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From thermal pools to the snowy hillsides

There is not such a special time to visit Konya. The city is full of activities both in summers and in winters. Recently, with Karatay Thermal holiday village which is only away 40 kilometres from the city centre, there have been different kinds of winter holiday concepts. Visitors enjoy hot thermal pools and they also have the chance to go to Derbent Aladağ Ski Resort and get the opportunity to ski from the snowy hillsides.

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Kerem İŞKAN
Executive Editor

The more stock the more security?

The pandemic has turned the sense of security and reflexes of countries in many areas upside-down.

With pandemic, the scenarios and simulations of external threat and terrorism have focused on food safety and food stock...

In order to meet their needs, China and India, the most crowded two countries in the world, and many other countries have updated their three-month food stock in case of a new pandemic and scarcity. And now they are trying to find new ways to make the stock for 12 months...

For this reason, many countries led by China, India and the USA have started to stock every agricultural product yearly... This unexpected change of strategy has negatively affected other areas and has made the prices of food increase. It has also affected the increases in prime costs.

Particularly in Europe, other countries including Turkey have started to feel the lack of food abundance and high inflation.

The effects of drought from last year have still been felt in our country. However, as nowadays we are having a rainy season; Turkey has to turn it into a good account for production. These abundant rains have to be turned into an advantage and so to say "have to plant everywhere..."

It brings the necessity of updating the agricultural strategies of the government according to this new order...

As we are entering a new era of a new production strategy of countries with the same reflexes, it is seen that new struggle fields are being formed to compete about stocking who finds what...

It is important to see that a new agricultural market which has ready-customers even if the production stage is on the anvil would upside-down the balances all over the world...

In the upcoming quarter, the people who own the vast plains which are equipped with unexpected products will run the world, not the ones who run the virtual Silicon Valley.

It seems that the ones who will update their reflexes according to production and enrich their stocks will be the winner, but the ones who stay in consumption and cannot manage their stocks will be the loser...

Snow Raises the Hopes

Konya Plain, the granary of Turkey, which has experienced a decrease in agricultural production due to drought and groundwater withdrawal has the joy of the snow now.

Süleyman Soylu, the member of Selçuk University Faculty of Agriculture Department of Field Crops Faculty, stated that "the snow increased the hope of the farmers. Especially the 2020-2021 agricultural seasons were very dry. It was the driest season in the last 40-50 years. However, in the last period, the Konya Plain has received a rainfall of between 30 and 50 millimeters. October was a dry month and November was also a dry month."

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Mayor Altay:

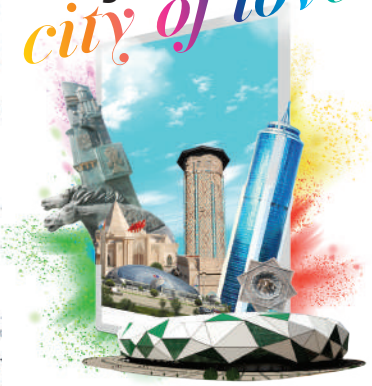
"We've made an investment of 2 billion 151 million TL in 28 districts in 3 years"



Uğur İbrahim Altay, the Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality, stated that "Konya is the best city to apply the new metropolitan law. In Konya, we have been conducting "Konya model municipal work" and this contributes to our local people's level of welfare and the development of our districts."

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From Dervish Lodge to the Museum; from Konya to the World



The Konya Mevlana Lodge, which developed around the tomb of Rumi, is the central residence of the Mevlevi order, which has great influence on our cultural life and world of belief.

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Assoc. Dr. Yusuf SAYIN

Challenging Ideological Pressure In Academy Under The Example Of Palestine

It is not clearly defined the boundaries and the context of the relationship between the debate of religion and secularism, although the nature of this relationship has not been still crystallized at universities and in public areas. While a large section of the people defends a way of life with more religious motivation, lots of matters on public or state often remain the debate on secularism or religion for the people. The debate of religion and secularism, which is accepted as a public lifestyle, brings some debates on academic and campus life in the world.

Academicians' views or ideologies and their academic works' reflections on academy and campus; the emergence of disagreements among scholars and academics on the campus stemming from this debate; the organization of demonstrations and protest marches on campuses in the debate axis, and issues like these from time to time out of control, the intervention of politics and sometimes the government to the events emerging on campuses because of this problem in mention etc. can be expressed as discussion of the effects of living on campus took place in religion and secularism in relation to the axis.

'Apartheid', as another concept of appearing in the relationship of religion and academy, is a loaded term which is saturated with emotion and history. It instantly conjures up images and memories of discrimination, brutality, and oppression; indulgence, privilege, and pretension; racism, resistance, and, ultimately, emancipation (Dugard and Reynolds, 2013: 867). We have witnessed this term during the apartheid practices in South Africa firstly in modern times. Although the apartheid politics, practices, and also regimes have been prohibited and criminalized by international law in response to the situation in southern Africa, it appears today in various formations, practices, politics, and ways in the world.

The sample of Palestine and the apartheid executions of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory can be dealt as an example for modern variations and versions of apartheid. Israel comes to the forefront with its discrimination and oppression that it implements on the Palestinians from universities to educational organizations, from media and press to cultural motifs. The fact is that the world is carrying on watching this discriminative film and oppressive practices, and international law and international powers are not able to do anything on the opposite of human rights violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. When looked at the Palestinian problem, the relationship of religion and academy is dragging into a more complex axis. The present situation of Palestinian academies shows that the academy is affected from Zionist political pressure on Palestine, which is a kind of religious political view.

The academic studies and theoretical views of Palestinian academics are subject to some restrictions by the Israeli state; Palestinian universities continue their activities under the intense Israeli blockade. Palestinian academies, which mostly carry out their activities with foreign aid, are subject to restrictions similar to racial discrimination both in the academic world and in the literature. As if the persecution that Palestine has been subjected to is not enough in life, it also causes serious difficulties and challenges in academia. What shall we say? May Allah help our Palestinian brothers and sisters in every field...

"Worked non-stop, day-and-night"

Expressing the investments in 28 districts, excluding the centrals, up to now, Mayor Altay also stated that they have been working in 31 districts non-stop, day-and-night for the city which is 42 thousand m2, as the biggest local government. He also said that they, as municipalities, have been performing one of the most important services for the development of the cities and our country. Mayor Altay also mentioned that "we have been deciding the investments in accordance with the needs of our districts together with our local people and by this way we are able to find a place in their hearts. Thanks God, although there have been hard times due to the pandemic, we have been able to make important investments and conduct good projects in 31 districts in 2021. I hope that 2022 will be a fertile year for both our city and our country. I would like to thank to all our mayors and personnel for their great efforts to fulfil this task."







Mostly Visited in 2021: Mevlana Museum

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According to DÖSİM data, 1 million 507 thousand 264 people visited Konya Mevlana Museum, which received the most visitors in Turkey in 2021. Pamukkale, also known as Denizli Hierapolis Archaeological Site, comes in second place with 1 million 197 thousand 561 people. İzmir Ephesus Archaeological Site with 673 thousand 544 visitors became the third.

