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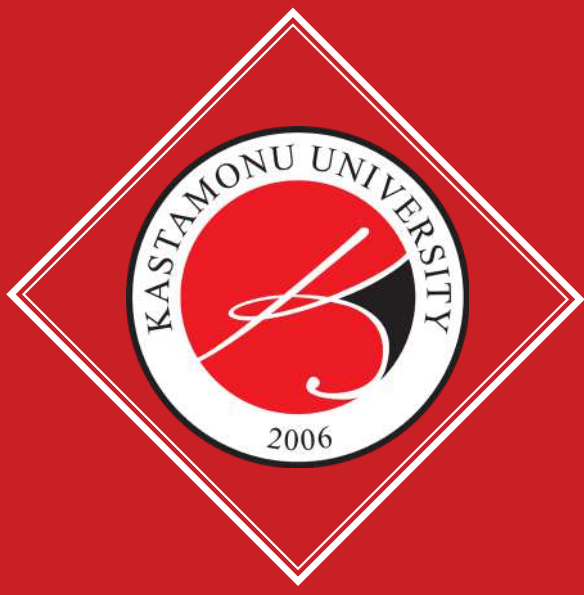
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Kastamonu University Ranked Among the Top 7 in Turkey at the Barrier-Free University Award Ceremony

At the 2025 Barrier-Free University Flags and Program Emblem Ceremony organized by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), Kastamonu University ranked 5th nationwide and 2nd in the Black Sea Region (after Zonguldak Bülent Ecevit University) in the Program Badges category, receiving 9 badges.

The 2025 Barrier-Free University Flags and Program Emblem Ceremony, organized by YÖK to promote a barrier-free university environment, was held at the Council of Higher Education Presidency on December 25, 2025, with the participation of YÖK President Prof. Dr. Erol Özvar. At the ceremony, the awards for universities that earned the Accessible University Flag and Program Emblem were presented by YÖK President Prof. Dr. Erol Özvar.



Kastamonu University is in the top 20 in 12 areas in the 2025 YÖK Monitoring and Evaluation Report

The University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report – 2025, prepared by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), has been published. According to the indicators in the report, Kastamonu University ranked among the top 20 universities nationwide in Türkiye across 12 different fields.

In the report, where universities' performance is evaluated under the headings of education and teaching, research and development, internationalization, sustainability, and community service and social responsibility, our university ranked in the top 20 in 12 indicators.

Kastamonu University is the second-best state university established after 2000 in Türkiye and the first in the Black Sea region

The University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report – 2025, prepared by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), has been published. According to the indicators in the report, Kastamonu University ranked among the top 20 universities nationwide in 12 different fields and achieved the 2nd position among 74 state universities established after 2000. In this ranking, Istanbul University-Cerrahpaşa took the top spot.



A Courtesy Visit from Ibrahim Hatipoğlu President of the Kastamonu Justice Commission, to Our Rector

Kastamonu Justice Commission President İbrahim Hatipoğlu paid a courtesy visit to our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, on December 29, 2025. During the visit to the Rector's office, there was an exchange of views.

During the visit, our Rector informed President Hatipoğlu about the activities carried out by our University in academic, scientific, and social fields.



Visit from the Kastamonu Provincial Armed Forces Commander to our Rector

Kastamonu Provincial Army Commander Gendarmerie Senior Colonel Hikmet Uz visited our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, in his office.

During the visit, there was a mutual exchange of views on cooperation between the university and public institutions, as well as the work being carried out throughout the province. Our Rector thanked the senior colonel of the Gendarmerie. Hikmet Uz for their kind visit.



The final Board of Directors meeting of Kastamonu Technopark for 2025 was held

The final Board of Directors meeting of Kastamonu Technopark for 2025 was held on December 29, 2025, at the Kastamonu Technopark Administration and Incubation Center building, chaired by our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, and attended by board members.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chairman of the Board and General Manager of Kastamonu Technopark Inc., Prof. Dr. Alperen Kaymakçı, Provincial General Assembly Chairman Doğan Ünlü, Municipal R&D Director Adem Ünal representing Kastamonu Municipality, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, Kastamonu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KATSO) Chairman Oğuz Fındıklıoğlu, and businesspeople Hüseyin Avni Üster and Tuncay Yılmaz.



