situation emerges from which decision-makers on political and economic issues learn. When evaluated it in the context of international relations; the Covid-19 outbreak has made it necessary to re-evaluate the concept of security in the eyes of states around the world. While national security concerns have been at the forefront with terrorist attacks or inter-state conflicts, states are expected to include biosecurity discussions more sensitively in their national security programs in the future. In this respect, states make a separate budget assessment for biotechnological expenditures by the pandemic, although not as much as military expenditures.

Unless the importance of climate change for our planet is taken into consideration, the ecological balance deteriorates further and triggers the spread of epidemics. The ways to prevent this need to act collectively by the responsible countries, to make investments for the future by learning from past experiences, to analyze the more dangerous epidemics that may occur in the coming years, to make action plans, to organize the infrastructures in the necessary areas accordingly, and to use scientific methods and the opinions of experts in the field. In the fight against this global crisis, states should realize that international measures can be solved by organizing and cooperation, and political conflicts in domestic and foreign policy should be set aside. Otherwise, the Covid-19 will take its place in the history books as just a trailer of a bad movie, and future generations will have to face much worse pictures.

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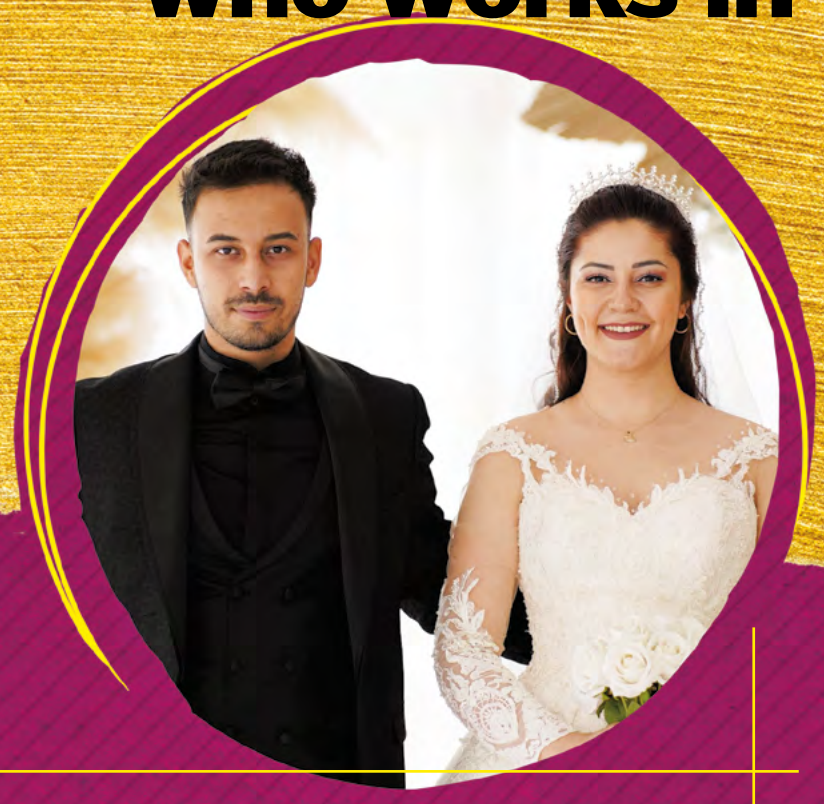
Fenter was born in North Carolina, in the USA, in 1955 and he grew up in Los Angeles. As his family wished him to go catholic school, he went there and became a catholic father.

After 10 years on duty, he completed his academic education and became a professor and gave lessons on religion. Fenter was impressed by Rumi and his doctrines; became a Muslim and changed his name as "İsmail".

In order to be close to Rumi, he decided to settle in Konya and he stated that "I knew that Konya was the place where I want to be as it is the city of Rumi. I visited Konya every year. To learn about Rumi, Konya was the place where I have to come. It is different to be here and follow Rumi's track than living in the USA. One night a young dervish asked me about my family and I told him that my parents are dead. He looked at me and said we are your family. This was the most important thing that a person has told me ever. So, I continue visiting Konya and at the end I settled in Konya".



Doğuhan İşkan, the owner of "The Konya News" got married to Sedef Büşra Yüksel, who works in tourism sector



Doğuhan İşkan, son of Semanur and Kerem İşkan, and Büşra Sedef Yüksel, daughter of Gönül-Ramazan Yüksel, got married. The couple's wedding ceremony was performed by Uğur İbrahim Altay, the Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality.

The marriage witnesses were Ak Parti Konya Deputy Selman Özboyacı, Meram Mayor Mustafa Kavuş, Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca and Konya Chamber of Commerce President Selçuk Öztürk. Friends of İşkan and Yüksel family attended the wedding ceremony.

Süleyman Çelik got married

Süleyman Çelik, Purchasing Manager of Konya Seker Media, got married. Mustafa - Şükriye Çelik's son Süleyman and Tokay - Nurten Bağcı's daughter Sinem said yes to a lifetime of happiness with the wedding ceremony held at Öncü Wedding Hall. Konya Şeker Board of Directors, relatives, friends of both families and many guests attended the wedding ceremony.



The Happy Day of Tınkır Family

Musa Tınkır, son of Okay Tınkır, one of the young businessmen of Konya, owner of Çiçek Turizm, got married to Melda Özgür.

The wedding ceremony held in the garden of Dedeman Konya Hotel was performed by the Mayor of Meram, Mustafa Kavuş.

Many guests attended the wedding ceremony where Konya's business and sports world came together.

Furkan Altunyaldız, son of Ziya Altunyaldız, got married



Furkan Altunyaldız, son of AK Party Konya Deputy, Chairman of the Parliamentary Industry, Trade, Energy, Natural Resources, Information and Technology Commission Ziya Altunyaldız, got married to Zeynep Halaç, the daughter of Sedat Halaç.



The Third Gene Therapy Center of Turkey is in Konya

A Treatment Application and Research Center Based on Genetics and Cell Technologies is established within the Faculty of Medicine of Selçuk University. This decision, published in the Official Gazette, will carry both Konya and our country to the top in the field of health

Assoc. Prof.Dr. Koçak stated that the Genetic and Cell Technologies Based Treatment Application and Research Center, which has been approved to be established within the Faculty of Medicine of Selçuk University, will be the third Gene Therapy Center in Turkey. He said that "We follow up the developments in gene therapy. We want this place to turn into a school and an education center at the same time, because first of all, it is necessary to mature the theory in this field. We aim to combine mRNA technology with gene therapy and offer some unique contributions. We aim to apply mRNA vaccine technology in the field of cancer in our center to be established. In our laboratories we can examine almost all human genes and also we can do genetic analysis and diagnosis of diseases. The main problem is to intervene in these diseases beyond diagnosis. We were helpless about this until recently, but with gene therapy technologies that have come to the fore in the last 10 years, it has become possible to intervene in diseases. We invite young people who are interested in gene therapy to our center."



Prof. Dr. Yavuz Selvi

Dean Prof. Dr. Yavuz Selvi stated that "Selcuk University Faculty of Medicine is on its way to become the strongest, the most competent, the most dynamic school and hospital in the region. The pandemic period reminded us that we will not be dependent on abroad. We are no longer dependent on foreign countries in terms of vaccines and new technologies. Now we can produce our own vaccine. Genetic diseases can be diagnosed earlier, recognized and treated. Today, when you develop a molecule, human studies of this molecule can be done at the Phase Center of the Selçuk University Faculty of Medicine.

In addition, we have taken a big step by establishing our Gene Therapy Center for the diagnosis and treatment of genetic diseases."

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'Finger transplantation' in Konya has entered into Medical Literature

During the operation at Necmettin Erbakan University Meram Medical Faculty Hospital, the ring finger of the 19-year-old young man was sutured in place of his thumb, which was severed as a result of a work accident.

The ring finger, which has less function, was transferred to replace the severed thumb of a 19-year-old teenager in Konya. Necmettin Erbakan University (NEU) Meram Medical Faculty Plastic Surgery Department Lecturers Prof. Dr. Bilsev İnce and Prof. Dr. Mehmet Dadacı have spent a lot of time on the treatment of the patient who had a serious injury in his hand and lost his thumb as a result of a work accident. Physicians who operated the 19-year-old patient, who lost most of his hand functions due to the rupture of his thumb, transplanted the ring finger, which had less function, in place of the thumb, after approximately 1.5 hours of surgery. The patient, who felt his thumb after 2 hours after the operation, was discharged so that he could use his hand functions. The operation has been published in the scientific journal and entered the literature.







İlaslan, a company owner in Konya, stated that "we have been exporting sun-dried tomatoes for two years. We export them to Italy. They generally buy it to make pasta sauce."

Konya exports tomatoes to Italians for their pasta sauce

"FARMERS DO THE HARDEST JOB"

Can Sayal, the director of land and agriculture in Ereğli, states that in every hour of the day, trucks come and bring tomatoes to the area to be dried. When tomatoes reach to the area, first they are cut into pieces, then they are dried and lastly they are put into chill stores. Sayal also expressed that "here, farmers do the hardest job. After planting the tomatoes, there is a period of time between 90 to 120 days until they reach to the counters. The planting starts in the first weeks of May and the job continue till the end of August. Meanwhile, the farmers work hard against the bad conditions such as rain, hot or mud in the field. It is really difficult to work under the straight lights of the sun. Here, workers start at 5:30 in the morning and they continue to work until the sunset. They work in shifts and have rest times during the day. Nowadays, we are at the fastest harvest days. It starts at the end of July and continues till the end of September."

Sun-dried tomatoes have been exported to Italy, famous for pasta, from Konya. The sun-dried tomatoes are produced during the hottest days of the year with 400 seasonal workers in Ereğli district of Konya over a place of 400 decares of land owned by the company. The procedure starts with the first lights of the day and lasts till the last moments of the evening. 60 thousand tons of tomatoes are brought to the area from Adana and Konya by trucks. With the help of hot temperatures, the drying process lasts for five days. After the process, the 6 thousand tons of sun-dried tomatoes are being sent to the port of İzmir and finally they reach to famous Italian kitchens to be served as pasta sauce.

A contribution to the area by grafting pistachio into terebinths

It is aimed to both have an economic contribution and increase employment in Bozkır district of Konya by grafting pistachio into terebinths.

Farmers have been growing various products such as grape, strawberry, pomegranate, olive, fig and jujube in the Hamzalar neighbourhood of Bozkır district through which Göksu river flows. Farmers have grafted pistachio into terebinths around the area. About two years ago, farmers applied a trial period and grafted pistachio as an alternative product into some terebinth trees. As a result, they were able to get more products than they expected. Farmers have completed grafting job all around the neighbourhood on their own and nowadays they want to enlarge the production area. Mustafa Er, the responsible in the neighbourhood, stated that "If we are supported, it will be beneficial to the area. After grafting terebinth trees we were able to get pistachios. And it has been marketed for 70 TL per kilogram. I want our citizens to be supported to increase the production. First, terebinth trees should be planted. After that, if we are able to look after grafted trees, it will be better for us. In the end, the marketing will bring lots of benefits to our citizens. We are looking forward to supports from officials and the ministry of food, agriculture and livestock. We have given a start this year and I hope it will continue."