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Konya Şeker Gets Bigger in Food

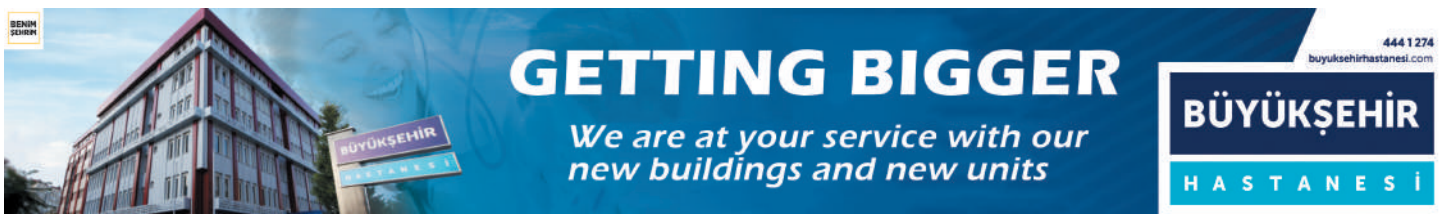
Ramazan Erkoyuncu, the Chairman of Konya Beet Growers Cooperative, stated that "we have a clear path in agriculture and food" and added that "our goal is to go much further in the food department". We may not leave the energy sector, but we will make the food bigger.



Ramazan Erkoyuncu, who was elected as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Konya Beet Growers Cooperative and the Chairman of PANKOBIRLIK two months ago, held a press conference at the Konya Seker campus. Erkoyuncu said that "We are a giant holding that develops ourselves on agriculture and food in Anatolia.

We started to run our second factory, Çumra Şeker, in 2004. In those days, we had very good days both as a sector and as a profitability ratio, we grew. We increased our diversity especially on food, and eventually we became a holding. Then we stepped into a different, energy. If there is no such thing as a sale, I hope we will be in a position to pay off our debt and we will be permanent in this sector as well".









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Esin Çelebi Bayru said that "the view of women in Mevlevi is the same as the view of women in Islam. Emphasizing that great importance is attached to women in Islam, Bayru said, "When we look at history, the cruelty and injustice done to women was really sad, but our Prophet prevented it. He always emphasized how important women were and how important a mother was." Reminding that whirling is a spiritual ritual, a form of dhikr, Bayru stated that "Women also used to perform whirling but they did not appear on the stage." Stating that women who want to get information about Mevlevi in the Mevlevi Lodges are also trained in the harem and their questions are answered, Bayru said, "When we look at the Mevlevihanes, there is definitely a place called the 'women's gathering place. In that place, the women sang among themselves to the music of the ritual in the Mevlevihane."

"Humanity needs unity, togetherness, love"

Bayru emphasized that Rumi called people to love, peace, unity and togetherness. Rumi, taking its essence from the Qur'an and hadiths, told people a way of life, a view of life, and tried to teach it. The fact that Rumi describes this view by emphasizing that love of Allah in Islam has made him universal. Today people need it; they need unity, togetherness, and love. Rumi explained this."

Bayru reminded Rumi's sayings as; "Come near, nearer. How long this path, this beat will go on? If you are me and I am you, What is this separation between you and me? We are the light of God, we are God's mirror. So why do we struggle with ourselves and with one another? Why does a light run away from another?" There is a very necessary lesson for today's people in this ghazal. First of all, people should make peace with themselves. If we make peace with ourselves, if we know the reason we came to this world, if we live this world according to our purpose of coming to this world, if we serve this world, then we can tell and spread this love and this unity to all people."



KTO Foreign Trade Center

Brings Industrialists to New World Markets

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In the written statement made by the Konya Chamber of Commerce, it was reported that the Konya Chamber of Commerce Foreign Trade Center, which was established for the industrialists producing in Konya to reach new foreign markets, is working to increase the export capacity and alternative market of the exporting companies in Konya and the region.



With its advanced information systems, KTO Foreign Trade Center provides export companies with pinpoint customer information from 175 countries and potential customer information from 208 countries, providing instant access to detailed information of 220 million companies worldwide.

In the last 2 years, the center has served 210 companies and more than 300 companies both in the field of export and import.

InnoPark Konya,

A Friend of Growing Companies, Receives Performance Awards in 3 Areas

InnoPark Konya TGB ranked first in the ranking of the best technology development and best supporting center for growing companies, and third in the performance ranking of technology development zones at the age of 1-5. Prof. Dr. Fatih Mehmet Botsalı, General Manager of the Region, stated that "60 percent of the companies in the region that are 100 percent full are growing companies."

InnoPark Konya, one of the few technology development zones located in the Organized Industrial Zone in Turkey, draws attention with the projects it has signed in a short time. InnoPark, where studies are carried out to increase the added value of the products produced and exported in Konya, offers opportunities for industrialists to carry out their R&D, innovation and design activities. Explaining his work to the world, InnoPark Konya Technology Development Zone General Manager Prof. Dr. Fatih Mehmet Botsalı stated that "they support the establishment process of the companies and noted that they have reached 100 percent occupancy. As InnoPark Konya, we are working in different fields. We are now a technopark that has reached 100 percent occupancy rate. This is really important for us. One of the 4 main tasks given to us by the Technology Development Law No. 4691 is to create the necessary resources for R&D and innovation and offer them to the people who need them. In other words, our task is to build R&D buildings and offices and to rent them. We have filled these buildings 100 percent. Currently, we have 73 companies and 9 of them provide services related to R&D and innovation. 37 of the 64 companies are growing firms. We, as Innopark, are a friendof growing companies. The law tells us; At least 10 percent of your companies doing business should be growing ones. In our case, this rate is around 60 percent. We offer 50-75% discounts for growing companies. We support them as much as possible during the initial establishment phases.





A New HST Line:

It takes 40 minutes from Konya to Karaman



High-speed train line started between Konya and Karaman, reduced the journey to 40 minutes. President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan also participated in the first expedition from Konya to Karaman. Travel time from Konya to Karaman reduces to 40 minutes, from Ankara to Karaman reduces to 2 hours and 40 minutes by high-speed train.

Konya-Karaman High Speed Train Line was put into service by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. President Erdoğan also participated in the first expedition from Konya to Karaman.

Carbon emissions will decrease

Within the scope of the 102-kilometer line, 74 bridges and culverts, 39 crossings and 17 pedestrian crossings have been built. The project, which will accelerate freight and passenger transportation, will bring many advantages. Accidents will decrease; 63 million liras will be saved annually from issues such as time, energy, emissions and maintenance. In addition, carbon emissions will decrease by 25 thousand 340 tons.



Enthusiasm of "Şivlilik" in Selçuklu Thousands joined



"Şivlilik Kids Festival" organized by Selçuklu Municipality in order to revive the tradition started. From the very first day, there has been a great interest in the festival. Ahmet Pekyatırmacı, the Mayor of Selçuklu Municipality, visited the festival and came together with the children.

"Şivlilik Kids Festival" started in Selçuklu Congress Centre held by Selçuklu Municipality. "Şivlilik" is a tradition celebrated in Konya every year. This year Selçuklu Municipality turned this tradition into a kids' festival and tried to make them enjoy the day. The festival lasted for five days and during the festival children enjoyed TRT cartoon characters' musicals and families attended sessions about children's education. Children and families showed a great interest in the activities. The festival started at 10 every day and enjoyed children and families during the day with musicals, animations and other events. 535.000 people in total attended the Şivlilik Kids Festival.















Mayor Pekyatırmacı; "We enlivened the tradition that has lasted for centuries with a festival"

While expressing that they have organized a festival to enliven a tradition that belongs to Konya, Ahmet Pekyatırmacı, the Mayor of Selçuklu Municipality, also said that "As Selçuklu Municipality, we wanted to turn "şivlilik" into a festival for our children. On the first day of the festival, children and families showed great interest in our event. I would like to thank all families. Here they can join both the musicals and workshops. Families can also listen to the conferences by valuable speakers. The forerunner of Ramadan has started with this day. These are important days for us. During these three months we wish to have God's mercy and grace for Muslims. We pray to God for our unity and solidarity. I hope our children will have a good time here."



