Objective - Current - Qualified News • *Monthly*

The Konya News

YEAR: 5 • VOL: 37 • $5 MAY - JUNE, 2026 www.thekonyanews.com



UCLG CGLU

LOCAL SOCIAL covenant

MAGNIFICENT FINAL FROM THE CULTURE & ART ACADEMY

Continued on Page 14 - 15

TEKNOSEL 2026 TAKES CENTRE STAGE

Continued on Page 18 - 19



European Victory From **The Golden Girl**

Continued on Page 23

Great Pride for Türkiye **From Konya to 7 Continents**

Continued on Page 10 - 11

YERKÖPRÜ

KONYA'S HIDDEN PARADISE

Located in Konya's Hadim district, Yerköprü Waterfall is among the region's most important tourism destinations with its natural beauty and unique ecosystem

With its clear waters, high cliffs, walking trails and rich vegetation, the waterfall offers visitors a peaceful atmosphere away from city life.

As a natural protected area, Yer Köprü is important for the preservation of natural heritage with its geological formations and biological diversity.



A Geopark For Konya

Continued on Page 03



Konya Must Protect Production and Diversify Its Exports

Continued on Page 02

Beyşehir Carp **Taste of the Lake**

A simple freshwater flavour shaped by Beyşehir Lake, local fishermen, family tables and generations of Konya cuisine.

Continued on Page 05



THE STAGE IS ALIVE AT SCC

Continued on Page 21



Larende Gate Unearthed

Continued on Page 17

AT SAUVC 2026 GOES TO **SELÇUK UNIVERSITY**

MYS YILDIRIM secures both thıe world fitle and the Innovation Award in China.

Continued on Page 12



written by
Sıla İşkan

Konya Must Protect PRODUCTION and Diversify Its Exports

Stating that the industrial sector is struggling with access to finance, cost pressures and fluctuations in external demand, KTO President Selçuk Öztürk said that Konya must protect its production capacity, diversify its exports and increase digitalization

The Konya Chamber of Commerce (KTO) Ordinary Assembly Meeting for June was held. Addressing the assembly members at the meeting, KTO Chairman of the Board Selçuk Öztürk evaluated developments in the national economy and made statements regarding the work carried out by the Konya Chamber of Commerce.

"IT IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR ECONOMY TO MAINTAIN ITS GROWTH TREND"

President Öztürk stated that the Turkish economy recorded 2.5 percent growth in the first quarter of 2026 and noted that it is important for the economy to maintain its growth trend despite uncertainties in the global economy, geopolitical risks and tight financing conditions.

"PRICE STABILITY LIES AT THE FOUNDATION OF SUSTAINABLE GROWTH"

Expressing that the primary expectations of the business world are increased predictability, lower financing costs and a stronger investment environment, Öztürk stated the following: "It is of great importance that the downward trend in inflation becomes permanent. Because price stability lies at the foundation of sustainable growth, strong production and permanent export growth."



"KONYA'S PRIORITY IS TO INCREASE ITS PRODUCTION POWER AND COMPETITIVENESS"

Stating that the industrial sector is facing significant problems such as access to finance, cost pressures and fluctuations in external demand, Öztürk said that Konya must protect its production capacity, diversify its export markets and increase its digitalization capabilities in this process.



"KONYA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INVESTS IN THE FUTURE OF THE CITY"

Emphasizing that the Konya Chamber of Commerce operates not only as a professional organization but also as a strong institution that shapes the economic vision of the city, Öztürk stated that the KTO Education and Health Foundation, KTO Karatay University, KARSEM, KOSAM and the Arbitration and Mediation Center make significant contributions to Konya.

KTOTEK HAS TURNED INTO A STRONG TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION ECOSYSTEM

President Öztürk noted that KTOTEK, one of the most strategic investments implemented in recent years, has today turned into a strong ecosystem that includes important structures such as the Vocational Training Center, Model Factory, Foreign Trade Center, Smart Technologies Center, Cyber Security Center and Energy Efficiency Center. He said: "Our concern is not to manage today, but to leave lasting works for Konya's tomorrow."

KOSAM AND KTO ACTIVITIES WERE SHARED WITH ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

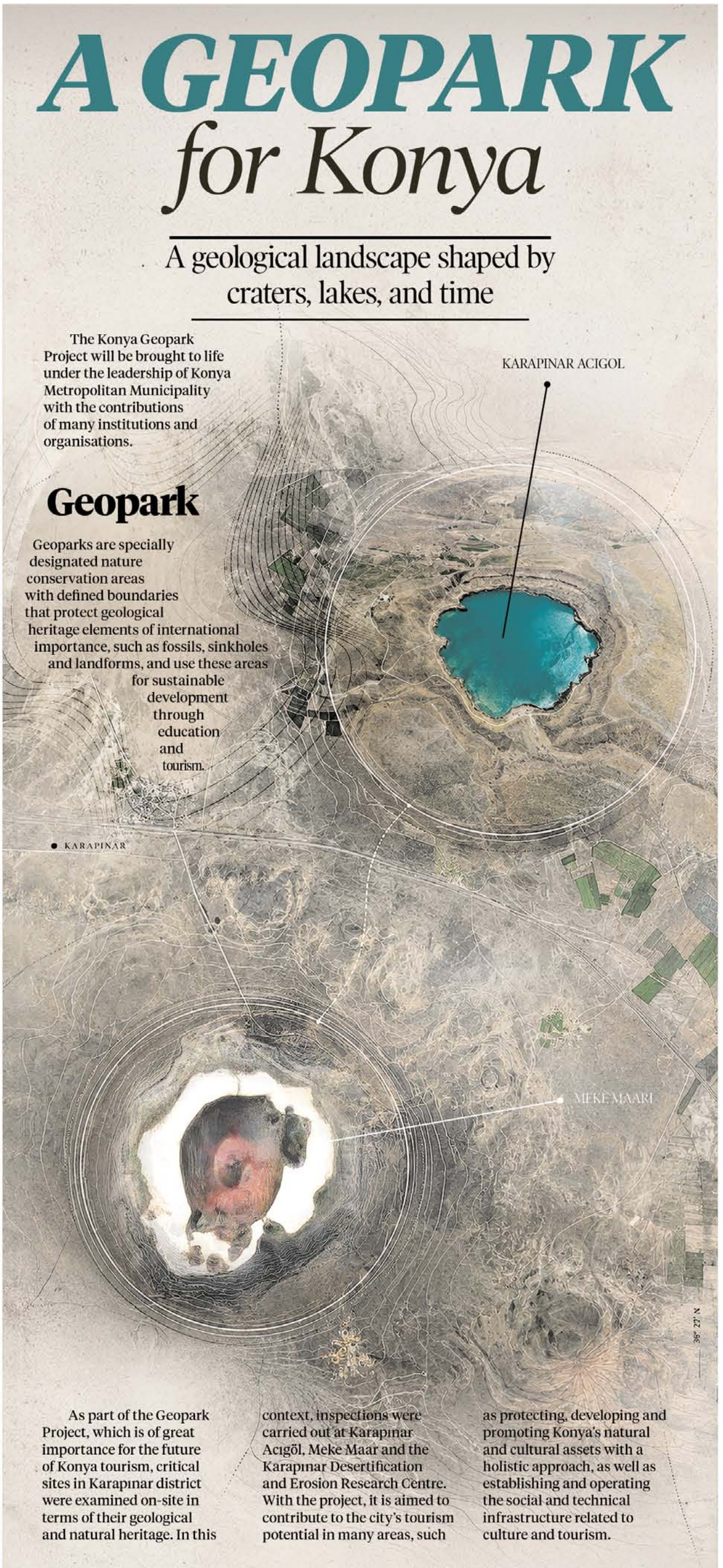
At the meeting, President Öztürk also provided assembly members with comprehensive information on "Konya Chamber of Commerce June Activities," "KTO Karatay University," "KTO Technology and Education Campus (KTOTEK)" and "AKİTEK June Activities."

The Konya News
VOL. 37 | MAY - JUNE, 2026

A GEOPARK for Konya

A geological landscape shaped by craters, lakes, and time

The Konya Geopark Project will be brought to life under the leadership of Konya Metropolitan Municipality with the contributions of many institutions and organisations.



Geopark

Geoparks are specially designated nature conservation areas with defined boundaries that protect geological heritage elements of international importance, such as fossils, sinkholes and landforms, and use these areas for sustainable development through education and tourism.

As part of the Geopark Project, which is of great importance for the future of Konya tourism, critical sites in Karapınar district were examined on-site in terms of their geological and natural heritage. In this context, inspections were carried out at Karapınar Acıgöl, Meke Maar and the Karapınar Desertification and Erosion Research Centre. With the project, it is aimed to contribute to the city's tourism potential in many areas, such as protecting, developing and promoting Konya's natural and cultural assets with a holistic approach, as well as establishing and operating the social and technical infrastructure related to culture and tourism.