Aronia that he started to grow for his wife with cancer has become a source of income

In Konya, Tahsin Tosun has started to grow aronia for his wife with cancer and now it is a source of income for him. He brought the young trees of aronia from abroad and they are known as "super fruit".

Tahsin Tosun, who lives in Konya, heard about the benefits of bush fruit tree aronia which has a purple grape-like fruit. Aronia is rich for antioxidant and he found about it when his wife got cancer 6 years ago. He brought 200 young trees from Ukraine and set up a 6 decares of garden in Kurşunlu neighbourhood of Sarayönü district.

His wife started to consume the fruit beside her medical treatment. When she got healthy again, Tosun decided to enlarge his garden.

"ARONIA IS OUR ONLY SOURCE OF INCOME"

Tosun stated that they knew about aronia due the health problems of his wife. He expressed that "we set up our garden about 6 years ago. We both consume the fruit ourselves and offer it to the people in need."

"IT BRINGS-IN MORE THAN OTHER PLANTS"

Although he has been planting the fruit trees in relatively a small garden, it brings-in a lot. Tosun stated that "the farmer who grows aronia gets more income than the others in Turkey for per decare. Today, the resale price for per kg is 120 TL for the fruit, 380 TL for the dried fruit. We are a family of four and we can easily make a living from aronia."

We produce the vinegar and jam of aronia at the same time. We also sell frozen fruit. It is our sixth year of production and we get 4 kilograms from a tree. We hope to get 5 tons of fruit in total."





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From being a salesclerk on the bazaar to the Dean of the Cerrahpaşa Medical Faculty



61-years-old Prof. Dr. Sait Gönen, who was born and raised in Konya where he spent his childhood and youth while doing salesclerk in the bazaar is raising several doctors as the dean of the Cerrahpaşa Medical Faculty, today

Gönen, who lived with his family in Konya, was a salesclerk in the bazaar and at the same time he was also studying at school, and he achieved great success at his school. Gönen, who drew attention with his high grades, started to dream about being a doctor when he was very young.

After having a successful education life, Gönen started to wait his university exam result. Gönen learned his result while selling watermelons in the bazaar. Gönen indicates that he had a great joy and entered Medical Faculty at Trakya University. Gönen completed his education at Cerrahpaşa and graduated in 1985. Prof. Dr. Gönen, who has more than 135 national and international publishing, said that after years he was very proud of being a dean of the school where he was educated. Gönen, who was awarded worthy of important awards for the work in his field and today who has been helping raise many students, sets an example for everyone with his determined story.

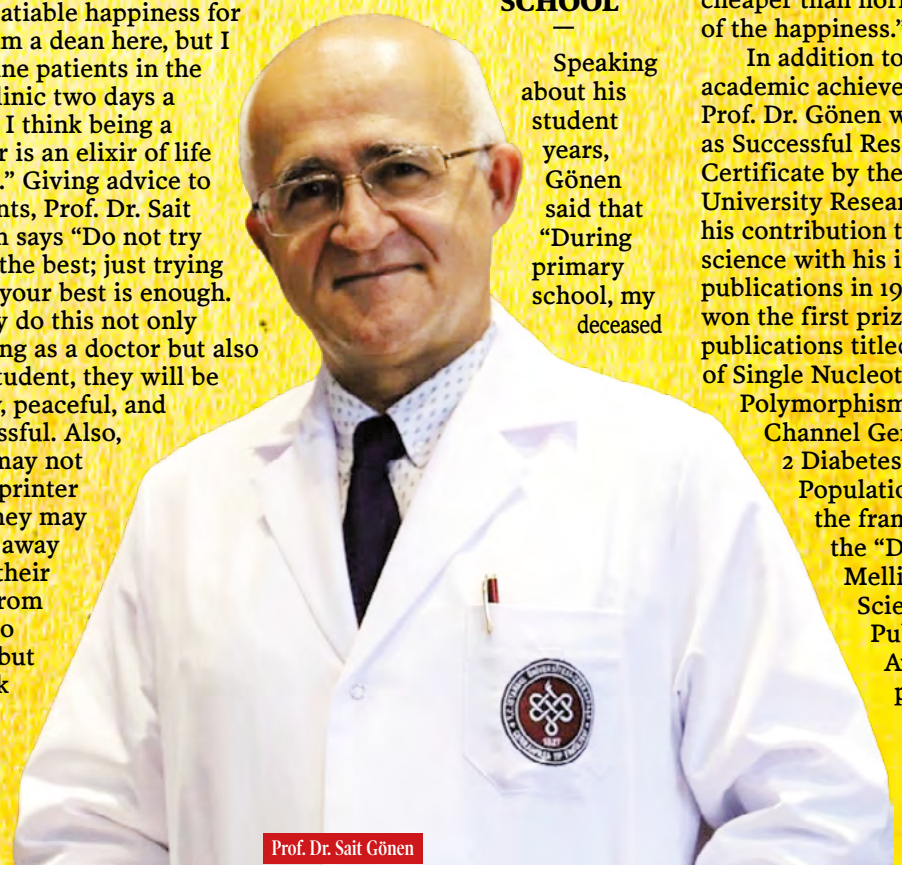
Prof. Dr. Sait Gönen, Dean of the Cerrahpaşa Medical Faculty, Istanbul University, while speaking about both working in bazaar and preparing for exams, states that "I studied primary, secondary and high school in Konya. It's because I was the child of the civil servant, I was working in the bazaars and unloading the watermelons from trucks. When I got the result that I entered the medical school I was selling watermelon in the bazaar. That was also an important memory for me. I went to medical school both my own wish and my family's guidance. When I take a step back and look at my past, I say I am glad I became a doctor. Being a doctor is a very sacred occupation. Being a doctor is more than an occupation, it is a 24-hour lifestyle. I was also educated here in these desks and graduated in 1985. Again, in this school where I was educated, I am currently managing here which is a real pleasure and honour for me. Cerrahpaşa Medical Faculty is a legacy that remains to us from our professors. If we can take this legacy a few steps further in every direction, it will become a good memory for us in this eternal dome and this would be insatiable happiness for us. I am a dean here, but I examine patients in the polyclinic two days a week. I think being a doctor is an elixir of life for us." Giving advice to students, Prof. Dr. Sait Gönen says "Do not try to do the best; just trying to do your best is enough. If they do this not only working as a doctor but also as a student, they will be happy, peaceful, and successful. Also, they may not be a sprinter and they may move away from their goal from time to time, but I think they will reach their goal without losing it. It may take some time but, in the end, they reach the goal which they desire".

I AM A PERSON WHO NEVER SEEN A HOSPITAL UNTIL HIGH SCHOOL

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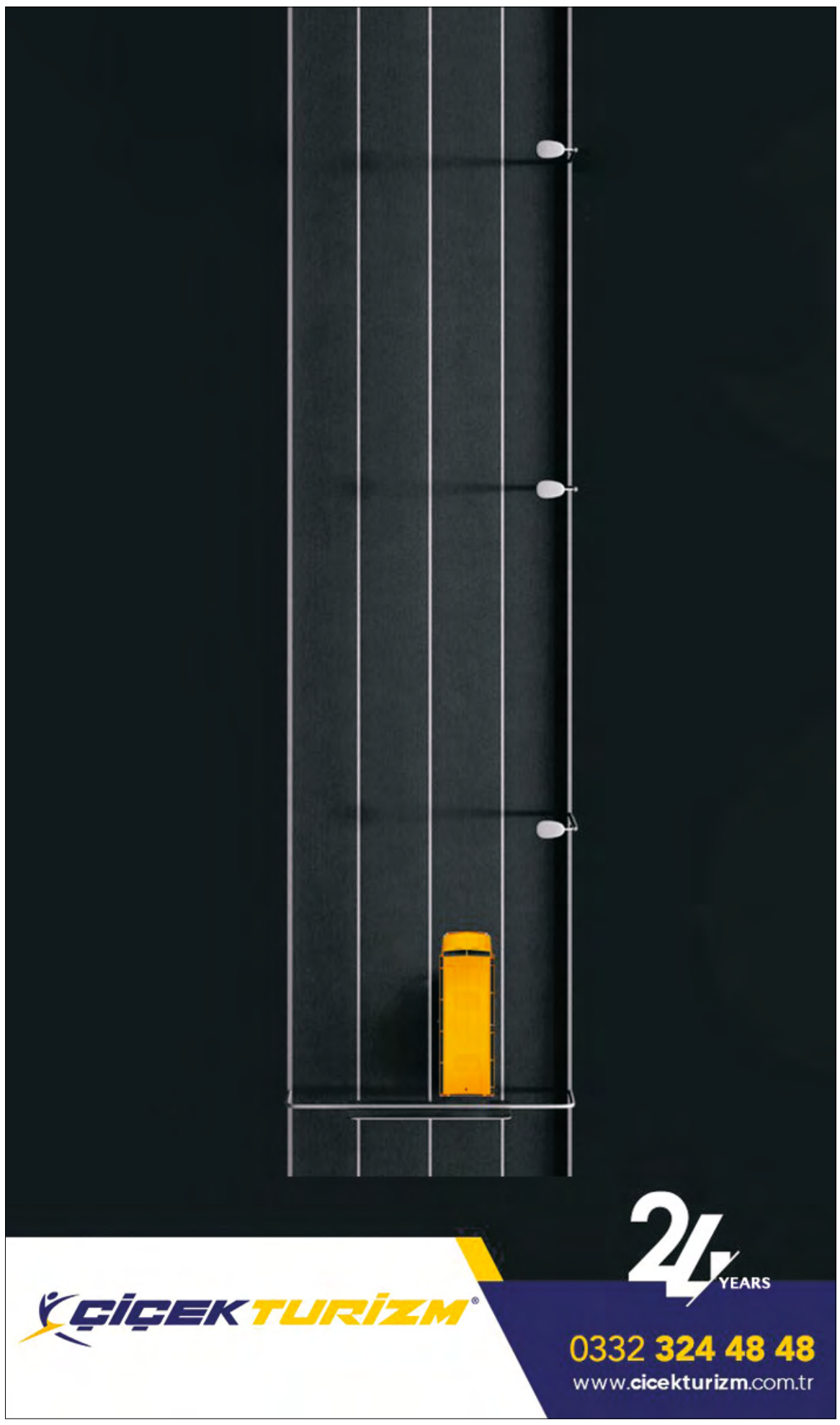
Speaking about his student years, Gönen said that "During primary school, my deceased mother and family circle had rumours that I will be a doctor. I was a bit hard-working student which also affected their thoughts. I am a person who never saw a hospital until high school. Being a doctor, above an occupation, is a lifestyle. One of your neighbours gets sick and the first door they knock is yours, one of your relatives gets sick and the first person they call is you. That is why it is more than an occupation, it is a lifestyle. The ones who will pick medical school should know this. There is a bazaar in Konya, and that day I bought a truck of watermelons, I was unloading and selling them, I kept selling because I was going to sell it and pay for the watermelon or make some money. I continued to sell but I may have sold it a bit cheaper than normal because of the happiness."

