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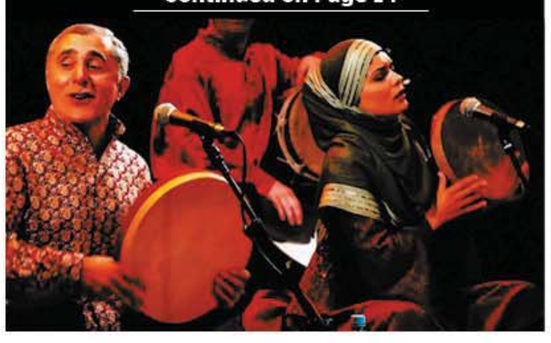
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Konya is the leader in the production of agricultural machinery and equipment in Turkey. It dominates 45% of metal processing market in Turkey.

It has 70% of vehicle-mounted equipment market in Turkey.

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Kerem İŞKAN
Executive Editor

Be the first...!

We are setting off a completely different adventure with a new hope and an excitement. Firsts are unforgettable and full of hopes. It will be the first newspaper in English in Konya and as the originator of this newspaper we are also living unforgettable moments in our lives.

Konya, which has an ancient civilization structure, has been a garden for colourful civilizations, a peaceful corner and a safe harbour during the history of humanity for centuries.

Konya is a city that attracts people with its earnest, entrepreneur, and innovator character. The city hugs the new civilizations without fighting against the olds in every era of the history.

Up to now our city hasn't got any media in English which would enable to share this city's troubles, messages, hopes and history with the rest of the world. Indeed, Konya has always been connected to the modern world with its agriculture, industry, economy and tourism and shared its production, labour and great efforts. In this context, THE KONYA NEWS is the first.

Its duty and burden is huge with its responsibilities.

Its duty is to transfer the age-long story, the pains, the hopes, the joys and the efforts, the notes, the rhythms and the songs of an ancient city to its new readers.

We wish that we would be able to carry this burden and we can reach you in a unique way.

With all these thoughts in our minds we say you HELLO and we start to breath in our life in papers.

Hello THE KONYA NEWS, Hello the people all over the world wherever you are reading or hearing us we call out to you with Rumî's verses;

Come, come whoever you are.

Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving. It doesn't matter.

Ours is not a caravan of despair.

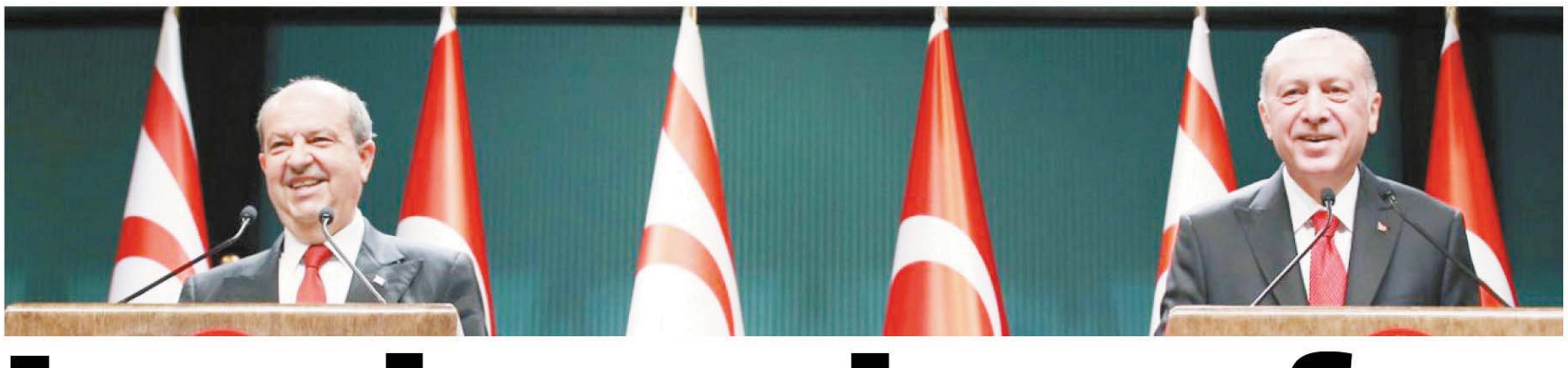
Come, even if you have broken your vows a thousand times.

Come, yet again, come, come...

We invite you to Konya, the cradle of civilization, and the first English newspaper of Konya, THE KONYA NEWS.

We come to you and hope you'll come to us, too...

"Our city is well-known and sending its message to the whole world as the Capital with the concepts of Hittites, Phrygians, Lydians, and Seljuks in the end



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After the Turkish government mobilized for the Maraş region, which was closed for 46 years in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and started to be opened gradually with the decision taken, Konya Metropolitan Municipality took responsibility for the reconstruction of the region.

By the Konya Metropolitan Municipality, landscaping is being carried out in public areas in the Maraş region, some of which were opened to the public on October 8.

President of the Union of Turkish World Municipalities and Konya Metropolitan Municipality Uğur İbrahim Altay, who made investigations in the region with President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Minister of Environment and Urbanization Murat Kurum, made some statements on the issue.



Landscape work was done by Konya Metropolitan Municipality

600 bikes from Konya to Closed area of Maraş

Describing the responsibility in the reconstruction of the region, Altay uttered that 'We participated in the Cyprus trip of our President, we conveyed the greetings of the Turkish world and our citizens of Konya to the Cypriots. Of course, the bond between Cyprus and Konya goes back a long way. We also carry out various works to strengthen this bond. Konya Metropolitan Municipality established a 'town twinning' relationship with Gazimağusa Municipality. In this context, we sent and installed 600 bicycles to them to be used in closed area of Maraş. We have also included a cleaning vehicle, a garbage collection vehicle and a sprinkler in the inventory of Gazimağusa Municipality as a gift from the Konya Metropolitan Municipality.'

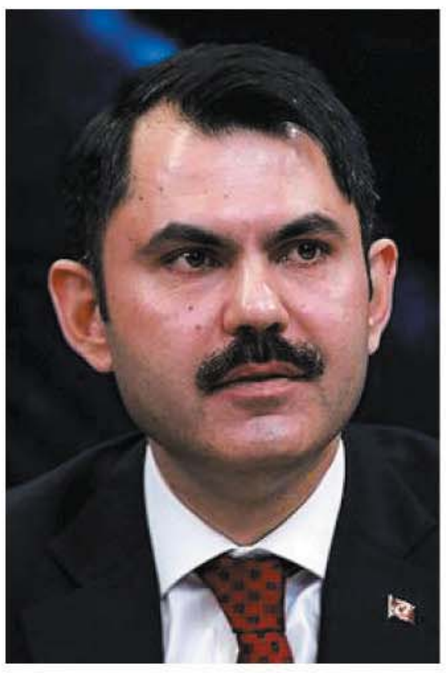
Emphasizing- that they are carrying out works for the reconstruction of the region with the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization and Public Housing Administration, Altay stated that 'We carried out the preparation of the asphalt, landscaping and the arrangements on the beach together. We have always been with Cyprus until today, and we will continue to do so from now on.'



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Minister of Environment and Urbanization Kurum:

‘We reduced the use of plastic bags by 80 percent.’



Murat Kurum, Minister of Environment and Urbanization, uttered that ‘We established a zero waste system in our 49 thousand institutions and organization buildings. With our energy-saving, zero-waste compatible buildings; we save billions of dollars and protect our environment from pollution. We recycle millions of tons of waste, collect and dispose of thousands of tons of marine waste. We reduced the use of plastics, nature’s biggest pollutants, by 80 percent. Nowadays, we go shopping with cloth bags.’

Minister Kurum expressed that; ‘Of course, there is also the issue of e-waste and digital waste. It is critical that all software, application and technology investments in our country should be compatible with each other. With the understanding of zero digital waste; we never allow our country to be a technology and software dump and we will never. To popularize zero waste; including 6 million students, 9 million citizens received education. Especially witnessing the sensitivity of our children to protect nature makes us very happy. With the spread of the project throughout the country; we will increase our recycle rate from 13 percent to 35 percent.’

“A changeover is a must in agriculture”



The meeting was held at TOBB Twin-Towers. Hüseyin Çevik the president of TOBB Commodity Exchanges Council made a speech at the opening of the meeting and drew attention to the topic that with the help of 16 years of stability of Turkey made important political and economic moves forward in spite of the geographical conflicts around it. However, Turkey has been faced to political and economic attacks from abroad. Çevik said that “As the business world, we never got into panic or stress against those attacks because we trusted into our president, our country, and our nation and Turkish business world. We believed that we would be able to get over this process in unity. I hope all our efforts will get its results and our country will continue growing”.



Turkish F-16s and British warplanes in the sky

The first training flight was carried out with the Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft of the British Royal Air Force and two Turkish F-16 aircraft

The first training flight within the scope of NATO training was held in Konya with the participation of the British Royal Air Force’s Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft and two Turkish F-16 aircraft.

The Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft of the British Royal Air Force, which came to the Konya 3rd Main Jet Base Command together with two Turkish F-16 aircraft under the 132nd Arms and Tactics Fleet Command, performed its first training within the scope of NATO training. Those images were shared from the Twitter account of the Ministry of National Defense.

Ministry of National Defense announced that the first flight of NATO trainings was held. Breathtaking images of the first flight was shared from the official Twitter account of the Ministry of National Defense.

The Ministry of National Defense stated that 2 Turkish F-16 aircraft belonging to the 132nd Arms and Tactics Fleet Command and the Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft belonging to the Royal Air Force of the UK took off at the Konya 3rd Main Jet Base Command.

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ASELSAN Konya Weapon Systems opens on December 17

The ASELSAN Weapon Systems Factory, construction of which started in the Konya Technology Industrial Zone, is being planned to be opened with the participation of the President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on December 17th.

Along with other investments which have been announced to be held in Konya Technology Industrial Zone earlier in this year, ASELSAN Weapon Systems Factory in Konya will play a major role for both Konya and Turkey’s high value-added production in the future. Besides the quality and high value - added production, Konya Technology Industrial Zone will be the first in Turkey, it will ensure that security testing and registration procedures of firearms are carried out in accordance with international standards and it will also host Turkey Weapons Test Center.

With a total of 820 engineers and nearly 400 technical staff, the system will create a brand new environment when it comes into force. With the support of the Ministry of Industry and the Mevlana Development Agency, in the test center, which will be established with an investment of 8.5 million and an operating capital of 1.5 million, all the weapons made by Konya industry and especially by ASELSAN will be tested and exported to global markets.