AFAD Identifies 684 Sinkholes in the Konya Closed Basin

As part of the Sinkhole Susceptibility Map study carried out by the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD), 684 sinkholes were recorded in Konya, Karaman and Aksaray.

In the Konya Plain, the number of sinkholes caused by climate change, drought and uncontrolled use of underground water continues to increase every year.

SINKHOLES OBSERVED IN 12 DISTRICTS OF KONYA

Of the sinkholes in the city, 534 were recorded in Karapınar, while the others were identified in Cihanbeyli, Çumra, Karatay, Akören, Selçuklu, Çeltik, Sarayönü, Kadınhanı, Altınekin, Ilgın and Ereğli.

The Konya News

Founded: 18 December 2020
May - June, 2026 • Year: 5 • Volume: 37
Published as: Local and Monthly
Price : $5

On behalf of **DOU COMPANY PUBLISHING**
Doğuhan İŞKAN

Executive Editor:
Kerem İŞKAN

Editor in Chief: Doğa İŞKAN
Art Director: Abidin KURT
Translation Editor: Melisa YILDIRIM
News Director: Şerafettin ULUSOY
Advertising Coordinator: Sedef Büşra YÜKSEL
Travel Editor: Semanur İŞKAN
Editors: Ahmet ÖZKAN, Sıla İŞKAN, Hüseyin Ertuğrul YILDIRIM
Editors for Health: Dr. Ezgi ULU
Legal Consultant: Advoc. Erdem Selahi YILDIRIM
Financial Advisor: Nevbahar ÇOLAK TOSUN

Contact Address:
Yaka Mh. Beyköy Sk. No: 6 Meram / KONYA
Contact Number: +90 506 061 13 90
E-Mail: thekonyanews@gmail.com
Advertising Mail: advertising@thekonyanews.com
www.**thekonyanews**.com

Place of Publication:
Fevzi Çakmak Mh. Hacıbayram Cd. No: 18
Zipcode: 42050 Karatay / KONYA
Contact Number: +90 332 342 01 09

Private Notice Advertising Prices

Above logo advertising	$385 + VAT
Quarter-page colourful	$255 + VAT
Full-back page colourful	$385 + VAT
Half-page colourful	$320 + VAT
Full-page colourful	$510 + VAT
Half-back page colourful	$300 + VAT
Quarter-back page colourful	$270 + VAT

This newspaper promises to follow the press code.

Apricot Yahni

Konya's Sweet and Savoury Heritage

Registered as a geographically indicated product, Ereğli Kuru Kayısı Yahnisi carries the memory, hospitality and refined taste of Konya's culinary heritage



Among these traditional flavours, one dish stands out with its unusual harmony of fruit, meat and molasses: Apricot Yahni, known locally as "Kayısılı" or "Ereğli Kuru Kayısı Yahnisi."

This special dish belongs especially to Ereğli, one of Konya's important districts. Apricot Yahni is not an everyday meal only; it is also associated with special occasions, family gatherings, weddings and holiday tables.

The cultural value of the dish has recently gained wider recognition. Ereğli Kuru Kayısı Yahnisi has been registered as a geographically indicated product, strengthening its place among Konya's officially recognised traditional flavours.

In Apricot Yahni, dried apricot is the heart of the dish. The meat provides depth and richness, while molasses adds colour, body and a gentle caramel-like flavour.

This dish is more than a recipe. Together, they form a recipe that carries memory, geography and identity.

Apricot Yahni is one of those rare dishes that shows how refined local cuisine can be. It carries the warmth of Ereğli, the abundance of Anatolia and the elegance of Konya's culinary heritage.

Traditional Apricot Yahni Recipe

Ingredients:

- 500 g lamb or beef, diced
- 250 g dried apricots
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2–3 tablespoons grape molasses
- Salt
- Black pepper
- Warm water

Preparation:

Wash the dried apricots and soak them briefly if they are very dry. Melt the butter in a pot and sauté the chopped onion until soft. Add the meat and cook until it changes colour. Add enough warm water to cover the meat and cook slowly until tender. Add the dried apricots and continue cooking gently. Finally, add grape molasses, salt and black pepper. Simmer until the apricots soften and the sauce becomes slightly thick. Serve warm with rice pilaf or fresh bread.

The Konya News
VOL. 37 | MAY - JUNE, 2026

Beyşehir Carp
Taste of the Lake

A simple freshwater flavour shaped by Beyşehir Lake, local fishermen, family tables and generations of Konya cuisine



Lake Identity
Beyşehir Lake, reeds, shores and fishing traditions.

Freshness Matters
Best cooked soon after it is caught.

Simple Preparation
Salt, flour, hot oil, lemon and onion.

Local Table
Served with warm bread, onion and salad.

Traditional Beyşehir-Style Fried Carp

Ingredients:

- Fresh carp
- Salt
- Flour or corn flour
- Sunflower oil
- Lemon
- Onion and seasonal salad

Preparation:

Clean and slice the carp. Salt briefly, coat lightly with flour or corn flour, then fry over steady heat until golden and crisp. Serve with lemon, onion, salad and fresh bread.

Protecting the Lake, Protecting the Taste

Freshwater lakes are delicate ecosystems. The future of Beyşehir carp depends on protecting the lake, respecting fishing seasons and supporting responsible local fishing.

Lake Heritage

More than a fish dish, Beyşehir carp is a symbol of lake culture, family tables and the quiet bond between nature and cuisine. It belongs to the lake, the fishermen and the people who have kept this flavour alive for generations.

"It brings the lake to the plate."

The Konya
VOL. 37 | MAY

EPIC STORY OF TRANSFORMATION OF SURİÇİ

"The Story of Suriçi" documentary, which tells the 22-year journey of the Suriçi Bazaar Urban Transformation Project implemented by Meram Municipality, met the audience for the first time with a gala program



The gala screening of "The Story of Suriçi" documentary film, which tells the entire construction process of the Suriçi Bazaar Urban Transformation Project, one of Meram Municipality's vision projects and one that has revived Konya's historical centre, was held with intense participation. The screening, where emotional moments were experienced, brought to the screen not only an urban transformation project, but also the memory, patience and hopes for the future of a city.

THE GALA ATTRACTED GREAT INTEREST

AK Party Konya Deputy Mustafa Hakan Özer, Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay, Rector of Konya Food and Agriculture University Prof. Dr. Erol Turan, Konya Deputy Governor Yavuz Güner, Meram District Governor Dr. Bayram Yılmaz, AK Party Konya Provincial Chairman Fatih Özgökçen, MHP Konya Provincial Chairman Sedat Göncü, Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı, Meram Mayor Mustafa Kavuş, Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca, provincial directors, AK Party and MHP provincial and district organizations, municipal council members, executives of public institutions and non-governmental organizations, mukhtars and members of the press attended the gala program, which witnessed colourful scenes. The guests entered the hall through the symbolic historical Larende Gate and again through the symbolic historical Roman Road tunnel.



MAYOR KAVUŞ; "THE LOST LIFE AND MEMORY HAVE COME TO LIGHT AGAIN"

Speaking after the film screening, Meram Mayor Mustafa Kavuş stated that Suriçi Bazaar was not an ordinary transformation project and said that with this film, they told the story of a great dream that revealed Konya's spirit again turning into reality. Stating that every frame of the documentary contained 22 years of sweat, patience, struggle and determination, Mayor Kavuş said that at the end of difficult processes, a permanent work that adds value to Konya's silhouette and will be left as a legacy to the future emerged.

MAYOR KAVUŞ DID NOT FORGET THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO AND SUPPORTED THE PROJECT

In the continuation of his speech, Mayor Kavuş thanked those who supported the project and expressed his gratitude, especially to President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Murat Kurum and Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay, as well as to ministers, deputies, mayors, bureaucrats, technical teams, contractor companies, field workers, tradesmen and citizens who contributed from past to present. Stating that Suriçi Bazaar was not the success of one person, but the common success of a team and a city, Kavuş concluded his words by thanking everyone who contributed.

> The film, which reveals the behind-the-scenes story of the transformation carrying Konya's historical memory into the future, received great appreciation and applause from the guests



CHAIRMAN GÖNCÜ; "SURİÇİ WILL ADD VALUE TO THE IDENTITY AND LIFE OF THE CITY"

MHP Konya Provincial Chairman Sedat Göncü, in his speech, stated that the Suriçi Bazaar Urban Transformation Project was a very valuable work brought to Konya and thanked everyone who contributed to the project. Chairman Göncü stated that the area, which has once again become a centre of attraction, would add value to Konya's quality of life and city identity.