In addition to his many academic achievements, Prof. Dr. Gönen was awarded as Successful Researcher Certificate by the Istanbul University Research Fund for his contribution to Turkish science with his international publications in 1999. Gönen won the first prize with his publications titled "Effects of Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms in KATP Channel Genes on Type 2 Diabetes in Turkish Population" within the framework of the "Diabetes Mellitus Scientific Publication Award" program by the Turkish Diabetes Foundation in 2014.



Prof. Dr. Sait Gönen





Seafood Export to five countries from the Seafood Processing Plant in Konya

The seafood processing plant operating in Hüyük, Konya sends processed seafood to Germany, France, the Netherlands, Russia and Libya

Yayçet Fisheries Processing Facility, operating in the town center of Hüyük, brings fish products, especially sea fish, grown on farms, through a series of processes, to the consumers.

Ramazan Karabıyık, the operating manager of the facility, stated that "the facility was established to evaluate the fishery products from Beyşehir Lake. In the following years, farm fish started to be processed as fillets in the factory. Products that are frozen at minus 35-40 degrees are packaged and made ready for sale. In the facility, mainly freshwater bass is filleted and exported abroad. In the past, 17-18 enterprises were filleting the fish from Beyşehir Lake and selling them abroad. There were so many fish in the lake that these businesses were not enough to process freshwater fish. When the amount of fish in Beyşehir Lake decreased, we had to turn to seafood. We continue to process products grown on farms or from the sea in our facility for 10-15 years. With the extinction of fish in the lake, the number of firms doing this business has decreased a lot. There are very few businesses left in the area.



KONYA'S FISH IS IN DEMAND FROM MANY COUNTRIES

Karabıyık stated that "The facility processes sea fish, sardines, toric and mullet, as well as farm-raised salmon, sea bream and sea bass. The production capacity of our facility is around one thousand tons per year and we are trying to expand the capacity. We employ 30-35 employees, mostly women. Our products are in demand from many countries, especially European countries. We ship to Germany, France, the Netherlands, Russia and Libya, and in the domestic market mainly to hotels in tourism regions.

We sell an average of 2 million dollars a year abroad and we aim to export and produce more. The fact that there is a factory that processes sea fish in Konya creates surprises some customers. They ask, 'What is it like to have a fish facility in Konya, why are these fish here?' Since this facility emerged from Beyşehir Lake, a fish processing culture was formed. We also expect to be able to return to the days when we were processing sander lucioperca because there is no limit to the demand for sander lucioperca abroad."



The highest production is in Konya, the highest export is to the Netherlands





The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported that anise, which is used in various sectors, especially in medicine, cosmetics and aromatherapy, can provide more than 2 times return to its investor. Anise, one of the leading plants in Turkey in the cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants, was grown in 14 cities in 2019. Konya, which realizes 30.4 percent of the total production with 5 thousand 339 tons, took the first place.

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry prepared "Anise Feasibility Report and Investor Guide". Anise, which has been grown in Turkey for many years, is being exported as well as domestic consumption. The product, which is widely used in the pharmaceutical, cosmetics, aromatherapy and alcoholic beverages sectors, provides yield and income to its producer in the same year as it is a single annual plant. While 14.000 tons of anise was produced on an area of approximately 186,000 decares in 2010 in Turkey, the production reached approximately 18.000 tons in 239.000 decares in 2019.

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From Konya to Florida

It comes out of Konya and is exported to more than 70 countries, especially the USA. Pool salt, which is specially produced from the salt harvested in Salt Lake, where Konya, Ankara and Aksaray intersect, is exported to more than 70 countries, especially the USA

The swimming pools of many villas in the US state of Florida, famous for its resort cities, especially Miami, are cleaned with special pool salt produced from salt harvested from Salt Lake. Koyuncu Salt Industries produces 1 million 300 thousand tons of raw materials and 400 thousand tons of finished products annually from the 16 square kilometer area of Tuz Gölü and exports to more than 70 countries.

The USA is one of the leading exporting countries. Responding to the needs of 25 industries as a finished product, the company also produces pool cleaning salt for the state of Florida, USA. People in Florida maintain the hygiene of their swimming pools with this product called "pool salt", which can be found in DIY stores in the state.

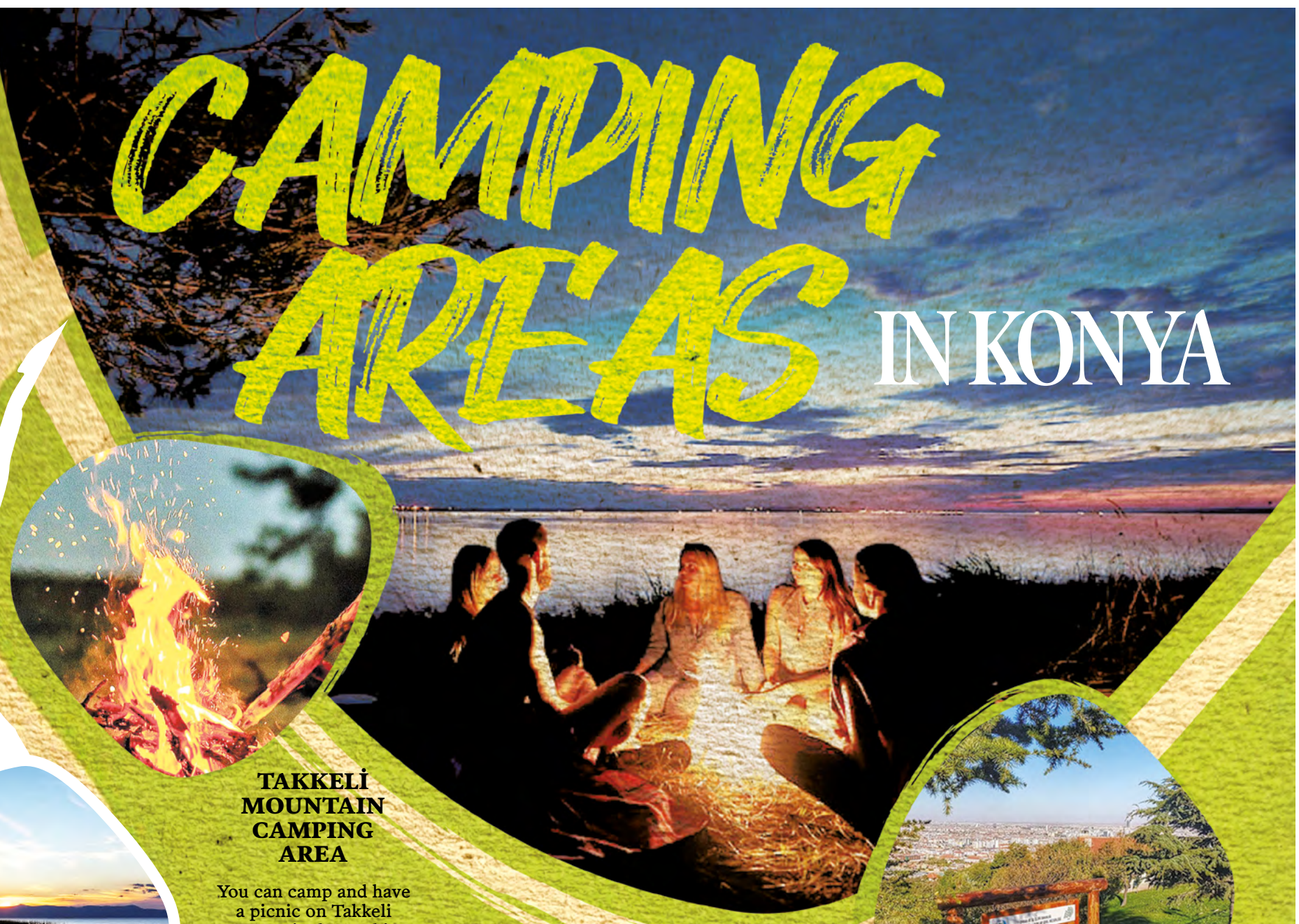
"WE STAND OUT IN THE WORLD COMPETITION WITH THE PRODUCTION OF QUALITY PRODUCTS"

Ömer Çetiner, General Manager of Koyuncu Salt Industries stated that "We leave many competitors behind in the world market by converting raw materials into finished products and increase the added value of salt 2-3 times. We are a company that has the ability to produce different products for approximately 25 different sectors, according to the needs of the sector itself. The increase in the number of countries we export to is entirely due to this factor. Florida is one of the vacation destinations of the United States in the south of North America and Miami is the most famous state in Florida. There are many detached houses in Florida and each has a pool in front of it. In order for people to swim safely in their pools, the pool and water must be well disinfected and well chlorinated, and this can be done with very special salts.

We produce in the features, packaging and size that Florida needs, and our salt is the most preferred brand. The washing and drying stages of these salts in production are different. In addition, the purity rate is higher than the others. The salt we extract from Salt Lake is of higher quality than the salt produced in other countries. We do not compromise on quality at the processing stage either, so our salt is very popular in many countries. We have reached a very big market share in the last 5 years and we have annual sales of 20.000 tons of salt to Florida. Many DIY stores in the state have our salt in our packages. The use of pool salts also varies according to the size of the pools, these salts are used as sprinkles in some pools, while in others they are used by placing them in the reservoir.

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CAMPING AREAS IN KONYA



KARATAY MUNICIPALITY CARAVAN CAMPING AREA

Karatay Municipality caravan camping area, which is located in Konya, is waiting for you. It has opportunities such as a caravan camping site, tent camping site, trekking path, parking lot, chairs and tables, playground, furnace, fountain, pool, picnic area and markets nearby. If you get on the shuttles that go to Karatay you can easily reach there. There is no possibility to rent a caravan. Our guests who will come with their caravan should get information about availability before they come.

LAKE BEYŞEHİR NATIONAL PARK CAMPING AREA

Beyşehir Lake National Park, located in the Karadiken area of Beyşehir, is waiting for you. Tent camping, caravan camping, bungalow accommodation, and guest accommodation are some accommodation types that you can reach in Beyşehir Lake National Park. It has opportunities such as a toilet, visitor center, Beyşehir Lake, tea garden, camping area, a place that you can watch the scene, camellia, restaurant, parking lot, market, historical places, aqueducts, sports field, running path, event place, picnic area, prayer room, playground, beach area, social facilities, and service building. It can be reached by bus or taxis in Beyşehir.



