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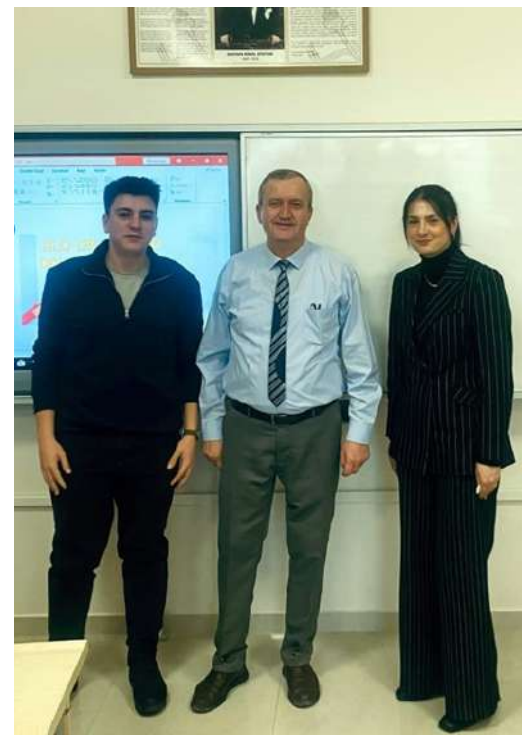
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Kastamonu University completed the Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK) Institutional Accreditation Programme (KAP) process on 9-11 December 2024. The University's quality assurance system, strategic goals, education training, research development, and social contribution activities were evaluated in detail during the process.

The Evaluation Team met with the Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, members of the senate, academic and administrative staff, students, and external stakeholders. It examined current practices and areas for improvement. In addition, visits were made to the University's different academic units and research centers.

At the end of the process, the 'Exit Statement' prepared by the Evaluation Team was presented. Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal stated that the process strengthened the institutional structure of the University and will guide it in achieving its strategic goals and thanked everyone who contributed. He emphasized that the University will take firm steps toward its national and international goals with a continuous improvement approach.



Kastamonu University Senate held the last Meeting of 2024

Kastamonu University Senate held its last meeting of 2024 at the University Senate Hall under the chairmanship of Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal. Vice-Rectors Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan, Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, Secretary General V. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Demirbaş, and senate members attended the meeting.

In the opening speech of the meeting, Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal evaluated the University's progress in education training, research development, quality studies, and social responsibility projects throughout 2024. Stating that significant progress has been made in line with the quality-oriented approach of the University, Our Rector emphasized that raising quality standards in all units in 2025 is one of the priority goals.

Our Rector expressed his condolences to the academic and administrative staff who lost their lives in 2024 and wished mercy to the deceased colleagues and patience to their families. He concluded his speech with the wish that 2025 will bring peace and health to the world.



The Conference on 'Current Developments in World Economy' was held at Kastamonu University.

Kastamonu University hosted a conference on 'Current Developments in the World Economy' on 2 December 2024 with the participation of Prof. Dr. Muhsin Kar, Council Member of the Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye. The event, organized by the Economics and Yeniler Student Communities at the Central Library Sezai Karakoç Hall, attracted significant interest from academics and students.

At the opening ceremony, Prof. Dr. Serkan Dilek, Head of the Department of Economics, and Prof. Dr. Orhan Kandemir, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, emphasized the importance of the conferences in developing students' economic analysis skills.

Prof. Dr. Muhsin Kar made a comprehensive presentation on global economic trends, Türkiye's financial situation, and predictions for the future and gave important advice to the students. The program ended with the presentation of plaques and certificates of appreciation.

After the conference, Prof. Dr. Muhsin Kar visited Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal and evaluated current issues and academic studies at our university. The visit was completed with the presentation of gifts and a photo shoot.



Western Black Sea Career Fair (BATIKAF'24) Started in Bolu

The Western Black Sea Career Fair (BATIKAF'24), held on 16-17 December 2024 under the leadership of the Presidential Human Resources Office, was hosted by Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University. The event, which was held with the participation of 17 stakeholder universities from 8 provinces and public institutions, professional chambers, and non-governmental organizations, offered various opportunities for young people to plan their careers.

