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Our Rector Re-Elected to ÜAK Executive Board

- | Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, Rector of our University, was re-elected as a member of the board of directors of ÜAK at the 260th Interuniversity Council (ÜAK) Meeting.
- | The 260th meeting of the Interuniversity Council was held on 27 September 2024 at the Higher Education Council (YÖK) building with the participation of Higher Education Council (YÖK) President Prof. Dr. Erol Özvar, members of the ÜAK Board of Directors, rectors of state and foundation universities and university representatives.
- | At the meeting, after discussing the issues on the agenda, ÜAK management came together to determine its new members. It re-elected our Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal as a member of the ÜAK Board of Directors.
- | ÜAK, established to ensure cooperation and coordination among universities in Türkiye, stands out as an important platform that contributes to developing the higher education system. The Board of Directors of ÜAK consists of three members elected by the General Assembly of the Interuniversity Council from the fields of Science and Engineering, Health and Social Sciences, and one member from the field of Fine Arts. In addition, the President of ÜAK is also on the board of directors.
- | Our Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, with his re-election as a member of ÜAK, will continue his duty in the coming period and will continue to work towards strengthening inter-university cooperation.
- | Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal expressed his gratitude for his re-election as a member of ÜAK and said, 'I am honored to be deemed worthy of this important duty once again. We will continue to contribute to the development of our universities together.' Our Rector thanked YÖK President Prof. Dr. Erol Özvar, UAK President Prof. Dr. Mehmet Karakaş, and all UAK members and colleagues who supported him for his re-election as a member of the Board of Directors of UAK.

Kastamonu University and Hitit University Strengthen Collaboration: Second Meeting Held

- | Kastamonu University and Hitit University recently convened for the second time to discuss academic and R&D-focused collaborations, particularly in areas of specialization.
- | At the meeting, hosted by Hitit University, topics such as specialization efforts, Performance-Based Strategic Planning, the Hitit University Action Plan (HEP) system, Technology Transfer Office activities, and educational and accreditation processes were thoroughly discussed.
- | Hitit University Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Osman Öztürk referenced previous meetings held in Kastamonu, emphasizing that both universities aim to enhance cooperation and joint efforts. Prof. Dr. Öztürk highlighted that by focusing on efficiency, capacity development, and mutual learning, both universities can make significant contributions to higher education and research. He expressed the intention to transform existing gaps into opportunities and continue improving Hitit University's educational and production capacity, aiming for concrete results from this collaboration.



Kastamonu University Embraces Solar Power: First Step Completed for the Solar Energy Plant Project



Kastamonu University has taken a major step toward sustainability with the completion of feasibility studies for a Solar Energy Plant (GES) project, as part of the Public and Municipal Renewable Energy Project (KAYEP). Funded by the World Bank, guaranteed by the Ministry of Treasury and Finance, and executed under the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change, the project aims to promote renewable energy in public buildings.

The feasibility studies were conducted under the leadership of Engineer Yeliz Tanış from the General Directorate of Construction Affairs at the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change.

Representing Kastamonu University, key contributions came from the Department of Construction and Technical Affairs, led by Branch Manager Erdem Zengin, Energy Manager Ekrem Arslanel, Electrical Engineer İbrahim Elmas, and Electrical Technician Ümit Koç, along with consultants from the contracted firm. The project's environmental and technical dimensions were carefully evaluated throughout the process, reinforcing its role in supporting ecological sustainability and increasing the use of renewable energy sources.

Kastamonu University Contributes to Hitit University's New Project

Kastamonu University is contributing to a new project led by Hitit University as part of its internationalization goals. The project, titled "An Integrated Model for Strategic Excellence in Higher Education Institutions," was accepted under the Erasmus+ Program and secured funding of 250,000 Euros. The project aims to enhance strategic management, performance management, and result-oriented processes in the higher education sector.

The project, set to last 24 months, will be carried out through an international cooperation network, including our university. Other partners in the project include The Technical University of Valencia from Spain, Sumy State University from Ukraine, and the Czech Association of Professional Higher Education. The project will develop the University Performance Evaluation and Action Model (UPEAM), aiming to boost the institutional capacity of global higher education institutions.