Kastamonu University Ranked 217th Among 1,745 Universities in the UI GreenMetric 2025 World Rankings

The results of the UI GreenMetric World Ranking 2025, which evaluates higher education institutions internationally in terms of environmental awareness and sustainability, have been announced. Our university, which specializes in forestry and nature tourism in Turkey and is also recognized for its environmental protection efforts, ranked 217th among 1,745 universities from 105 countries in the UI GreenMetric 2025 World University Rankings.

Our university ranked 25th among 142 universities across Turkey. Thus, Kastamonu University climbed 104 places, moving from 321st place last year to 217th place. Additionally, our university is ranked 57th among 360 universities in Europe.



Kastamonu University Renewed ISO 9001:2015 Certificate and Received IQNET Certificate



Kastamonu University has renewed its TS EN ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Certificate and is entitled to receive the IQNET Certificate.

In the document renewal audit conducted by the Turkish Standards Institution (TSE) from October 21 to 23, 2025, our University's academic and administrative processes were evaluated. With the completion of the audit, the TS EN ISO 9001:2015 certificate was renewed for the fourth time.

Accreditation Success for Kastamonu University Vocational School Programs: Our Programs Accredited by MEDEK



Kastamonu University continues to reap the rewards of its efforts to ensure the quality of vocational and technical education.

As a result of the evaluations conducted by the Vocational Education Evaluation and Accreditation Association (MEDEK), 10 programs within our university's Tosya Vocational School, Taşköprü Vocational School, Cide Rifat Ilgaz Vocational School, and Kastamonu Vocational School were awarded full and conditional accreditation.

A University Protocol Execution Meeting was held at Kastamonu University within the scope of YÖK-TOBB Cooperation



Within the scope of the "Vocational Schools Education Cooperation Protocol" signed between the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), a University Protocol Executive Meeting was held in the Rectorate Meeting Hall.

The meeting was attended by our Vice Rector, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan, the Chairman of the Board of the Kastamonu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KAT-SO), Oğuz Fındıkoğlu, representatives from vocational schools, and representatives from the chambers/exchanges that were matched.

Kastamonu University and Karabük University Evaluated Cooperation Steps in Graduate Education

Kastamonu University hosted a delegation from Karabük University as part of its efforts to enhance the quality of postgraduate education. During the visit, postgraduate education processes, institutional operations, and digital automation systems were discussed.

The program began with a visit from Karabük University Vice Rector Prof. Dr. İsmail Rakıp Karış, Director of the Graduate School Prof. Dr. Zeynep Özcan, and their accompanying delegation to the office of our Vice Rector, Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakçı. Following the courtesy visit, a cooperation meeting was held at our university.



The Joint Master's Program between Kastamonu University and Karaganda Buketov University Receives Approval from YÖK



**Kastamonu Üniversitesi ile
Karaganda Buketov Üniversitesi
Arasındaki Ortak
Yüksek Lisans Programı
YÖK'ten Onay Aldı**



Üniversitemiz ile Kazakistan'daki Karaganda Buketov Üniversitesi arasında yürütülmesi planlanan "Çağdaş Türk Lehçeleri ve Edebiyatları Ortak Tezli Yüksek Lisans Programı", Yükseköğretim Kurulu (YÖK) tarafından onaylandı.

The "Joint Master's Program in Contemporary Turkish Languages and Literatures," planned to be conducted between Kastamonu University and Karaganda Buketov University in Kazakhstan, has been approved by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK).

Our university's application dated November 14, 2025, was evaluated at the YÖK Executive Board meeting on November 26, 2025, and deemed suitable for opening a joint program.