An enriching value for the city; Ramada Plaza

With developing technology, transportation is getting easier and the need for travelling is getting higher. These requirements make more demands for accommodation, different places to stay and investing in different accommodation places by companies. The story of Ramada Plaza Konya has also formed in this way. We have spoken to Yavuz Sakman, the general manager of Ramada Plaza Konya..

Ramada Plaza Konya started its service for guests and to host its visitors in August 2016, in Konya, the ancient capital of Seljuks. It has a triangle-design concept and reflects the global brand to the city. It brings a modern atmosphere to the city and it has an assertive and qualified business accommodation capacity for all demands. In the hotel, there are 250 rooms equipped with cosy and qualified textile products, a car park for 300 cars, a Convention Centre, 6 meeting rooms. The hotel has the capacity to meet various demands of the city. There are also 2 restaurants for 250 people, a private dining room for 50 people. The visitors are welcomed at the lobby with classic home-made drinks and food while they are having a rest away from the stress and tiredness of the day. They can also have an enjoyable time with the unique view in a world-concept restaurant, Saja.

Ramada Plaza Konya is sensitive to its guests and their needs and expectations. In this context, they serve for their guests beyond their expectations from the moment of entrance.

Ramada Plaza Konya hosts ministers and top officials for meetings, visitors for congresses, seminars and meetings from abroad or domestic, artists for presentations that appeal all fields.

At the same time, the hotel gives the same importance and sensitivity to the sportspeople and sports. Since its opening, it has been going on hosting all sport club members come to the city (Spor Toto Super League). Their biggest motivations are making a positive contribution to the city and adding a value to the visionary works in the region. Although the pandemic still remains on the agenda, the facility has deserved a "secure" tourism certificate.



Mayor Altay:

"We have had 380.000 visitors in Konya Science Center in a year"

Konya Science Center, Turkey's first and largest science center supported by TUBITAK, which was brought to the city by Konya Metropolitan Municipality, hosted 380 thousand visitors in 2021.





Konya Metropolitan Municipality Konya Science Center hosted hundreds of thousands of science enthusiasts in 2021. Uğur İbrahim Altay, Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality, stated that "Konya Science Center continues to grow day by day after being the first and largest science center of Turkey supported by TÜBİTAK. It has opened its doors to more than 2.5 million visitors since the day it was put into service. We are proud to host 380 thousand visitors from Konya and outside Konya in 2021. Our aim is to bring people of all ages together with science and to make children and young people love science. In this context, we organize dozens of scientific events throughout the year. I invite everyone who is interested in science to see Konya Science Center next year."

A first in Konya:

Keratin made of sheep's wool



Dr. Esat Sami Polat, Selcuk University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Professor in Konya, announced that for the first time, keratin was made of sheep's wool. Prof. Dr. Polat stated that "We have been working within the Ministry of Agriculture for about 15 years for the evaluation of sheep wool in our country. Recently, we have discovered that sheep wool is a very valuable nanotechnological and biotechnological product that can meet the keratin need in our country, and we are able to synthesize keratin in our own laboratories."

Polat stated that "Keratin is an animal protein that makes up our skin, covers our body and hair. We need to take keratin externally as a result of the loss of this protein over time. We have a chance to obtain keratin from sheep's wool. 97 percent of sheep's wool consists of keratin. Another feature in sheep's wool is that it is 91 percent genetically matched to human keratin. We have been working within the Ministry of Agriculture for about 15 years for the evaluation of sheep wool in our country. We have recently discovered that sheep wool is a very valuable nanotechnological and biotechnological product that can meet the keratin need in our country, and we are able to synthesize keratin in our own laboratories."





ASELSAN produced 170 remote-controlled weapon systems in Konya in 6 months

Ziya Altunyaldız, Chairman of the Parliamentary Industry, Trade, Energy, Natural Resources, Information and Technology Commission, stated that "170 remote-controlled weapon systems (UKSS) were produced in 6 months at the ASELSAN Konya Weapon Systems Factory, which started production last year.

A production facility with the goal and vision of becoming a global actor was brought to Konya with ASELSAN. 170 remote-controlled weapon systems were built in ASELSAN Konya in a short period of 6 months and delivered to ASELSAN. Work continues on weapon systems in different calibrations, from design to R&D. In the upcoming period, we have seen that it is engaged in very original work with its business partners in Konya, from engineering to product development, from R&D to design, and finally to the final product.

'Ghost Engine' Produced by Turkish Engineers will not leave 'trace' on Water

The boat and yacht engine produced by a company in Konya, besides having electric and environmentally friendly technology, works with high efficiency with low energy consumption compared to its counterparts.



Dewjet company, which started its activities on the production of electric motors in the industrial site in the central Karatay district, started to work on the production of boats and jet engines with the support of the Ministry of Industry and Technology. Under the leadership of the company's manager, Muhammed Ali Okka, an environmentally friendly and outboard electric jet engine was designed with the outstanding efforts of Turkish engineers who are experts in their fields. The electric motor, which works with low energy consumption and high efficiency compared to its counterparts, can be used in the defense industry as well as in boats and yachts. The domestic engine, which draws attention with its 40 kilograms weight compared to the engines over 200 kilograms of the brands that dominate the market in the world, does not leave any traces on the water with its unique design. The engine, whose prototype has been tested and successful results have been registered, is ready for mass production.

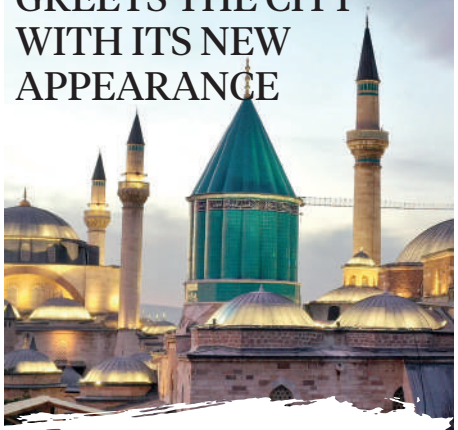
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KUBBE-İ HADRA GREETS THE CITY WITH ITS NEW APPEARANCE



While expressing that Kubbe-i Hadra, which is a symbolic structure of Rumi's tomb, has been restored and renovated appropriate with its origin, Mayor Altay also said that "from the very beginning to the end, all the works done has been conducted elaborately. As a result, Kubbe-i Hadra has started to greet the city again with it original colour."

TRANSFORMATION IN THE HISTORICAL CITY CENTRE



While expressing that they have made important regulations in the city centre, Mayor Altay also said that "we have been conducting one of the most important transformation works in Turkey in the area opposite Mevlana Museum. We made an agreement with our craftsmen in the old buildings of Mevlana Bazaar and Golden Bazaar. Instead of these old buildings, we decided to make a special project which is suitable for the historical style and will make people feel the sense of Seljuk capital. When the project is completed, the social and commercial life in the region will liven up. Also, there will be a connection between Mevlana's tomb and Bedesten, and Kapu mosque and Aziziye mosque. By this way, the tourism will be more alive."

Also, when you think about Konya, another important thing that comes to mind is Alâeddin Hill. There have also been some renovation works on the external walls appropriate with the historical elements. During the first stage of the renovations, 60 separate departments have been completed in 12 buildings. In the second stage, regulations in the face walls of 40 buildings are about to finish.



WE WAIT YOU IN FOUR SEASONS



Uğur İbrahim Altay, the Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality, stated that Konya is worth seeing in all seasons with its beautiful examples of historic, culture and nature tourism. He also said that "we invite visitors from all other places to live Konya, which is the capital of Seljuks and home of Rumi. There are lots of places to see such as ten thousand years old Çatalhöyük, which is in UNESCO World Heritage List, Sille, Science Centre, Tropical Butterfly Garden, Panorama Museum, Ecdat Garden, Kilistra, İvriz Rock Monument, Alâeddin Hill, İnce Minaret, Meram vineyards, Yerköprü waterfalls, Nasreddin Hodja and Şems-i Tebrizi. There are also many other beauties to see in different districts of Konya such as Beyşehir, Akşehir, Seydişehir, Hadim, Ereğli, Karapınar, Ilgın and Cihanbeyli."