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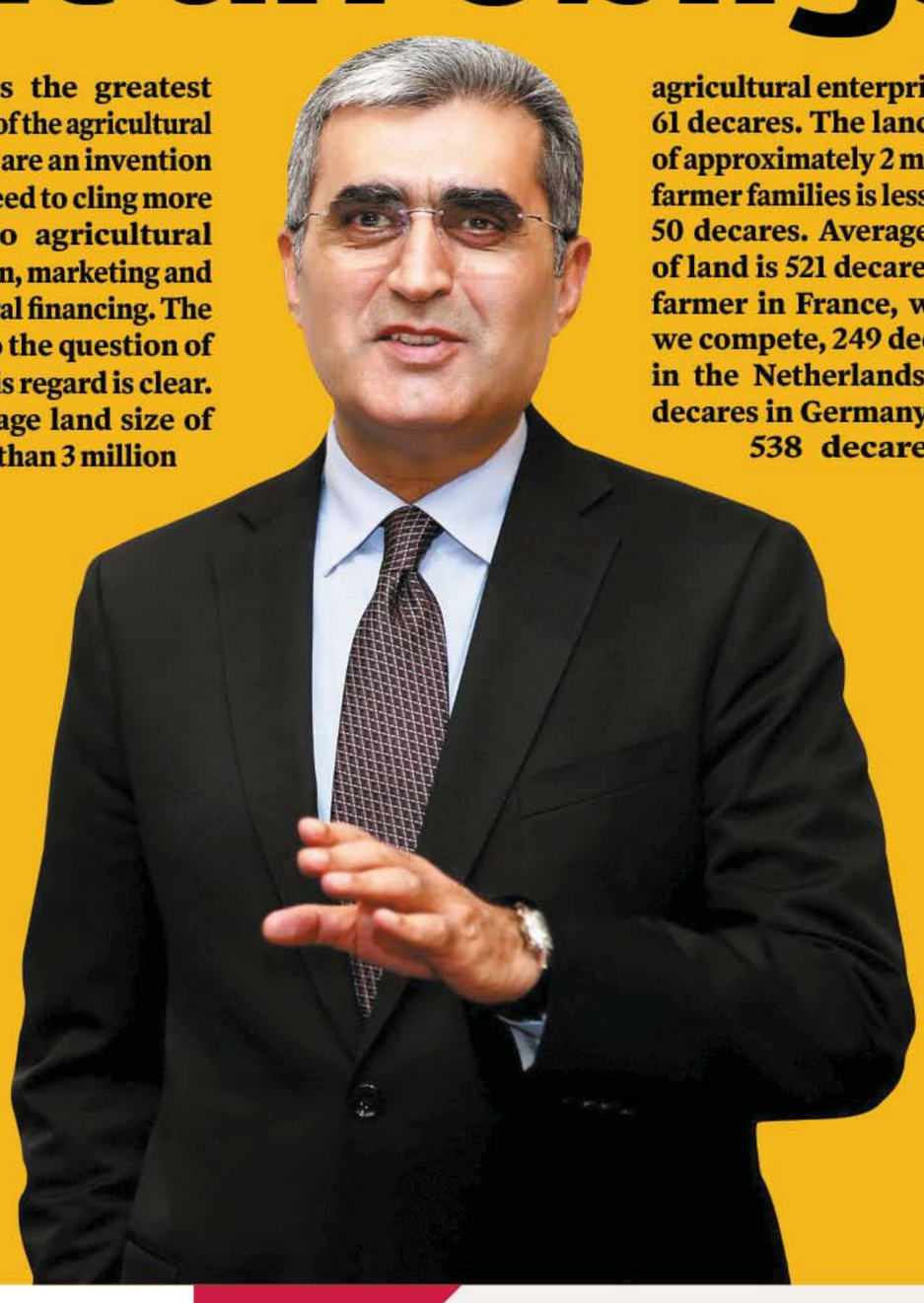
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Cooperatives are not an option, but an obligation



PANKOBIRLIK President Recep Konuk uttered that 'Today is International Cooperatives Day, the day of those who come together under the roof of cooperatives. I congratulate this day with the hope that it will enable more people to cooperate, produce more, consume more cheaply, develop their creativity more in culture and art, be active in the economy, socio-economic life, cultural activities, and increase their welfare by acting together. Considering the agricultural organization of our country and the share and economic power that the farmer can get from the economy, agricultural cooperatives, which are shown as the greatest invention of the agricultural economy, are an invention that we need to cling more tightly to agricultural production, marketing and agricultural financing. The answer to the question of why in this regard is clear. The average land size of our more than 3 million agricultural enterprises is 61 decares. The land size of approximately 2 million farmer families is less than 50 decares. Average size of land is 521 decares per farmer in France, which we compete, 249 decares in the Netherlands, 457 decares in Germany, and 538 decares in England. Likewise, in our country, which has 2 million 145 thousand barns and farms, the number of cattle in approximately 1.3 million barns is between 1 and 4. Considering both the number of animals and the size of the land, the one by one production does not present a view that is suitable for the producer in our country to earn while buying or selling. The solution to these weaknesses is in that invention. When we look at our country in particular, cooperatives are not an option but an obligation to solve the problems specific to our country, such as planned production, meeting the need for renewal in the sector (technological renewal, capital accumulation, etc.), fair distribution of the added value created over the product, narrowing the field and market scissor gap.'

PANKOBIRLIK President Recep Konuk stated that the word cooperative means cooperation in the message he published on the occasion of 'International Cooperatives Day', and he added that 'Cooperatives are not an option, but an obligation.'



Konya Chief Public Prosecutor Ramazan Solmaz

The street is the 'LIFE' itself

Konya Chief Public Prosecutor Ramazan Solmaz analyzed the community and judicial relations. Konya Chief Public Prosecutor Solmaz says that the opinion of the people on the street is the opinion of the society; "Because the street is life itself".

Expressing that the recent events in Turkey's history are the best examples that society and judicial relations have always been intertwined. Konya Chief Public Prosecuter Ramazan Solmaz uttered that 'Fetö terrorist organization harms the social and judiciary relations of the society, but with the insight of our nation and the quick reflex of the judiciary to the Fetö, the society has full confidence in the judiciary. Describing the judicial-society relations with examples from the events he encountered, Solmaz, claimed that 'We need to read, research, and improve ourselves so that we can stand up to the threats against our country. If a person wants to learn something, one must look to the street. The opinion of the people on the street is the opinion of the society, because the street is the life itself. Emphasizing the importance of the state Solmaz said that order is needed for the implementation of law, and the only concept that should be for order is the state. Solmaz Pointed out that, our own justice is our own conscience.'

> Solmaz says that the opinion of the people on the street is the opinion of the society; "Because the street is life itself"

Electric Scooters in Konya

Konya Metropolitan Municipality announced that electric scooters, an environmentally friendly and fun transportation vehicle, have also been put into service in the bicycle city of Konya.

The era of electric scooters, a new environmentally friendly and economical means of transportation, started in Konya. Konya Metropolitan Municipality works to encourage all sustainable transportation vehicles in addition to promoting the use of bicycles in Konya, the city of bicycles in Turkey. It announced that electric scooters, which are becoming more and more common in the world, have entered the service of Konya.

The widespread use of scooters, which stand out with their environmentally friendly and economical features that will contribute to the reduction of traffic density, will also contribute to the reduction of traffic and parking problems in the city. In addition, users will have a practical and enjoyable travel experience. The operating company has put 100 scooters into service at the first stage. Users will take the scooters from the points shown in the mobile application within the designated area and they will lock and release after use. When another user comes, they will be able to unlock and rent them via the mobile application. Electric scooters will be constantly monitored via satellite. If the trial run of the scooter rental service is successful, it is aimed to spread the application throughout the city.



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"Good manners from Konya"

"I have obtained my good manners and morals from Konya. When I arrive at the land that I was born in, I feel relief and my guiding spirit is Rumi" says Furkan Palalı.

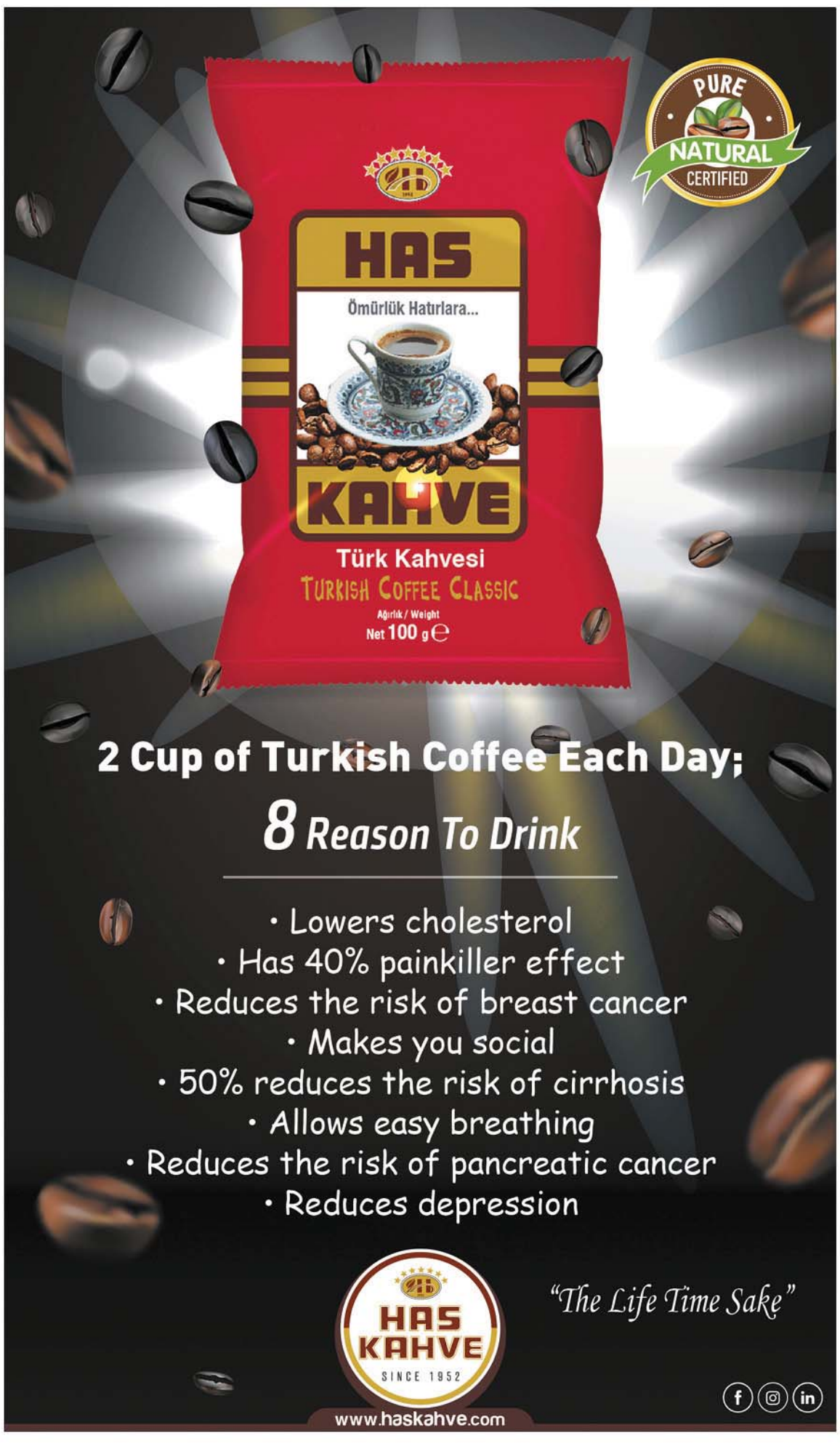
Furkan Palalı was born in 1986, in Konya. He has got one sibling. He studied at Private Diltaş High school for his secondary school education. After that, he finished Dolapoğlu High school. While he was studying in Konya, he started his basketball career at Kombassan Konyasport youth team which was in Turkey Basketball first league. After playing for this team for seven years, he transferred to Tofaş Konya in 2000. He was a player in this team for two years but after that he stopped his basketball career in order to complete his education at university. He graduated from Ankara Hacettepe University Departmant of Geological Engineering. He got creative drama training for six months, acting training from Tuncay Özinel and character actor training from Ferdi Merter. In 2011, while he was an active model he was chosen as Best Model of Turkey and after that he was chosen as Best Model of the World. He is still doing his MBA in Marmara University, Department of Radio and Television.
He got roles in various TV series- Küçük Sırlar, Adını Feriha Koydum, Hayat Devam Ediyor, Son Yaz, and Aşk Emek İster-in Turkey.