Through this project, our university aims to actively engage in the internationalization process, strengthen academic collaborations, and increase student and academic staff mobility. By improving strategic management processes, the project will enable participating universities to better assess their performance.



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Kastamonu University Senate Meeting: 2024 Barrier-Free University Awards Presented and Quality Processes Evaluated



The regular Senate meeting of Kastamonu University was held on September 12, 2024, led by our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal. The meeting kicked off with the celebration of the “2024 Barrier-Free University Awards,” an initiative by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) to raise awareness of accessibility for disabled individuals on university campuses. Our university was awarded 38 flags for its top position in providing accessible spaces,

educational resources, and socio-cultural activities. Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal personally handed out the awards to the faculties, schools, and centers that achieved success.

President of Religious Affairs Prof. Dr. Ali Erbaş Inspects Mosque Construction at Kastamonu University

As part of his visit to Kastamonu, the President of Religious Affairs, Prof. Dr. Ali Erbaş, visited Kastamonu University on September 28, 2024, to inspect the construction of the mosque being built on campus.

Prof. Dr. Erbaş, accompanied by a delegation, was welcomed by our Vice Rectors, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan and Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, as well as officials from the Kastamonu University Mosque Construction and Maintenance Association. The President was joined by Kastamonu Governor Meftun Dalli, MPs Serap Ekmekci and Halil Uluay, Provincial Mufti Bekir Derin, and other institutional representatives.

During the visit, technical details and the overall progress of the project were shared by Dr. Ercan Sinaner, the mosque's technical consultant and contractor. Dr. Sinaner noted that the mosque is being designed to align with the architectural character of the region and, once completed, will serve students, academic and administrative staff, and the wider community. He also emphasized that the project is being carried out with environmental sensitivity and will include modern worship spaces along with social facilities.





24th National Tourism Congress Kicks Off at Kastamonu University



The 24th National Tourism Congress, hosted by Kastamonu University's Faculty of Tourism, commenced with 172 participants from 36 universities, presenting 102 papers focused on nature tourism and its related sub-themes. The opening ceremony was held on September 19, 2024, at the Sezai Karakoç Hall in our Central Library.

With the theme of "Nature Tourism" this year, the congress brings together leading figures from the tourism industry and academia. Topics such as nature conservation, sustainable tourism practices, and the environmental impacts of tourism are at the forefront of discussions.

The event saw participation from our Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, MP Serap Ekmekci, Kastamonu Deputy Governor Aydın Ergün, Kastamonu Deputy Mayor Hasan Fehmi Taş, and Kayseri University Rector Prof. Dr. Kurtuluş Karamustafa, as well as our academic staff and representatives from various public institutions and the private sector.

Panel discussions and sessions covered topics such as "Management and Sustainability in Nature Conservation Areas," "Wildlife Tourism and Biodiversity Conservation," "Local Communities and Nature Tourism," "The Role of Technology in Nature Tourism," and "Climate Change and Nature Tourism." Participants had the chance to share the latest research and innovations on these important issues.



7th International Agriculture, Food, Environment, and Biology Congress Kicks Off at Kastamonu University

Hosted by Kastamonu University, the 7th International Agriculture, Food, Environment, and Biology Congress opened on September 26, 2024, with a ceremony held at the Sezai Karakoç Hall in our Central Library. The congress is dedicated to the memory of Prof. Dr. Şaban Karataş, who made significant contributions to Turkish agriculture. Running from September 26-29, 2024, the congress will showcase the latest scientific studies in agriculture, environment, food, and biology through a variety of sessions.



The opening ceremony welcomed Deputy Governor Ahmet Atılgan, Deputy Mayor Hasan Fehmi Taş, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, along with academic staff, representatives from public institutions, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. This international congress serves as a valuable platform for bridging the gap between academia and industry.



Kastamonu University Successfully Completes the Specialized Mentorship Training Program

The “KOBIFORWARD Mentorship Training Program,” supported by Kastamonu University’s Forestry and Nature Tourism Specialization Coordination Office, and with Sinop University and Çankırı Karatekin University as partners, has successfully concluded. The program, which is part of the “Training Mentors for SMEs to Address Managerial and Marketing Problems in the Forest Products Sector” project, has achieved significant outcomes.