CITY OF BIKE



Konya is a city of bicycles thanks to its geographic structure. In order to support the bike riding, some projects have been conducted by Metropolitan Municipality. Konya has the longest bike road in Turkey. It is 550 km. long. Especially in newly opened roads, bike lines are musts. A new 35 km long bike line construction has started recently. Also, the bike tram, which was put into service last year and was the first in Turkey, gets great attention from bike lovers. There are other conspicuous services in the city such as closed car parks, double-storey bike parks, bike repair stations, bike bridges, bike traffic lights, bike waiting stations, ABUS (smart bike transportation system), and buses with bike carrying equipment.

CENTURIES OLD CUISINE CULTURE



Beside many other historical values, Konya has a magnificent cuisine culture, too. For instance, Ateşbaz-ı Veli is in Konya and it's the only tomb of a chef in the world. This city hosts the most beautiful examples of court kitchen. The Metropolitan Municipality has the motto of "it is a civilization to eat here" and has important steps in terms of gastronomy tourism and organizes events. The mostly preferred cuisines in Konya by the visitors are Fırın kebab, okra soup, etliekmek, tirit, bread&meat cuisine, butter&bread, höşmerim and sac arası.



We were the guests of Karatay University Air Park, which is the only university in Turkey that trains pilots with gliders and planes on its own runway.

Karatay trains in the Sky





We had an interview with Agah KARABIYIK, General Manager of Konya Chamber of Commerce (KTO), Karatay University Aviation Education and Economic Enterprise, on pilotage training.



The Konya News: Who is Agah KARABIYIK, General Manager of Aviation Education and Economic Enterprise? Can we get to know you first?

First of all, I would like to express my great pleasure to host the first and only English newspaper in Konya, The Konya News, at KTO Karatay University Air Park. Before we start our conversation, I would like to talk about myself briefly.

I was born in Konya, in 1985. After completing my primary, secondary and high school education in Beyşehir, I graduated from Girne American University, Department of International Relations in 2009. After completing the Business Administration Master's Program at KTO Karatay University, I continue my education life as a PhD student in the field of Political Science and Public Administration at Selcuk University.

In 2010, I entered the professional business life in Konya Metropolitan Municipality European Union and Foreign Relations & Projects Branch Office and took an active role in some domestic and international projects of Konya Metropolitan Municipality. Between 2012 and 2021, I served as the Chief of Staff of our Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Selçuk ÖZTÜRK, at the Konya Chamber of Commerce. On October 1, 2021, I was appointed as the General Manager of KTO Karatay University Aviation and Education Economic Enterprise, with the appreciation of our President, Mr. Selçuk ÖZTÜRK and the Members of the Board of Directors, and with the official approval of the General Directorate of Civil Aviation. In addition to my General Manager identity, I still serve as the Chairman of the Board of Selcuk Politics and Public Association (SELKAMUDER), a non-governmental organization. I am married with one child.

The Konya News: What are the features that distinguish KTO Karatay University Pilotage Department from other flight schools?

The rapid growth and development process in air transportation, which started with the increase of private aviation companies, created the need for qualified personnel. These developments in the aviation industry highlight the need for pilots at international standards. The lack of equipped and qualified pilots in the sector is huge in our country as well as in the world. Therefore, it is of particular importance that the pilotage department, which has become the profession of the era, is within the body of KTO Karatay University. Our university, which includes the firsts, continues by adding innovation to its firsts with its pilotage department. It is one of the main privileges of our university to offer its students an education opportunity where practice and theory are synthesized. We aim to train well-trained pilots for the sector within our university, which holds the title of being the only university in Turkey that trains pilots with glider training, with its own planes and on its own runway. The application area of our Pilotage Department includes a facility consisting of a 1500 meter asphalt runway, 1200 meter turf runway, hangars, taxiway, social facility and open area. Our University has 7 aircrafts in total, with 5 training aircrafts of the latest model and parachute system, and 2 gliders. Our students study at this area. Our university, which manages to get the results of the qualified education we offer in a short time, has showed this with its first place in the competitions. Our graduates from KTO Karatay University, Department of Pilotage, in addition to a 4-year university diploma, also have a Commercial Airline Pilot License (ICAO) approved by the Civil Aviation Organization.



The Konya News: While teaching in your Pilotage Department, you also issue a Glider License (SPL) in addition to the Private Pilot License (PPL), Air Transport License (ATPL – A). What is the importance of getting Glider Training?

First of all, I would like to talk about the features of undergraduate education briefly. . Our students are fully prepared for the "ATPL (A) Pilot License", which will be given by the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure General Directorate of Civil Aviation, during the applied undergraduate education process that will continue for four years. In this process, in addition to their theoretical training consisting of 14 basic courses in the field of aviation, they will first perform a glider flight on the training runway of our university, obtain the relevant glider license (SPL), and then complete their flight training with training aircraft. A pilot candidate student, who has a glider license, can improve his/her control skills in glider use, which requires a relatively higher level of control skill compared to an airplane. In glider training, factors such as winds, weather, temperature of the air on the ground, cloud movements are taught. The better this information, the longer you can stay in the air. However, a candidate who wants to become an airline pilot must take PPL training, which includes basic theoretical training and develops the basic skills used by a pilot. The training consists of theoretical lessons not less than 100 hours in total and 46 hours and 30 minutes of flight training. In our pilotage department, education and training are given in two stages. As a result of the basic training, we apply a training prepared for flight under all conditions by giving practical training in the use of gliders and aircraft, flight under normal conditions and flight lessons in case of danger.

The Konya News: As it is known, this profession does not accept mistakes directly. In this context, what kind of path do you follow when your students encounter any health problems?

Our student who will choose the pilotage department should get a health report as a priority. We strongly recommend that all students who are considering choosing the pilotage department, especially against possible setbacks, do the necessary examination without making their choices. Students who cannot get a health report will apply to ÖSYM and will be placed in their next preferences by ÖSYM in accordance with their score. But after all, we are human, and sometimes health problems can occur. In such a case, the student can continue to the department for which he/she is doing DAP. Or, by looking at the number of courses and credits s/he has taken through in-house lateral transfer, s/he is provided with an appropriate program.



The Konya News: Do you have a full scholarship quota? What is your overall quota? In addition, can we learn from you the cost of the education given at the bachelor's degree level?

In the 2021-2022 academic year, there are 5 quotas with full scholarship and 28 quotas for paid students in our department. While the annual theoretical training fee is 62,640.00 TL; The flight fee is 4,000 Euros in the first class, 16,000 Euros in the second class, 17,000 Euros in the third class, 18,000 Euros in the fourth class, a total of 55,000 Euros. Full scholarship students are exempt from flight training fees. We attach importance to theoretical training as much as we give importance to flight training, because without knowing the theory, it becomes difficult to apply it in practice.

The Konya News: Finally, what would you like to say to The Konya News readers?

We talked about technical issues in general, but we should consider the world and people well. Every person is a book. In addition to improving ourselves academically, it is also extremely important that we discover ourselves in different fields and take steps to increase our cultural capital. In our piloting department, we also offer these recommendations in addition to the importance of training qualified, contemporary aircraft pilots who make flight safety and security a top priority and adopt the aviation culture.

In line with the goals of our university, we will try to work together with all our strength. With the hope of providing useful services to our city and country on the way we set out with the motto "Let's carry our roots to the skies".