THE PILAFF IN WEDDINGS IS LEGENDARY

Palalı talks about his longings that belong to Konya as; "The pilaff in Konya's weddings is my legend. I talk about these weddings with pilaff to my friends here so much that they are looking forward to go and eat one day. I wish I had an opportunity to take my friends to Konya and eat it together in a summer day. I always want to eat some other traditional dishes such as Arabaşı, Okra soup and Etliekmek in Konya, in its original place. Even if I order the etliekmek and bring it here, it won't be as tasteful as it is in Konya. You can only enjoy the pilaff when you eat it with your 9-10 friends all together at the same table from the same dish. That's the original way"

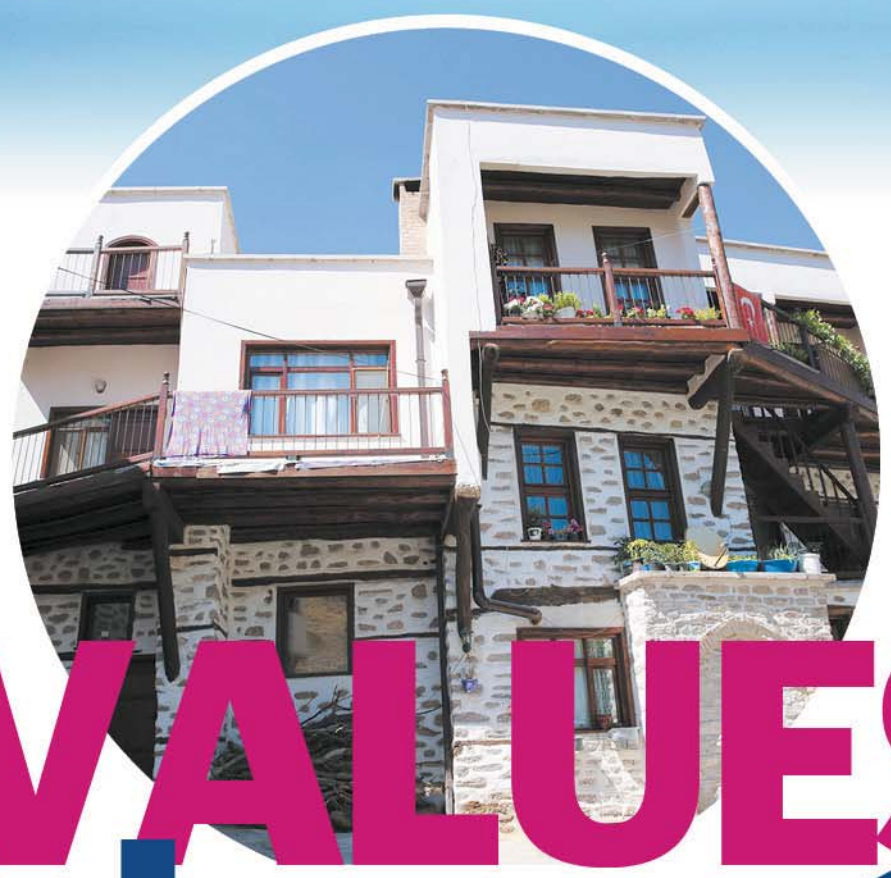
The famous actor Palalı summarizes his thoughts about Konya in this way; "My bound to Konya is as tight as a person who is in Konya. Konya is my hometown and the place where I was born and raised. My family still lives there. From time to time my family comes here to Istanbul, stays with me for a while and returns to Konya. I can never forget Konya because the city is my essence. I also go to Konya from time to time and visit my brother, my relatives and my friends. And this becomes a perfect break for me to relax and have a rest. So, Konya has a great value for me."





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VALUES OF SİLLE

Sille, a 5 thousand-year-old historical settlement in Konya's Selçuklu district, takes its visitors to a magical atmosphere with its natural texture, caves, mosques and churches. The historical artifacts unearthed in the recent restoration and excavations of the Selçuklu Municipality reveal the past of the region

SİLLE DAM PARK

Sille Dam Park, which was built in Konya by Selçuklu Municipality, brings thousands of people who want to get away from the stress of daily life and breathe with the lake view. In the park, there are many activity areas such as a scout camp center, boat promenade, kite hill, cafeterias, restaurants, wooden walkways, lawn amphitheater, children's playgrounds, and sports fields.

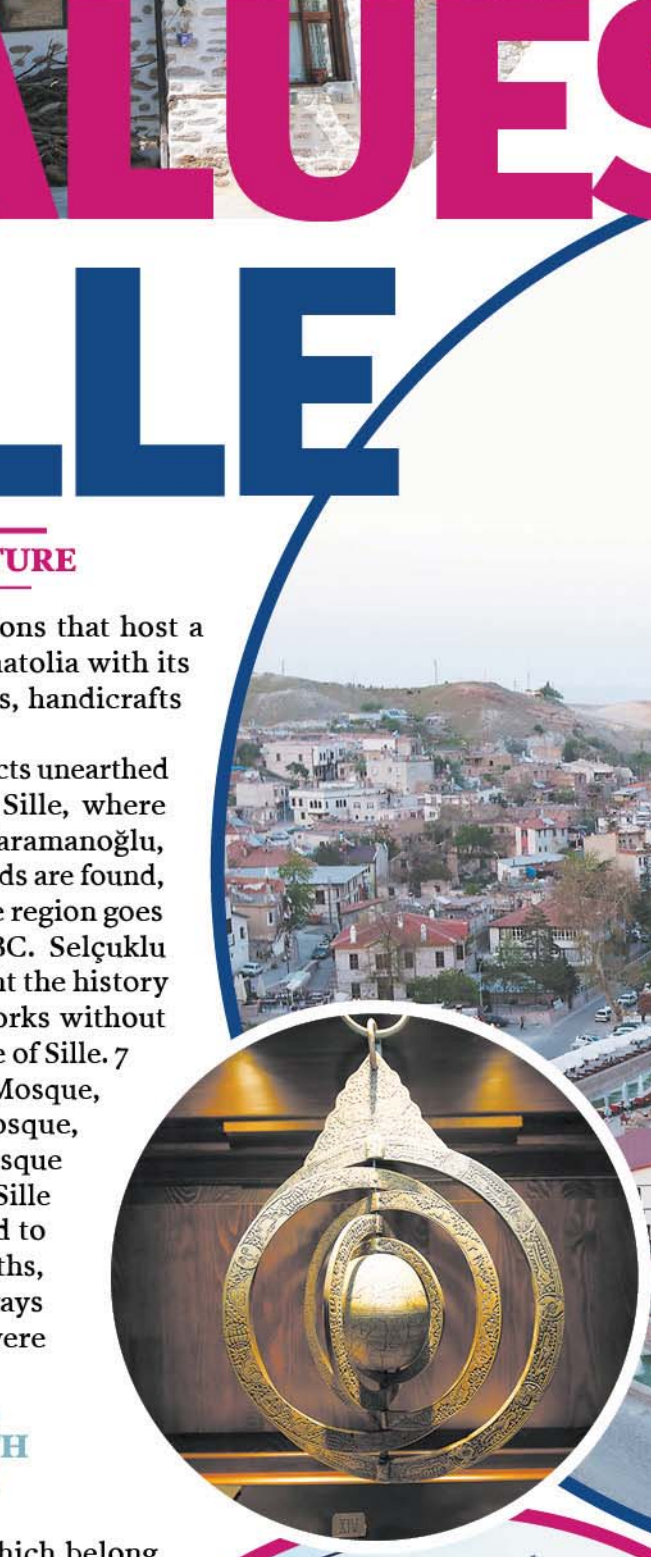
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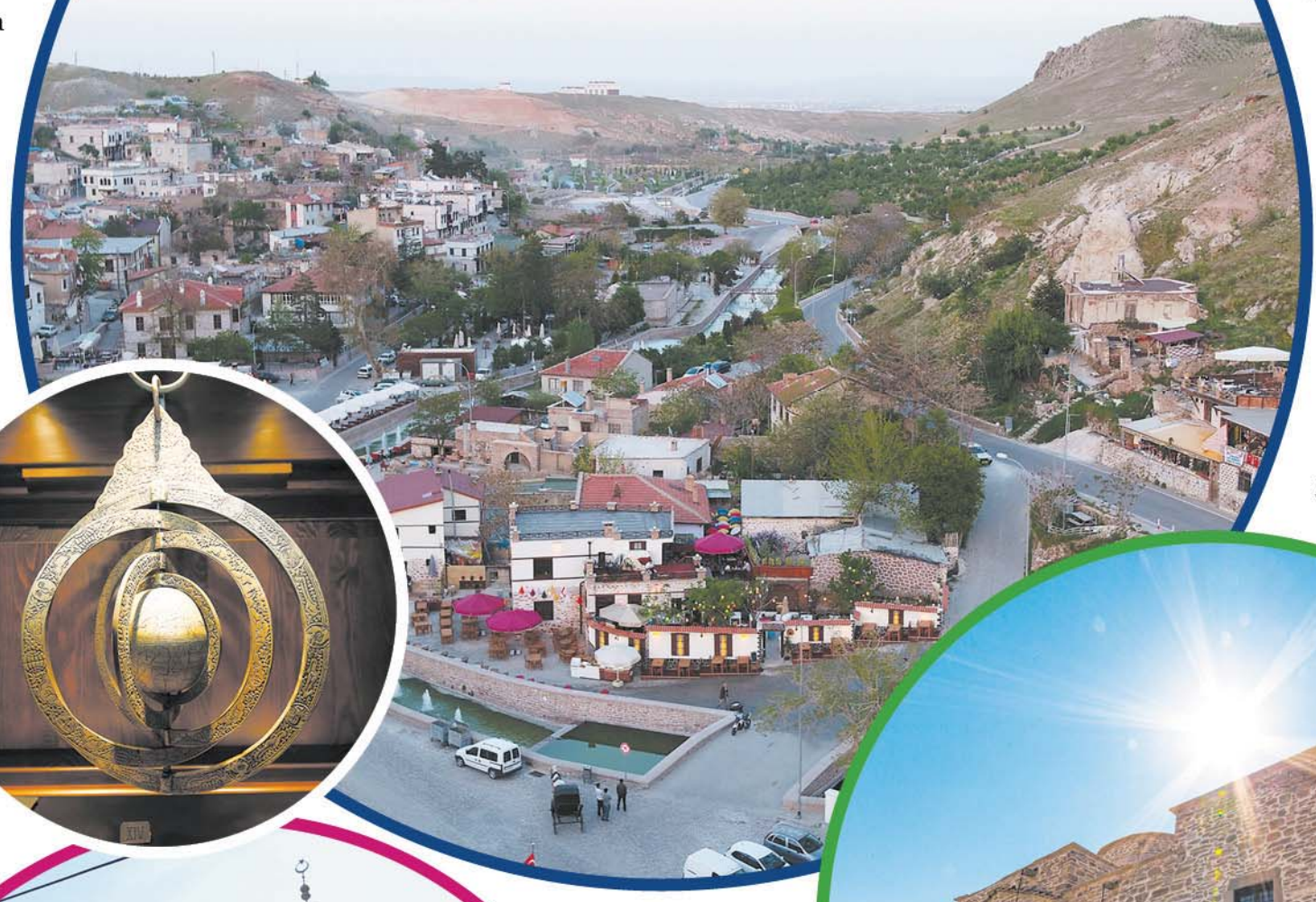
Sille is one of the regions that host a rich cultural heritage in Anatolia with its rich traditions and customs, handicrafts in different branches.