During the closing ceremony, the project coordinator, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erol Tekin, stated that the program was launched to create a pool of mentors from the TR82 Region (Kastamonu, Çankırı, Sinop), and more than 50 academics participated.



2nd International Symposium on Heritage Language and Turkish as a Foreign Language Held



The 2nd International Symposium on Heritage Language and Turkish as a Foreign Language (ISOHTEL 2024) was held in Istanbul as part of the Language Tree Project, coordinated by Kastamonu University and supported by the Turkish National Agency and the European Union.

Hosted by YADOT Education Association, the symposium featured notable participants, including Minister of National Education Yusuf Tekin, Chairman of the Board of Education and Discipline Prof. Dr. Cihad Demirli, Vice President of the Turkish Language Association Assoc. Prof. Dr. Harun Şahin, Turkey White Crescent Association President Lokman Ayva, Rector of Istanbul Bilgi University M. Ege Yazgan, and Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Istanbul Bilgi University Mehmet Can, along with academics and invited guests.

Eight Academics from Kastamonu University Named Among the “World’s Most Influential Scientists”



**8 ACADEMICS OF
KASTAMONU UNIVERSITY IN
THE LIST OF THE WORLD'S
MOST INFLUENTIAL SCIENTISTS**

Kastamonu University has earned a significant accolade this year, with eight of its academics being listed among the “World’s Most Influential Scientists,” a prestigious ranking by Stanford University. This recognition highlights the exceptional academic output and international impact of our researchers, with the university showing steady growth in its scientific success.

This annual list, compiled by Elsevier, evaluates scientists across various disciplines based on criteria such as academic productivity, citation counts, and the h-index. The list represents the top 2% of scientists worldwide, emphasizing the global influence of long-term research.

While Kastamonu University had two academics in the list in 2020, three in 2021, five in 2022, and four in 2023, this year the university has seen its most significant achievement yet, with eight researchers included.

Notable academics from the list include: Prof. Dr. Şeref Turhan from the Faculty of Science; Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Fatemeh Mollaamin, Prof. Dr. Hakan Şevik, Prof. Dr. Osman Gül, Doç. Dr. Melike Kaplan Yalçın, Doç. Dr. Kaan Işınkaralar, Doç. Dr. Oğuzhan Yavuz Bayraktar from the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture; and Doç. Dr. Hamid Derviş from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Kastamonu University Awarded “Energy Efficiency Achievement Certificate in Buildings”

Kastamonu University has been awarded the “Energy Efficiency Achievement Certificate in Buildings” for its successful efforts in energy efficiency. With the aim of efficient use of public resources and reducing energy costs, as outlined in the Presidential Circular dated August 15, 2019 (2019/18), and based on the Energy Efficiency Law (No. 5627), a 15% energy savings target was set for public buildings.

As a result of energy efficiency initiatives conducted on our university’s central campus between 2019 and 2023, savings ranging between 14% and 16% were achieved. In recognition of this success, the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, led by Minister Alparslan Bayraktar, awarded Kastamonu University with the “Energy Efficiency Achievement Certificate in Buildings.”



Kastamonu University's Antibacterial Wood Production Method Patented



THE ANTIBACTERIAL WOOD PRODUCTION METHOD DEVELOPED BY KASTAMONU UNIVERSITY IN THE FIELD OF EXPERTISE WAS PATENTED

The invention titled 'Antibacterial effective wood and production method for use in hygienically sensitive places', which the inventor of Associate Professor Osman Emre Özkan and Dr. Lecturer Kerim Güney, was registered by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TÜRKPATENT).



Kastamonu University continues to contribute to regional development through its R&D efforts in Forestry and Nature Tourism. Most recently, the university's antibacterial wood production method has been patented by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TÜRKPATENT), marking a significant achievement.

Developed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Osman Emre Özkan from the Department of Forest Industrial Engineering and Dr. Kerim Güney from the Department of Forestry at the Faculty of Forestry, the innovation titled "Antibacterial Wood and Production Method for Use in Hygienically Sensitive Areas" has been officially registered by TÜRKPATENT.

11th Organizational Behavior Congress, Hosted by Kastamonu University, Receives TÜBİTAK Support.