Symposium on Elderly and Disabled Health and Health Tourism at Kastamonu University



Kastamonu University hosted a symposium titled “Kastamonu’s Health Tourism Potential in Protecting and Improving the Health of Elderly and Disabled Individuals.”

At the symposium held on December 19, 2025, in the Sezai Karakoç Hall of the Central Library, current approaches to improving and protecting the health of elderly and disabled individuals, as well as Kastamonu’s potential in the field of health tourism, were addressed from multiple perspectives.

The Green Data Workshop at Kastamonu University Brought Together Representatives from Academia, Government, and the Private Sector

The “Green Data: Geographic Information-Based Solutions for Digital Transformation in Forestry Workshop” will be held at Kastamonu University on December 8-9, 2025.

The event, held at the Kastamonu Technopark Ilgaz Conference Hall, is organized by the University’s Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing Application and Research Center and supported by the Forestry and Nature Tourism Specialization Coordination.



A panel titled “Green Economy Policies in the Context of Global Climate Change” was held at Kastamonu University

Kastamonu University hosted a panel discussion on green economy policies within the framework of the effects of global climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The panel, organized in collaboration with the Faculty of Forestry, the Specialization Coordination for Forestry and Nature Tourism, and Kastamonu Technopark, was held on December 4, 2025, at the Technopark Building.



On Health Managers Day, the Health Management, Leadership, and Sustainability Panel was held at Inebolu Vocational School

As part of the December 18th Health Administrators Day, an event titled “Management, Leadership, and Sustainability in Health Services: The Power of Effective Management in Health Services” was held at Kastamonu University’s Inebolu Vocational School.

The program, moderated by Lecturer Emir Şen, Head of the Management and Organization Department at Inebolu Vocational School, was attended by Kastamonu Provincial Health Director Dr. Fevzi Yavuzılmaz, Head of Public Hospitals Services Specialist Dr. Rıdvan Sarıkaya, Head of Health Services Dr. Yüksel Kutlu, Head of Public Health Services Dr. Mehmet Yıldırım, and Head of Support Services İsmail Hakkı Demir.



The Future of Building Materials was Discussed at Kastamonu University: “Disaster-Resistant Ecological Wooden Structures”

The “Disaster-Resilient Ecological Timber Structures Panel,” hosted by the Department of Forest Industry Engineering at Kastamonu University’s Faculty of Forestry, brought together academics and industry representatives.

At the event held on December 2, 2025, in the Ilgaz Hall of Kastamonu Technopark, the resilience of wooden structures against disasters and their critical role in sustainable architecture were discussed. In the panel discussion, which saw strong participation, it was emphasized that wood is not only a traditional material but also holds strategic importance for the cities of the future.



3rd December World Disability Day Event at Kastamonu University: “Strengthening the Social Structure for Individuals with Disabilities”

The Department of Nursing at the Faculty of Health Sciences, Kastamonu University, organized an event titled “Strengthening the Social Structure for Individuals with Disabilities” as part of World Disability Day on December 3rd. The program, held on Thursday, December 4, 2025, in the Sezai Karakoç Hall of the Central Library, was attended by academics, students, representatives from civil society organizations, public institutions and organizations, and individuals with special needs.



Kastamonu University Participated in the TBMM Commission for the Investigation of Problems of Disabled Individuals Meeting



Kastamonu University continues to contribute to the studies conducted by the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (TBMM) with the aim of increasing the participation of individuals with disabilities in social life and developing solutions to the problems encountered in higher education.

Our university participated in the “Online Consultation Meeting for Student Clubs Operating in the Field of Disability / Disability Student Representatives / Volunteer Students,” which was held under the chairmanship of Dr.

Mehmet Muharrem Kasapoğlu, the Chairman of the TBMM Commission for the Investigation of the Problems of Individuals with Disabilities, with a delegation from our university.