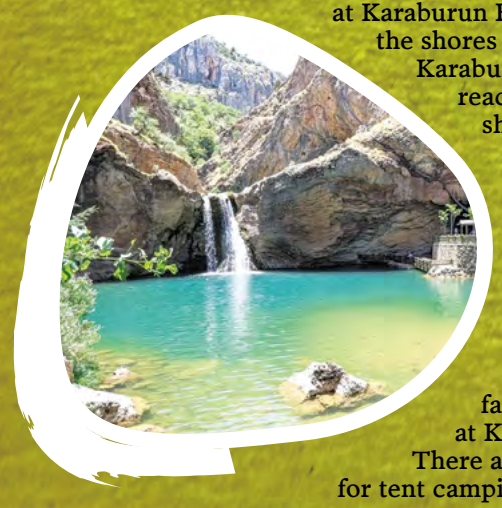
YEŞİLDAĞ CAMPING AREA

Yeşildağ camping area, located in Yeşildağ, in Beyşehir district, is located at the zero point of Beyşehir Lake. Even if public transportation is not available, it is located in a location where you can easily reach it with your own vehicle. You can experience a pleasant camping with a lake view at the Yeşildağ camping area. It does not have opportunities such as toilet, electricity, water, or market so you need to be prepared before you go. There is no parking problem; you can park wherever you want. It is very efficient in terms of fishing and watching scenery.



BEYŞEHİR KARABURUN BEACH CAMPING AREA

You can camp and have a picnic at Karaburun Beach, located on the shores of Beyşehir Lake. Karaburun Beach can be reached by Beyşehir shuttles. There are some facilities which you can satisfy your needs such as toilet, shower, electricity, and food-drink. You can have fun with your family and friends at Karaburun Beach. There are suitable areas for tent camping and caravan camping.



TAKKELİ MOUNTAIN CAMPING AREA

You can camp and have a picnic on Takkeli Mountain, located in Sulutaş, in Selçuklu, a district of Konya. You can get on the shuttles which go to Sarayköy direction after you get off in a close spot you can reach to the Takkeli Mountain on foot. Takkeli Mountain which is a very important region in terms of its historical background, it does not have any facilities or social facilities. There is a trekking path and a place that you can watch the scene on Takkeli Mountain. You can take pictures from Castle Gevela.

ILGIN ÇAVUŞLU LAKE CAMPING AREA

Çavuşlu Lake, located in Konya Ilgın, is also known as Yeşilgöl. It has opportunities such as walking path, barbeque area and a place to watch scene. You can reach Ilgın Lake from the centre of Ilgın by shuttles or taxis. You can visit the restaurants and cafes around Çavuşlu Lake for your food, beverage, toilet, and various needs.



KOCAKORU FOREST NATURAL PARK CAMPING AREA

You can camp and have a picnic in Kocakoru National Park, located in the Taraşçı area of Seydişehir. It has opportunities such as a fountain, toilet, camellia, water tank, picnic area. It is not possible to reach Kocakoru Forest National Park by public transportation. It does not have opportunities such as market or restaurant, so you need to bring your own food and drink.

MEKE LAKE CAMPING AREA

Meke Lake struggles with drought, so it is not available for camping.

AKYOKUŞ NATURAL PARK CAMPING AREA

Akyokuş Natural Park, located in Sarayköy, which is connected to the centre of Konya, is waiting for you. It is possible that you can get access with the help of public transportation from the city centre of Konya. There is a fountain, café, restaurant, prayer room, camellia, playground, trekking path, and a place that you can watch the scene in the Akyokuş Natural Park.

ÇETMİ WATERFALL CAMPING AREA

Do not forget to visit Çetmi Waterfall, located in the Taşkent district of Konya. Even if you can't camp at the bottom of the Çetmi Waterfall, there are suitable areas for camping and picnic in the nearby areas. There are facilities close to the waterfall to satisfy your needs such as toilet, electricity, and food. It is not possible to reach the waterfall by public transport that's why you must travel with your own vehicle.

GÖKSU WATERFALL CAMPING AREA

You can have a pleasant time at Göksu Waterfall, which is located within the borders of Konya Güneysınır. Göksu Waterfall is located on Göksu River. It is peaceful to watch the streams flowing through the giant rocks. You can visit it daily or camp close to the waterfall. Public transportation is not available to Göksu Waterfall. There are cafes, restaurants, and tea garden facilities within walking distance to Göksu Waterfall.

YAKA MANASTIR NATURAL PARK CAMPING AREA

You can camp and have a picnic in Yakamanastır Natural Park, located within the borders of Bademli Village of Beyşehir. Entrance to Yakamanastır Natural Park, which you can easily reach with the help of shuttles from Beyşehir to Bademli, is free. In addition, bungalow accommodation can be made in Yakamanastır Natural Park. You can accommodate inside the 4 and 6-bed cottages. It has opportunities such as a fountain, playground, bungalow, market, tent camping area, caravan camping area, prayer room, restaurant, and camellia. The guests who want to accommodate in bungalow must make a reservation in advance. Bungalows are in high demand and are not available at times.



With Algan 8x8 the security forces never stop: Guns and Technologies in IDEF 2021

IDEF'21, 15th International Defence Industry Fair, was held in Istanbul. Many arms and defence Technologies developed in Turkey were introduced in the Fair

MKE AŞ, a subordinate of the National Defence, has been conducting many R&D projects with different associations. One of them is an armed amphibious vehicle 8x8 Algan.

MKE AŞ introduced Algan in the 15th International Defence Industry Fair (IDEF 2021) for the first time.

Algan provides using light-medium calibre weapons and munitions thanks to its multi functions and extensive attachment capacity. The vehicle is suitable for use in all-terrain conditions and with additional equipment it will be able to ship materials and carry wounded.

Algan can operate on almost any rough terrain, swamp, over water, sandy ground, and snow-covered terrain. The vehicle carries six personal on land and four at sea.

Domestic and national, the electric and drone defence vehicle Alkar R8 developed by Alpera Defence Systems exhibited at IDEF for the first time. Deniz Özbarlı, the founder of Alpera Defence Systems, stated that they will start the mass production of their vehicle, which was firstly exhibited in the fair, next year and they already had some interviews about the selling of their vehicle with especially Northern European countries.



KONYA PRODUCTION BY ASELSAN

ASELSAN Konya hosted its visitors with the stand including their products in the 15th International Defence Industry Fair (IDEF 2021). Remote controlled weapon systems which have a fully independent electric optic infrastructure and can be integrated with grenade launchers by ASELSAN Konya got great attention in IDEF.

Digital Game Design Camp in Konya



Game Design Summer Camp (OG'21) has been taking place in Konya with the communication support of TURKSAT

According to the statement by TÜRKSAT, the organization held in Konya Beyşehir Lake camping area has been closely followed by domestic and foreign companies, academicians, masters of the sector, investors, HR, finance, digital transformation, advertisement and promotion, and social media departments.

"OG'21 Game Design Summer Camp" has been started to implement the digital content ecosystem with digital game and cinema, animation and general internet broadcasting and it is aimed to set up a Digital Game Valley. The workshops and contests which are being held in the last two days of the organization will be broadcasted live on channel "TURKSAT Promo". By this way, the organization will be able to be followed by game lovers in different countries who have the opportunity to follow the channel.



A surprise visit to Konya from İsmail Demir, the President of Defence Industries: Waiting for the October

Prof. Dr. İsmail Demir, the president of Defence Industries, came to Seydişehir and Beyşehir and examined the area.

Prof. Dr. İsmail Demir, the president of Defence Industries, visited Beyşehir and Seydişehir districts as a guest of MUSIAD Seydibey office and gave the good news.

Prof. Dr. İsmail Demir, the president of Defence Industries, visited Seydişehir first and made some examinations in SSG Aluminium, which is a strong representative of the sector. Prof. Demir also visited Huglu Hunting Firearms Cooperative and Ermox Shotgun Factory in Beyşehir. He got some information and took notes during his visits from the representatives of the companies. He stated that they are aware of the potential of the area and he got a detailed briefing about the firms in Seydişehir and Beyşehir.



After the visits for two days, he came together with the representatives of the companies and gave the good news about that they will send a technical team to the area in October and they will make a road map about the potential of the area.

Selçuk Faculty of Communication won most of the awards in The Future Communicators Competition organized by TRT

This year, over 1300 works from 121 different universities attended the 7th Future Communicators Competition organized by TRT.

The awards have been given to the winners by Fahrettin Altun, Presidency's Director of Communications, Ahmet Albayrak, chairman of the executive board of TRT, Mehmet Zahid Sobacı, general director of TRT, Serdar Karagöz, general director of AA and experts.





5 PROJECTS BY SU FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION WON AWARDS

Rabia Pınar, SU Faculty of Commmunication, has been the winner in TV news category with the project "Ru Ru Ru". Also in the same category Leyla Nur Çevik and Nursultan Ural have become the third with the project "Yeşeren Hayaller". In the category of radio programme Sezer Kakız has become the second with the project "Bal-Kanlı Hikayeler" and Asiye Altuğ has become the third with the project "Noksansız 90" from SU Faculty of Communication. In the category of radio drama, Hamza Dursun has become the third with the project of "Toz ve Sümbül".

WE STAND BY OUR STUDENTS

Prof. Dr. Enderhan Karakoç, dean of SU Faculty of Communication, congratulated the students who won awards in the Future Communicators Competition organized by TRT and stated that "such events by TRT encourages both our academicians and students. Our faculty has won most awards in the competition. We are in a serious preparation period for the next competitions. We need to improve ourselves in different categories as well. Our students need support in such competitions. We are a faculty which tries to accompany the academy and application at the same time. Our students have the opportunity to work in different fields. And this allows our young students to catch the time. We have the support of our rector Prof. Dr. Metin Aksoy and we always stand by our students."

SELÇUK FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION IS A MODEL

Prof. Dr. Aytekin Can, the head of Selçuk University Faculty of Communication, Department of Radio-Television and Cinema, also said that "I congratulate both my award winner students and their advisors. Selcuk University Faculty of Communication has become a role model through application units such as UNTV, Radio University, Kısa-Ca Movie Studio, Advertisement Studio and Selçuk Communication Newspaper in Turkey. We are the first university which has TV and radio".