From Dervish Lodge to the Museum; from Konya to the World

The Konya Mevlana Lodge, which developed around the tomb of Rumi, is the central residence of the Mevlevi order, which has great influence on our cultural life and world of belief.

This is the central organization of more than 170 Mevlevihanes located within the territory of the Ottoman Empire. After the proclamation of the Republic, Konya Mevlana Lodge was closed like other dervish lodges, and in 1926, at the request of Atatürk, it was opened to visitors as Konya Asar-ı Atika. In the museum, which has nearly three million local and foreign visitors every year, works belonging to Mevlevi ethnography and artifacts donated by Seljuk, Karamanoğlu and Ottoman period sultans and statesmen to the Mevlana Lodge are exhibited. Konya Âsâr-ı Atika Museum was organized as Mevlâna Museum after the new exhibition and arrangement works in 1954, and the archaeological artifacts exhibited in the museum were moved to the İplikçi Mosque. In the restoration work carried out by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism in 2011, dervish cells were transformed into their original form and an arrangement was made showing the services in the Mevlevi Lodge. In 2021, it was separated from the Konya Museum Directorate and became a separate Directorate under the name of Mevlana Museum.



The oldest building: Mausoleum

The oldest of the structures in the Mevlana Museum is Rumi's mausoleum built in 1274. The tomb was built by the Architect Bedreddin of Tabriz by the wife of Alâmeddin Kayser and Emir Süleyman Pervane from the Seljuk Palace, by Gürcü Hatun. Since the masjid and semahane buildings built in the Seljuks Period on the north side of the tomb became insufficient over time, the present semahane, masjid, matbah-ı sherif, dervish cells and a fountain were built in the 16th century during the Ottoman Period.



All over the World

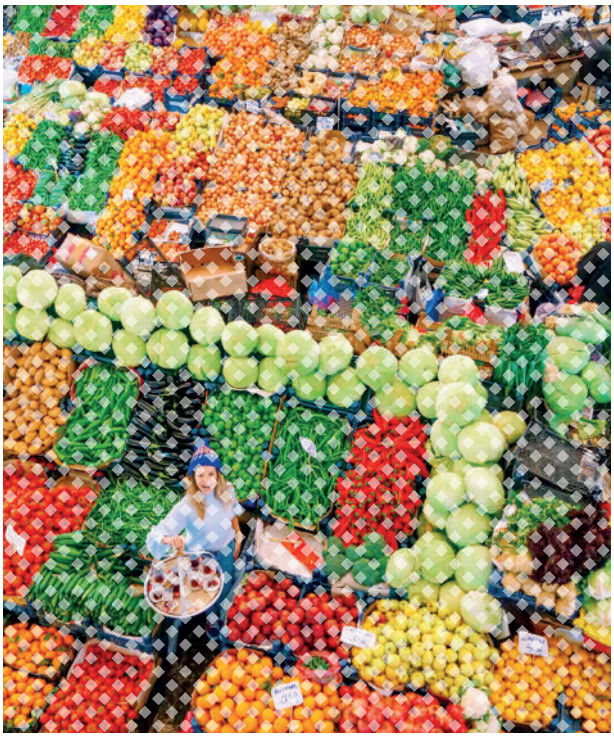
After Rumi's death, his close friend and secretary Çelebi Hüsameddin became sheikh to those who loved him. After the death of Çelebi Hüsameddin, Hz. Sultan Veled, the eldest son of Rumi, became the head of the community. During this period, the Mevlevi Order was organized and branches began to be opened outside of Konya. Çelebi institution was established in Konya Mevlana Lodge, and sons descended from Rumi ruled the lodge as "postnishin" (the person sitting on the post, who is the sheikh of the lodge). Mevlevi order spread first in cities such as Afyon, Kütahya, Muğla, Istanbul, Tokat, Erzincan, and then in the region from the Balkans to the Hijaz Peninsula, and Mevlevihanes were opened.

The Konya News

Both summers and winters are unique in Konya, the capital of Seljuk.

Tasty when it is Green





Turkish Green Mouldy Cheese has been produced for years and it is known as a kind of local and healthy cheese in Konya. It is continued to be popularly consumed by local people. It is registered as green cheese but known as mouldy cheese among local people. The production process is about six months before coming to breakfast tables.

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There is a market in Konya, Melike Hatun Market. This place is known as "women's bazaar" in Konya and this cheese is an indispensable part of the shops. Historically, this cheese has been consumed for nearly a century. Indeed, the moulding process started in uplands. In time, when it became more popular, the production stages started. It is a registered tasteful cheese. It is also known as antibiotics among local people. It is both consumed at breakfast and used in pies as an ingredient. Green cheese is a registered and one of the mostly consumed cheeses in Konya nowadays. It is known as mouldy cheese but it is registered as green cheese. It nearly has no preservative ingredients. It is definitely an organic product.



Tasty when it is mouldy

The shop owners say that it is always an area of interest among Konya's people. They also express that "the production process is about 6 or 7 months. First, cheese is picked up from uplands. After that they are pressed and put into rest. After that, the bag is opened and the cheese is cut into pieces. Then the bag is closed again. In two months' time you can see the mould. When it is mouldy enough it is ready to be sold. If it is not mouldy, you cannot eat it. Our customers usually want the greenest. They say that it is more tasteful and fresh in that way."



From thermal pools to the snowy hillsides



There is not such a special time to visit Konya. The city is full of activities both in summers and in winters. Recently, with Karatay Thermal holiday village which is only away 40 kilometres from the city centre, there have been different kinds of winter holiday concepts. Visitors enjoy hot thermal pools and they also have the chance to go to Derbent Aladağ Ski Resort and get the opportunity to ski from the snowy hillsides.

Moreover, there is another thermal facility in Seydişehir district and it encourages this trend. Visitors can both enjoy in the hot pools and go skiing in the snowy mountains on the same day.

İsmil Karatay Thermal Holiday Village, Seydişehir Thermal Facilities, Derbent Aladağ Ski Resort; these facilities make Konya a completely different place in winter...



Iranian tourists took a boat tour on the ice-cold lake in Konya's Beyşehir district.



They came to Konya from abroad and took a boat tour on the frozen lake.



A Mevlevi Lodge in Sarajevo

The historical Mevlevi Lodge which was built in 1462 by Isabey, the son of Ishak, the banner lord of Bosnia, was rebuilt by Selçuklu Municipality and TIKA in 2012. It became one of the moral centres of Bosnia.

As Bosnia-Herzegovina was under the rule of Ottomans for 500 years, the members of mevleviyeh and bektashism had a great role in spreading Islam. Dervishes settled in the area by Ottomans had a great role in islamising the area in time. For 500 years, a lot of Mevlevi Lodges were built in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Sarajevo became a centre of mevleviyeh and Mostar became a centre of bektashism. The Mevlevi Lodge in Sarajevo became a flag-bearer for Islam in Bosnia for 400 years.

DESTROYED IN YUGOSLAVIA

Some Mevlevi Lodges built during Ottomans were either ruined or destroyed in occupation phase by Australia and by Yugoslavia. The historical Mevlevi Lodge which was built in 1462 by Isabey, the son of Ishak, the banner lord of Bosnia, was rebuilt by Selçuklu Municipality and TIKA in 2012. It became one of the moral centres of Bosnia.