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The 11th Organizational Behavior Congress, which will be hosted by Kastamonu University from October 31 to November 3, 2024, has been granted support by TÜBİTAK.

The congress proposal, coordinated by Prof. Dr. Aysun Kanbur and Prof. Dr. Engin Kanbur, was evaluated and approved by TÜBİTAK's Scientist Support Programs Department (BİDEB) under the 2223-B National Scientific Event Organization Support program.



Kastamonu Üniversitesi Ev Sahipliğinde Düzenlenecek 11. Örgütsel Davranış Kongresi TÜBİTAK Desteği Aldı

Prof. Dr. Aysun Kanbur ve Prof. Dr. Engin Kanbur'un yürütücülüğünde hazırlanan kongre başvurusu, TÜBİTAK Bilim İnsan Desteği Programları Başkanlığı (BİDEB) tarafından değerlendirilerek, 2223-B Yurt İçi Bilimsel Etkinlik Desteği kapsamında kabul edildi.

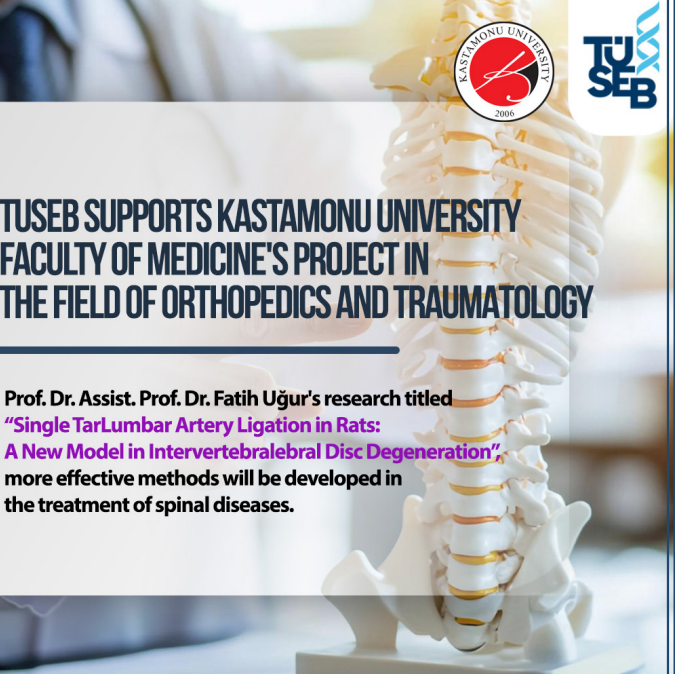


Kastamonu University Researchers Develop More Effective Methods for Treating Spinal Disorders with TÜSEB-Supported Project



TÜSEB SUPPORTS KASTAMONU UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MEDICINE'S PROJECT IN THE FIELD OF ORTHOPEDICS AND TRAUMATOLOGY

Prof. Dr. Assist. Prof. Dr. Fatih Uğur's research titled "Single TarLumbar Artery Ligation in Rats: A New Model in Intervertebral Disc Degeneration", more effective methods will be developed in the treatment of spinal diseases.



A research project titled "Unilateral Lumbar Artery Ligation in Rats: A New Model for Intervertebral Disc Degeneration," led by Dr. Fatih Uğur from Kastamonu University's Faculty of Medicine, has received funding from the Turkish Health Institutes (TÜSEB).

The project team, which includes Orthopedic and Traumatology Specialist Kayahan Kayıkcı, Medical Pathology Department Chair Dr. Nurtaç Sarıkaş, and Pharmacology Department Chair Assoc. Prof. İrfan Çınar, will examine how circulatory disorders in spinal discs contribute to conditions like disc degeneration and scoliosis. The study will use animal models to observe changes in spinal discs and assess the level of damage through radiological, microscopic, and genetic analyses, contributing to the development of more effective treatments for spinal conditions.

Five Kastamonu University Projects Receive Support in TÜBİTAK 2237-A Program

Kastamonu University has secured support for five projects in the second term of TÜBİTAK's 2237-A Scientific Education Event Support Program for 2024, administered by TÜBİTAK's Scientist Support Programs Presidency (BİDEB).