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Serkan Vanlı, the owner of Hich Hotel stated that "Konya has no sea, but thanks to Rumi, there is an ocean of knowledge and love. We have built our position in Konya tourism on this idea and will continue to develop it"

"An Ocean in Konya"

***We would like to introduce Hich Hotel a little more closely to our readers. Could you give brief information about your hotel?**

- Hich Hotel Konya is a boutique hotel project. After the restoration work that lasted for about 2 and a half years, the restoration of 2 out of the 3 parcels was completed and started to serve with 13 rooms, an indoor restaurant area and a garden restaurant area. The restoration of the 3rd parcel still continues. With the completion of it by November, the number of rooms will increase to 19.

***Hich Hotel has won many international awards as well as being selected as the most romantic hotel in Europe and Turkey. How did you achieve this?**

- Hich Hotel Konya has been a project since the day it was opened, with its restoration, decoration and love for its employees. The location of our hotel is very important for being selected as Turkey's most romantic hotel and Europe's 19th most romantic hotel. We are right next to Rumi and almost all of our rooms sees Rumi's dervish lodge and the rose garden.

I consider that the most important factor in the formation of such a climate of love in Hich Hotel Konya is our location right next to the Lodge.

***I think the awards that you have received increase your responsibility. Will you have projects that will contribute to tourism of Konya in this way in the future?**

- These and similar awards we have received are actually a starting point that we think must be sustained. Therefore, the awards we receive trigger us to achieve better. When Konya tourism is evaluated in terms of its potential, it deserves to receive this and similar awards. If we provide the right quality of service and implement facilities with the right qualifications, I think much more important awards will be received. In this sense, we have some new works that we are currently working on as concept consultancy and at the project stage, as well as in the implementation phase.

***Can you talk about the pandemic period and the measures taken by your hotel?**

- I consider that our country is passing the pandemic period with a capability and effective measures far above the world average in general. This evaluation includes both my personal observations and the feedback of our guests from various countries of the world. Honestly, we had a lot of conversations with some of our guests in which they expressed that they were positively surprised by the measures implemented in Konya and in our country, and that there was no sensitivity at this level in their own country.

As Hich Hotel Konya, we started the first month of the pandemic period by making some additions to our service standards and by applying a different practice especially in certain areas. We have developed a hospitality concept that we follow with 11 separate checklists, and we registered this hospitality concept in the brand and patent institution with the name of Means Contentment (Gönül Rahatlığı). We have also carefully implemented all of the legislation and circulars published by all relevant ministries. Apart from this, we have been accredited to the Safe Tourism Certificate program of TüvAustria Inspection firm, although the Ministry of Culture and Tourism does not require it in terms of the number of rooms. And currently, we provide services by applying all the requirements of both our Means Contentment (Gönül Rahatlığı) concept and the TüvAustria Safe Tourism Certificate program.

***When we consider the hotel potential in Konya, where is the hotel management of Konya according to the level of Turkey?**

- Accommodation contains many different branches. There are many differences between beach hotel management and hotel management focused on cultural and religious tourism. For example, compared to coastal tourism regions, Konya has no sea, but thanks to Rumi, there is an ocean of knowledge and love. We have built Konya tourism on this idea and we need to develop it further. Hz. Mevlana's philosophy is a value that went beyond Konya and Turkey. His lodge is a magnificent landmark and wherever you go in the world, when you say Rumi, people immediately create a climate of love. Therefore, Rumi is the most influential factor in Konya tourism. Sille and Çatalhöyük are also very important. The city has many mosques, madrasas and other historical beauties. Its districts, especially Akşehir, Beyşehir and Eregli, are candidates for being tourism destinations. Therefore, compared to other Anatolian cities, Konya is very advantageous in terms of the variety of values that are subject to tourism. Many tourism businesses in Konya are aware of this richness, and all of them are sensitive to produce good service, qualified hospitality and do their job properly. As a natural result of this, especially in recent years, Konya has brought brands and highly qualified managers to tourism, whose names are praised in international platforms.



***Transportation to Konya from metropolitan cities became easier with high speed train (YHT). In addition, in recent years, health tourism has started in Konya. How do these two developments affect Konya?**

- The high speed train is a very useful kind of transportation for our city. We are proud that our city is connected to Ankara, İstanbul and Eskişehir via a high speed train network. We consider the issue from the point of tourism, but no matter how we think it, the importance of such services made available to people is enormous. It has also made a great contribution in terms of tourism. High Speed Train services both shorten the distance between cities and provide travelers a very comfortable journey; because the physical structures of the trains are very beautiful and they are designed and equipped with the latest technology. At Hich Hotel Konya, we often recommend train travel to our guests, to be honest; my first choice for travel is also train travel. The subject of health tourism is an issue that should be evaluated on its own; because Konya and many regions of Turkey are among the most advantageous places in the world in terms of health tourism, both by nature and by their qualified businesses. Especially in recent years, Turkey has become one of the most important leaders of the world in the field of health tourism. Therefore, I find this development in health tourism very valuable both in terms of being an opportunity to convey our unique culture and natural beauties to much larger masses and in terms of its contribution to the country's economy.

***From which countries tourists come to our city the most?**

- With the pandemic period, the statistics of the last 2 years are not very meaningful, frankly. But I would like to answer your question specifically at Hich Hotel Konya. Before the pandemic, approximately 70 percent of our guest profile consisted of foreign guests. The country with the highest share was the USA. The biggest reason for this is that the Masnavi of Rumi remained on the list of the most popular publications in the USA for many years. Except this, we have many guests from all over the world. We see that our guests who have visited mystical centers in various parts of the world come here. We have hosted more than 150 citizens of different countries so far, and a 13-room business, this data is quite unusual. I think this is an indication of how active Konya and Rumi are in the world.

***Do these statistics show that you have brought a new idea of hotel management to Konya?**

- I think the quality of service provided by our Hotel is important in the emergence of such diversity, but it would be unfair to express it only with this. In the creation of this profile, the climate created by Şems-i Tabrizi and Rumi, cannot be ignored. We are working hard to make the best contribution to the hosting of our city in this sense. I would like to share some information on this subject. Tripadvisor is the world's largest and most respected travel portal. In this portal, we received awards and ratings such as first place in Turkey, 4th place in Europe, 11th and 19th place in Europe, 9th place in the world in different categories and in different years. Since the year we opened, we have been listed in the Best Service category every year consecutively. But we have never acted with the claim that we have brought a new understanding of hotel to Konya. Our only and unchangeable point of view was how we can convey the unique and naive elements of our culture to our guests, how we welcome them in the best way, and how we say goodbye to them in the best way. Our point of view is obviously quite simple, but it has a serious depth. Just like the hidden magnificence of the Seljuk Empire, which Konya was the capital of, in architecture, art, and lifestyle. The awards and ratings I mentioned above are largely formed by the feedback of our guests staying at our hotel. This is our biggest happiness about these awards. We consider the details of these awards as a tool to understand how our service quality is and to know what actions we should take if necessary.

***Besides those coming from outside the city, are there any people in Konya who are curious about your hotel and want to stay?**

- We have many guests from Konya. Recently, they say to their guests from outside the city that there is such a hotel in Konya; you have to see and stay. We also have guests who want to spend time with their families in a different atmosphere. This makes us really happy. I am from Konya and I have been living in Konya for long years. We have some concerns about Konya. It is because we love our city and its values very much. Konya is the leading figure in our happiness.

***What do you think about the price policy of the hotels in Konya? How is the rate compared to other big cities in Turkey?**

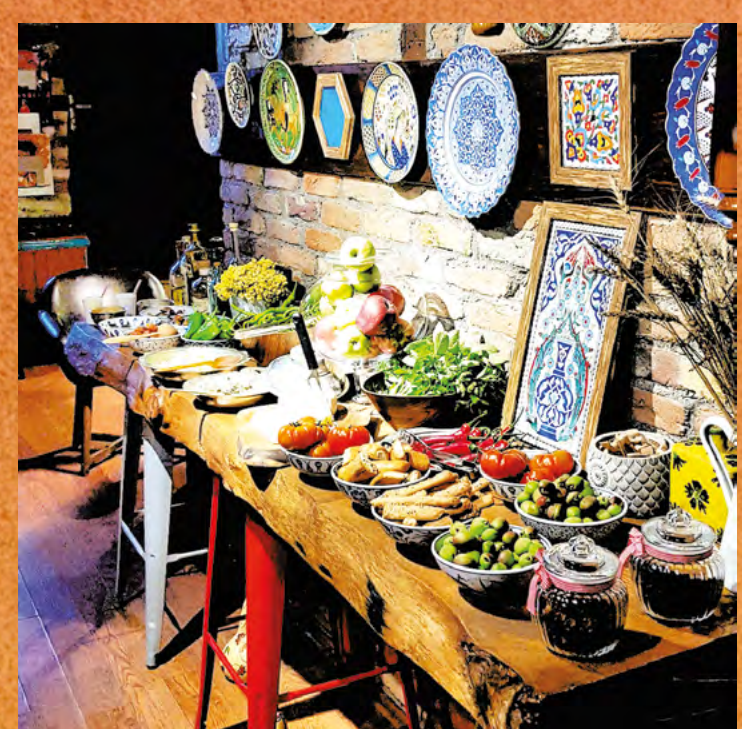
- When we compare our city with the Cappadocia region, as it is a very near province, the prices of the hotels in Konya have a very economical average. If we compare the facilities of the same quality, Konya has a more economical price average by about 1/3 compared to Istanbul. I would like to convey the following details regarding this subject in particular for Hich Hotel Konya. Among the awards we received from Tripadvisor, there is a category that expresses the "price policy applied according to the quality of service it provides". We became the 9th in the world in this category. We have reached this level among approximately 85,000 businesses from all over the world.

***What would you like to say as a conclusion?**

- I completely believe that Konya will be the shining star of Turkey in near future. The infrastructure of the city is developing further, both in terms of tourism and industry. Our people are very warm and hospitable. We have to be positive and look positively. As long as this total effort continues, Konya will reach a much more important level.



Serkan Vanlı



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A charming event: 18. INTERNATIONAL KONYA MYSTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

18th International Konya Mystic Music Festival drew great attention which was held as a part of Rumi's 814th birthday anniversary between 22 and 30 September 2021









The anniversary was organized by Konya Governorship Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism, The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Konya Metropolitan Municipality, TRT, and the Municipalities of Karatay, Meram and Selçuklu districts.

Last year, due to the pandemic, the 17th of International Konya Mystic Music Festival was held online. For this reason, the festival was a first to be online.

From Asia to Africa, from America to Europe many artists and bands participated in the festival. Two great masters of theme music, Âlim Qasimov and Ali Reza Ghorbani charmed with their duet performances and it has been the first duet concert ever on this scene.

As it was the 814th birthday anniversary of Rumi, within the festival, a Semah and Mevlevi ceremonial were performed in the Mevlana Rose garden by Mevlana Foundation Semah Community on 30 September Thursday at 17:30.

This year 9 concerts in total and a Semah and Mevlevi ceremonial were on stage on 30 September.