A MORAL CENTRE IN BOSNIA

The historical building which has been serving as a Mevlevi lodge for 10 years has become one of the moral centres of Bosnia. The building was first constructed in 1462. In 1600s it was destroyed and rebuilt in 1781. Within the project of "twin municipality" between Selçuklu Municipality and Sarajevo Stari Grad Municipality, the historical Mevlevi Lodge was rebuilt again and the project was completed in such a short time with TIKA as the project coordinator. The Sarajevo Mevlevi Lodge, built in 1462 by Isabey, the son of Ishak, the banner lord, is also known as Isabey Zawiyah. The lodge served for religious, cultural and social purposes for many years and it was located in Bentbaşı (Bembaşa) region which was near Sarajevo National Library.



BUILT IN COOPERATION WITH SELÇUKLU MUNICIPALITY AND TİKA

Evliya Çelebi visited Sarajevo in 1659 and he described the lodge and its surrounding area as a heaven. During the war between Ottomans and Austria (1683-1699), as many other buildings in the city, the lodge was also mainly destroyed by the fire of Habsburg army under the command of Prince Eugene in 1697.



It was rebuilt and a mosque was added to the building in 1781 by the Mayor of Bosnia, Vecihi Pasha. In 1957 the building was destroyed again, during the Yugoslavian era. The lodge was rebuilt again in cooperation with Selçuklu Municipality and TIKA within the project. Ahmet Davutoğlu, the former prime minister of Turkey, Bakir İzzetbegoviç, the president of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Uğur İbrahim Altay, the former mayor of Selçuklu Municipality and the Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality and a great number of Bosnians attended the opening ceremony.

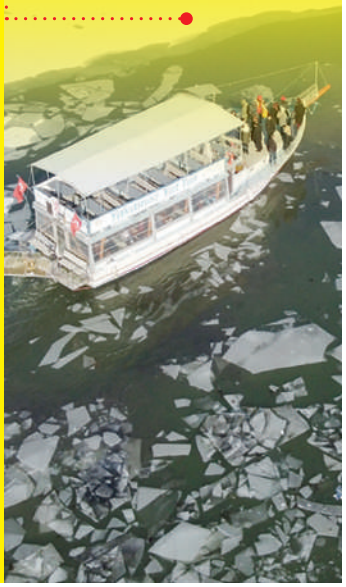
A CONTINUOUS TRADITION

While expressing that Turkey is a great power in the world in many aspects, Bakir İzzetbegoviç, the Bosnian Presidency member of Bosnia and Herzegovina, also stated that Turkey's effect has been growing both in Bosnia-Herzegovina and in other countries in the region. Sarajevo Mevlevi lodge building will serve as the Balkans Mevlana Research Centre by the Hacımuyaga Foundation, which was established to continue the legacy of Hacı Hafız Halid Hacımuliç Efendi, who is the last link that continues the tradition of Mesnevihanism in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It will host artistic and cultural events in order to research Islamic culture and art, particularly Mevlevi culture.





Touring the islands in Beyşehir Lake during the spring and summer seasons, the cruise boats did not turn down the demand from Iranian tourists who came to visit the district, despite the fact that they closed the season a while ago due to the winter season. After temperatures dropped to minus –16°C degrees at night in the district, two excursion boats workers broke the ice sheets of the frozen lake and sailed to the lake. Yacht operator and boat captain Mehmet Kesen said that "Although they closed the yacht season, it was the first time they had toured on a lake whose shores were frozen." Expressing that they did not go on a sightseeing tour this season, Kesen said "We had a group from Iran. They had booked two months in advance but it coincided with a period when the lake was frozen. We made this tour as we promised. This group is coming for the first time; they could not come last year due to the pandemic. They came to Konya for Mevlana ceremonies via a tourism company. They also visited Eşrefoğlu Mosque and liked it very much. They liked the lake and the atmosphere of Beyşehir, too. It was a very nice tour which lasted for about an hour, they were very happy and satisfied."



The Minister Pakdemirli:

"Trying in Konya, will be spreading all over Turkey in 2023."



Bekir Pakdemirli, the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, has informed about income protection insurance, which has been put into practice in the USA and in some European countries, and expressed that "income protection insurance hasn't been existed in our country. It is known that 85% of agricultural insurances in America have been done over income protection. What is income protection? We can explain simply that you buy a policy. In that policy it is written that "the farmer Mr. Bekir cultivates his field of about 920m2. He gets a determined amount of wheat. If the crop is less than the determined amount, the missing amount will be paid by this policy. We need such a system firstly in strategic crops and then others. The USA and some other European countries have already started this system. We have been trying this system in Konya for two years. Starting from 2023, we will be spreading it all over Turkey. And there is one step beyond. It is contract production. It is a truly structured system in which buyer and seller or buyer and produces come together. It includes various products such as beet, potatoes, and tomatoes. I think that it is important to make it popularize it and eliminate legal deficiencies".

Fertilizer Support from Treatment Sludge

Uğur İbrahim Altay, the Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality, stated that they support the farmer with the treated sludge used as fertilizer.



In the written statement by Konya Metropolitan Municipality, it is said that the sludge that has been treated and stabilized in Konya Central Waste Water Treatment Facilities, both generates energy and contributes to the farmers thanks to its highly efficient organic fertilizer feature. It is also mentioned in the statement that "for the first time in Turkey, the General Directorate of Konya Metropolitan Municipality KOSKİ provided the stabilized treated sludge formed in the Konya Central Waste Water Treatment Facility to be provided free of charge to the users who request it.

Agricultural tools test centre is being established



LEADING TURKEY

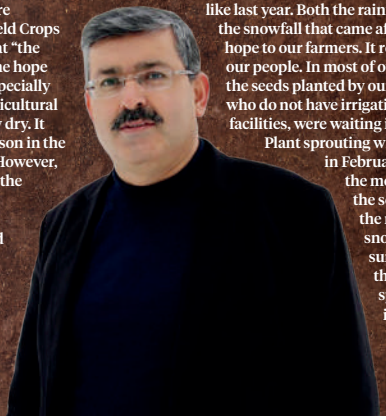
Within the production of machine and equipment sector, agricultural machine and equipment production sector has a strategic importance especially for Konya in which agricultural activities have been conducted intensely. As Konya leads Turkey in the production of agricultural machine and equipment and tractors, holds the half of the local market and exports nearly half of the total.

GETTING A TEST CENTRE

In order to test and certify the produced machine and equipment, it has been difficult, on behalf of both time and money, to carry the machines to the headship (TAMTEST-Agricultural Machine and Equipment Test Centre) for the producers in Konya. In order to make this easier for producers, works have been conducted about establishing a centre in Konya. It is planned to finish and open the centre for service in 2022. It will be a great easiness for producers.

Snow Raises the Hopes

Konya Plain, the granary of Turkey, which has experienced a decrease in agricultural production due to drought and groundwater withdrawal has the joy of the snow now.



Süleyman Soylu, the member of Selçuk University Faculty of Agriculture Department of Field Crops Faculty, stated that "the snow increased the hope of the farmers. Especially the 2020-2021 agricultural seasons were very dry. It was the driest season in the last 40-50 years. However, in the last period, the Konya Plain has received a rainfall of between 30 and 50 millimeters. October was a dry month and November was also a dry month. Inevitably, people had the thought that there would be a drought like last year. Both the rainfall and the snowfall that came after it gave hope to our farmers. It relieved our people. In most of our regions, the seeds planted by our farmers, who do not have irrigation facilities, were waiting in the soil. Plant sprouting will begin in February with the moisture of the soil with the rain and snow. It is for sure to have the plant sprouting in Konya Plain."

Football Career of Ahmet Çalık



Ahmet Çalık, who lost his life in a traffic accident in Ankara, spent his life playing football.



Ahmet Çalık, who was born on February 26, 1994 in Ankara, started football in 2004 at the age of 10 in Gençlerbirliği junior team. Having signed a professional contract with Ankara's well-established club in 2011, after 7 years in Gençlerbirliği junior team, Çalık joined the A team.