Among the supported projects are "Contemporary Approaches in Anatomy Education and Their Reflections on the Veterinary Profession" led by Dr. Süleyman Yüksel from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, "Digital Media Literacy Training for University Students" by Dr. Halil Taştekin from the Faculty of Communication, and "Enhancing the Quality of TÜBİTAK 2209-A Projects for University Students – II" by Dr. Mehmet Karamanoğlu from Tosya Vocational School. Additionally, Dr. Serkan Çalışkan from the Faculty of Tourism secured support for his project on "Training on Geographically Indicated Products of Turkey," and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erol Tekin from the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences received backing for his project on "Developing an R&D Culture for Young Researchers in the Techno-Entrepreneurship Vertical – IV."

This level of support demonstrates the university's strong presence in scientific research and education initiatives.



Kastamonu University Secures TÜBİTAK Support for Innovative DC Linear Motor Project

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YENİLİKÇİ DC LİNEER
MOTOR PROJESİ'NE
TÜBİTAK'TAN
DESTEK**

Öğr. Gör. Dr. Ziya DEMİRKOL'un yürütücüsü olduğu

"Yeni Bir DC Lineer Motor İçin Doğrusal Olmayan Kontrolör Tasarımı ve Gerçek Zamanlı Uygulaması"
Başlıklı Proje TÜBİTAK - 3501 Kapsamında Desteklenecek

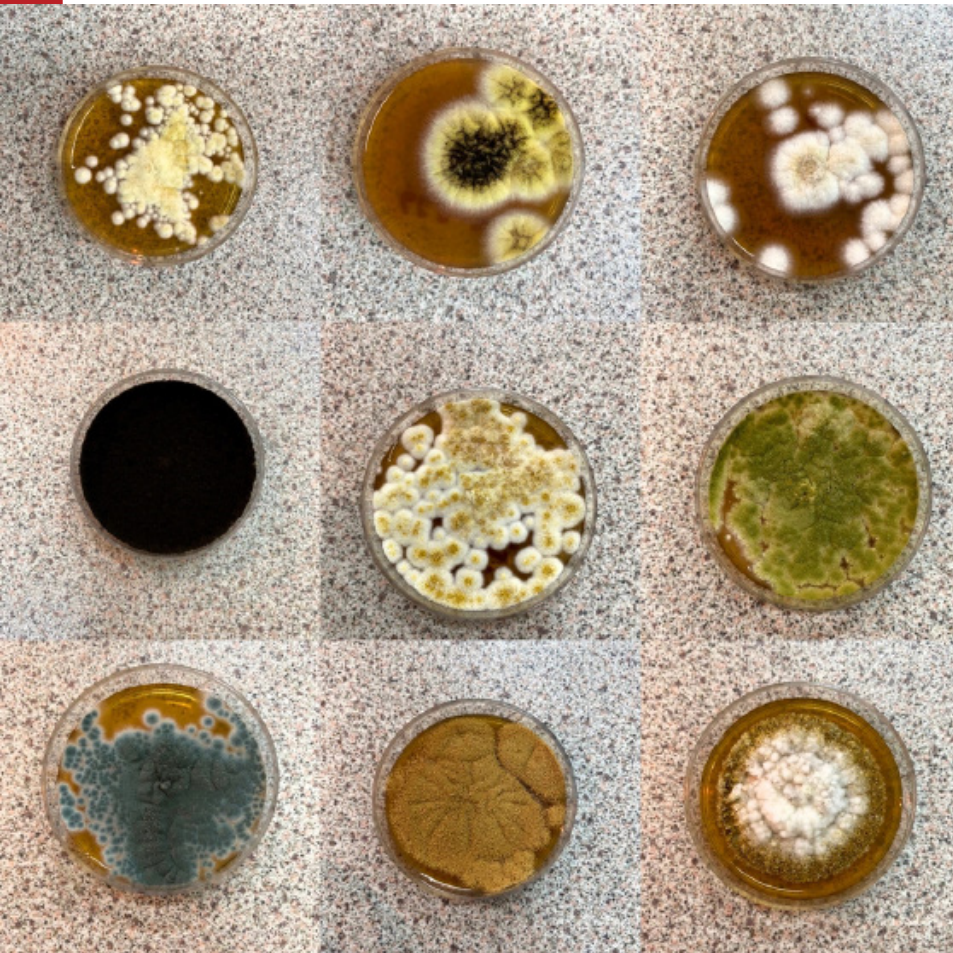


A project titled "Nonlinear Controller Design and Real-Time Application for a New DC Linear Motor," led by Dr. Ziya Demirkol, a lecturer in the Biomedical Device Technology Program at Kastamonu University's Tosya Vocational School, has been awarded funding under TÜBİTAK's 3501 - Career Development Program.