The 'Strong Father, Strong Private Individual' Project Closing Program was Held

The closing program of the "Strong Father, Strong Special Individual" project, presented by the Black Sea Autism Federation and supported by the General Directorate of Civil Society Relations of the Ministry of Interior, and carried out by Kastamonu University, was held in the Sezai Karakoç Hall of the Kastamonu University Central Library.



Our Indonesian Students at Kastamonu University Brought Culture and History Together with the KHAYA Program



The Kastamonu Wonderful Indonesia (KHAYA) program, organized to promote the rich heritage of Indonesian culture and increase intercultural interaction, was held with high participation at Kastamonu University.

The program was attended by our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, General Coordinator of External Relations M. Öztürk Akcaoğlu, Head of Health, Culture and Sports Department Mehmet Sena Aygöl, Advisor to the Indonesian Student Community Dr. Osman Topaçoğlu, as well as our faculty members and students.





The Closing Meeting of the Erasmus+ Home Boarding Project was held at Kastamonu University

The closing meeting of the project titled “Supporting Sustainable Rural Development with the Home Boarding Training Module and Developing a Digital Eurasian Cookbook,” supported within the framework of Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnerships in Adult Education, led by Kastamonu University, was held on December 9, 2025, at the Guesthouse.



Regional Technoparks Meet in Kastamonu for Specialization-Based Cooperation

Hosted by Kastamonu Technopark, technoparks operating in the TR81, TR82, and TR83 regions came together in Kastamonu to foster regional cooperation and establish a shared vision.

The “Specialization-Focused Technopark Model Development Workshop,” supported by the Kastamonu University Scientific Research Projects Coordination and led by our university’s Lecturer Dr. Zuhale Arife Küçük, brought together technopark managers from the region on the same platform.



Factors Threatening Wildlife Were Discussed at Kastamonu University



Kastamonu University hosted an event to raise awareness about the sustainability of nature conservation and biodiversity. The panel titled “Factors Threatening Wildlife” was held on December 15, 2025, in the Kastamonu University Technopark Conference Hall.

The event was attended by the Dean of the Faculty of Forestry, Prof. Dr. Mahmut Gür, the Xth Regional Director of Nature and National Parks of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ali Bozkurt, the Kastamonu Branch Manager, Yalçın Uyanık, academics, and field experts.

“World Turkish Language Day” Events Organized at Kastamonu University on December 15th

Kastamonu University held two separate events across the campus on December 15th, which is recognized as “World Turkish Language Day,” to emphasize the place of Turkish in cultural heritage and its social importance.



A New Era in Cardiac Surgery: A First in Kastamonu, in Collaboration with Kastamonu University Faculty of Medicine and KEAH



Kastamonu Education and Research Hospital (KEAH), in collaboration with Kastamonu University Faculty of Medicine, has achieved another success in cardiac surgery. The first minimally invasive (small incision) heart bypass surgery was successfully performed at KEAH.

The final event and award ceremony of the “Design Future” Design Competition were held at Kastamonu University

The final event and award ceremony of the “Design Future” Design Competition, organized by the Patent Support Office of the Kastamonu University Technology Transfer Office (TTO), was held. At the event where students had the opportunity to showcase their design-focused work, projects from different disciplines were awarded based on jury evaluation.



Kastamonu University's "We Are Raising Volunteer Youth in Social Sensitivity" Project Completed

The project carried out by Kastamonu University to raise awareness of volunteering among young people and increase social awareness has been successfully completed.

The project "We are Volunteers, Raising Young People with Social Sensitivity," coordinated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erol Tekin, a faculty member in the Department of International Trade and Logistics at our university's Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, and supported within the framework of the Ministry of Youth and Sports' "We are Volunteers Support Call," was completed with events held over a week.



The film “Kudret,” directed by Mehmet Oğuz Yıldırım, a research assistant at Kastamonu University, won 4 awards at the International Silk Road Film Festival

Awards were presented at the 13th International Silk Road Film Festival, held this year. Mehmet Oğuz Yıldırım, a research assistant at Kastamonu University’s Faculty of Communication, was awarded the Best Film and Best Director prizes for his film “Kudret,” which he directed.