CHAIRMAN ÖZGÖKÇEN; "SURİÇİ HAS BECOME ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES OF MAYOR KAVUŞ'S EXCITEMENT FOR SERVICE"

AK Party Konya Provincial Chairman Fatih Özgökçen began his speech by saying "Mashallah". Emphasizing that Suriçi Bazaar is a very valuable work that preserves the historical heritage and carries it into the future, Chairman Özgökçen said that the project strengthened Konya's cultural identity and became an important centre of attraction for visitors coming to the city.

DEPUTY GOVERNOR GÜNER; "THE DOCUMENTARY REVEALED A GREAT EFFORT"

Konya Deputy Governor Yavuz Güner said that the works carried out in Suriçi Bazaar were extremely important in terms of preserving historical and cultural values. Stating that with the works carried out, the area was brought into the service of both citizens and guests visiting the city, Deputy Governor Güner thanked all individuals and institutions who contributed to the project and wished that the work would be beneficial for Mcram, Konya and thc country.

MAYOR ALTAY; "WE ARE REALIZING KONYA'S DREAMS ONE BY ONE"

Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay stated that Suriçi Bazaar is one of the finest examples of Konya Model Municipality. Mayor Altay said, "There is great effort behind this magnificent work. This work has become one of the finest examples of inter-institutional cooperation. We will realize Konya's dreams one by one and when all projects are completed, a result that we are proud of will emerge."

DEPUTY HAKAN ÖZER; "THIS MAGNIFICENT WORK IS OF A NATURE THAT WILL SET AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL OF TÜRKİYE"

AK Party Konya Deputy Mustafa Hakan Özer also said that the Suriçi Bazaar Urban Transformation Project is one of the most important investments shaping Konya's future. Deputy Özer stated that he believed Suriçi Bazaar would serve the people of Konya for many years as an important work bringing together the past and the future and thanked everyone who contributed.

Following the speeches, the guests had a commemorative photo taken in memory of this meaningful night that kept alive the story of Suriçi, which came back to life in the heart of Konya.





written by
Mustafa Akgöl

LIGHTING TOOLS FROM KONYA'S CULTURAL HERITAGE

THE LIGHT of THE PAST

From fire and oil lamps to candles, gas and electricity, these objects reveal the daily life and artistic memory of civilizations



People have always needed light. In the beginning, early humans were illuminated only by the sun and the stars. However, later on, humankind realized that this light was insufficient and began to search for something that would provide more light and discovered fire.

Due to the need for lighting, humankind has constantly been in search of development and improvement. And the lighting system has developed as Fire - Oil - Candle - Gas - Electricity - LED & Smart Systems.





Very interesting lighting tools were used throughout history. In the Middle Ages, the wealthy used beeswax candles, while the public used tallow candles. Before the discovery of petroleum, we see that animal fats, especially Whale Oil, were used in lighting tools.



In Konya, in the Ancient and pre-Seljuk periods, especially in open areas, castles and ceremonies, torches and oil lamps made of clay or metal, into which olive oil or animal fat was placed and burned with a wick, were used.







During the Anatolian Seljuk period, as in architecture, important works were produced in ceramic art and glass art. This development was also reflected in lighting tools. Therefore, glass and ceramic oil lamps have been found in excavations carried out in places such as Alaeddin Hill, Zindankale and Kubad-Abad Palace. A significant part of these oil lamps is exhibited and preserved in the Karatay Museum.



SELJUK PERIOD LIGHTING TOOLS FOUND IN EXCAVATIONS (OIL LAMPS)

The oil lamps found in excavations carried out in Konya, especially those from the Seljuk period, have been among the important archaeological findings reflecting both daily life and the understanding of art. As can be understood from the excavations, since Konya was the capital of the Anatolian Seljuk State, it is a very rich city in terms of examples of lighting tools.

The richest findings in Anatolia in terms of Seljuk period glassmaking were obtained in the Kubad-Abad Palace excavations. Especially in the 12th–13th centuries, it has been determined in the findings that oil lamps and candlesticks were used to illuminate large worship areas, multiple oil lamps placed on metal rings were used, and lanterns were used as portable light sources.

The oil lamps found from the Seljuk period were generally made of ceramic (terracotta), bronze or, rarely, glass materials. They feature geometric patterns, vegetal motifs (rûmi, palmette) and sometimes calligraphic decorations. Most oil lamps are in the classical form with an oil reservoir and wick outlet; some were used in more ornate and monumental structures.

Seljuk oil lamps also show the level of craftsmanship and aesthetic understanding of the period. Due to the tendency in Islamic art to avoid figures, more abstract and vegetal decorations were preferred on the oil lamps.

Therefore, Konya, with its deep historical past, is an important city with a rich accumulation where different examples of lighting tools can also be encountered and where a large part of these have been taken under protection.

KTO KARATAY UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Medicine
Medicine

School of Applied Sciences
Pilot Training

Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Electrical and Electronics Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Mechatronics Engineering

Faculty of Health Sciences
Audiology
Child Development
Midwifery
Nursing
Nutrition and Dietetics
Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation

Faculty of Law
Law

Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences
Arabic - Turkish Translation and Interpreting
Business Administration
Communication and Design
Energy Management
English - Turkish Translation and Interpreting
History
Insurance and Social Security
International Trade and Logistics (Turkish)
International Trade and Logistics (English)
Islamic Economics and Finance
Psychology
Social Service
Sociology

Faculty of Fine Arts and Design
Architecture
Graphic Design
Interior Architecture
Industrial Design

Vocational School of Karatay
Court Office Services

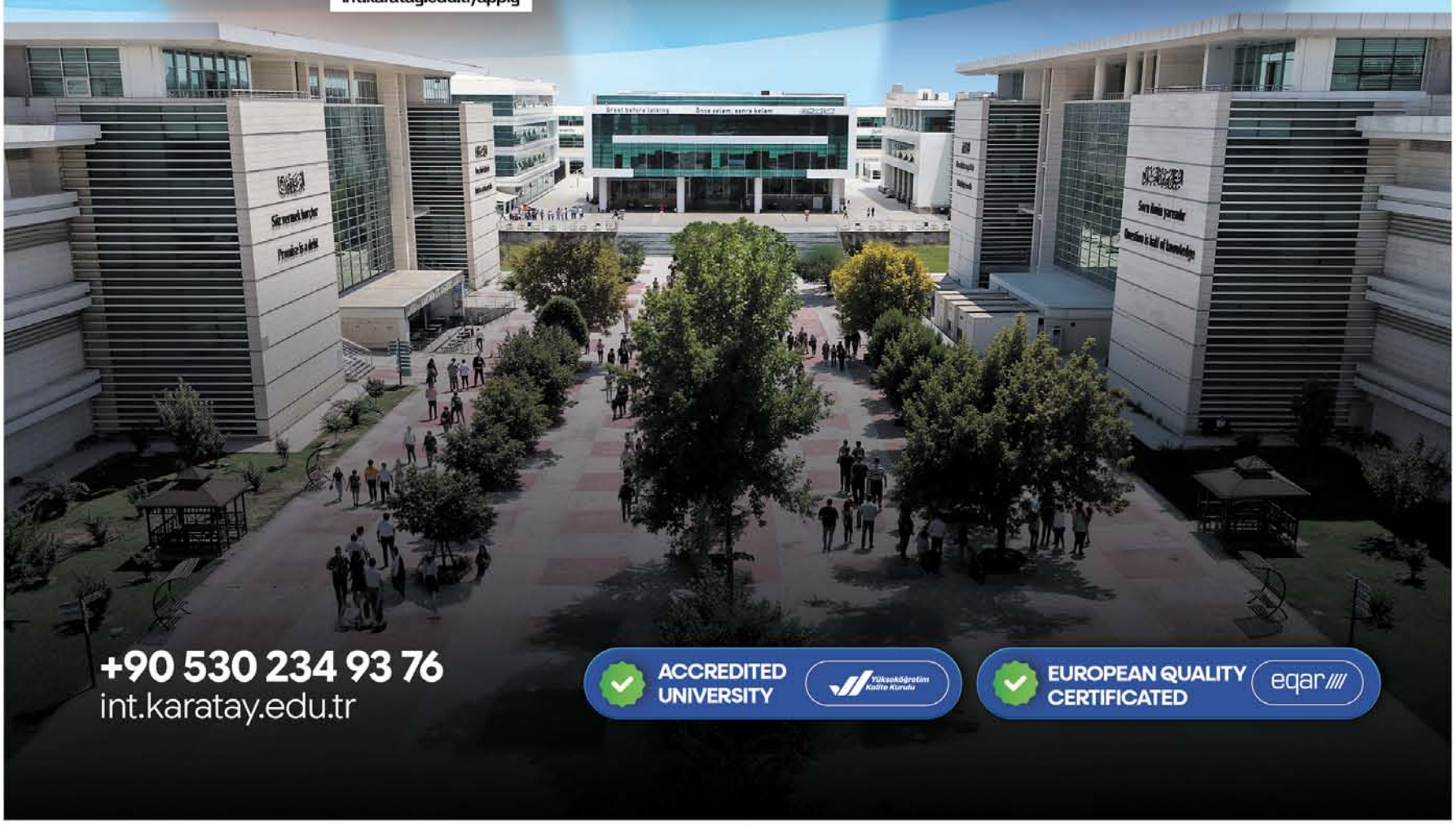
Vocational School of Health Services
Anesthesia
Child Development
Dialysis
First and Emergency Aid
Medical Imaging Techniques
Operating Room Services
Opticianry
Physiotherapy