In the opening program, the Head of the Presidential Human Resources Office Assoc. Prof. Dr. Salim Atay drew attention to the role of regional career fairs in reducing youth unemployment. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Alişarlı, Rector of Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University, stated that the fair was organized to guide students' career goals and to enable them to meet with sector representatives.

Kastamonu University opened a stand at the fair and introduced its projects, academic studies, and career opportunities. Kastamonu Technopolis and Technology Transfer Office (TTO) provided information on technology-oriented entrepreneurship and university-industry cooperation. Forestry and Nature Tourism Specialisation Coordinatorship introduced the protection of natural resources and sustainable tourism projects.

BATIKAF'24 was an important meeting point for students, graduates, and industry representatives regarding career planning and cooperation.



'To The Future' Entrepreneurship Programme Closing and Opening of the New Term

Kastamonu University Forestry and Nature Tourism Specialisation Coordinators supported the 'To The Future' entrepreneurship program, completed with the closing event held at Kastamonu Teknokent Ilgaz Conference Hall on 13 December 2024.

At the closing event, BYS R&D founder Şuayb Baysal shared his entrepreneurship journey while Venture Valley Incubation Centre Coordinator Lect. Assist. Berkan Güngör talked about the program's successes. In addition to 7 national and one international patent applications, three new companies and one cooperative were established this year. It was also stated that essential achievements such as Teknofest championships and project market awards were achieved.



The event, where certificates were presented to the participants, ended with opening the new term of the 'To The Future' program. The program will continue to produce innovative values by contributing to the entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Climate Policies and Youth Workshop Completed



'Climate Policies and Youth Workshop,' organized under the leadership of Kastamonu University and with the support of Erasmus+ Youth Engagement Activity (KA154-YOU), was completed on 22 November 2024 in Da-day. The workshop was held to strengthen the role of young people in combating climate change and to develop solutions.

Project Coordinator Lecturer. Gör. Berkan Güngör emphasized the importance of youth participation in climate policies, while Kastamonu Teknokent A.Ş. General Manager Prof. Dr. Alperen Kaymakcı drew at-

tention to the necessity of innovative solutions. Kastamonu University Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük explained the national contributions of our country with afforestation and carbon emission reduction efforts.

In the workshop, five thematic tables were formed, such as 'Climate education and awareness,' 'Disaster management,' and 'Sustainable urbanization,' and concrete solution proposals were developed. Participants included academicians, public institutions, non-governmental organizations, and young people. Thirty-one decisions were made during the workshop, and 153 action proposals were made.

The event was completed with important outputs to increase the active participation of young people in climate policies and to create projects that can be implemented at the local level.



Inclusive Project for Individuals with Special Needs Completed at Kastamonu University

The project 'Providing Career-Based Supports in Transition from School to Working Life,' carried out in cooperation with Kastamonu University and İhsan Ozanoğlu Special Education Vocational School and implemented with the support of TÜBİTAK 4008, was completed. The project, which ended with the closing event held on 3 December World Disability Day, aimed to facilitate the transition of individuals with special needs to business life and to increase social awareness.

Training, vocational practices, and art activities were organized within the project's scope for individuals, teachers, and families. Participants gained vocational skills through practical training in lithography, kitchen, and hotel services. In addition, individuals met with employers and received information about employment models.

Project coordinator Dr. Seniha Kurtoğlu emphasized the importance of such projects that support integrating individuals into business life in raising social awareness. The event ended with the presentation of certificates to the trainers and the project team. The project is expected to facilitate the integration of individuals into business life and contribute to the awareness of an inclusive society.

'One Step for Nature: Return to Village and Sustainable Life' event was Organized

Kastamonu University Faculty of Tourism and Forestry and Nature Tourism Specialisation Coordinatorship in cooperation with Kastamonu University Faculty of Tourism on 26 December 2024, 'A Step for Nature: Return to Village and Sustainable Life,' was organized.