This innovative project aims to enhance the performance of a newly developed permanent magnet tubular DC linear motor. It will involve the mechanical revision of the motor, redefinition of its parameters, and the creation of a dynamic model that considers the motor's nonlinear dynamics.



Kastamonu University Conducts Türkiye's First Study on Mold and Fungus in Barns: Health Risks Scientifically Proven



| Kastamonu University has conducted groundbreaking research on the harmful effects of mold and fungus in barns on both human and animal health, particularly in Kastamonu, one of Turkey's major livestock centers. The study, led by Dr. Gülay Giray and Veterinary Lecturer Abdullah Şimşek, identified 72 species and 18 genera of fungi in 10 barns, with some posing significant health risks.

| The project, titled "Determination of Fungal Biodiversity in the Indoor Air of Barns with Potential Infection Risk," was carried out by the Veterinary Department at Kastamonu University's Ihsangazi Vocational School. This is the first study of its kind in Türkiye, and it highlights the health dangers that mold and fungus in barns pose to both animals and humans.



Kastamonu University Faculty of Education to Begin Classes in New Building

The Faculty of Education at Kastamonu University is set to begin the 2024-2025 academic year in its new, modern building. The relocation process, which began on September 5, 2024, has been carefully planned and is progressing smoothly.

The new building, located on the Kuzeykent Campus, is designed to provide an innovative and productive learning environment for students and staff. It features 19 classrooms, 3 computer labs, physics, chemistry, and biology labs, 2 lecture halls, drama and reading rooms, a student canteen, 74 faculty offices, 6 administrative offices, a dean's meeting room, 3 seminar rooms, a multi-purpose hall, counseling rooms for psychological guidance and counseling (PDR), and a photocopy room—all intended to enhance the academic experience for students and staff alike.



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Students from Kastamonu University's Campus Radio, part of the Faculty of Communication, have advanced to the finals of the Aydın Doğan Young Communicators Competition, one of the most prestigious contests organized by the Turkish Journalists Association. The students achieved great success with their program "Digital Atlas."

The project, overseen by research assistants from the Department of Radio, Television, and Cinema, was prepared by students İlayda Güdek, Kerem İnceler, and Seymen Doğan. “Digital Atlas” was broadcast in three episodes on digital platforms and garnered significant attention.

The finalist team has been invited to the award ceremony, which will take place on December 16, 2024, at the Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus Hotel. Faculty of Communication Dean Prof. Dr. Muharrem Çetin, faculty members, and students will also be in attendance at the ceremony.

Kastamonu University Faculty's of Communication Film “Döngü” Reaches the Golden Orange Finals

The film “Döngü,” written and directed by Ramazan Yakut, a 4th-year student in the Department of Radio, Television, and Cinema at Kastamonu University, has made it to the finals of the newly established “Student Films Competition” at the 61st International Antalya Golden Orange Film Festival. The film was supervised by Research Assistant Mehmet Oğuz Yıldırım, with contributions from several other students in the Faculty of Communication.





Kastamonu University Hosts Final Event of “ECOPRINT in Nature” Project

The “ECOPRINT in Nature” project, coordinated by Kastamonu University, successfully concluded with its final activities held from September 13-16, 2024. The project events kicked off with a workshop and exhibition at the Faculty of Fine Arts and Design, led by Assoc. Prof. Önder Tor, teaching participants eco-friendly Ecoprint techniques.

Representatives from Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Youth on Board, and the Sarı Konak Women’s Cooperative also attended, participating in activities where natural materials were used to print on ceramics and fabric. The project ended with cultural tours, offering participants the opportunity to explore Kastamonu’s rich heritage.





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