Vocational School of Trade and Industry
Aircraft Technology
Arms Industry Techniques
Computer Programming
Civil Aviation Cabin Services
E-Commerce and Marketing
Foreign Trade
Information Security Technology
Manufacturing Execution Systems Operatorship
Mechanics
Mechatronics

Apply For The Free Scholarship Exam
int.karatay.edu.tr/apply

75% Scholarship Opportunity

Diploma Supplement Recognized in Europe



+90 530 234 93 76
int.karatay.edu.tr

ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY

EUROPEAN QUALITY CERTIFICATED

The Konya
VOL. 37 | MAY

GREAT PRIDE FOR TÜRKİYE

MAYOR ALTAY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD MUNICIPALITIES UNION

Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay became Türkiye's pride in international representation by being elected President of the World Municipalities Union, which represents 240 thousand local governments across 7 continents



"This result is far beyond a duty entrusted to me personally; it is a clear indication of the trust placed in Konya, our country and Türkiye's understanding of local governance."

UĞUR İBRAHİM ALTAY
Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality
President of UCLG | 2026–2029

240,000+
Local Governments

7
Continents

140
Countries

175+
Local and Regional Government Associations

2026–2029
Presidency Term



DELIVERING A GLOBAL VISION
Mayor Altay addressed the UCLG family with messages of stronger cities, local democracy and solidarity.



THE VICTORY OF KONYA'S RISE
Mayor Altay described the result as a sign of Konya's prestige and representational power in the international arena.



A STRONGER UCLG
"In the coming years, we wi
work together, learn togethe
succeed together."

"In the coming years, we will work together, learn together and succeed together. **Together, w**



FROM KONYA TO 7 CONTINENTS

Mayor Altay will represent more than 240 thousand local and regional governments worldwide.

KONYA'S VOICE NOW REPRESENTS THE WORLD

The World Council Meeting of UCLG, also known as the World Municipalities Union, was held in Tangier, Morocco.

Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay won the elections by a wide margin against the Mayor of Mexico City, who was also a candidate, and was elected President of UCLG for the 2026–2029 term.

Mayor Altay will thus represent more than 240 thousand local and regional governments worldwide.

A FAIRER WORLD IS POSSIBLE WITH STRONGER CITIES

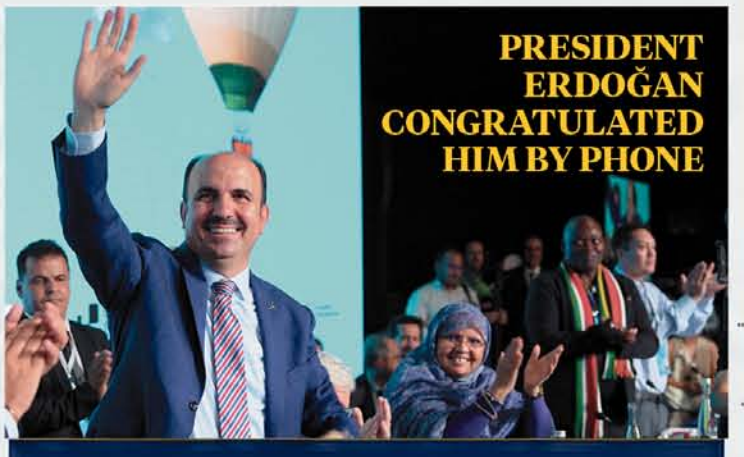
A more peaceful future is possible through solidarity rising from the local level.

Uğur İbrahim Altay



FROM KONYA TO THE WORLD

The presidency carries Konya's name and Türkiye's local governance vision to the global stage.



PRESIDENT ERDOĞAN CONGRATULATED HIM BY PHONE

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan congratulated Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay, who was elected President of UCLG for the 2026–2029 term, by phone and wished him success in his international representation duty.

UCLG
United Cities and Local Governments

ABOUT UCLG

Headquartered in Barcelona, the United Cities and Local Governments Organization covers more than 240 thousand local governments and more than 175 local and regional government associations in 140 countries across 7 continents.

- **240,000+** Local Governments
- **175+** Local and Regional Government Associations
- **140** Countries
- **7** Continents



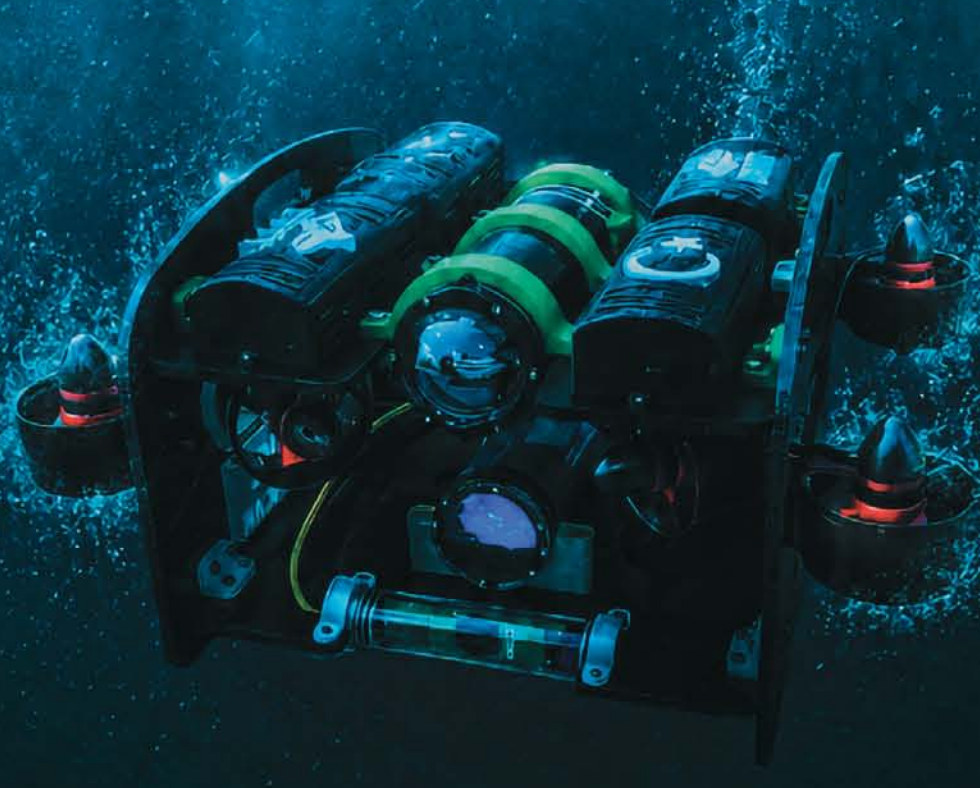
ve will build a stronger UCLG, stronger local democracy and stronger communities."

World Championship

AT SAUVC 2026 GOES TO SELÇUK UNIVERSITY

MYS YILDIRIM secures both the world title and the Innovation Award in China

Selçuk University achieved a major international success by ranking first in the Singapore Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Challenge (SAUVC 2026), one of the world's most prestigious underwater robotics competitions. Participating in the organization held in Sanya, China, with two teams, the university succeeded in becoming a finalist with both teams; the MYS YILDIRIM team outperformed its rivals and became the champion, while also being deemed worthy of the Innovation Award.



Representing Türkiye, the MYS ABDÜLHAMİD and MYS YILDIRIM teams took part in the final stage, where 17 teams competed. While the MYS YILDIRIM team ranked first with its outstanding performance in the competition, it also won the Innovation Award for its work titled "Design and Fabrication of a Bio-inspired Soft Gripper for Underwater Manipulation." Thanks to this double achievement, the MYS YILDIRIM team delivered a poster presentation at the OCEANS 2026 organization, representing Selçuk University at the highest level on an international scientific platform.

SAUVC 2026
May 28–31
Sanya, China

120+ teams
22 countries
52 qualified teams
17 finalists











































9 BRANDS, 24 FACILITIES
A DISTINCTIVE SERVICE APPROACH, HERE.

We produce for Meram, adding value to Meram.
With our service approach extending from taste to comfort, from cultural heritage to every moment of life, we bring together sustainable quality; delivering exceptional experiences to thousands of guests.