First Super League Experience

Ahmet Çalık, who played for the A team for a few times and played for the A2 team in general, wore the A team uniform for the first time in the league with the Fenerbahçe match played on April 21, 2013 in the 2012-2013 season.

Galatasaray Uniform

Çalık left Gençlerbirliği, where he was the captain in the 2015-2016 season, with the offer he received from Galatasaray in the interm transfer period of the 2016-2017 season, and wore the yellow-red uniform for the first time.

Konyaspor for 2 more years

Çalık, who could not reach the performance he wanted in Galatasaray, transferred to Konyaspor on October 4, 2020, spent the last years of his career in this team and achieved important successes. Ahmet Çalık renewed his 2-year contract with Konyaspor on 26 November 2021.

National Team for 8 times

Playing in the lower age groups of the national team many times, Çalık was included in the national team by the coach Fatih Terim on 17 November 2015, and wore the national team uniform for the first time at the age of 21.

Lost his Life in a Car Accident

In the accident that occurred in the Hacılar District of Gölbaşı at around 09:00 on Tuesday, January 11, the car with license plate 06 CLK 94, driven by Ahmet Çalık, went out of control on the Ankara road and overturned in a stockade. Ahmet Çalık, who was alone in the vehicle, lost his life at the age of 27. Çalık was buried in the family cemetery in Ankara Elmadağ on the same day. The news of Çalık's death caused sadness in the world football community as well as in Turkey. Many clubs, especially Barcelona Club and UEFA, published condolence messages.

Karatay Brought A Breath Of Fresh Air To Calture And Art Life In 2021

Karatay Municipality has brought a breath of fresh air to the culture and art life of the district in 2021 with different events. During the year, Karatay Municipality has held various events such as "55th Konya Minstrel Festival", "From Tebriz to Konya, Melodies by Santur; Sedat Anar Concert", "Yunus Emre and Hacı Bektaş Theme Road Concert" and other different organizations. By this way 6 precious works have been included in Konya Culture publications.

55th Konya Minstrel Festival got a great attraction



As last year, Karatay Municipality hosted "Konya Minstrel Festival" this year one more time. The theme of the festival was "National Technology Move" 35 folk poets from 19 cities and 5 countries came together in Konya via the organization and got a great attraction from the local people.

A MUSIC AND ART FEAST FROM SANTURİ SEDAT ANAR FOR KONYA

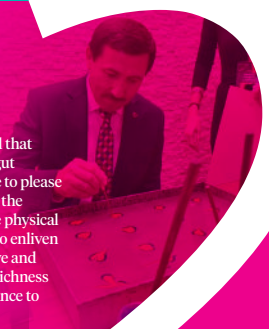
Karatay Municipality and Konya branch of TYB (writers union of Turkey) organized the "From Tebriz to Konya, Melodies by Santur; Sedat Anar Concert" together and made a great contribution to the culture and art life in Konya. Sedat Anar gave a great concert with music pieces performed by timbrel, cura and Santur, which is special musical equipment identified by him. He took music lovers to a spiritual journey in their hearts.

6 Precious Works That Reflects Rich Culture Of Karatay Are Included In Publications



This year 6 precious works, "Boncuklu Höyük; Çatalhöyük 10.000 Yıllık Mutfak Kültürü", "Safahat", "Konya'da Ahilik Ahi Yapıları", "Hacıveyiszade Mustafa Efendi", "11. Mevlâna Şiir Şöleni" and "Gökbiliminin Türk-İslam Öncüleri", have been published by Karatay Municipality Culture Publications.

Local And National Mobilization Live In Our Culture-Art Organizations



Hasan Kılca, the Mayor of Karatay Municipality, expressed that "when we started to work here we had the motto of Turgut Cansever "when you are constructing a city, if you ignore to please the young generation, the ignored young generation will destroy the constructed city". With this understanding we did not only make physical investments in our district but also make different investments to enliven culture and art value of our city. We try to preserve it, make it alive and pass to the future. The organizations we held include a suitable richness and diversity for people from all ages and areas. We give importance to organize special and worthy events for our city."



2022

KARATAY BELEDİYESİ





Road; A Concert For National Values...

The concert was held on the memory of Yunus Emre's 700th death anniversary and "Yunus Emre and the year of Turkish in 2021". Many precious works which were written by Yunus Emre, Hacı Bektaş, Ahmet Yesevi, Kul Himmet, Aşık Ekberi and many other important names of Turkish-Islamic Sufism were performed by an art team of 33 people.

1st international our tradition, future and masters symposium

Necmettin Erbakan University Traditional Handicrafts Application and Research Center, The Ministry of Culture and Tourism Directorate General of Fine Arts, TIKA and Directorate General for Copyright organized "1st International Our Tradition, Future and Masters Symposium, Workshop and Exhibition" together. Many important participants who had works in traditional art joined the organization, which has an important place in Turkish-Islamic civilization, from different cities in Turkey and countries all over the world such as Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan.

11th Rumi Poem Feast

The 11th of Rumi Poem Feast was held by Karatay Municipality and Konya branch of TYB (writers union of Turkey) in Konya. The organization was held in the Mevlana Museum Rose Garden Open Semah Area. The organization made poets come together with art lovers from all over Turkey and the world.

A warming miracle in the plain in winter;

The soup "Arabaşı"



In many regions in central Anatolia, it is started to be cooked as "ara aşı" and today it is known as "arabaşı" and this soup is one of the most wondered tastes. This soup is an undiscovered taste of Turkish cuisine and it is consumed in a different way when compared to other kinds of soups. It is consumed with a kind of cold dough. The cold dough and the soup come together and the other ingredients are browning flour, hot pepper and meat (chicken, goose or turkey). The cold dough is prepared with flour, water and salt. The flour is turned into a kind of batter and then put into a tray. After that, it is waited to be cold. You do not chew the dough and swallow it directly with the soup. "Arabaşı" soup is commonly cooked with chicken meat. However, in villages sometimes people use turkey, goose, partridge and rabbit.



HOW TO COOK THE SOUP

Put five tablespoons of flour and butter in a big saucepan and brown it. Add two tablespoons of tomato paste and a tablespoon of red-pepper paste and brown it more. Add chicken broth, water, chicken meat in pieces, chili pepper, pepper and lemon juice.

A bowl of soup is put into the middle of dough-tray and served.

HOW TO COOK THE DOUGH

Put three glasses of water and one coffee spoon of salt in a saucepan. In another bowl mix one glass of flour with two glasses of cold water. When the mixture on the cooker started boiling, add the cold mixture and mix it for five more minutes. Put the dough in a wet tray. Let it cool at room temperature for an hour and let is rest for another three or four hours in a colder place.







Key points

Don't forget to mix the dough constantly while cooking.

The dough should be absolutely smooth.

The tray should be wet enough. Otherwise, the dough will stick to it. Be careful!

If the soup is too clear, you can add more browned flour.

Do not put the dough in a cold place immediately. First rest it at room temperature for an hour.

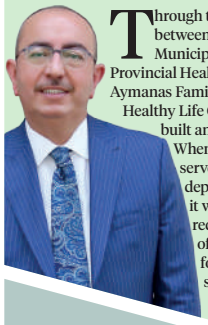
Don't forget to make the knife wet while cutting the dough into pieces.

Be quick while you are putting the cooked dough into the tray.

2021 A Breakthrough For Meram

2021 has been a year of investment and breakthrough for Meram. Meram Municipality made the people of Meram smile with investments, projects and breakthroughs that will put the problems on the shelves of history, make daily life easier, color the social life, and touch people from all walks of life with their support. Here are the highlights of the works that add value to Meram.

MERAM WAS AT ITS BEST IN HEALTH INVESTMENTS, TOO.