The ancient stone artifacts unearthed during the excavations in Sille, where artifacts from the Seljuk, Karamanoğlu, Ottoman and Republic periods are found, reveal that the history of the region goes back to the 8th century BC. Selçuklu Municipality almost brought the history to light as a result of its works without damaging the natural texture of Sille. 7 mosques (Ak Mosque, Çay Mosque, Subaşı Mosque, Orta Mosque, Mormi Mosque, Karataş Mosque and Mezaryaka Mosque) in Sille were renovated and opened to worship. Meanwhile, the baths, Sille Creek Bridge, waterways and aqueducts in Sille were renovated.

SİLLE SUBAŞI TURKISH BATH

Subaşı Hamam, one of the two baths in Sille that has survived from the past to the present, regained its historical identity as a result of the restoration works carried out by the Selçuklu Municipality. Known to be built in the late 1800s, there are both men and women sections in the bath. The bathhouse, built of rubble stone and brick, was devastated by a fire many years ago. The items used in the past are exhibited in the Sille Bath, which was restored and landscaped by the Selçuklu Municipality.











TIME TRAVEL WITH TIME MUSEUM

Many rare artifacts, which belong to Ottoman and Republican periods, related to 'time' are on display in Turkey's first 'Time Museum', which was founded in Sille Chapel in complete restoration by the Selçuklu Municipality within the scope of development of Sille tourism. There are specially designed clocks, booklets, pocket and desk calendars from the Ottoman and Republic periods, and handwritten and printed calendars used in official offices among the interesting works of the museum.

THE SUBAŞI MOSQUE HAS BEEN RESTORED AND OPENED TO WORSHIP

Within the scope of the restoration work carried out in the Subaşı Mosque, the deep cracks on the walls of the mosque were repaired using the stitching method, which is frequently used in restoration. The problems in the statics of the buildings were resolved with the project implemented. The covering on the lower and upper floors of the mosques were changed in accordance with the original. Internal and external plasters and sheet metal coatings on the roof were replaced with the original material suitable for the project. In addition, while the conservation of architectural elements such as minbar, mihrab, pulpit and mahfil in the mosque, the late Ottoman minaret of the mosque has been renovated appropriate to its original form.

AWARD-WINNING RESTORATION: AYA ELENIA MUSEUM

Aya Elenia Church, one of the Byzantine period artifacts restored and converted into a museum by the Selçuklu Municipality, has been awarded in "Historical Cities Union Museum Encouragement" competition. Being one of the most important historical artifacts, the church is claimed to be built in Sille, where Helena, mother of Byzantine Emperor Constantine, stopped by during her pilgrimage to Jerusalem. With the figures of the Prophet Jesus, the Virgin Mary and the apostles the church has a history of about a thousand years. A Turkish repair inscription written in Greek letters on the interior door of the church provides information about the history of the church. This inscription is dated 1833. On the same inscription, there is another three-line inscription indicating that the church was repaired for the forth time in the period of Sultan Abdulmecit.

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Minister Pekcan:
We start export mobilization

Minister of Trade Ruhsar Pekcan said that they aim to identify companies with export potential and support them to spread exports throughout the country with the First Step to Export Program in 81 provinces

Pekcan, "We envisioned a gradual structure to make such a comprehensive program possible. We will start with a pilot scheme. The program will start with a pilot implementation in Adana, Kahramanmaraş, Konya, Manisa and Samsun to ensure traceability and efficiency."

Stating that they identified companies with the potential to export within the program, Minister Pekcan said, "First of all, we have determined the companies that do not export although they have the potential, with the works carried out in 40 provinces for now and we will complete in 81 provinces in the coming period.

This number is 7,277 for 40 provinces. These are companies that cannot export although they have production capacity in products suitable for export. While making our determinations, we examined and analyzed many data from the number of employees to the export and production capacity of the companies. We envisioned a phased structure to make such a comprehensive program possible.

We determined that 2.773 companies out of 6.882 companies with capacity reports in our pilot provinces have the potential to export. We will start with 50 companies in these 5 provinces to achieve the best possible structure before spreading the program to a wide audience.



Ruhsar Pekcan

We will obtain the ideal program to work in 81 provinces after this period. In the light of the experience we will gain from the pilot scheme, we will reveal the most successful program design before spreading our project to 40 cities where we have already completed our project feasibility studies and then the other 81 cities. We start a new export mobilization throughout Turkey."

Minister Pekcan, who also mentioned the stages of the First Step to Export Program in 81 provinces, uttered that 'Our program will start with company selection. Then we will conduct one-to-one needs analysis with each company. We will identify mentors in line with these needs. At the end of 6 months, we will evaluate the program and create a road map for our companies in 81 provinces. With this program, we aim to produce solutions for the needs of each company by dealing with each company one by one.'

Minister Pekcan stated that the companies participating in the program will also have the opportunity to benefit from the opportunities offered by the ministry. 'In this context, our companies will have the opportunity to meet with our trade consultants from many different points of the world. It will receive support from the experts of our Ministry and will obtain important information about the target countries with the identity-routing cards specially prepared for them. We will offer our companies the most accurate market suggestions for their products in these identity-routing cards. In addition, we will guide our companies to use the digital platforms of our Ministry effectively. Eximbank will also give priority to applications for credit and insurance products to our companies participating in the pilot implementation. Moreover, facilities such as establishing private customer representation, exemption from insurer buyer analysis fees, prioritizing insurance claim applications, giving priority to Eximbank products for currency risk management will be provided.

Konya is leading the Stock Market

Since the 16th February 2009, the city index has been calculated in Stock Market. The aim to calculate these city indexes is to increase the attention of investors for the companies in their cities and to encourage the firms which have the potential to go public.

The calculated city index is 12 at this point. Without doubt, it is possible to create different instruments that depend upon these indexes. For instance, it is possible for investors to invest the city which they want with only one instrument thanks to the exchange traded funds. The city index might be more functional in the upcoming days. On the other hand, it is a matter of fact that the investors can develop a kind of investing style on city basis by direct investment to the firms within the city index.

It is observed that the yearly city indexes perform over BIST 100 Index. BIST 100 Index made a rise by 4.24% between the 1st January and 16th October 2020. During this period, BIST Konya index which includes five shares is leading with a rise of 133%. BIST Kocaeli index which has the worst city index performance had a rise of 4.82% and it was over BIST 100 Index.

Konya broke the record of all times in exports

Konya industry broke a new record by exporting 215.8 million dollars in October.

According to a written statement made by the Konya Chamber of Commerce, Konya, which performs the month of September of 215 million 797 thousand dollars in exports, took 1.34 percent share of Turkey's exports by these figures. Konya's exports in October increased by 6.23 percent compared to September this year. Konya, whose 10-month export figure reached 1 billion 745 million dollars this year, increased its foreign sales by 4.09 percent during this period.



Selçuk Öztürk, President of Konya Chamber of Commerce (KCC), whose opinions were given in the statement, stated that Konya achieved the highest export figures in its history in the third quarter covering the months of July, August and September of this year.

Öztürk stated that Konya broke the export record in October after September and renewed the record for the highest monthly export figure in the history of the Republic.

Full marks to Tropical Butterfly Garden
from Ambassador Qazi, who visited Konya

Pakistan's Ambassador to Ankara Muhammed Syrus Sajjad Qazi, who made a series of visits to Konya, visited the Tropical Butterfly Garden and received technical information.

The Tropical Butterfly Garden, which was brought to the city by Konya's central Selçuklu District Municipality and became one of the city's attractions in Konya and a frequent destination for visitors, continues to be an example in the international arena.



The butterfly garden, visited by Pakistan Ambassador to Ankara Muhammed Syrus Sajjad Qazi, received full marks again. During the visit accompanied by Seljuk Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı, the ambassador received technical information about the garden and stated that the example of a tropical butterfly garden can be applied in Pakistan. After his visit, Ambassador Muhammed Syrus Sajjad Qazi thanked President Pekyatırmacı for his hospitality.



Konya City Hospital was opened

The President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan participated in the opening ceremony of Konya City Hospital. The President Erdoğan opened the hospital building with other participators in the ceremony



The President Erdoğan wished in his speech in the opening ceremony of Konya City Hospital that the hospital will be beneficial for the city, our country and our nation and he congratulated the people who have labour during the construction of the building.

He stated that; "City Hospitals are the peak point of our services in Health sector all over our country and we constructed one of the biggest City Hospitals in Konya. Initially, this hospital was planned to be with 838 beds. We evaluated that this capacity wouldn't be enough for Konya and gave the necessary instructions and the beds of the hospital were increased to 1250".

He also reminded that; "Our hospital includes 240 intensive care unit beds, 49 operation rooms, 12 burn units and it's a matter of praise. The hospital started to admit patients in August". Erdoğan said that around 100 thousand patients got services from this hospital in September and he continued as;

"This is a signal of pointed investment. Today, we are opening the first part. I hope we will be able to open the rest right after the New Year".

In his speech at the opening ceremony of Konya City Hospital with the President Erdoğan, the minister of health Fahrettin Koca declared that a country with a strong health system will keep its future under assurance.

Koca pointed that Turkey is living a period of stepping into a new age in health sector under the leadership of president Erdoğan. Koca also emphasized that Konya City Hospital is at service at the moment as the 16th city hospital in Turkey. He also said that;

"This hospital will be an important centre for health services, education and researches in Anatolia. We expect this hospital to supply with the necessities in and around Konya. Our hospital has 421 thousand square metres closed area, 1250 beds, 49 operation rooms equipped with high technological devices, 240 intensive care unit beds. In 334 outpatient clinics, patients will be able to be examined at the same time. As the City Hospital is opened now, the other hospital can be used only for the pandemic and this has given the opportunity to our city to feel a fast relief.

Prominent sectors and some striking statistical figures in Konya

The sectoral diversity of industrial enterprises operating in Konya is striking in terms of the number of workplaces.

Konya has 45% of the market in metal processing field in Turkey. Konya can produce 90% of the parts used in tractors and 100% of the parts used in agricultural machines and in this area, it keeps 65% of the market in Turkey. More than 70% of parts and equipment of many brands and models in the Automotive Sub-Industry sector are produced in Konya. In Konya, 450 companies in the metal casting industry sector produce with a capacity of 250,000 tons per year. This corresponds to 18% of the metal casting production in Turkey.

The prominent sectors in Konya industry can be listed as follows;

AUTOMOTIVE SUB-INDUSTRY

Automotive Sub-Industry in Konya has started in small enterprises with the production of various parts, mainly coachwork.