PELITAŞ
İNŞAAT HİZMET TAAHHÜT TUR. ORG. TANITIM SAN. VE TİC. A.Ş.

The Konya
VOL. 37 | MAY

MAGNIFICENT FINAL FROM THE CULTURE & ART ACADEMY





973 Students Took the Stage After 15 Weeks of Training

The program, ranging from theatre to music, from poetry recitals to exhibitions, received great appreciation from the guests

The spring term trainings at Karatay Culture and Art Academy, which continues its activities by Karatay Municipality in order to contribute to the development of children and young people in the fields of science, culture, art and hand skills, have been completed.

During the spring term at Karatay Culture and Art Academy, free trainings were provided to 973 students in the fields of Woodwork, Mind and Intelligence Games, Informatics, Tile and Ceramics, Drama, Music, Reading, Painting, Language Workshop, and Diction and Voice-over.

SPRING TERM EXHIBITION ATTRACTED GREAT INTEREST



Works prepared in many different fields, especially the Painting Exhibition, Tile and Ceramics Exhibition, Woodwork Exhibition and Robotic Coding Project Exhibition, were examined with interest by the participants.

MAGNIFICENT STAGE PERFORMANCES

In the continuation of the program, students received great appreciation with their stage performances.

MAYOR KILCA CONGRATULATED

THE STUDENTS

Expressing great satisfaction with the works produced by the students, Mayor Hasan Kılca thanked the students, families and instructors who contributed.

"OUR STUDENTS MADE US PROUD"

Drawing attention to the fact that the revival of generations is as important as the construction of cities, Mayor Hasan Kılca stated that they will continue to work so that children are raised well and prepared strongly for the future.





STUDENTS FROM 48 COUNTRIES UNITED IN ART

Karatay District Governor Cengiz Ayhan and Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca visited Karatay Art Centre. During the visit, the culture and art trainings carried out with the participation of international students were examined on site.

Within the scope of the program carried out as part of the Konya International Student Academy, hosted by Karatay Municipality in cooperation with Necmettin Erbakan University, students from different countries come together with traditional Turkish arts.



A COMMON LANGUAGE IS FORMED THROUGH ART

This program also strengthens intercultural interaction and enables the creation of a common language through art.

Cahit Zarifoğlu Children's Festival Attracted Great Interest

The Traditional 20th Cahit Zarifoğlu Children's Festival, organized by the Konya Branch of the Writers Union of Türkiye, was held under the hosting of Karatay Municipality.

In the program, where the contributions of Cahit Zarifoğlu, one of the important poets of Turkish literature, to children's literature were emphasized, students from Karatay Akabe Primary School and Meram Yunus Emre Primary School read poems and presented various stage performances.

At the festival, which ended with the taking of a group souvenir photo, various gifts were presented to children by Karatay Municipality.



50,000 ROSES

OF 190 DIFFERENT SPECIES

Karatay Mevlana Rose Park said "Hello" to the new season

Located on an area of 14 thousand square meters in Karaaslan Üzümcü Neighbourhood, the park welcomes its visitors with a total of 50 thousand roses of 190 different species.

Turning into a visual feast with its riot of colours, the park also offers its guests unforgettable moments with its beautiful scents.





GOLD MEDAL FROM KARATAY GYMNAST EMİRHAN DANIŞ

Karatay Municipality Sports Club Trampoline Gymnastics Team athlete Emirhan Danış has won the gold medal with his successful performance at the Trampoline Stars, Juniors and Seniors Turkish Championship organized by the Turkish Gymnastics Federation in Samsun.

Leaving his rivals behind with his score of 56.245, the successful athlete achieved the success of becoming Turkish Champion with these results.

1. Emirhan Danış (Konya) – 56.245
2. Batuhan Meriç Mamur (Bolu) – 54.275
3. Akil İşman (İzmir) – 42.540



U12 TEAM BECAME KONYA CHAMPION

Karatay Belediyespor Club Basketball U12 A Team became Konya Champion by defeating Konya Metropolitan Municipality Sports Club, which it faced in the Play-Off Final.

Competing in the U12 Boys A League in the 2025-2026 Basketball Season, Karatay Belediyespor Club U12 Basketball Team achieved the success of completing the regular season as the undefeated leader with 12 victories. Continuing its effective game in the second match as well and leaving the court with a 77-50 victory, the Karatay representative became the owner of the Konya Championship cup in the U12 A League.



CROATIAN AMBASSADOR VISITED KARATAY

Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca hosted Hrvoje Cvitanovic, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to Türkiye, and the accompanying delegation together with Karatay District Director of National Education Turan Kayacılar.

During the visit held at Karatay Municipality, Mayor Hasan Kılca gave the delegation information about Karatay's social, cultural and economic structure.

Hrvoje Cvitanovic, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to Türkiye, expressed his satisfaction with being in Karatay.

THE SYMBOLISM of

SEMA

"Sema" Reflects the Philosophy of Mevlevi Culture

For the Mevlevi dervish, who is considered to have died to his ego, the sikke on his head represents the tombstone of his lower self, the white tennure he wears represents his shroud, and the cloak on his back represents his grave.
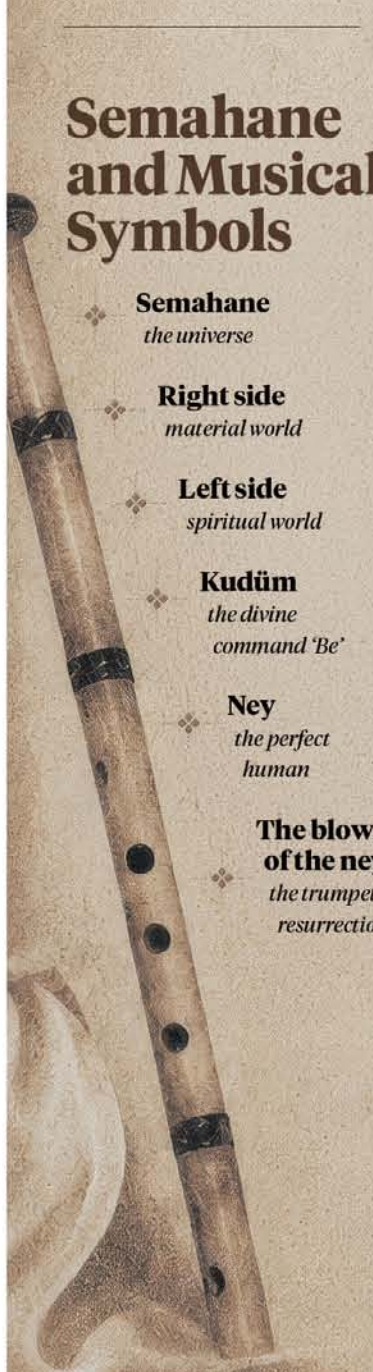
The semahane represents the universe. Its right side represents the visible and known material world, while its left side represents the spiritual world. The first beat of the kudüm symbolizes the command "Be," the ney represents the "insan-ı kâmil," and the blowing of the ney symbolizes Israfil blowing the "Sur," the trumpet of resurrection.

The sema ceremony, performed during the commemorative ceremonies for Rumi, contains important symbols that reflect the fundamental philosophy of Mevlevi culture. In general, sema expresses the formation of the universe, the resurrection of human beings in the world, their movement with love for the Almighty Creator, and their awareness of servitude as they turn towards becoming the "insan-ı kâmil," or perfect human being. The clothes worn by the whirling dervishes in the ceremonies performed by Mevlevi dervishes for centuries are also among the important symbols of this philosophy.



Semahane and Musical Symbols

- **Semahane** *the universe*
- **Right side** *material world*
- **Left side** *spiritual world*
- **Kudüm** *the divine command 'Be'*
- **Ney** *the perfect human*
- **The blowing of the ney** *the trumpet of resurrection*





- **Sikke** *tombstone of the ego*
- **Tennure** *shroud*
- **Hırka** *grave*

The Four Selams *Represent Four Stages*

Sharia — *Tariqa* — *Haqiqa* — *Marifa*

The fourth selam represents steadfastness in unity.

Striking the hand on the ground while rising symbolizes both "being" and rising from the grave upon hearing the Sur. The Sheikh standing on the red post, the colour of divine manifestation, represents Rumi. The selams in the sema carry Sufi meanings such as essence, attributes, action and unity. The four selams represent the stages of sharia, tariqa, haqiqa and marifa. In the fourth selam, the stance describes remaining still and firmly standing at the station of unity, which is existence through Allah, the one and true being.

Hazreti Mevlâna remembered Allah by turning from right to left. Later, sema was institutionalised as a way of life within Mevlevi culture by his son and grandchildren and has survived to the present day. Today, the sema mukabele is also a form of dhikr performed with the intention of drawing closer to Allah. While performing sema, the whirling dervish remembers Allah by turning from right to left around his heart. Through this dhikr, the dervishes reach spiritual peace, while those who watch them also share in this spirituality through the same effect.