The Wind of Leadership at Kastamonu University: Future Aviation Managers Competed

The “Leadership Presentations” event, organized by the Department of Aviation Management at Kastamonu University School of Civil Aviation and now a tradition, opened its doors for the fourth time this year.

The organization, implemented as part of the “Leadership and Motivation” course led by Prof. Dr. Engin Kanbur, took place on December 25, 2026, in the Cemil Meriç Hall of the Central Library. Students who had meticulously prepared for a period of time presented their projects to the jury, combining concepts of leadership with academic foundations.



Kastamonu University Children's Education Application and Research Center Children's Homes Site Hosted Children Receiving Services

An event was organized by the Kastamonu University Child Education Application and Research Center for children aged 4-8 who receive services from the Children's Homes Site affiliated with the Kastamonu Provincial Directorate of Family and Social Services.

On December 18, 2025, as part of an event held in collaboration with the Preschool Education Community, under the academic supervision of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aysun Ata Aktürk, the children's theater performance "The Color Monster" was staged by students from the Faculty of Education's Preschool Teaching program at our University's Baby and Children's Library.



Certificates were presented to student communities that were successful in the UNIDES Program at a ceremony

A ceremony was held to present certificates of achievement to Kastamonu University student communities that were eligible for support and successfully completed their activities within the scope of the 2024-2025 UNIDES (University Student Communities Cooperation and Support Program), which is carried out under the coordination of the General Directorate of Youth Services of the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

The ceremony, held in the Kağan Talip Tıǧlı Youth Center Conference Hall with a large turnout, was attended by Provincial Director of Youth and Sports Sami Kuşcu, Head of the Health, Culture and Sports Department of our University, Mehmet Sena Aygöl, youth leaders, community advisors, and numerous students.



Kastamonu University LÖSEV Benefit Student Community Selected as “Most Active Community of the Year”



Kastamonu University LÖSEV Benefit Student Community was awarded the title of “Most Active Community of the Year” for its volunteer, awareness, and social responsibility activities carried out among 143 benefit communities operating throughout Turkey. Our university has once again demonstrated its effectiveness in social studies by winning this award for the first time.

Success of Kastamonu University Students in the HAVELSAN SUT Program



Kastamonu Üniversitesi Öğrencilerinin HAVELSAN SUT Programı Başarısı



Üniversitemiz MMF Bilgisayar Mühendisliği Bölümü öğrencisi Kerem Mert ile Elektrik-Elektronik Mühendisliği Bölümü öğrencisi Osman Furkan Özipek tarafından, Doç. Dr. Kemal Akyol danışmanlığında hazırlanan “Operatör Durum Farkındalığı İçin Yapay Zeka Destekli Biyosensör Tabanlı İzleme Sistemi” başlıklı proje, 2025-2026 Akademik Yılı HAVELSAN SUT Programına kabul edildi.

Students from the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture at Kastamonu University have achieved another prestigious success in the fields of defense and technology. The project titled “Artificial Intelligence-Supported Biosensor-Based Monitoring System for Operator Situation Awareness,” prepared by Computer Engineering Department student Kerem Mert and Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department student Osman Furkan Özipek under the supervision of Associate Professor Kemal Akyol, has been accepted into the 2025-2026 Academic Year HAVELSAN SUT Program.

Support from the Ministry of Youth and Sports for Kastamonu University’s Volunteer Project





KASTAMONU ÜNİVERSİTESİ’NİN GÖNÜLLÜLÜK PROJESİNE GENÇLİK VE SPOR BAKANLIĞI’NDAN DESTEK

The project titled “Raising Volunteer Youth in Social Sensitivity,” prepared by Associate Professor Dr. Erol Tekin, a faculty member in the Department of International Trade and Logistics at Kastamonu University’s Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, was selected for support under the “We Are Volunteers Support Call” initiative led by the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