Artists and Music bands from TURKEY, ENGLAND, LEBANON, JORDAN, TANZANIA, KYRGYZSTAN, AZERBAIJAN and IRAN participated in the festival.

TURKEY / From Andalus to Konya Musical Community

ENGLAND / Sara John PETER

LEBANON / Jahide WEHBE

JORDAN / Hind AL HAMED

TANZANIA / Rajab Suleıman RAJAB

TURKEY / Özgür Can ÇOBAN (The dream of steppe)

KYRGYZSTAN /Salamat SADIKOVA

TURKEY / Turkish World Music and Folk Dances Community

TURKEY / Semah Ceremonial

AZERBAIJAN and IRAN

Âlim KASIMOV & Ali Reza GORBANI







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Konya to be watched from Selçuklu sight peak

Selçuklu Sight Peak (Selçuklu Seyir Tepesi), which was brought to the hill in Sille Neighborhood by the Selçuklu Municipality, fascinates those who see it with its unique Konya view. Introducing the hill to the Konya press, Ahmet Pekyatırmacı, the Mayor of Selçuklu, said that the hill will become one of the important places of the city

Selçuklu Municipality turned the hill on Sille Neighbourhood, New Sille Street into a park and an observation hill. Selçuklu Sight Peak, which was built after the landscaping works done in the area that dominates the city on the hill, is among the places to visit in Selçuklu with its unique city view. There are 119 camellias, 35 thousand square meters of green space, a sports field, a parking area for 210 cars, a washbasin, and social areas such as a prayer room on the Sight Peak, which is placed on an area of 50 thousand square meters, which was put into the service of citizens as of July 14. In addition, on the way up the hill, the teams of the Directorate of Science Affairs renewed the road by applying hot asphalt. It is planned to create a restaurant, tea garden and a camping area within the scope of the second stage project works within the approximately one million square meter usage area of the hill, which is located at an altitude of 1,300 meters.

Mayor Pekyatırmacı expressed that "It will fascinate its visitors with the view of Sight Peak".

Making a statement about Sight Peak, Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı said, "Our Sight Peak, which brings the unique Konya landscape together with fresh air, will be one of the important places of Selçuklu. There is a magnificent view here. We can see the whole of Konya from Ardıçlı, the northernmost point of Konya, to Meram Köyceğiz. Here, I hope, we are making our arrangements in an area of about one million square meters. We have completed the arrangements of our recreation area, which is the first stage. We arranged our recreation area on an area of approximately fifty thousand square meters. In the last ten days, we have made our citizens curious with the posts we have made, but now they will be able to meet our Sight Peak".

Domestic and national seeds become tasty products in Meram

Tasty products have been gathered from the seedlings in the Vegetable Seedling Plant set up by Meram Municipality. Mustafa Kavuş, the mayor of the Meram Municipality, stated that within the scope of the project called "heirlooms from generation to generation with KOP" first domestic seeds are going to be produced and distributed to the local people.

Tasty products have been gathered from the seedlings in the Vegetable Seedling Plant set up with KOP support by Meram Municipality, Karatay Chamber of Agriculture and Vegetable Producer's Union.

On the other hand, the preparations are ongoing for the project called "heirlooms from generation to generation with KOP". A model seedling production greenhouse will be formed in the one decare land given by Meram Municipality and heirlooms, which are picked up from 31 districts, are going to be reproduced here. When these seeds are able to meet our farmers, the first crops will be collected by the next summer.

Mustafa Kavuş, the mayor of the Meram Municipality, expressed that they have been working more in order to make people get healthier and more quality products. He also stated that "Konya Seedling Plant was established two years ago. This place is the first and only seedling plant of our city. Previously, about 120 million seedlings were brought to Konya from other cities. We aimed to produce about 10%-15% of it in the plant. For two years, we have been producing seedlings rapidly suitable with the climate and land of Konya. As a result, we are collecting tasty products from these seedlings".

Mayor Kavuş gave information about the project called "heirlooms from generation to generation with KOP" and expressed that "we are developing a new greenhouse with the supports of KOP, the Provincial Directorate of Agriculture, Vegetable Producer's Union, Karatay Chamber of Agriculture and Meram Municipality. In this greenhouse, we are aiming to reproduce these heirlooms from Konya and its districts. So far, we have collected about 70. We are going to prepare our greenhouse in winter and next year we are going to plant our heirlooms. From these seedlings, we are going to select the seeds and reproduce them".

Another new mass housing move from Karatay Municipality

Kılca: We contribute to the true housing in our district and to the residence of our fellow citizens in comfortable houses. Karatay Municipality announced the "Aksa Park Mass Housing Building Cooperative" project to the public, which is the 42nd mass housing move. The works for the project to be realized in the urban transformation area on Küçük Kumköprü Avenue have been completed, and Hasan Kılca, the Mayor of Karatay, publicized the new mass housing move of Karatay. Hasan Kılca, who announced that the membership applications to the 312-house cooperative will be accepted between 13 and 17 September, said that "With these projects, we contribute to the true housing in our district, to smoothing the way for private initiatives and to the access of our citizens much more comfortable living spaces."

Karatay Municipality announced the "Aksa Park Mass Housing Building Cooperative" project to the public, which is its 42nd mass housing move.

Membership applications to the cooperative founded under the leadership of Karatay Municipality will start to be received between 13 and 17 September on the website: https://aksapark.karatay.bel.tr/.

Hasan Kılca, the Mayor of Karatay, who appeared before the cameras with the members of the board of directors of the cooperative, said that they were working without considering the concept of overtime to deliver service to every single point of Karatay.

Hasan Kılca, the Mayor of Karatay, said, "We are working meticulously at every point of Karatay, and creating new living spaces in our city for the development and transformation of our district. Today, wherever you look in our district, it is possible to see our ongoing or completed works. While determining the aesthetic qualities and differences of our district according to the preferences of our citizens, we exert great efforts to bring living spaces suitable for the architecture of our district by blending them with our historical values and cultural heritage. While safety is the most important element among those essential for spaces, nevertheless, our primary target is to make living space have durable, permanent, long-lasting, and functional characters, and to be specific to its location. We care about the realization of the houses we build in line with an identity."







Historical Castle Gate, dates back to 5 thousand years, Unearthed on Takkeli Mountain in Konya

The gate of an ancient castle used by several civilizations over thousands of years and were subject to legends has been unearthed in Takkeli Mountain, in the capital of Anatolian Seljuks, Konya. The excavation work, which has been conducted by Konya Directorate of Museums, Selçuklu Municipality and Necmettin Erbakan University, has been going on the Gevela Castle in Takkeli Mountain.

A CASTLE GATE DATES BACK TO 5 THOUSAND YEARS

Archaeologists have reached important findings during the excavations in Gevela Castle in Selçuklu district and they carry traces of Roman, Byzantine, Seljuk, Karamanids and Ottoman eras.

AN EXCAVATION FOR 9 YEARS

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Çaycı, who heads the art history department at Necmettin Erbakan University in Konya and consults on the ongoing excavations, stated that the works on the mountain 1720 metres high are going on without any stop at the 9th year.

ROMAN, BYZANTINE, SELJUK, KARAMANIDS AND OTTOMAN ERAS

Çaycı expressed that during the excavations they have reached to findings that belong to Roman, Byzantine, Seljuk, Karamanids and Ottoman eras so far. He also stated that they are going on the excavations with Konya Directorate of Museums and Selçuklu Municipality.

THE ENTRANCE OF THE CASTLE IS IN SUCH A PREDOMINATING TOP VIEW POINT

While expressing that restoration work has been ongoing with the supports of Konya Governorship and with the sponsorship of Selçuklu Municipality, Çaycı also stated that “we discovered the gate between the two bulwarks on the castle. We are still working on the area. According to the available evidence, we have stated that the building dates back to the Hittites. The bulwarks and castle ruins can be said to contain signs of the Roman and Hellenistic eras”.

800-YEAR-OLD GATE IS MOSTLY SELJUK ERA

“This gate is mostly Seljuk era, an 800-year-old gate,” he said. “There must have been another door here before. We got samples in pieces,” he added. “We’re trying to complete them”.

PALACE, SHELTER AND CASTLE AT THE SAME TIME

According to Çaycı this place is a defence castle and a shelter for sultans. The Sarayköy neighbourhood in the foothills of the mountain gets its name from here, a nearby palace. It is a perfect shelter for sultans and it is a place for the acceptance of messengers.

THE GATE OPENS TO SERVICE PLACES

Saying that the gate discovered between the two bulwarks on the castle’s east-facing slope is the main entrance, Çaycı said: “We’ll try to find the second gate as well.” “Here we came across more service areas,” he said. “Kitchen, cellar, and storage structures are lined up around. It goes up gradually. The findings exceeded our expectations.”

“IMPLEMENTATION PHASE”

Noting that restoration work on the unearthed architectural structures is ongoing, Çaycı said that the bulwarks will be restored based on the original structures. He also stated that “Approvals have been obtained from the relevant bodies and we’re currently in the implementation phase”.

BULWARKS WILL BE VISIBLE FROM CENTRAL KONYA

It is estimated that when the excavation work will be finished, soon these bulwarks will be visible from Konya.

The Mystery of Eflatunpınar

The Eflatunpınar Hittite Water Monument, located in the Beyşehir district of Konya and dated to the last quarter of the 13th century BC, attracts the attention of local and foreign visitors.

Although the Beyşehir district of Konya is not within the Kızılırmak arc, it is a real Hittite homeland. It is even possible to see gigantic, mysterious works that have been forgotten, in areas that would never come to mind in the region. Eflatunpınar, a marvel of water engineering, is one of them. The Hittites are known as “the people with a thousand Gods”. This feature, which they are probably proud of, brings many mysteries. For example, springs were sacred and they wanted to immortalize this holiness with these kinds of monuments. Eflatunpınar is one of the examples that have survived to the present day. It is approximately 7 meters wide, 4 meters high and the sacred pool in front of it is 30 x 35 meters in size. Last year, it was transformed into the Hittite Archeology Park with the work of the Konya Museum. It is estimated that the monument was built in the first quarter of the 13th century BC. The emperor of the period was Tuthaliya IV and the Hittites were in the process of collapse. It is thought that the monument was not completed for this reason.

PURPOSE OF BUILDING UNCERTAIN FOR NOW

God, goddess and genie figures can be seen on the 19 embossed stone blocks on the side of the monument facing the sacred pool. The Storm God and the Sun Goddess couple are placed in the center. The 10-winged elf and bull-man on either side are carrying a sun disc. In the lower row there are five Gods with their hands crossed on their chests. The two leading figures are Mountain Gods, and the Underground Spring Gods are between them. During religious ceremonies, the water flowing from the holes was collected in a small reservoir behind the monument and turned into a fountain. After the restoration, a continuous flow of water was ensured from the fountains.