The moderator of the panel held in Sezai Karakoç Hall of the Central Library of our university was the Lecturer. Lecturer. Hikmet Haberal, social media content producers Fulden Darama and Aykan Hurma, known for their sustainable life and back-to-nature-themed content on social media platforms, participated as speakers.



Their speeches discussed the environmental and social benefits of returning to village life, sustainable living practices, and raising individual awareness.

'The 'Climate Vision' Conference was Organised at Kastamonu University

The conference was organized by the Kastamonu University Quality Ambassadors student community within the scope of the 'Climate Vision: Policies for the Future' project; the conference was held on 18 December 2024 at the Central Library Cemil Meriç Hall to raise environmental awareness and raise awareness about the fight against climate change.

Project Coordinator Lecturer Gör. Berkan Güngör drew attention to the social and cultural dimensions of climate change in his opening speech and emphasized the critical role of young people in the solution process.



Orhan Açıkgöz, a student of the Department of Turkish Language and Literature, underlined the responsibilities of individuals towards the environment by focusing on the ethical and philosophical dimensions of climate change in his presentation titled 'Climate Change and Climate Philosophy.'

A conference on 'Constitutional Monarchy Period Press and the Turkish World' was held

The conference on 'Constitutional Monarchy Period Press and the Turkish World' organized by Kastamonu University Directorate of Turkish World Application and Research Center was held on 25 October 2024 at Cemil Meriç Hall of the Central Library of our University with the presentation of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sevdâ Özkaya Sofu.

The conference was attended by academic staff and students from the Departments of History, Contemporary Turkish Dialects and Literatures, and Information and Document Management of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The news about the Turkish World in the Press was evaluated at the conference after giving information about the Constitutional Monarchy Period Press.



'Mental Health Services' Event Organised at the Faculty of Health Sciences



Kastamonu University Faculty of Health Sciences (SBF) held an event on 'Mental Health Services' on 20 December 2024. Faculty of Health Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Abdulkadir Tuna and nursing department students, moderated by Assoc, attended the event. Prof. Dr. Havva Kaçan. Psychiatric Nurse Fatma Mum explained the effects of mental illnesses, and Social Worker Gülden Sertkaya explained community-based mental health services. The event ended with questions from the students.

Consumer Awareness Training for Teacher Candidates

In cooperation with the Kastamonu University Faculty of Education and the Kastamonu Provincial Directorate of Commerce, a training program was organized to improve prospective teachers' consumer awareness and rights-seeking skills.

The program, which was held at the Faculty of Education between 2-6 December 2024, was attended by the final year students of the faculty's Preschool Teaching, Classroom Teaching, Primary Mathematics Teaching, Science Teaching, Social Sciences Teaching, Turkish Language Teaching, Music Teaching, Painting and Drawing Teaching and Psychological Counselling and Guidance departments.

Within the scope of the training program, approximately 90 minutes of informative lectures were given to each teaching program. In the lectures given by Kübra Yumruđaş, Deputy Director of the Provincial Directorate of Trade, and Gürol Kayıkciöğlü, VHKİ, the themes of 'Conscious Consumer' and 'Budget Management' were discussed.



TUBITAK 2219 Project Writing Training was Organised at Kastamonu University

'TUBITAK 2219 Overseas Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Programme Project Writing Training' organized by the Project Support Office (PRODO), one of the service units of Kastamonu University Technology Transfer Office (TTO), was completed. The training was given by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Melike Kaplan Yalçın from the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture.



TUBITAK-1002 Project Writing Training was Organised at Kastamonu University

TUBITAK-1002 Program Project Writing Training, organized by the Project Support Office (PRODO), one of the service units of Kastamonu University Technology Transfer Office, was held by Prof. Dr. Özgür Kaynar, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

The training held in Kastamonu Teknokent Defne Hall attracted significant participation. In training, general information about the TUBİTAK-1002 program was first given. The application elements of the program were discussed in detail under all headings. The issues to be considered in preparing the application file were shared with the participants in detail.