Both the activation of TÜMOSAN and the developments in the automotive sector in our country have directed the existing industrial infrastructure in our city to the Automotive Sub-industry. Today, Konya has become a base for production of spare parts in Turkey and all kinds of spare parts are produced in high quality in our city. In addition to the existing car brands in Turkey, the parts are produced for the major foreign brands and they are exported to many countries of the world. The most important engine piston and liner, valve, crank, gear and gasket factories in our country are located in Konya.











MACHINERY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

Another sector that stands out in our province and has a production potential for the Defense Industry is the Machinery and Equipment Manufacturing Industry.

In the report prepared by the State Planning Organization, the Machinery Industry was listed among the priority sectors in order to reduce the dependence of the Defense Industry to abroad. Metalworking machinery sector is a locomotive of metal processing machinery sector in Turkey. The Leader firms of Turkey's welding machines, in compressors, guillotine shears and presses, engine replacement machine, various drills and other metal processing companies are located in our city.

BASE METAL INDUSTRY

Casting Industry in Konya is one of the important centers of our country with the pig iron, steel, ductile iron and aluminum casting it produces. There are approximately 450 companies operating in the casting industry in Konya. Konya, meets 18% of the total cast iron production of Turkey with a production capacity over 150 thousand tons. As a result of the investments, the casting industry in our city is developing rapidly and the product variety and quality are also increasing. In this context, mortar parts used by the Defense Industry, bullets, aluminum parts used in rocket heads etc. can be produced in Konya.

FOOD PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING

Konya, which meets 10% of grain production in Turkey, has made great progress in agricultural industry and consequently in food industry. Today, Turkey's most important and high-capacity flour mill brands and factories are located in Konya. It is the leader in the production of flour, sugar and salt in Turkey.

SHOE INDUSTRY

One of the leading sectors in Konya is the shoe manufacturing industry. Konya has the ability to produce all parts in the shoe industry throughout the production process. Shoe machines are also manufactured. With about 15 million pairs of shoes per year production, Konya meets 15% of the market in Turkey. Approximately 10 thousand people work in the sector, there are nearly 70 shoe factories and 500 workshops.

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Ocra Soup

Ocra soup, which is made in Central Anatolian, is an important dish as a savoury appetizer in traditional menus in Konya. In Konya's pilaff (wedding or invitation dinners) and traditional cuisine it is served after dessert as it has a sour taste and by this way it works up the appetite for the second order food. Dried small okras and meat cubes are used while cooking.





RECIPE FOR OCRA SOUP (SERVINGS: MORE THAN 4 PEOPLE / PREP. & COOK TOTAL: 1 HOUR)

Ingredients: 3 cups water to boil okras, half cup dried okras, half a lemon sliced, half cup diced tail fat, a cup diced mutton, a tablespoon butter, two chopped onions, a tablespoon tomato sauce (if it is summer 3 tomatoes can be preferred), 5 cups of broth or water, a dessertspoon salt, 2 tablespoon lemon juice.

How to cook: In order to get rid of the pilous part of the okras wash them within a part of cloth or in a sieve. Put the sliced lemons into the water and okras and boil them together (by this way okras won't stretch) for a short while. Take out the half-boiled okras from the ropes. Put the tail fat and mutton into the saucepan. Stir from time to time and fry them. Add the butter and the chopped onions and fry them until the onions are brown. Add the tomato sauce (or tomatoes if you preferred) and stir. Add 5 cups of broth or water. Boil them about 30 minutes until the meat is well-done. Meanwhile you can add the salt. Put the half-boiled okras and lemon juice. When it starts boiling again go on with low heat. Boil about 20-30 minutes until the okras are well-done.

Sacarası

It is really hard to make "sacarası"; one of the most famous desserts of Konya but the taste is worth everything. The delicious cream between the thin doughs and the pistachio on the top are the elements that make this dessert unforgettable.





The heritage of Seljuks; "Furun Kebabı" (Kebab in stone oven)

One of the most special dishes of Konya cuisine is Furun Kebab (Kebab in stone oven) and it is known as a heritage from the Seljuks.

In Rumi's works furun kebab is mentioned as only kebab or kelle kebab and it is a kind of food that has been cooked in Konya's stone ovens for centuries.

HOW TO COOK FURUN KEBAB AND ITS SPECIALITIES

According to the season Furun Kebab is only made from mutton or lamb. One day before cooking, the mutton or lamb are taken from butchers and brought into the kebab shop. It is divided into pieces and prepared as kebab and then put into stone oven from the night. The best quality of furun kebab is made from mutton obtained from a male. In a well-organized kebab shop 30 body of meat is processed. From each body part only front arms and ribs are used. The other parts are not used in Kebab. From one sheep nearly 10-15 kg of mutton is obtained for kebab. All the mutton/ lamb for kebab is placed in a copper bowl. These big bowls are out into the stone oven at 5 a.m. They are cooked for about 6-7 hours. Without any other ingredients, the mutton or lamb is roasted on its own. After that, it is fried with its own fat. They are only replaced from bottom to top. When it is 9 a.m. the bowl is taken to the upper part of the oven and cooked slowly until the serving time, 11 a.m. If you use 3 kg of mutton/lamb you can obtain 1 kg of furun kebab. Pieces of oak are used in the oven. The kebab is sold in kg. One single portion contains 100 gr of kebab. The kebab is served between pitta bread. An onion is indispensable near the kebab dish. If it is preferred, ayran can be served, too. Kebab is a kind of food that is eaten by hand. Old kebab masters were not willing to give fork and knife to the customers. Because the masters used to believe that the taste of the kebab will be ruined if they use fork and knife. The kebab that is made from fatlings is generally fatty. Foreigners prefer fat-free kebab but the people of Konya prefer middle-fat kebab.



HOW TO MAKE "SACARASI"?

Prepare your dough and knead the dough until it becomes as soft as your earlobe and make balls.

- Cover with a wet cloth and let it sit for 30 minutes.
- Then, roll the doughs thin with wheat starch.
- Cover one of the doughs with butter and fold in half. After that, put some cream on the round part and roll them. Put this roll dough into a baking tray by giving it the shape of a rose.
- Do the same procedure until the dough finishes.
- Spread melted butter over the rose-shaped doughs and bake them at 180 °C in a preheated oven.
- Boil sugar and water in a saucepan.
- Add lemon juice and boil a little more. Then, let it cool.
- While baked doughs are still hot spread over the cold sugar&water syrup. Wait for an hour.
- Decorate it with pistachios and serve when it is warm. Bon Appetit...

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12 Wonderful plac

Konya, which is one of the oldest residential areas in Anatolia and holds the mysterious beauty of steppe, is the largest city in Turkey. Here, we put together the important places to must-see both in the city centre and in the districts for you

1 DERVISH LODGE

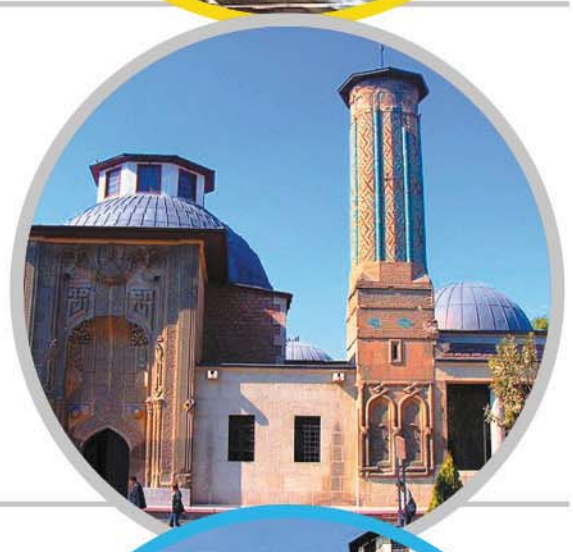
The most important place to see in Konya is the tomb which also includes the grave of Rumi. The tomb was constructed in 1274 by Sultan Veled who was the son of Rumi. This place embraces thousands of local or foreign tourists every year with the motto of "Come, come whoever you are". It's a kind of a place that you can feel the spirit as soon as you take a step in and it's a centre for peace and pleasure. We advise you to walk around the bazaar nearby in order to get more joy. Especially, during the times of the Şeb-i Arus, it becomes more crowded and since 2014 the museum has been free, with a decision taken. Do not say goodbye to this city without seeing here!



2 INCE MINARELI MADRASA

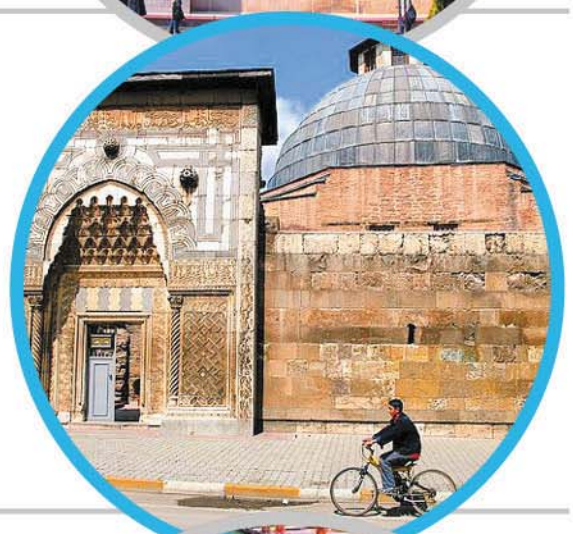
It is located in Selçuklu district of Konya and a good example of Seljuks period madrasa architecture. As it has a central location, you can find and visit here easily.

When you enter the building, the door at the entrance will glamorize you. This beautiful architecture can be visited by your museum card and you can see the Stone and Wooden Works Museum. You will definitely be attracted by the craftsmanship and elegance inside.



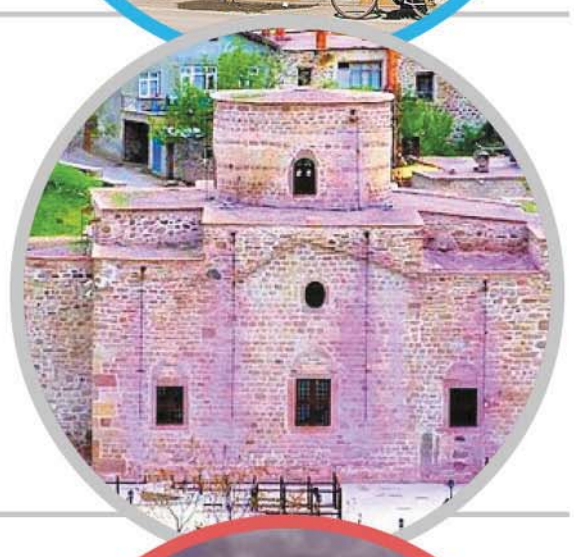
3 KARATAY MADRASA

Karatay is a small Madrasa near Alaaddin Hill, on the corner of the square, but it is an important structure. It proves that Konya was an important culture and science centre in the past and we strongly advise you to visit this place. Your visit wouldn't be completed without seeing this architecture and its ornaments. Especially, you'll be deeply attracted to the engravings at the entrance.