In addition to the aesthetic and religious arrangement, a meticulous water engineering work stands out in the monument. The spring waters coming out from the side and the back were given to the monument and the pool with a fine workmanship. Later, these were connected to the stream formed by the springs. The pool looks like a small dam. Today, this is the place for the people of the region to cool off, fish, carry drinking water to their homes and seek healing. The situation was probably the same thousands of years ago as it is today. Thus, a Hittite water engineering monument continues to function for thousands of years, and an old natural belief tradition is revived. However, it is not known exactly what the monument symbolizes and why it was built. According to Ekrem Akurgal and James Mellaart, it is associated with the nearby Fasıllar monument. German researcher Kurt Bittel claims that it could be a victory monument built by King Tuthaliya. Archaeologist Sırrı Özenir reminds that there may be the Arimmata Pool, which is indicated as a border on the newly found tablet in Boğazkale (Hattusa). In short, the monument remains its mystery.

Kuğulu Park and Japanese Park in Konya are Now in Autumn Colours

In the historical city, in Selçuklu the national and public parks give peace to their visitors with their magnificent views and unique beauties

On the foothills of Küpe Mountain, which is one of the beauties of Seydişehir district, Kuğulu National Park presents magnificent views with the colours of autumn. Local tourists and visitors who want to spend time in the nature show great attention to the park and it admires everyone.

The park draws attention every season and it includes various beauties such as karsts, clear water comes from the mountainsides, swans, goose and ducks.

In Selçuklu, Japanese Kyoto Park, which symbolizes the fellowship between Konya and Kyoto, attracts its visitors with its natural, rich colours.

The park draws the attention with its Japanese plants, pergolas, stone lighthouses, small islands and natural hills and it attracts an intensive attention with its autumn beauties.

The park is a popular place for the people who want to relax in their free times during the week and make them spend nice time with extraordinary beauties.

In these national and public parks, it is able to see all colours of autumn. Photograph lovers can take photographs of these views that can only be seen in paintings.



Photo safari is among seventeen cultural heritage sites of UNESCO

Photo safari tours started in 17 cultural heritage sites of UNESCO, including Konya, with the project realized by the non-governmental organizations operating in the tourism sector in Turkey.

People who want to see the main elements and photography enthusiasts can join the safari. The first safari was held in Cappadocia on September 22.

All tours will take place outdoors with the participation of 70-80 people. Photos of UNESCO heritages will be taken at the places visited, and these photos will also be taken with the cultural values of the area. It is expected that the perception of photo safari tourism in Turkey will develop further in the coming years.

The cities and elements where the safari will take place, starting from Göreme National Park and Cappadocia on September 22, are as follows:

“Bursa and Cumalıkızık, Safranbolu (Karabük), Xanthos-Letoon (Antalya - Muğla), Mount Nemrut, (Adıyaman - Kahta), Göbeklitepe Archaeological Site (Şanlıurfa), Diyarbakır Castle and Hevsel Gardens, Ani Archaeological Site (Kars), Hattuşa (Boğazköy) – The Capital of Hitit (Çorum), Çatalhöyük Neolithic City (Konya), Bergama Multilayered Cultural Landscape Area (İzmir), Efes (İzmir), Selimiye Mosque and Social Complex (Edirne), Troya Antique City (Çanakkale), Çatalhöyük (Konya), Pamukkale-Hierapolis (Denizli), Afrodisias (Aydın) and İstanbul.”

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–National Tile– Competition of Selçuklu Municipality

The awards of the "Living Heritage" tile competition, organized by the Selçuklu Municipality to introduce the art of tile, which is an ancient tradition of the ancestors, to future generations and to raise awareness in this art, were delivered to their owners with a ceremony held at the Selçuklu Congress Center

SELÇUKLU MUNICIPALITY

Ahmet Pekyatırmacı, the Mayor of Selçuklu Municipality pointed out that "we give importance to the ancient tile tradition. As Selçuklu Municipality, we always try to give the greatest value and importance to our cultural assets and works of art. With this awareness, we have produced many projects in the field of culture and art, and we have organized different events and competitions. Ceramic art has a special place in Turkish art history. We are one of the first societies to produce ceramics throughout the history. We, as Selçuklu Municipality, know the value of this art and make an effort to keep it alive. A tile workshop was established in our municipality in 1997 in order to revive tile making in Konya, which was the tile production center during the Anatolian Seljuk State. In our workshop, which has been working since its establishment, the research and application of the works that have survived from the Seljuk period to the present

are carried out. In addition to our tile workshop, where all stages of ceramic art from design to production are carried out, tile trainings are also given in our Ahmet Keleşoğlu Art and Design Workshop.

Our Great Seljuk Heritage and Anatolian Seljuk Age Heritage artifacts that we brought to cultural life under the auspices of the Presidency and all Seljuk artifacts in the world were collected and made available as a cultural service. In the light of this study, the idea of reworking the tiles of the period developed and many applications emerged in this sense. Different promotion options were needed, as the work done was appreciated and it was seen that the society did not know about the work done in this period. In this direction, we organized our Living Heritage Ceramics (Tile) Contest, thinking that the best way of promotion is to reach tile and ceramic artists. Many artists showed great interest to our contest and they participated from many cities of our country. I would like to thank all our participants here. As a result of the evaluations of our very valuable jury members, 29 of our works were awarded. I would also like to congratulate our participants who are entitled to receive awards. Thanks to this competition, we have brought valuable works to our country. In addition, we had the opportunity to reach all our artists and educational institutions working on tiles and ceramics in our country and give information about the ceramic works of the Seljuk period."

In the competition, which consists of two categories, Kaşi and Evani, in which the participants participated with one category and one work, Burcu Umut Tatar won the first place with his work "Firuzeli Ağ", Zeliha Özücan became the second with the work "Kubadabad", and Emel Yılmaz became the third with the work "Derun-İ Mektup". In the Evani category, Melahat Büyüksütçü won the first place with "Düğüm Geçme", Gizem Tosun Aktaş became the second with "1071", and İlyas Doğan became the third with "Cem".



HASAN CAN KAYA

2 OCTOBER 2021
Saturday 20:00

Hasan Can Kaya met with his audience on 2 October 2021 evening at Selçuklu Congress Centre Anatolian Auditorium Stage with his great performance.



TUĞKAN

3 OCTOBER 2021
Sunday 20:30

Tuğkan met with music lovers on 3 October 2021 evening at Konya Selçuklu Congress Centre Open-air Stage.



REPUBLIC MARCHES CONCERT WITH HALUK LEVENT AND ALEKSANDROV RUSSIAN RED ARMY CHOIR

5 OCTOBER 2021
Tuesday 21:00

Republic Marches Concert with Haluk Levent and Aleksandrov Russian Red Army Choir was at Konya Selçuklu Congress Centre Open-air Stage on 5 October 2021 evening.

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AMADEUS

6 NOVEMBER 2021
Saturday 20:00

Amadeus with the unique story of Wolfgang Amedeus Mozart and Antonio Salieri who are the unforgettable composers in the world music history and written by Peter Shaffer meets with theatre lovers at Selçuklu Congress Centre Anatolian Auditorium Stage on 6 November 2021 evening.



MELİKE ŞAHİN

14 NOVEMBER 2021
Sunday 20:00

Melike Şahin is at Selçuklu Congress Centre Anatolian Auditorium Stage with her mostly loved songs on 14 November 2021 evening.



BURAY

31 OCTOBER 2021
Sunday 20:00

Buray is at Selçuklu Congress Centre Anatolian Auditorium Stage with his mostly loved songs on 31 October 2021 evening.

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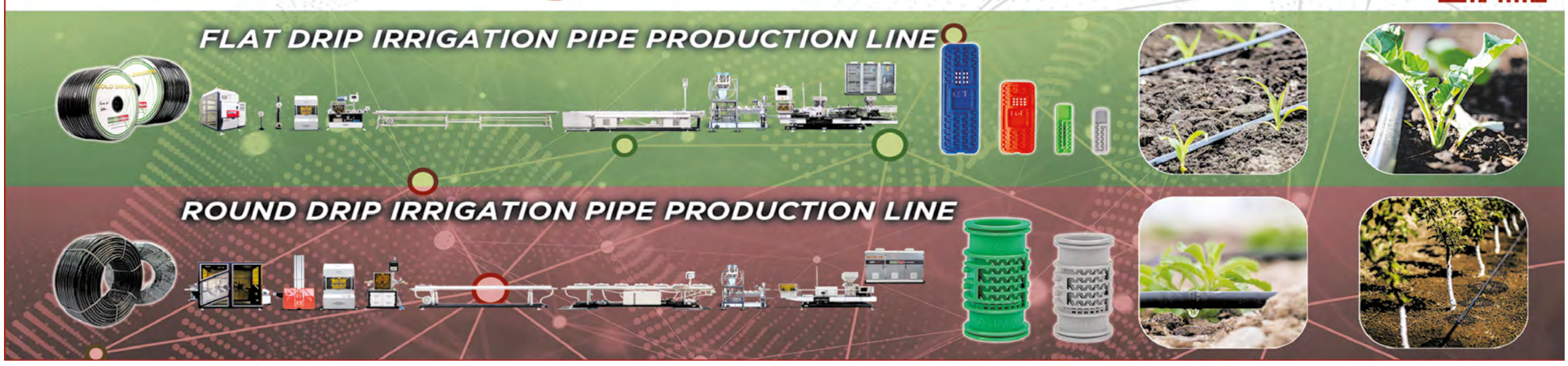
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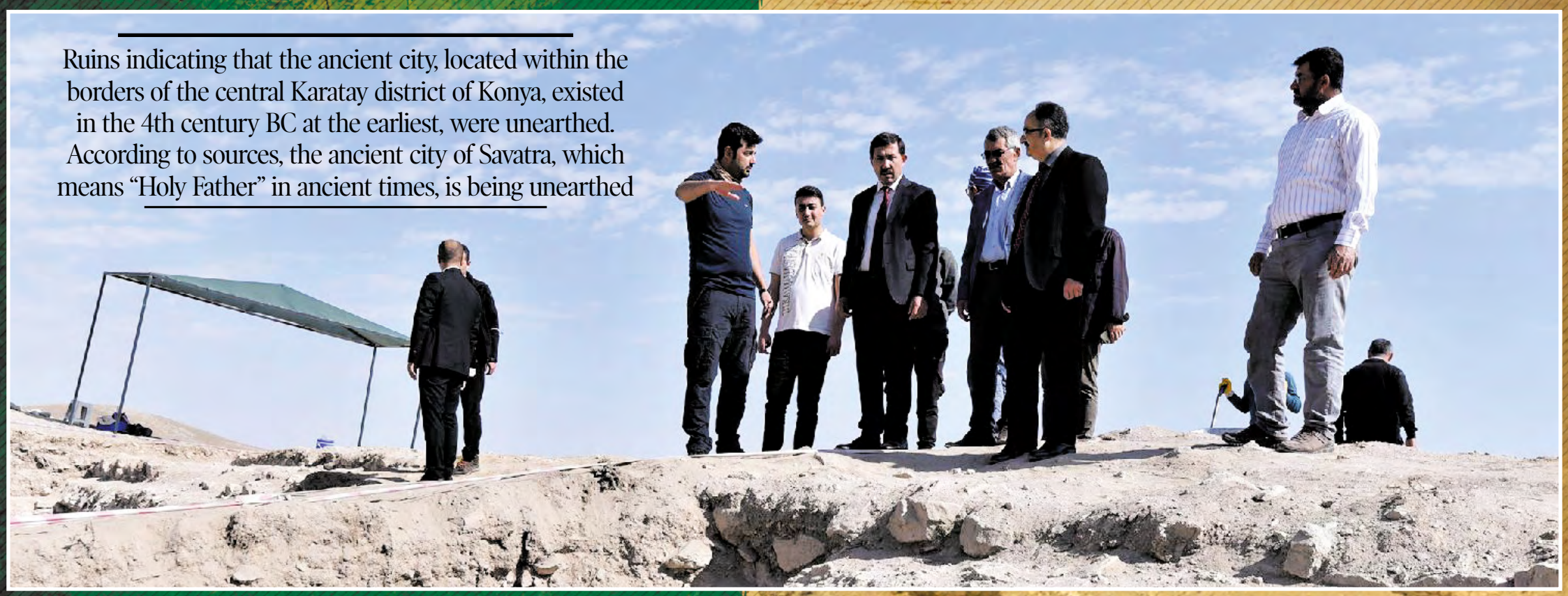
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SAVATRA
ANCIENT CITY
Unearthed in Konya