Through the protocol between Meram Municipality and Konya Provincial Health Director, Meram Aymanas Family Health Centre and Healthy Life Centre was started to be built and it has been rising up. When it is finished, it will serve with its 16 different departments and it will meet the requirements of the area for health services.



'MEGA' AWARD FROM PRESIDENT ERDOĞAN TO MERAM

Meram Municipality launched Meram Development Academy/MEGA, a new generation education project that will benefit 75 thousand students. Mustafa Kavuş, Mayor of Meram Municipality, noted that the project, in which the 'Z and Alpha Generations' will take an active part and will introduce the new generation to the new generation education methods, has opened a new era in science, art, life, nature, health and sports education by focusing on moral character education.



THE NEW ADRESS OF PEACE HOSTS ITS GUESTS IN MERAM

New "Kafe Meram Huzur" started to serve its guests with its unique view of Konya, a lovely breeze from gedavet and a peaceful atmosphere. This favourite place has been renovated by the municipality and is going on to serve.



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MERAM'S HOUSING MOVEMENTS IN 2021

Two separate housing moves implemented by Meram broke records in the city this year. Turgutreis and Fahrünnisa Houses Housing Projects, which were implemented under the leadership of Meram Municipality, became the city's agenda with record number of applications.







MERAM IS AT THE TOP OF PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

Meram has been experiencing its golden age in public investments in the last two years. Many investments such as the Millet Garden, Sahibiata and Şükran Neighborhood Transformation Project, arrangement of the Meram Last Bus Stop, Veledrom, Athlete Training Center, and TRT Film Plateau works, which will increase Meram's brand value, are increasing rapidly.



A HUGE STEP FORWARD ON BEHALF OF TOURISM IN KONYA; ''LYSTRA ANCIENT CITY EXCAVATION STARTS''

Meram Municipality and Necmettin Erbakan University have united their forces in order to reveal the Lystra Ancient City. Pre-works, surface scanning and reports are mostly prepared and it is said by Mustafa Kavuş, the Mayor of Meram Municipality that the diggings will start in 2022. He also expressed that he is really excited about revealing this ancient city which is one of the most important residential areas B.C. and A. C.

FARMERS IN MERAM ARE HAPPY WITH SUPPORT

Farmers in Meram, are happy with the support given in cooperation with Konya Metropolitan Municipality and Chambers of Agriculture. Meram Municipality continues to support the farmers with the potato planting machines, stone harvesting, stone crushing, mobile sheep spraying and powder sulfur throwing machine, the support provided for domestic and national sesame production, as well as the scale brought to Kilistra, with the Seed Screening Facility built in Hatunsaray District.

In addition, an important project that will ensure the transfer of ancestral seeds that are on the verge of extinction to future generations has been implemented this year. Within the scope of the project supported by the KOP Regional Development Administration, ancestral seeds will be reproduced in the model seedling production greenhouse to be created by Meram Municipality and delivered to the producers.

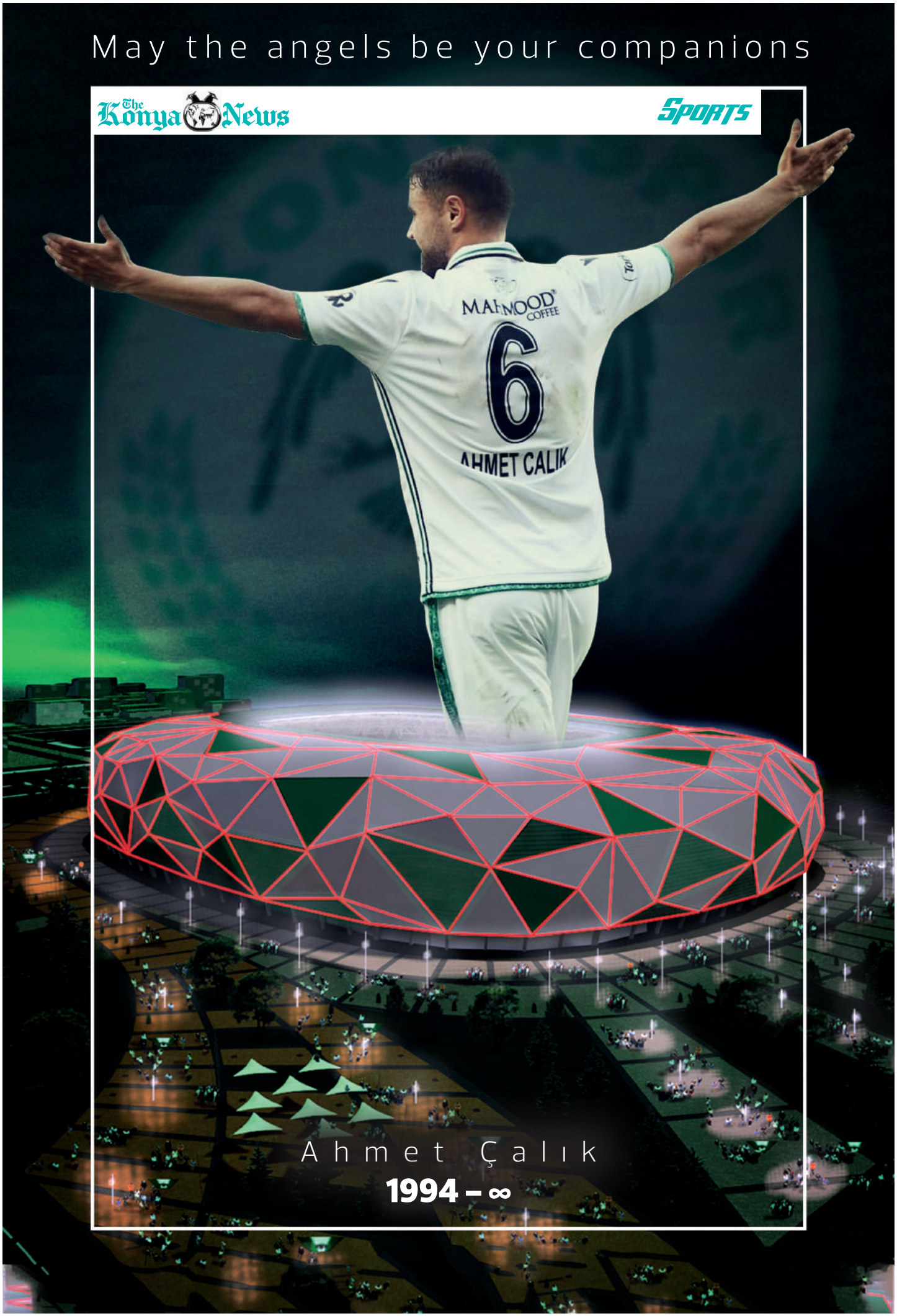


THE FIRST FOUNDATION OF THE ŞÜKRAN TRANSFORMATION PROJECT WAS LAUNCHED

The first foundation stone was laid in October for the Sahibata and Şükran Neighborhood Transformation Project, which also includes Turkey's second largest registered building transport. The 'Registered Island Stage', where the historical buildings of the project, which consists of 5 separate stages, will be rebuilt and gathered on an island, went down in history as Turkey's second largest registered building transportation business. With the restoration of the Hekimevi and the Police Station, 6 buildings that will be reconstructed according to their past functions will come to life again. Thus, the number of buildings in the island will reach 9. Meram Mayor Mustafa Kavuş stated that, "We have dug a well with a needle until today in the Şükran district. With the start of construction, the process will now accelerate. Mayor Kavuş said that "the work in other phases is continuing rapidly and that new foundations will be laid in the region in 2022" and he wished good luck to city.



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