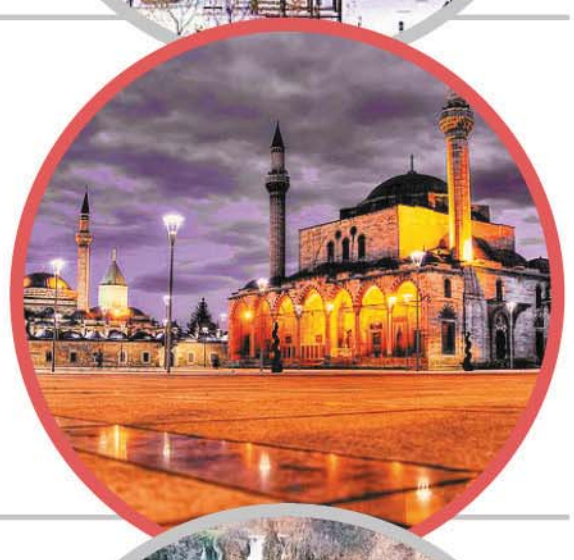
4 SİLLE VILLAGE

Sille's history dates back to even before the Great Seljuks and it's a place that embraces a culture of thousands of years with an abundant history. In recent years the village has been under restoration. It's an ideal place to have nice conversations with your loved ones. Caves, the church, potteries and candle houses are the places worth seeing. Especially, organic mixed breakfast will convince you to come here again.



5 KONYA SELİMİYE MOSQUE

This mosque located in the west of Dervish Lodge and constructed by Şehzade Selim is one of the most beautiful examples of classical Ottoman architecture. Nowadays, inside the structure is closed to visitors due to on-going restorations for a long time. But you can finish your tour by doing shopping from the local salesmen around the mosque and taking a selfie with the magnificent view of the mosque behind you.



6 YERKÖPRÜ WATERFALL

Yerköprü waterfall is a kind of place in which the weather, the water and the view are the best. While you are going to Yerköprü Waterfall you should take your towel and your shorts with you. And of course you shouldn't forget to take your nonslip shoes. Otherwise, your trip won't be a pleasant memory for you in spite of the breath-taking view!



es to see in Konya

> Konya is located over a very large area, so there are lots of parks and cafes to go and there are lots of enjoyable things to do. You can be alone with both the history and the nature

7 KLİSTRA ANCIENT CITY

Kilistra Ancient City is located in Gökyurt village in Meram district. The residential areas in Kilistra are formed by carving inside the rocks. In this respect it reminds us the fairy chimneys in Ürgüp. There are still on-going excavation works and this ancient city hasn't been paid the attention it deserves yet



8 ALAEDDİN MOSQUE

Alaeddin Mosque is the biggest and oldest mosque of Anatolian Seljuks and it is a must-see place. It is very close to Mevlana Museum and you'll definitely be impressed by the mosque.



9 OBRUK LAKE

In Konya concaves frequently occur and Obruk Lake is one of them. There are tours from time to time to see this place which is 75 km away the city centre.



10 KARAPINAR DESERT

Karapınar is the only desert in Turkey. There have been planting works in the area. It's definitely an interesting place! You can show yourself as if you are in a very different country by taking photos of yourself in this desert.



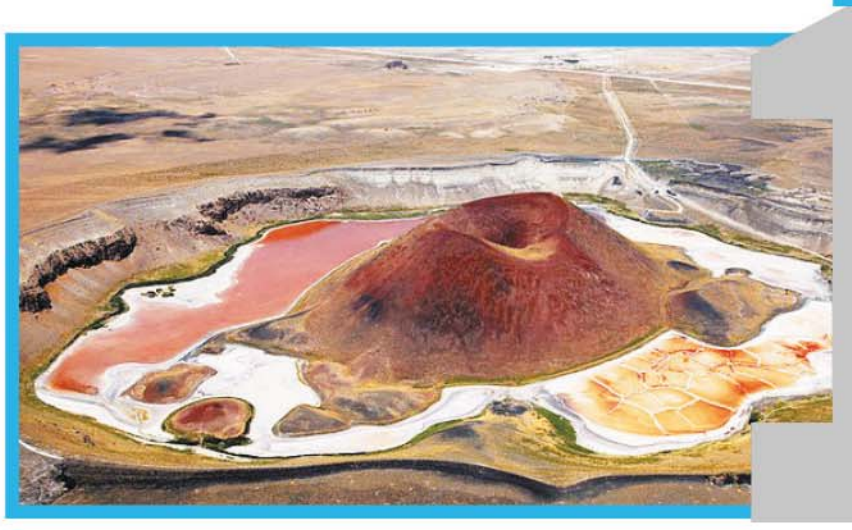
11 HODJA NASREDDİN HOCA TOMB

Hodja Nasreddin from Akşehir in Konya is one of the most famous personalities in the Turkish-Muslim history with his sense of humour and life philosophy. You should definitely visit here. As soon as you take a step in, his sense of humour will hug you tight.



12 MEKE CRATER LAKE

Meke is a crater lake. It was formed by water filling after an extinct volcano. If you are interested in natural formations, this place is a must-see.

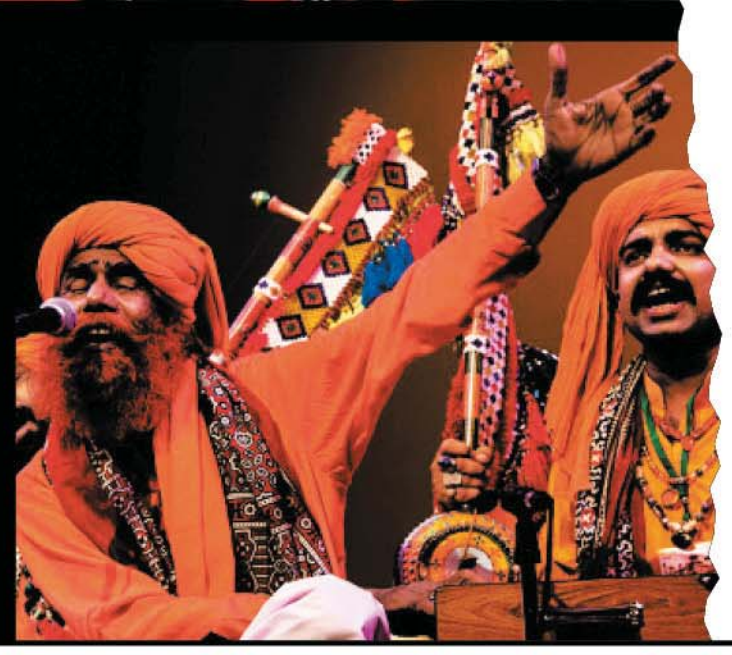


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Konya Mystic Music Festival is one of the best in the world







Konya International Mystic Music Festival is held every year due to the birthday anniversary of Rumi and the 17th is done on digital media for the first time. It is reported that more than 802 thousand of people watched the festival for nine days.

The director of Konya Culture and Tourism directorate Abdüssettar Yarar made a written statement and stated that Konya International Mystic Music Festival that has been held since 2004 is shown among the top 5 festivals in the world in its own field by the sources that evaluates European festivals.

Yarar said that due to the new coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, this year the festival was held online and this was a first in Turkey. Yarar also stated that:

"A wide festival program was prepared for the 17th Konya International Mystic Music Festival. It was enriched by workshops as well as dhikrs and rites that belong to different Sufi traditions from Turkey and different mystic and ethnic music from various places all over the world. However, because of the pandemic, Mystic Music Festival was held on digital platforms between the 22nd and 30th September this year".



ONLINE BROADCASTS DREW BIG ATTENTION FROM LOCAL AND FOREIGN VISITORS FOR NINE DAYS

Yarar said that the artists who attended the Festival from Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, India, Bolivia, Spain, Afghanistan, the USA, France, Mali, Guinea, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Greece, Jordan, Tunisia, Egypt, Morocco and Lebanon added new performances and works compared to their previous performances. He also informed that:

"The online festival was held with the contributions of Konya Culture and Tourism Directorate an organisation of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and Konya Metropolitan Municipality. It was watched by people from all over the world through the web page www.mistikmuzik.com.tr Youtuber Emre Yücelen presented the online broadcast. It was enriched by the interviews with artists, businesspeople and visitors. The online broadcast drew a great attention from local and foreign visitors for nine days. Our promotional activities started on the 20th September and continued till the 30th September and our concert videos broadcasted between the 22nd and 30th September received 69.7 million Google GDN views, 29.2 million Facebook & Instagram views, 5.4 million YouTube views, 2.6 million Twitter views and 107 million views in total from all over the world.

THE NUMBER OF TOTAL FOLLOWERS IS OVER 802 THOUSAND

Yarar stated that according to the mistikmuzik.com.tr web site traffic analysis, 71 thousand people from 120 countries and 1849 cities followed the online broadcast between the 22nd and 30th September. He also made evaluations as:

"Our visitors watched our 2020 Festival daily contents about 329 thousand times on YouTube which we activated right after the broadcast on our website mistikmuzik.com.tr every evening. During our festival for nine days, we have reached daily average 89 thousand views via our website, our YouTube channel, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and other social media sites. The number of total followers during our festival is over 802 thousand".

New episodes of "Emiray" the cartoon are coming soon for the kids

The cartoon character Emiray loved by old or young everyone is going to be released with its different adventures on TRT KIDS by 1st November. It is a cartoon prepared by the partnership of TRT and Konya Metropolitan Municipality.

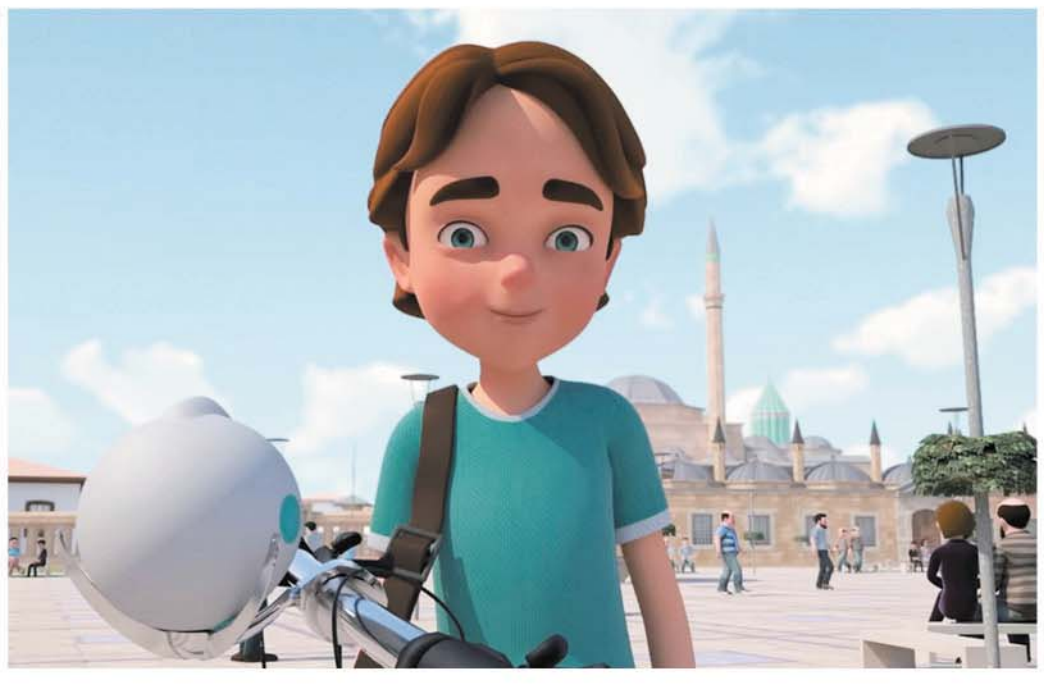
The cartoon Emiray actualised by the partnership of TRT and Konya Metropolitan Municipality is meeting with its audience in new broadcast season.