TUBITAK 4004 Project Writing Training was held at Kastamonu University

The 'TUBITAK 4004 Project Writing Training and Experience Sharing' event organized by the Project Support Office (PRODO) within Kastamonu University Technology Transfer Office was held on 4 December 2024 at Kastamonu Teknokent Ilgaz Conference Hall.

Lecturer from Forestry and Nature Tourism Specialisation Coordinatorship. Assist. Berkan Güngör from the Forestry and Nature Tourism Specialisation Coordinatorship, general information about the TUBİTAK 4004 program, and the application process was discussed comprehensively. While the elements to be considered in the project application were examined in detail, the application file was prepared and explained to the participants under all headings. In addition, it was also shown how to make a project application practically.



Kastamonu University will Seek New Approaches to Cancer Treatment with the TÜBİTAK 1002-A Project



The project titled 'Synthesis, Characterisation and Anticancer Properties of Some New Thiosemicarbazone Derivatives,' led by Kastamonu University Faculty of Education faculty member Prof. Dr. Zekeriya Yerlikaya, was deemed worthy of support within the scope of TÜBİTAK/ARDEB 1002-A Rapid Support Module.

The project aims to contribute innovatively to scientific research by focusing on developing new compounds for cancer treatment. In the study, the synthesis and characterization of thiosemicarbazone derivatives will be carried out, and the anticancer properties of these compounds will be examined in detail. In this way, it is aimed to bring new approaches and methods that can be effective, especially in the fight against cancer, to the literature.

Kastamonu University Supports Training for Parents of Children with Food Allergy with TÜBİTAK 1002-A Project



Kastamonu University Taşköprü Vocational School Lecturer. Assist. The project titled 'Evaluation of the Effect of Life with Food Allergy Education Based on Pender's Health Promotion Model Based on Pender's Health Promotion Model Given Face-to-Face and Social Media to Parents with Children with Food Allergy,' led by Ayşe Özeflanili, was deemed worthy of support within the scope of TÜBİTAK/ARDEB 1002-A Rapid Support Module.

The project will be carried out under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sibel Küçük from Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University. This study aims to overcome parents' lack of knowledge and increase their awareness through training prepared for parents of children with food allergies.

Kastamonu University Ranked 321st Among 1,477 Universities in the UI GreenMetric 2024 World Ranking

UI GreenMetric (Green Measurement) World Ranking 2024, which evaluates higher education institutions in the international arena in environmental awareness and sustainability, has been announced. Our University, which specializes in Forestry and Nature Tourism in Türkiye and has made a name for itself with its efforts to protect the environment, ranked 321st among 1,477 universities in the UI GreenMetric 2024 World Universities ranking. Our University ranked 33rd among 120 universities in Türkiye.



In the UI GreenMetric 2024 World Ranking, scoring was made in Building and Infrastructure, Energy and Climate Change, Water, Waste, Transport, and Education. The University's scores in these categories determined its place in the world ranking. Kastamonu University ranked 62nd in the world and 4th in Türkiye in the category of Education-Research Area in UI GreenMetric 2024 evaluations.

Bird nests designed within the scope of the Educational Wooden Toys Course were placed on the trees in the Faculty of Education Garden

Within the scope of the 'Educational Wooden Toys' course, which is one of the standard elective courses of our university, students from different faculties and departments visited the Wood Culture Research and Application Centre on 4 December 2024 under the guidance of course supervisor Dr. Lecturer Aysun Ata Aktürk. Prof. Aysun Ata Aktürk visited the Wood Culture Research and Application Centre on 4 December 2024.

During the visit, the center staff gave information about the usage areas of the tools and the products produced by the center. Then, under the guidance of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Önder Tor, Faculty of Forestry, Department of Forest Industry Engineering, Department of Wood Mechanics and Technology, and Director of the Centre, the students worked in small groups to design bird nests.