The Konya News
VOL. 37 | MAY - JUNE, 2026

FOUNDATION OF THE SELJUK-ERA

Larende Gate Unearthed

The foundation of one of the 12 gates of Konya's Seljuk-era castle has been uncovered during archaeological excavations in the city centre

The archaeological excavation titled "Konya Outer Castle Wall Line and Larende Gate" began last year in the city centre. The excavation is being carried out by the Museum Directorate with the support of Konya Metropolitan Municipality and the permission of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

The excavation, conducted in Sahipata Neighbourhood in the central Meram district, aims to reveal the city walls seen in drawings in historical sources and in photographs from the late 19th century. During the excavations, a 120-metre section of the 3-metre-wide walls built by Seljuk Sultan Alaaddin Keykubat in 1221, along with an 11-metre-wide gate, was brought to light.



Approximately 120 metres of Konya's outer city walls have been uncovered, and the foundations of Larende Gate have been reached in this area.

In this study, the outer wall line was identified and approximately 120 metres of it was exposed. At the site formerly known as Larende Hill, the foundation of Larende Gate, built by Sultan Alaaddin with the state budget, was uncovered as a whole. It is an 11-metre-wide gate. The walls are 3 metres wide and were entirely built with reused stones using the box-wall technique, with rubble filling inside. The exterior was faced with stone cladding. Remains of a moat and bridge piers were also reached. The excavation is ongoing.

The Konya
VOL. 37 | MAY



Selçuklu Municipality and Sarajevo Brotherhood Grows Stronger

The historical, cultural and social ties between Selçuklu and Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to grow stronger through mutual visits and cooperation.

In this context, Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı hosted Nevresa Ahatovic, President of the Sarajevo Konya Tulips Association, and the accompanying association members.

There are very deep-rooted ties between us

There are very deep-rooted ties between us.

Therefore, we are always with you.

We will continue to be together from now on as well.

"We continue our activities with the support of Selçuklu Municipality"

Since 2013, we have continued our activities with the support of Selçuklu Municipality.

Selçuklu Municipality hosts us here every year.



ZERO WASTE in SELÇUKLU

The schools that were successful in the "Schools Are Competing for Zero Waste" competition, organized by Selçuklu Municipality with the aim of raising the environmentally friendly generations of the future, received their awards on World Environment Day.

Selçuklu Municipality continues its efforts without interruption to instill environmental awareness from an early age and to spread the culture of zero waste throughout society.

In the organization, which included 60 schools, students brought the waste they separated at home to their schools on the designated days each week, while the collected waste was weighed and received by the municipality's recycling teams.

At the end of the competition, a total of 206 thousand kilograms of waste was brought into recycling.

4,997 students competed to rank in the categories of the class collecting the most waste and the school collecting the most waste.

Mayor Pekyatırmacı, "We will build our future together with our youth and children"

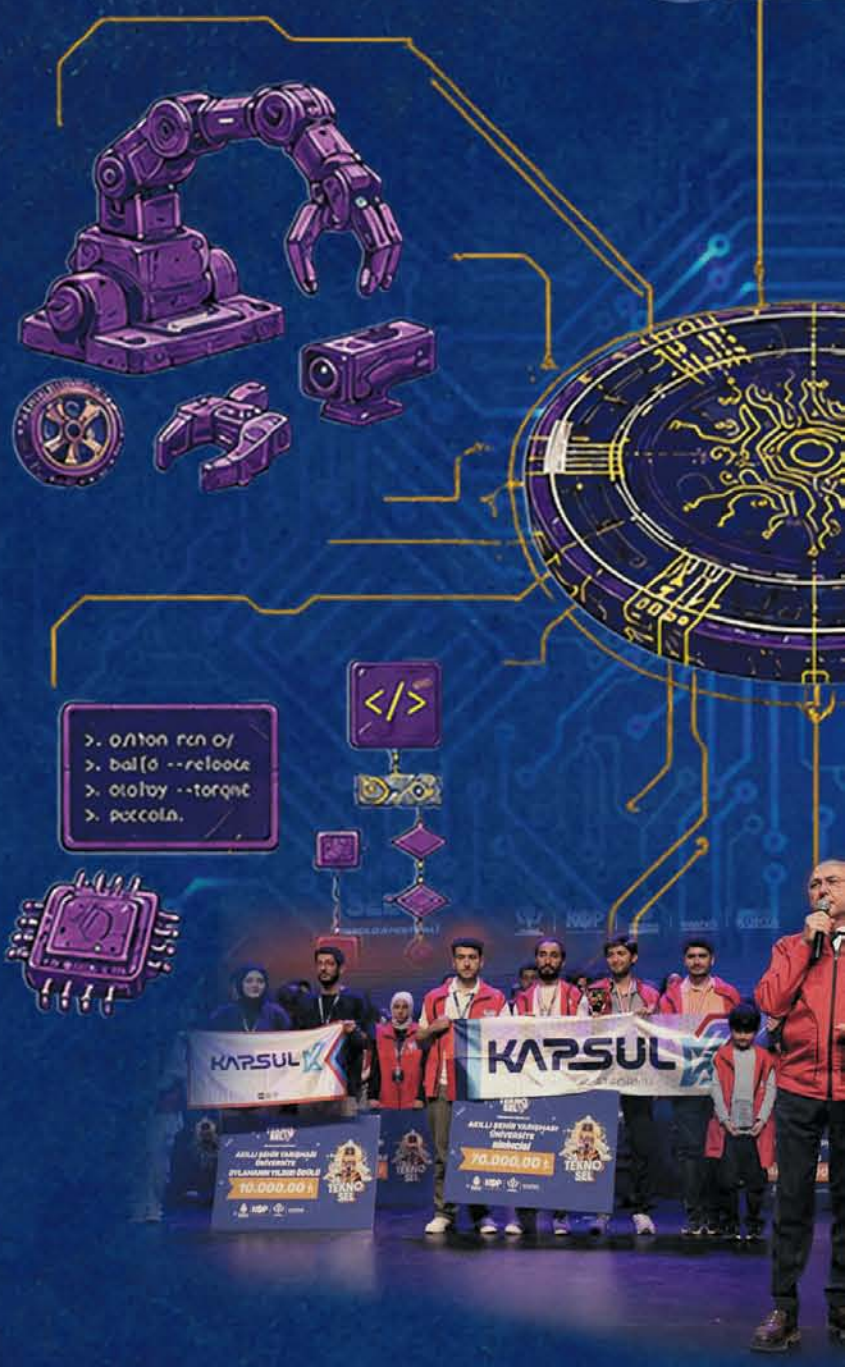
Expressing that he was happy to be together with students at a meaningful event on World Environment Day, Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı said, "Our young people are very sensitive about the environment and are truly very interested in this issue.

We have now brought 206 tons of recyclable waste into the economy and saved it from being waste that harms the environment.

Our goal is for all schools in our district to participate in this competition.