From the moment it began its broadcasting life on TRT KIDS TV, Emiray became a widely followed cartoon both by the kids and the grown-ups. The cartoon completed its new season preparations. In its 3rd and 4th seasons it's planned to be 22 new episodes. Emiray the cartoon will drag its lovers into a completely different world with its various adventures in its new season.

In its previous season, Emiray completed all the duties that are given by the book and returned to his own time. With full of excitement and adventure, Emiray will have to face with the book in the new season. He will try to send Karaca and other characters who came our time to their own times. On the other hand, he will continue to struggle with Zekai and Ruhi.

Both the kids and the grown-ups are looking forward to see the new episodes. From the 1st of November the cartoon will meet its followers on TRT KIDS TV at 17:15 every day.

Emiray the cartoon will go on its life as an "environmental inspector" under the guardianship of Ministry of Environment and Urbanisation in the following seasons.



Konya's Infrastructure is being planned Year

Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay examined the construction of the Keçili Canal, which will relieve the city's sewage system and prevent possible floods, within the framework of the Sewerage Master Plan

Stating that, very important infrastructure investments have been implemented with the Konya Sewerage Master Plan, Mayor Altay said, 'We have taken a serious step in Konya's 50-year infrastructure planning.

As the Metropolitan Municipality and Water and Sewerage Administration (short for KOSKİ in Turkish), we strive day and night to solve the problems of our city in every sense.' Konya Metropolitan Municipality KOSKİ General Directorate is implementing the Konya Sewerage Master Plan in order to prevent floods during flood periods, to remove the water from the city in a healthy way and to relieve the sewage system. Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay, who examined the construction of the Keçili Canal to see the infrastructure works carried out within the scope of the project on site, stated that very important infrastructure investments are being made in Konya with master plans. Mayor Altay stated that as a result of a 50-year planning, they have been working very intensively to complete the infrastructure deficiencies in Konya and said, "So far, we have 45 million TL tendered and completed work.

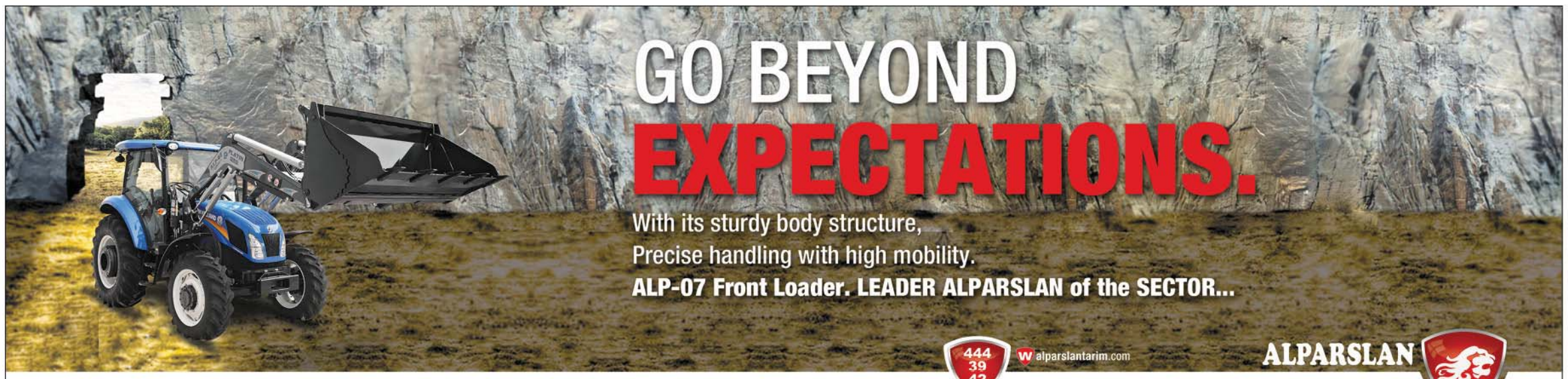
We hope, when these are completed, there will be a very important relief in our city.





HARD WORK IN THE 4 MAIN DISTRICTS IN THE CENTER

Stating that activities are carried out in 4 main regions regarding flood prevention, Mayor Altay uttered that, 'First, we plan to prevent water floods and rainwater floods by making an outline in the Bus Terminal and Real regions. Second, with the connection of our line on Beyşehir Road to Ankara Road via Karatay Sanayi, there will be a relief in that region. Third, by making an outline between Akıncılar and Kent Plaza, we are trying to prevent floods at Dedeman intersection in that region. Last, the processes related to the disconnection of the central connections in the lines on Meram Yeniyol, Meram Eskiyol and Azerbaijan Street and the connection to the Antalya Ring Road via Gazze Street continue.'



Economic figures of Konya

Konya is the only city where primary aluminum mineral is mined in Turkey.

The leading developed sectors are machinery manufacturing, automotive sub-industry, base metal, agricultural tool and machinery manufacturing, food industry, shoemaking, on-board equipment and other similar sectors.

It is the leader in the production of agricultural machinery and equipment in Turkey.

It dominates 45% of metal processing market in Turkey.

It has 70% of vehicle-mounted equipment market in Turkey.

It is among the first five in the defense industry in Turkey.

It is the 12th of Turkey via $ 2 billion exports in 2019.

Konya exports are more than the total of our 36 cities of Turkey.

It exports more than 170 countries.

It has more than 2000 registered exporters.

The share of manufacturing industry exports is 95% in total exports.

Top 5 countries in export are Iraq, Germany, Italy, The USA and Russia.

While the export figure made from 2000 to 2019 increased 23 times, the number of registered exporters increased 6 times.

It became the 18th by its 877.5 million dollars imports in Turkey in 2019.

Konya is an SME Capital hosting 45,00a0 SMEs.It is Turkey's granary. It is the first in flour, salt and sugar production in Turkey

Konya imported from 110 countries in 2019.

The number of importer companies registered in the city center in Konya is 1,419.

The share of Konya manufacturing industry imports is 66% in total imports.

The top 5 countries in imports are Russia, China, Ukraine, Germany and Italy.

Konya's foreign trade surplus is approximately 1.15 billion dollars. It is the 6th city with the highest foreign trade surplus. The ratio of exports to imports is 228%.

Konya gives foreign trade surplus to 24 EU countries, including Germany, Belgium, France, Spain and Italy, as well as Britain, the USA and Canada.

The 5 countries with the highest foreign trade surplus of Konya are Iraq, Germany, USA, Algeria and Italy.

The 5 countries with the highest foreign trade deficit of Konya are China, Russia, Ukraine, Taiwan and Moldova.

By the end of 2019, 194 incentive certificates were issued in Konya and it is the 7th in Turkey.

The total fixed assets investment incentives mentioned in documents in 2019 in Konya is about 8 billion TL in Konya, and with that amount it is the 3rd in Turkey. Konya has 5.9% of this fixed investment amount in Turkey.

The number listed under the employment incentives in 2019 is 5,172 people in Konya, and with this figure the city ranks 12th in Turkey.

According to the data of ISO, Konya has 5 firms in the ranking of top 500 companies of Turkey (2018).

According to the data of ISO, Konya has 15 firms in the ranking of second top 500 companies of Turkey (2018).

There are 385 foreign-capital companies from 54 countries in Konya by 2019. The share of Konya in Turkey is 5.1 per thousand.

The country with the most foreign capital companies in Konya is Syria with 106 companies. Its share in the total is 27.5%. It is seen that 90% of 84 Syrian companies have entered in the last 6 years. The 2nd country with the most foreign capital companies is Germany, with 33 companies, and the third country is Iraq, with 29 companies.

Konya has a developed industrial infrastructure with 9 organized industrial zones and 2 technology development zones.

It is the 7th in trademark registration via 2041 registrations in Turkey (2019).

It is the 6th in patent registration via 46 registrations in Turkey (2019).

It is the 5th in utility model registration via 33 registrations in Turkey (2019).

It is the 7th in design registration via 1.419 registrations in Turkey (2019).

Its employment rate is 52,1 % (Konya – Karaman District)(2018).

Total workforce participation rate is 50,7 % (Konya – Karaman District) (2018).

Total unemployment rate is 5,9 % (Konya – Karaman District) (2018).



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House Sales Decreased in Konya

Turkish Statistical Institute declared the statistics of house sales of October in Konya

Accordingly, by October 2020, compared to the same month of the previous year total house sales in Konya decreased 18 percent, and it declined to 2848 by decreasing 12,2 % compared to the previous month. Via 2.848 housing sales Konya become the 10th in Turkey and it took 2.4 % share of total housing sales in general. The number of mortgaged housing sales in Konya is 383.

13.4 percent of the houses sold in Konya were sold as mortgaged in October, 2020 and Konya has become 70th among the cities with the highest rate of mortgage sales. As a result of other sales types, 2.465 houses changed hands in October, 2020. It has become the 12th in share of other house sales in total house sales via share of 86,6 % in Konya, by October, 2020. While 1011 of the houses sold in Konya were sold for the first time, 837 houses changed hands with second hand house sales.

According to the decleration of TSI Konya Regional Directorate, while the share of first sales in total house sales in Konya is 35.5 percent, the share of second hand sales is 64.5 percent. The share of sales in the first housing sales is 30.9 percent while the share of second hand sales is 69.1 percent in Turkey.

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How to go to Konya?

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GOING TO KONYA BY PLANE

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GOING TO KONYA BY TRAIN

You can reach Konya by the high-speed trains between Ankara-Konya in one hour and fifteen minutes. Besides there are trains between Istanbul-Konya and the journey takes about four and a half hour. Konya train station is really close to the city centre and you can walk to the centre from the station. The high-speed trains are at service only between Konya-Ankara.

GOING TO KONYA BY BUS

It is possible to reach Konya by bus from all the cities in Turkey. You can get on the tram from the Interurban Bus Terminal and reach everywhere in the city easily.

INNER-CITY TRANSPORTATION IN KONYA

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I grew up with RUMI's doctrines

"I was raised by a grandfather and a grandmother from Konya. I am proud to say I am from Konya where ever I am. I would like to take my daughter to Konya and have her feel the great atmosphere there. I grew up with the doctrines of Rumi" says the famous food critic and taster Vedat Milor (58).

Milor known from the TV cooking shows introduces himself as; "I was born in Istanbul in 1955 as a son of a family from Konya. I graduated from Galatasaray high school. I also graduated from Boğaziçi University Department of Economy with a high honour degree. I completed my PhD in Sociology in the USA at California University. I stayed in France in 1986 for a year for my PhD thesis. After completing my PhD, I did my military service in my country. After my military service, I started to work for World Bank. I worked there for 2 years. After that, I started to work as an Assist. Prof. at Brown University Department of Sociology in the USA. Meanwhile, I continued studying Law at Stanford University. I also graduated from there with a high degree. I taught international relations courses at Koç University in Istanbul. At the moment I am a food and wine critic. I am the presenter of the TV programme "Vedat Milor'la Tadı Damağımda" on NTV which is broadcasted three times a week. Since 2005, I have been writing a column in Milliyet on Thursdays and Sundays. I am married. I have a daughter."