"Karatay is full of many historical and cultural values"

Hasan Kılca, Mayor of Karatay, stated that "Konya, with thousands of years of history, is one of the most important cities of Turkey. In this context, Karatay is at a very special point. Every district and every part of our city is beautiful, but Karatay is the center of our history and culture of our Konya, which has grown with its hundreds of years of history and traditions. Karatay is completely different with its beautiful examples of history such as; Karatay Madrasah, Şems-i Tabriz'i Tomb and Mosque', Tomb of Rumi ("Sultan of Hearts") etc. The ancient city of Savatra, located in our Yaglibayat Neighborhood and dating back to the 4th century BC, once again proves how deep and rich the historical past of our district is. Together with our Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Konya Governorship, Selçuk University and Metropolitan Municipality, we are in an effort to reveal the historical cities and ruins in this region and to bring them into tourism. In addition to our historical and cultural areas in the center of Konya, we will provide all kinds of support as a municipality to bring tourism to the Obruk Inn and Kızören Sinkhole in Kızören, and Boncuklu Mound in our Hayiroğlu neighborhood and many other values.



Ruins indicating that the ancient city, located within the borders of the central Karatay district of Konya, existed in the 4th century BC at the earliest, were unearthed. According to sources, the ancient city of Savatra, which means "Holy Father" in ancient times, is being unearthed

Savatra is an important center from Rome to Seljuks and Ottoman Empire

The ancient city of Savatra, partly located in the Yaglibayat District, dates back to the 4th century BC. In 1984, a part of the Savatra Ancient City was unearthed as a result of the excavations carried out in the Yaglibayat Neighborhood, which was built on it. The ancient city is thought to have passed into the hands of the Romans in 27 BC. There is a castle and a small ancient theater in the southeast of the Savatra Ancient City, which was under the rule of the Byzantines, Seljuks and Ottomans, respectively. The finds unearthed in the ancient city are exhibited in the Konya Archeology Museum. Savatra, an important ancient city, later came under the rule of the Ottoman state. It was called as "Bali Bayat" in the ancient Ottoman maps. There is a castle and a small antique theatre in the southeast of the village. Ancient works are exhibited in Konya Museum.

He Became a Brand all over Turkey with his name from Konya

Everyone Has the Right to Know What They Eat



We had a short interview with "Ekrem Coşkun" about Meat Döner. He answered the most frequently asked questions to "The Konya News"



- Why do you use "Meat Fat"?

E. Coşkun: Meat fat is a kind of fat that comes out on average only 5 kg from a calf weighing 350-400 kg. It is a product that is actively used in products such as sausage and meatballs. One of the reasons we prefer meat fat in our döner kebabs is to meet the extreme sensitivity of the new generation, especially women, to smell of the meat. We use meat fat in our products in order to prevent the smell coming from lamb breast and lamb tail fat. Another reason is that the freezing time of meat fat is longer than other ones. For these reasons, we do not use kidney fat or the other internal fat. In the R&D studies carried out at room temperature, it was determined that the freezing time of the meat fat was 15 minutes, while the freezing time of the kidney and internal fats was 5 minutes.

- Why don't you sell fizzy drinks in your restaurants?

E. Coşkun: We do not sell fizzy drinks at Ekrem Coşkun Döner Express restaurants with the slogan of Human Health First. The most important reason why we don't sell fizzy drinks is that simple.

- Does the product go to the branches in frozen form?

E. Coşkun: We supply our products from companies that have all kinds of certificates on food safety, and which are the pioneers in their sectors, producing under hygienic conditions. We serve our döner kebabs fresh, without freezing, on skewers at our branches, and bring them to our consumers. There is a high probability of cheating in the frozen product, and it is also difficult to determine what is used in the frozen döner. In order to prevent this, we offer fresh products to our customers by performing a fresh meat operation. Our products are carried with refrigerated vehicles without breaking the cold chain and are stored in branches and cold storages. Both our suppliers and our branches have the necessary equipments in this regard. You, our valued customers, can see our products by visiting the cold storages in our branches whenever you wish.

- The most important issue in food industry is control. How do you provide this?

E. Coşkun: We are happy that we are perhaps the most controlled brand in Turkey by official institutions, due to the fact that some people are constantly disturbed by the service we provide. Thankfully, as a result of the inspections of the Official Institutions in our branches, no negative results have been found so far. We sometimes share the analysis results given to us as a result of the controls in our accounts, and we will continue to do so. Our people will continue to eat quality meat doner at an affordable price with the slogan "Everybody has the right to know what they eat".

because there are no additives in our products. In addition, our customers are allowed to bring fizzy drinks with them and consume them with our products.

- How do you sell döner so cheap?

E. Coşkun: We served meat to people by proving that meat döner can be sold for 8-10 TL. In addition, we offer the products of Turkey's most important beverage brands below market prices. With the Express concept that we have been working on for 6 years, we kept the business establishment and fixed costs low. We switched to the self-service model and kept our profit margin low, and this significantly increased our kilogram sales. With this move, we reduced the waste rate in döner kebab. We said let's earn less, let's earn from stock, so we shared our profit with our people. Our secret is really





Elles was caught on camera at Ekrem Coşkun Döner in Beşiktaş, she got the knife and cut the meat first and then ate it with pleasure. The actress expressed that she eats meat once a week, and she also learned the stages of making döner from the chefs. The fans, who saw Wilma Elles at the meat counter, could not hide their astonishment

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A huge contribution to education *from Meram Municipality*

Meram Municipality has put into practice the new generation education project, which 75 thousand students will make use of, called MEGA (short for Meram Development Academy in Turkish)



Mustafa Kavuş declared the details of the project in a press meeting to the public and stated that "the new project will open new doors for the new generation, especially the Z and Alpha generations, by making them actively involved in the process and it will be based on moral characteristic education by including trainings about various subjects such as science, art, life, nature, health and sports".

The new project MEGA (the new generation education project) has been introduced to the public through a launching meeting by Mustafa Kavuş, Meram Municipality Mayor. He stated that they put this project into practice with Necmettin Erbakan University and Meram district directorate of national education and "Z and Alpha generations" will be actively involved in the project.

MAYOR KAVUŞ; "EACH PROJECT ABOUT EDUCATION IS A MEGA PROJECT FOR US"

While stating that since they were on duty, they have been trying to create important projects for young and children and their education, Mayor Kavuş also expressed that they aim to train new generation with new methods suitable for them. He also emphasized that this is such a project that will gather them all under a single roof and 75 thousand children and young will make use of it. Mayor Kavuş continued his speech as: "we will conduct this project with our partners and specialists and it will be based on moral characteristic education by including trainings about various subjects such as science, art, life, nature, health and sports. The project also includes different issues such as family and inter-family education, science and technology, ecology, healthy life and diet, professional orientation and career, and personal development. All these issues are based upon "morals education". We have decided about ten main subjects for education process; self-control, empathy, social harmony, docility, self-confidence, conscience, moral consideration, altruism, honesty and having social skills. The project also includes themes such as family and inter-family education, science and technology, ecology, healthy life and diet, professional orientation and career, and personal development. I hope this project will be beneficial for everyone who lives in the district and especially for our young". After the speech, Mustafa Kavuş, the Mayor of Meram Municipality, Prof. Dr. Muhiddin Okumuşlar, the vice-chancellor of Necmettin Erbakan University, and Mustafa Koca, the director of Meram district directorate of national education, have signed the protocols belong to the MEGA project.





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Konya Islamic Solidarity Games

The Islamic Solidarity Games, which were postponed last year due to the pandemic, will be held in Konya this year. 56 countries, including Turkey, will compete in the games where many athletics branches will be played

The fifth Islamic Solidarity Games will be held in Konya between 09 - 18 August 2022. Approximately 3,000 athletes from 56 countries, including Turkey, are expected to participate in the games, which will be held in 20 sports branches.



SPORT BRANCHES

Athletics, badminton, basketball 3x3, cycling (road, track), bocce, gymnastics (artistic, aerobics), fencing, football, wrestling (Greco-Roman, freestyle), weightlifting, handball, judo, karate, kick boxing, table tennis, archery , taekwondo, volleyball, swimming and traditional archery.

"We surely want to continue our success"



Fatih Özgökçen, the President of İttifak Holding Konyasport Club, has evaluated the latest successful performance of Konyasport.

Özgökçen thinks that the successful performance they have obtained at the beginning of the season is related to family-like bounds in the team. He stated that "we are aiming to go on the league without any loses in the following weeks. We want to enhance our good performance and result through the whole season. Not the start but the end of the season is more important. We surely want to continue our success".



While expressing that Konyasport gives a lot of importance to youth setup, Özgökçen said that in various sport schools all over Turkey, young players are being prepared for Konyasport.



Özgökçen called for the supporters and said that "when we will be able to make our stadium full under the pandemic conditions, I strongly believe that no team can beat us here. We always give advice to our footballers about fighting till the last second. They can win or lose. The most important thing is the struggle and the reason for this. For the first 4 weeks they have managed to do it. I would like to thank to our coach İlhan Palut and his team for their devoted work".