120
teams
Free & Special Categories

20
finalist teams
AI Film Competition

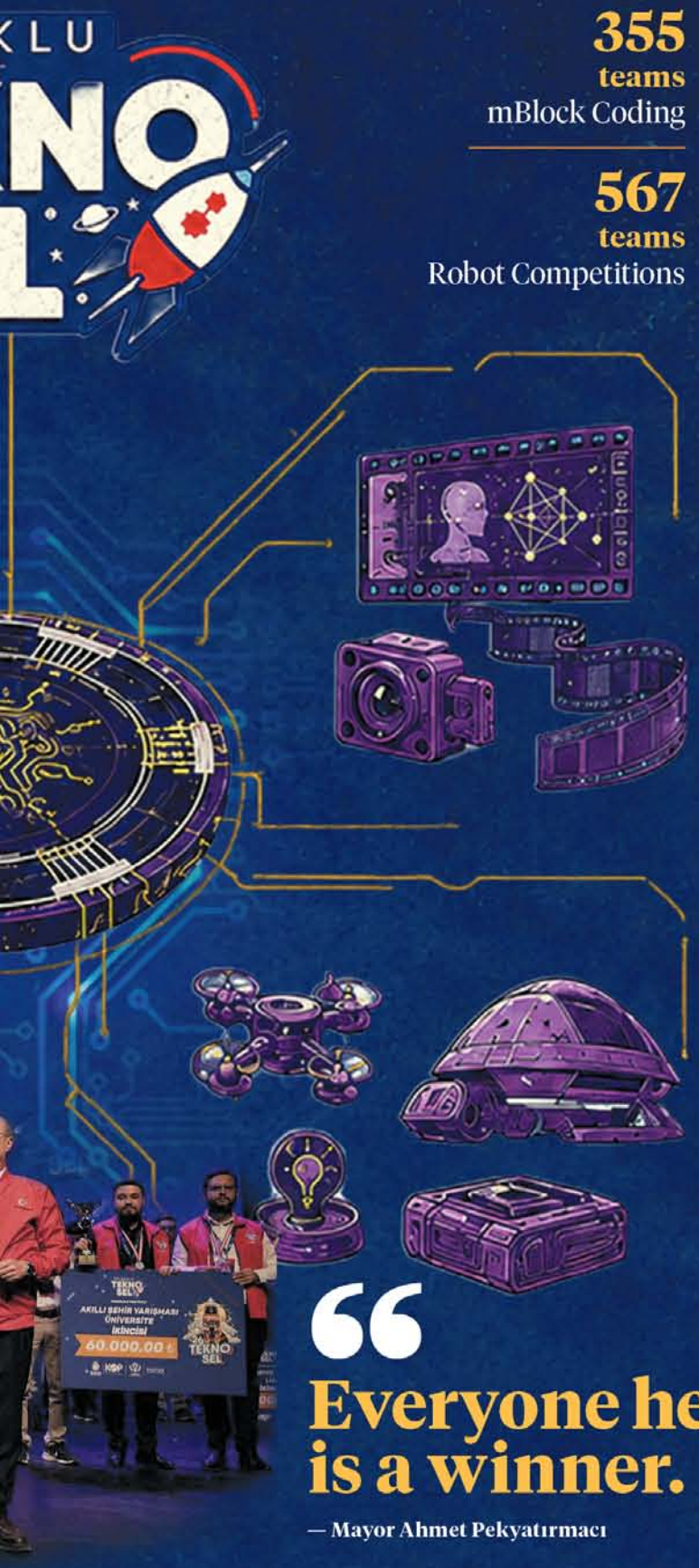


ANATOLIA'S LARGEST T

TEKNOS
Takes Cen

Organized with Selçuklu Municipality and partn
competitors together through robotics, coding

TEKNOSEL 2026 Technology Festival came to an end with an award ceremony for the students who ranked in the competitions. The festival was held in two stages: robot competitions at Selçuklu Municipality International Indoor Sports Hall, f
technology co
public events
Congress Cen
Throughout t



“Everyone here is a winner.

— Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı

TECHNOLOGY FESTIVAL

EL 2026
tre Stage

her institutions, TEKNOSEL 2026 brought young
, AI film competitions and technology contests

llowed by
ntests and
at Selçuklu
tre.
he festival,

young competitors continued their technology journey across robotics, coding, AI film and special project categories. Visitors also joined the festival atmosphere, turning the event into one of Selçuklu's most energetic youth and technology gatherings.



SETAP Green Workshop National Children's Songs Composition Competition Award Ceremony Was Held

In the Composition Competition held at Selçuklu Stage of Selçuklu Municipality Fine Arts High School in our district, in cooperation with Selçuklu Municipality, Necmettin Erbakan University and our District Directorate of National Education, we aimed to raise awareness among our children about climate change, zero waste and water consciousness.

The works that made it to the finals among the compositions of our valuable composers participating from all over our country were determined through the meticulous evaluations of our selection committee. The award-winning works were performed by our choir.

Necmettin Erbakan University Rector Cem Zorlu, Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı, our Selçuklu District Director of National Education Sami Sağdıç, AK Party Selçuklu District Chairman Arif Bağcı, vice rectors, contestants, their families, school administrators and students attended the programme.

The programme ended with the protocol presenting the awards.



Konya's Young Artists Receive Awards at International Festival

Selçuklu Municipality Fine Arts High School, one of Konya's distinguished schools, achieved remarkable success in Spain.

The school made a strong impression in Europe by winning first place in the ethnic music category and third place in the polyphonic choir category.

Proudly representing Konya and Selçuklu Municipality Fine Arts High School, the team is now preparing to achieve further success in upcoming international competitions.

As part of the competition, a certificate of appreciation was also presented to Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı for his support for the participation of Selçuklu Municipality Fine Arts High School in the festival, his care for young talents, his contribution to international festival initiatives, and his efforts to promote the development of culture and arts as well as strengthen international cultural relations.



Kuttusi Demir
WeatherX Regional Agriculture Representative for Türkiye

KONYA PLAIN AND A FERTILE SEASON

"After a long time, we saw a sign of relief in groundwater levels."

For years, the Konya Plain had been mentioned together with drought and declining groundwater levels. But this winter and spring were different. The snow and rain we received throughout the winter, combined with the regular rainfall systems that continued in spring, literally became a lifeline for the plain. Dams filled up, lakes recovered, and the soil was saturated with water. Most importantly, after a long time, we saw a sign of relief in groundwater levels.

"WHEN KONYA RECEIVES TIMELY AND REGULAR RAINFALL, ***THIS PLAIN RECOVERS VERY QUICKLY.****"*

It was also an encouraging period for farmers. The soil remained moist, dry farming became easier, and the burden of irrigation was eased to some extent. Of course, it would not be right to say that everything has been solved with one rainy season. But one thing is also clear: when Konya receives timely and regular rainfall, this plain recovers very quickly. We all witnessed this during this season.

Our hope is that the October–May period, when beneficial rains fall, will continue to be fertile for many years, and that both the soil and the farmers will once again find confidence through water.

Kuttusi Demir | WeatherX Regional Agriculture Representative for Türkiye | May – June 2026



Lystra Excavations In Konya Are Reshaping Anatolian History

The latest archaeological works carried out in the ancient city of Lystra in the Meram district shed light on the cultural depth of Anatolia.

A multi-layered settlement texture is emerging, where Roman, Byzantine, Seljuk and later Anatolian layers accumulated one on top of another within the same area.

A SETTLEMENT WHERE CIVILIZATIONS INTERSECT

During the latest works, a sealed bronze holy cross dated to the 9th–11th centuries was unearthed.

In addition, a bronze amulet belonging to the Seljuk period was also identified in the same settlement layer.

These data show that Lystra was not a single-period ancient city, but a living settlement that constantly changed through belief systems, trade routes and political transformations.

KONYA: A RISING ROUTE OF CULTURAL TOURISM

Lystra is described by the excavation team as a "living archive."

The new findings in the Lystra excavations further strengthen the city's cultural tourism potential.

Companies' Environmental Responsibilities Are Increasing



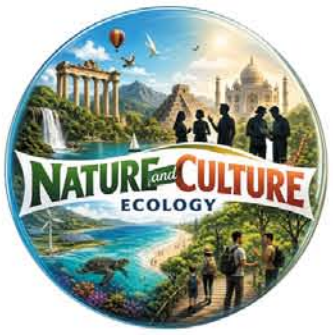
A project titled "Environmental Obligations of Companies in the Context of Sustainability" was carried out by the International Youth Studies Society of Selçuk University within the scope of the ÜNİDES Project, supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports

The project, which began with a launch session at the Selçuk University Museum Building on April 10, 2026, brought together academic, legal, ethical and technical perspectives on sustainability. Project ExecutiveTeslimeKüçüksönmez stated that, "The project aimed to address sustainability not only as a corporate discourse, but also as a strategic transformation of mindset. Companies' environmental obligations stand at the intersection of global market dynamics, legal sanctions and ethical responsibilities. She also noted that the project aimed to equip future managers with both legal compliance skills and a strategic perspective shaped by moral values.

During the academic sessions, several experts contributed to the project with their presentations and analyses. Research Assistant Mehmet Cemil Türk discussed the changing paradigm in company law and highlighted the growing importance of ESG criteria. Assoc. Prof. Dr. M. Raşit Akpınar addressed the moral foundations of sustainability, while Dr. Lecturer Mustafa Dolmacı examined the transformative impact of the European Green Deal on Türkiye and other trade partners. In addition, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nuray Pamuk Öztürk, Prof. Dr. Alper Ateş, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nuray Dönmez and Lecturer Fawzy Eid Bekhit Abdelaal evaluated sustainability issues from the perspectives of green development, tourism, forestry, energy, water scarcity and innovative agricultural practices.

The project was designed in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 9, SDG 12, SDG 13 and SDG 15) and topics such as green industrial transformation, circular economy, climate action, biodiversity protection and responsible production were discussed as essential priorities for Turkish companies seeking access to international markets and finance.

In the closing session, findings revealed that Turkish companies need qualified experts to guide their sustainability transformation, stronger sanctions to encourage full compliance, sustainability-related courses in secondary and higher education, and interdisciplinary action plans involving lawyers, engineers, economists and environmental scientists.



Environmental Fest Activities from the Ministry of National Education

The ÇevreFest'26 activities to be held by the Ministry of National Education in June this year will make an important contribution to spreading environmental awareness through education.

NATURE AND CULTURE ECOLOGY

Centering on the strong connection between nature and culture, the project enables students to take an active role in environmental protection, sustainable living and the promotion of cultural heritage.