Unhindered as the Sky: Meaningful Project from the School of Civil Aviation



Kastamonu University School of Civil Aviation came together with individuals with special needs at the event held on 29 November 2024.

Research Assist. Assist. Prof. Dr. Şafak Akte-mur, with the participation of aviation management students, the social responsibility project 'A Life as Unhindered as the Sky' offered an unforgettable experience to students and participants.

The event adopted a recycling-oriented approach with the support of Prof. Dr. Engin Kanbur, Director of the School. Students pre-

sented toy airplanes made from used cardboard and knitted bracelets made with their hand skills to individuals with special needs.

'City and Nature Awareness' Event Organised at Kastamonu University

The 'City and Nature Awareness' event, organized by the Kastamonu University Faculty of Human and Social Sciences and attended by 32 students from different faculties of our university, was held on 28 December 2024 at Kastamonu Kastilya Rural Tourism Facility. Dr. Mustafa Eğilmez, a History Department faculty member of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, organized the event.

Within the scope of the 'City Culture' course, which is one of the standard elective courses, the event, which was organized with the contributions of the 'Nature-Sports and Smoke-Free Life' student club, aimed to raise awareness of nature and environment as well as city and culture awareness in students. At the same time, the event was organized to draw attention to the harms of tobacco use and encourage healthy living habits, which also contributed to students' social and cognitive development.





Uniting Volleyball Regional League Completed at Kastamonu University

The Unilig Volleyball Regional League, organized by the Turkish University Sports Federation, was hosted by Kastamonu University between 9-13 December 2024. A total of 10 teams from Sakarya University of Applied Sciences, Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University, Karabük University, and Zonguldak Bülent Ecevit University competed in the organization.

On 13 December, at the cup and medal ceremony at Ay Yıldız Sports and Life Centre, Sakarya University of Applied Sciences came first in the women's category, Kastamonu University came second, and Karabük University came third. In the men's category, Sakarya University of Applied Sciences came first, Kastamonu University came second, and Karabük University came third.



KHALID Enthusiasm at Kastamonu University: The Wind of Sports and Friendship



Kastamonu University hosted the Kastamonu Great Olympiad Event (KHALID) on 7-8 December 2024 in cooperation with the International Student Community and the Indonesian Student Community. The event, attended by 200 Indonesian students from Bartın, Çorum, Karabük, and Kastamonu, reinforced friendship and solidarity with sports and cultural activities.

In addition to tournaments organized in sports branches such as basketball, volleyball, mini football, and billiards, traditional Indonesian dance performances added color to the event. Participants had the opportunity to get to know Indonesian culture by experiencing the unifying power of sports.

The event ended with satisfaction as a meeting point that strengthened the spirit of solidarity and unity of Indonesian students in Türkiye.

'Semester Concert' was held at Kastamonu University

Within the scope of the Kastamonu University Social Activities Plan for 2024, the 'Semester Concert' was held on 25 December 2024 at Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Cultural Center.

The concert, organized by the Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education, and Department of Music Education with the contributions of the Personnel Department, was held with the participation of academicians, students, and guests.

Dean of the Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kaçar, Secretary General of our University and Head of Personnel Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Demirbaş, academicians, students, and many guests attended the concert.



5th International Postal Art Exhibition with the theme 'Climate Crisis - Global Warming' by the Department of Graphic Design

The 5th International Mail Art Exhibition with the theme 'Climate Crisis - Global Warming,' organized by Kastamonu University Faculty of Fine Arts and Design, Department of Graphic Design, met with art lovers on 20 December 2024.

The exhibition features 350 works from 19 countries to raise awareness about global warming and climate crisis and create a collective consciousness. The works reflect the difficulties of this worldwide problem and the ways of hope and solutions.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts and Design, Prof. Dr. Erol Yıldır, drew attention to the power of art in creating social change and awareness—the curator of the exhibition, Assoc. Assist. Prof. Dr. Sofya Cihan Canbolat emphasized that art effectively creates a universal consciousness.





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