Interviewer (KN): First of all, would you mind telling us about your bound with Konya?

Vedat Milor (VM): Although I lived in Istanbul during my childhood and teen ages, I was raised by my grandfather and grandmother who are originally from Konya. But, at the moment I do not have any bounds with Konya.



KN: Your last name sounds interesting. Does it have a story?

VM: My grandfather's last name was "Mecidiyezade". He wanted to change it into "Mecidiyeoğlu". But the authorities refused this demand. Then, he looked up into a dictionary and found the word "Mil". In order to catch the rhyme he wanted his last name to be "Milor". "Milor" is a pure Turkish word.

KN: When you see a person coming towards you and listen to him/her can you understand that "he/she is from Konya"?

VM: It is impossible for me to understand if he/she is from Konya by just hearing the accent. But, the people who are really from Konya are outspoken and honest.

"I GREW UP WITH RUMI'S DOCTRINES"

KN: Do you feel yourself as if from Konya?

VM: Absolutely. As my grandfather and grandmother are from Konya, I grew up by learning the doctrines of Rumi and by eating local food from Konya since my childhood. Of course I was not able to fully understand the meanings of these doctrines then, but I was totally affected by the spiritual values of Konya. My grandmother knew about the homemade food such as fermented sausages, fried meat, different kinds of mushroom, pastries, etliekmek etc. came from Konya. She cooked these kinds of food for years and we ate them with real pleasure. (he laughs).

KN: Do you say that "I am from Konya" in anywhere when you have a chance?

VM: Of course. Besides I would like my daughter to see the spiritual values of Konya and experience the atmosphere there. She is 12 now.



When she gets older a little I will take her Konya. My wife is American and she lives with her at the moment.

KN: You've told that you want to take your daughter to Konya. Do you find the spiritual atmosphere in Konya different from other cities?

VM: Yes. As Konya was the centre of Anatolian Seljuks, it is place where Turkish culture lives. Konya is the best place of central Anatolian. It is the cornerstone of our culture.

KN: When someone talks about "Konya" what comes to your mind?

VM: The first thing that comes to my mind is Meram and its fields. (he laughs). I remember the friendship and long conversation nights. I remember those beauties of Meram just like they were yesterday.

KN: Did they ever take you to Konya in summer holidays?

VM: I went there a few times. But, nowadays Konya has changed.

KN: Did you mean a positive "change"?

VM: Yes, a positive change. As Konya is a conservative place people think that it is a reactionist place. Actually, Konya is a very modern and enlightened city.

KN: When we have a look at your past, we see that you had an unhappy childhood. Would you mind talking about it?

VM: I lost my grandfather and grandmother early and this affected me a lot. Also, my mother and my father were separated and this also made me disappointed. As I was always far away from my mother and my father, I always felt a missing of love a lot. After the death of my grandmother, I felt myself lonely.

KN: Do you have any connection with Konya now?

VM: No, I don't. Unfortunately, my father sold out all our assets in Konya. Do not reopen old wounds now.

KN: In your life have you ever had hopeless moments?

VM: I had times that I was bored and felt suffocated. I had times that I wanted to change my job. But I always trusted in myself. So, I never felt hopeless.

KN: Would you like to live in Konya in one day?

VM: It's just fate. But, I would like to own a place in Konya.

KN: Do you live in abroad generally?

VM: I don't always live in abroad. In summers, I am always in Turkey.

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"I AM AN AMATEUR"

VM: My hobby turned into a half-job. I call it half-job because I do my job like an amateur. I believe that I am contributing to the culture of food. To reveal the food that is forgotten in Turkey means to reveal the culture itself. As our culture is degenerating means, our culture is also degenerating. Our fantastic food is being forgotten and the people who cook them are vanishing. Most of them aren't recorded. These kinds of food are not cooked at restaurants and at homes anymore. Revealing these kinds of food makes me feel as if I am doing an archaeological work. As a result, I feel satisfied.

KN: When your grandfather and grandmother were raising you did they ever talk with an accent from Konya?

VM: Yes, they did. I am familiar with the sayings that belong to Konya but I am not able to fully understand them. Konya's people have really pure characteristic features. I think it is due to the climate. There is a kind of reliability here.

KN: Although your childhood didn't pass in Konya, you grew up with a family from Konya. Do you have an aspect of being from Konya?

VM: The people who know me can say that. I find it inappropriate for a person to talk about himself/herself. Because a person is never able to see himself/herself as it is.

KN: What do people say for you?

VM: The people who know me say that I am a little copy of my grandfather. (he laughs). So, I am like my grandfather. I am like my grandfather so much that I say myself that so I have an aspect of being from Konya. My point of view about life, my evaluation of the things in life, my moral system and my style of raising my child comes from the culture of Konya I think.

KN: You know that Rumi has 7 advices. Not to grudge, to be modest etc. Do you try to pay attention to these advices in your life?

VM: Of course I have defects. Nobody is perfect in life. I think it will be better for someone to answer your question who knows me.



The Mayor of Selçuklu Ahmet Pekyatırmacı introduced "the Centre of Choosing and Training Sportspeople" which will be operated in Konya by the Municipality of Selçuklu

THIS CENTRE WILL BRING OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS UP

The Municipality of Selçuklu is putting into practice an important project which will contribute in the improvement of sport not only in Konya but also in Turkey. "The Centre of Choosing and Training Sportspeople" which will increase the attention of young people to sport and will enable to discover new talents was introduced to public with a programme. The Mayor of Selçuklu Ahmet Pekyatırmacı said that this centre will be the first for Konya, one of the bests in Turkey and will bring sportspeople up for the Olympiads. The introduction programme was held in Selçuklu Congress Centre and Erol Küçükbakırcı the President of Turkish Cycling Federation, Ömer Hilmi Yamlı the governor of Selçuklu district, Abdurrahman Şahin the director of youth and sports centre of Konya province, Mustafa Yavuz Tezcan the director of Selçuklu Municipal Sports Club, Mehmet Ay the vice president of AK party Konya province, Mustafa Hakan Özer the president of AK party Selçuklu district, Güzide Çıpan the president of MHP Selçuklu district, the representatives of several media institutions and Selçuklu Municipality Sportspeople attended it.



"250 MILLION TL INVESTMENT IN SPORTS IN SELCUKLU"

Stating that, they are excited and happy to present the first of the new period projects that will add value to Selçuklu, Konya, and to the public, the Mayor of Selçuklu, Ahmet Pekyatırmacı uttered that 'One of the most important works that increase the brand value of Selçuklu is the value we give to sports and sportspeople. As Municipality of Selçuklu, we always support the sports and sportspeople. Today, the Municipality of Selçuklu has become one of Turkey's most important Amateur Sports Club with 20 branches and 15.488 licensed sportspeople. With the new sports centers and open artificial turf fields we built in our city in the last two years, we totally have 11 sports centers, 12 indoor sports halls, 39 artificial turf pitches for schools and 83 neighborhood-scale artificial turf fields. The total value of the investments we have made since the day our Sports Club was established is 250 million Turkish Liras. One of the most important activities carried out by our Selçuklu Municipality Sports Club is our sports schools that lead our children and youth to meet sports. In our sports schools, which continue their activities in two different periods, as summer and winter, today there are trainings in 15 different branches. With all the facilities provided, as being The Municipality of Selçuklu, We introduced our 126.774 children to sports. In the presence of you, I would like to thank the families who have entrusted their children by trusting us. In addition, we have 172 national sportspeople representing our Selçuklu in international competitions. I congratulate all our national sportspeople who achieved many international successes in the World, European and Balkan Champions and brought many medals to our country.





The Konya News



We will be 'Champion' one day!

President of Konyaspor Hilmi Kulluk said, 'Our club will celebrate its 100th anniversary next season. Hopefully, with a staff worthy of the 100th year, we aim to be at the top of the ranking in the next season.'

President of KONYASPOR Hilmi Kulluk said, "As our fans enthusiastically said in the stands; Of course, Konyaspor will be the champion one day and I don't think that day is far away". Speaking to a national newspaper, President Kulluk stated that 'Our club is preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary next season. The history of Konyaspor is a giant plane tree full of success. When we look back, we see that Konyaspor has left a mark on the history of Turkish football, revived the leagues it takes place, keeping its stance from yesterday to today, and it is among the most important clubs of our country taking into account the sensitivities of its geography and its devoted people, trying to increase the quality of its representation ability every season, with its sport centers and stadium and with its corporate structure.

Of course, in order for this success not to be atemporary situation, it has to be well-founded. Our club has reached a certain point in this sense. However, the situation of Turkish football started to be more difficult for Anatolian teams due to the obvious reasons.'

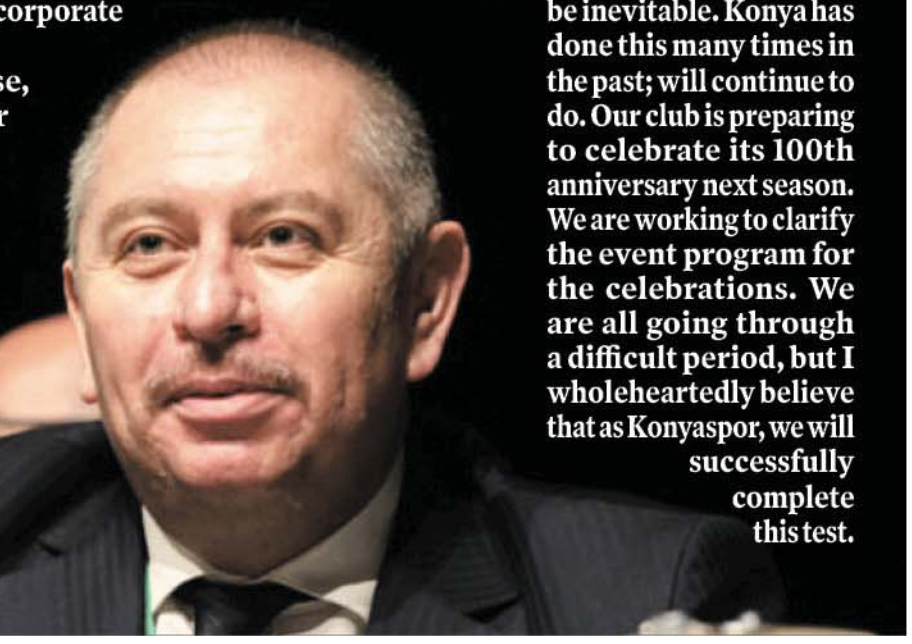
Despite all these, there is no reason why Konya, with its sports, economy, industry, cultural life and historical texture, should not achieve successful results in every field. As long as the city is one and united, all kinds of success will be inevitable. Konya has done this many times in the past; will continue to do. Our club is preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary next season. We are working to clarify the event program for the celebrations. We are all going through a difficult period, but I wholeheartedly believe that as Konyaspor, we will successfully complete this test.



Auction in Konya

Konyasport puts the uniforms up for auction that are worn by the winner-hero players in the match against Fenerbahçe in away match.

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