BRIDGES OF THE HEART ARE BEING BUILT

Through the activities carried out, lasting awareness is created about recycling, the protection of natural resources and environmentally friendly lifestyle habits.

This meaningful cooperation extending from the local to the universal in the field of environment is among the exemplary projects showing that younger generations can take responsibility for a more livable world.

The Konya News
VOL. 37 | MAY - JUNE, 2026

1–2 MAY
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (Kafesten Bir Kuş Uçtu)
THEATRE

3 MAY
Gedavet Seljuk Ensemble Turkish Art Music Concert
CONCERT

8 MAY
Mustafa Keser
CONCERT

9 MAY
Dombay Ensemble
PERFORMANCE

12 MAY
A Family Rehearsal: Just Live On (Bir Aile Provası: Yaşayın Gitsin)
THEATRE

13 MAY
Yaşar Türkiye Tour '26
CONCERT

15-17 MAY
Tekno-Sel Technology Festival
FESTIVAL

18 MAY
Şen Şakrak Show
SHOW

19 MAY
Turkish Rock Concert
CONCERT



20 MAY
The Time Regulation Institute (Saatleri Ayarlama Enstitüsü)
THEATRE

20-24 MAY
Emure Fashion Days
FESTIVAL

21 MAY
Derya Bedavacı
CONCERT

22 MAY
V. Frank
THEATRE

22 MAY
Göksel Concert
CONCERT

23 MAY
V. Frank
THEATRE

24 MAY
Necip Fazıl: "O Ben Değil de Kim?"
RECITAL

7 JUNE
Art Academy: Songs of Müzeyyen Senar
CONCERT

7 JUNE
In the Shadow of the Plane Tree (Çınarın Gölgesinde)
THEATRE

7 JUNE
Model
CONCERT

8 JUNE
Caucasian Eagles: Anatolian (Anadolu Kafkas Kartalları Konseri)
DANCE SHOW

9-11-12 JUNE
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (Kafesten Bir Kuş Uçtu)
THEATRE

11 JUNE
Rafet El Roman
CONCERT

13 JUNE
Art Academy: Şen Şakrak Show
SHOW

14 JUNE
Art Academy: Turkish Contemporary Folk Music
CONCERT

19 JUNE
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
THEATRE

19 JUNE
Maarif Orchestra and Choir
CONCERT

21 JUNE
Art Academy: Songs of Orhan Gencebay
CONCERT

15-18 JUNE
Folk Dance Performances
SHOW

16 JUNE
Ali Congun
STAND-UP

20 JUNE
Art Academy: Paldır Güldür Show
SHOW

23 JUNE
Senkron Dance Performance
DANCE

24 JUNE
Fatma Turgut
CONCERT

25-27 JUNE
The Play That Goes Wrong (Yoldan Çıkan Oyun)
THEATRE



LAVENDER PRODUCTS RECEIVED FULL MARKS

At the stands prepared by Karatay Municipality, visitors had the opportunity to closely examine and taste many natural products such as lavender jam, Turkish delight, cologne, soap, cream, seeds and oil, especially lavender ice cream and soda. Konya Classic Automobile Association also participated in Karatay Lavender Days with its classic cars.

The 5th Traditional Karatay Lavender Days welcomed thousands of visitors in Türkiye's largest lavender garden with colorful events, lavender products and family activities.

Festival Enthusiasm at "Karatay Lavender Days"

The 5th Traditional Karatay Lavender Days welcomed thousands of visitors in Türkiye's largest lavender garden



We continue to add beauty to the beauties of Konya and Karatay

Hasan Kılca said the 340,000 m² area was transformed from rubble into production and tourism



Events Met with Visitors of All Ages

Within the scope of Lavender Days, theatre performances, animations, competitions and various stage events prepared for children provided fun moments for young visitors. Many visitors from Konya as well as surrounding provinces and other cities attended the opening of Karatay Lavender Days.



written by
Kübra Karaburç

EUROPEAN VICTORY FROM THE GOLDEN GIRL WOMEN WITH MEDALS



Konya Metropolitan Belediyespor judoka Havva Sena Tokmak became the champion at the Cadets European Cup in Portugal. Havva Sena, who started the tournament as one of the seeded and favourite athletes, defeated her Spanish opponent with a full point in her first match and advanced to the semi-final. The successful athlete, who also managed to defeat her French opponent in the semi-final match, secured her place in the final. In the final match, Havva Sena Tokmak faced her Brazilian opponent, one of the other favourites of the tournament, and achieved victory with her superior performance, winning the European Cup championship.



KONYA'S YOUNG JUDOKAS IMPRESSED

Konya Metropolitan Belediyespor continues to be the pride of our city and our country in national and international organizations it participates in across different branches. At the Spor Toto Minikler Turkish Judo Championship, held in Karaman with the participation of 1,300 athletes from 64 cities, the young judokas of Konya Metropolitan Belediyespor managed to reach the podium by leaving their tough opponents behind. Emilya Küçükkaraca, who competed in the women's 32-kilogram category at the championship, won the silver medal with her successful performance. The successful athletes, who attracted attention with the rankings they achieved, earned the right to represent Türkiye and Konya at the Minikler Balkan Judo Championship to be held in North Macedonia between June 5-7, 2026.

MERAM DIFFERENCE IN THE WUSHU CHAMPIONSHIP

Meram Belediyespor Wushu team virtually rained medals at the 2026 Wushu Kung Fu School Sports Turkish Championship held in Sakarya between May 06-10. In the organization attended by successful athletes from all around Türkiye, the wushu athletes from Meram won a total of 22 medals in both the Sanda and Taolu branches. The athletes competing in the Sanda category at the championship achieved significant rankings. Accordingly; Defne Temur – Turkish Champion, Zeynep SuennurSergül – Turkish Champion, Hayrünnisa Çakar – Turkish Runner-up, Rümeysa Arıkoğlu – Turkish Runner-up, Oğuzhan Koç – Turkish Third Place, Sümeyye Taş – Turkish Third Place, Lara Efnan Doğan – Turkish Third Place, Zümra Kıymat – Turkish Third Place, Akif Eren Ergül – Turkish Third Place.

SHE BECAME CHAMPION AMONG 700 ATHLETES



Asya Kaya, one of Meram Belediyespor's archers, became the Turkish Champion at the Traditional Turkish Archery International Team Selection Competition held in Bursa. Leaving her opponents behind with her outstanding performance, Asya Kaya climbed to the top of the podium as the Turkish Champion and made Meram feel great pride.





EUROPEAN CUP CHAMPION
HAVVA SENA TOKMAK

+700 ATHLETES
IN ARCHERY COMPETITION

+1300 ATHLETES
ACROSS ALL EVENTS

22 MEDALS
IN WUSHU

The Konya News
VOL. 37 | MAY - JUNE, 2026

THE CHAMPION of HEARTS

With İlhan Palut taking charge of the team, Konyaspor, showing everyone that football is still a game of organization, belief and character, was eliminated in a very unlucky way in the Ziraat Turkish Cup final played in Antalya

"THE CUP WAS LOST, *THE HEARTS WERE WON.*



Even a change of head coach could not be a remedy for Konyaspor, who started the season badly. After Recep Uçar, Çağdaş Atan, who arrived with great expectations to stop the poor run, constantly made the community ask the question of whether we would be relegated this season.

The management knew the only person who could be the remedy for Konyaspor's troubles. They reached an agreement with İlhan Palut to complete the unfinished story. With Palut, the offended community came back to life again. Defeating leader Galatasaray, Fenerbahçe, Beşiktaş and Trabzonspor, Konyaspor, just like Enis Bardhi's penalty that came back from the post, was almost denied by the post in the final.

Considering the struggle Konyaspor put forward this season and the great unity it created in the city, it never deserved to lose the cup. In fact, as many football lovers would also accept, it was one of the sides that deserved to win the cup more than Trabzonspor.

There was the same excitement, the same hope and the same expectation in every corner of the city. The team had been sent off from Konya with prayers, politics had given the necessary support, and the fans who came to Antalya days before had almost carried the city to Antalya. After the final whistle, perhaps the only issue talked about more than the result was the show of Konyaspor fans in the stands. That cup should have come to this city.

Konyaspor played well, made good passes, and even Bardhi, who missed the penalty, had two clear chances he missed, one of which could have been offside. Konyaspor wanted to win very much but was eliminated in an unlucky way.

Coach İlhan Palut did not only play a final match in Antalya; he once again proved that Konyaspor would be a much more ambitious team this season. We, too, witnessed this pride in Antalya and felt proud.

Yes, Trabzonspor won the cup, but Konyaspor wrote one of the stories that will not be forgotten for many years. Our representative left behind a story much more valuable than the cup with what it made its community experience.

Thank you for your efforts, boys, for what you made us experience!