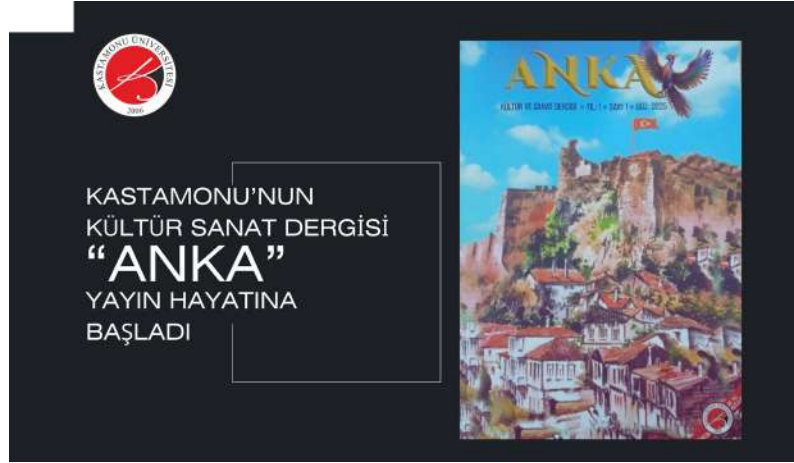
Kastamonu University Continues Kastamonu-Focused Reports Series with Animal Welfare Report

Kastamonu University shared the second study of the “Kastamonu Reports” series, which examines the city’s socio-economic structure and strategic sectors in light of scientific data, with the public. The series’ new report, titled “Current Status, Future Perspective, and Strategic Roadmap of Livestock in Kastamonu Province,” was published, comprehensively examining livestock, which is one of our province’s leading production areas.



Kastamonu’s Culture and Art Magazine “ANKA” Begins Publication

Kastamonu University Culture, Art Application and Research Center, in collaboration with the university’s Culture and Art Application Community, has launched the culture and art magazine “ANKA.” The magazine, prepared as a local periodical, stands out for its student-centered structure



Kastamonu University’s Project in the Scented Landscape Area will be Supported under TÜBİTAK 1002

The project titled “Evaluation of the Olfactory Landscape Performance of Tilia tomentosa Based on Virtual Reality,” led by Assist.Prof.Dr. Elif Ayan Çeven, a faculty member in the Department of Landscape Architecture at Kastamonu University Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, has been awarded support under the TÜBİTAK 1002 – Rapid Support Program.



TÜBİTAK 1002 Support for Kastamonu University's Formative Assessment-Focused Professional Development Project

The project titled “An Examination of Science Teachers' Classroom Practices Participating in a Formative Assessment-Focused Professional Development Program,” prepared within the scope of the TÜBİTAK 1002 – Fast Support Program under the leadership of Research Assistant Seda Çalık from the Department of Science Education, Faculty of Education, Kastamonu University, has been awarded support.



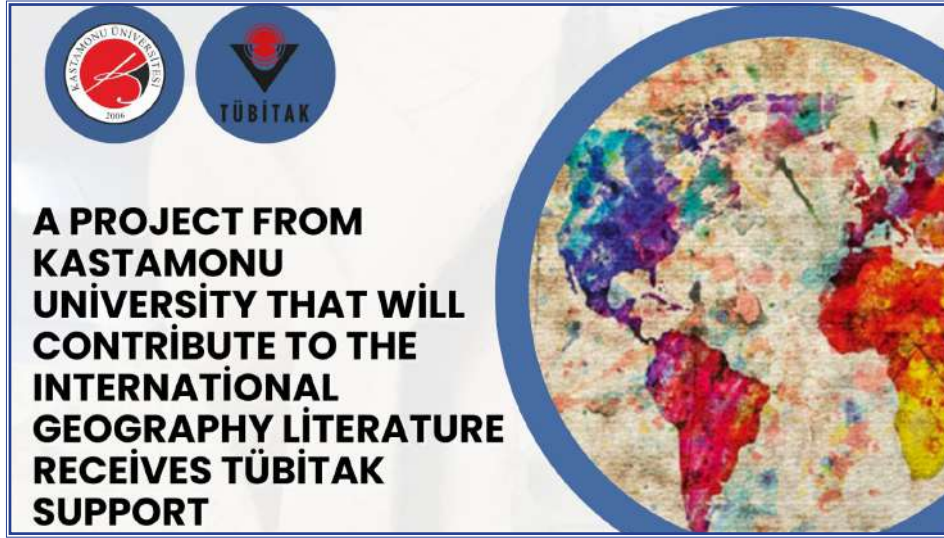
TÜBİTAK 1002-A Support for the Artificial Intelligence-Based Cancer Diagnosis Project Featuring Kastamonu University Instructor Merve Özkan as a Researcher

Kastamonu University continues to make significant academic contributions in the field of health technologies. In the project supported by TÜBİTAK's 1002-A Rapid Support Program, Lecturer Merve Özkan from our university is participating as a researcher.



A Project from Kastamonu University Contributing to International Geography Literature Receives Support from TÜBİTAK

The project “Temporal and Spatial Analysis of Hegemonic Relations in Geographic Information Production,” led by Assist.Prof.Dr. Suat Yazan, a faculty member in the Department of Geography at Kastamonu University’s Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, has been awarded support under the TÜBİTAK 3501 – Career Development Program. The project aims to examine the temporal and spatial dimensions of the Anglo-American-centered structure that influences the production and circulation of knowledge in the discipline of geography.



TÜBİTAK 3005 Project of Kastamonu University: The Ancient City of Pompeiopolis and the Sundial Will Be Reinterpreted from a Scientific History Perspective

Kastamonu University’s project titled “Tracing Time Thru Sundials: An Analysis and Digital Modeling of the Paphlagonia Region and the Ancient City of Pompeiopolis from the Perspective of Science History,” prepared under the leadership of Dr. Ömer Fatih Tekin from the Department of History of Science, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, within the scope of the TÜBİTAK – 3005 Innovative Solutions Research Projects Support Program in Social and Human Sciences, has been awarded support.

This study aims to comprehensively examine the hemicyclium-type sundial discovered in 2021 in the ancient city of Pompeiopolis from a scientific history perspective.



Kastamonu University's Domestic and Innovative Biomaterial Patent Registered

The study titled "Allium sativum L. Essential Oil-Loaded Bi-functional Sodium Alginate Film as a Postoperative Adhesion Prevention Barrier," developed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. G. Ülke Çalışkan, a member of Kastamonu University İhsangazi Vocational School, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nuray Emin, a faculty member at our University's Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, and our graduate student Havva Yazar, have been registered by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office.



Kastamonu University's Innovative Patent for Beech Plywood Production Registered

The patent titled "Powdered Glass Fiber Reinforced Phenol Formaldehyde Adhesive Mixture for Beech Plywood Production with Increased Screw Torque Value," applied for under the ownership of Kastamonu University and invented by Prof. Dr. Önder Tor, a faculty member of the Forestry Faculty's Forest Industry Engineering Department, and Gökhan Kayacık, a master's graduate, has been registered by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office.



Kastamonu University's Patent for Domestic and Herbal Disinfectant Registered

Kastamonu University continues its work in line with its goal of transforming academic studies into value-added products.

The “Ethanol-Based Herbal Hand Sanitizer” developed by Assist. Prof.Dr. Kerim Güney, a faculty member in the Department of Forestry Engineering at our university's Faculty of Forestry, as part of his research and development studies, has been registered by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office.



AI-Assisted Patent Registration at Kastamonu University

The invention titled “Digital White Desk: AI-Supported Multi-Modal Problem Reporting and Management System,” developed by Associate Professor Dr. Kemal Akyol, a faculty member in the Computer Engineering Department of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture at Kastamonu University, and Associate Professor Dr. Ümit Atilla, a faculty member in the Computer Engineering Department of the Faculty of Engineering at Gazi University, and applied for registration under the ownership of Kastamonu University, has been registered by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office.





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