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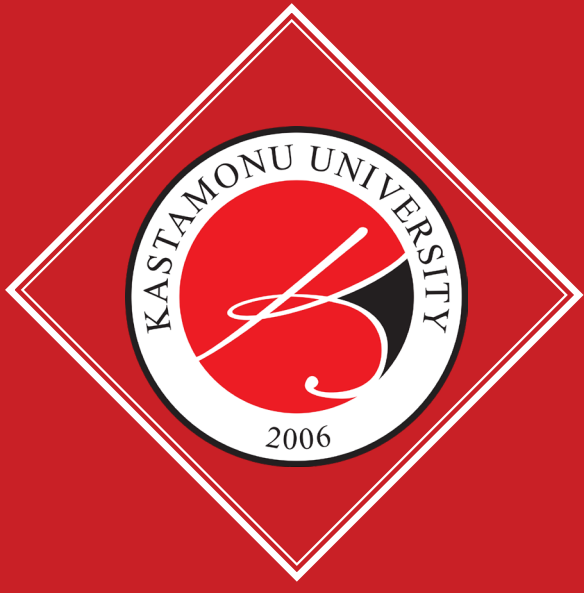
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Our Rector was elected as the Term President of the Western Black Sea Universities Union

The Western Black Sea Universities Union Consultative Meeting was hosted by Zonguldak Bülent Ecevit University (BEUN) at the Rectorate Senate Hall with the participation of Presidential Advisor Saadet Oruç.

During the meeting, protocols were signed between member universities on issues such as the joint use of libraries and documents and cooperation in artificial intelligence. In the meeting, our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, was unanimously elected as the term president after Bartın University Rector, Prof. Dr. Orhan Uzun, who completed his term as the current term president. Our Rector, who took over the term presidency, stated that efforts to increase cooperation between universities will continue.

Kastamonu University Senate held its first meeting of 2025

Kastamonu University Senate held its first meeting of 2025 under the chairmanship of our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal: vice-Rectors, senate members, and Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Demirbaş attended the meeting.



Our Rector gave information about the 2025 targets and quality-oriented studies, emphasizing the importance of scientific studies reaching international standards.

The Senate meeting ended with discussing the agenda items and taking decisions.

Cooperation Protocol Signed Between Türkiye-Azerbaijan University and Kastamonu University

Rector of Turkey-Azerbaijan University Prof. Dr. Vilayat Valiyev visited Kastamonu University Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal in his office on January 2, 2025.

During the visit, the two universities exchanged ideas on developing education, research, and cultural cooperation. The meeting discussed joint projects and academic studies, and future cooperation opportunities were evaluated.



Within the scope of the meeting, a cooperation protocol was signed to strengthen academic and scientific cooperation between the two universities. The protocol covers exchanging students and academics, conducting joint research projects, and organizing cultural events. Both sides stated that the protocol would deepen the two countries' academic relations and lead to concrete results.

Support from our Rector to the “Young Touch to the Barrier-Free Future” Project

The “Young Touch to the Barrier-Free Future” project, initiated by Kastamonu University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Department of International Trade and Logistics students within the scope of the “Business Ethics and Social Responsibility” course, aims to improve the quality of life of physically disabled individuals and raise social awareness. As the project's first step, two battery-powered wheelchairs donated by VOLTA, one of the project partners, were delivered to exceptional individuals on January 14, 2025.

After delivering the chairs, the project team paid a thank-you visit to our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal. Huriye Boyraz, President of the Association for Solidarity of Special Individuals and Their Families, Project Advisor Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erol Tekin, Project Coordinator Oğuzhan Şahin, and students participated in the visit.



Our Rector Participated in Anadolu Agency's (AA) "Images of the Year" Voting

Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, participated in the "Images of the Year" voting organized by Anadolu Agency (AA) and voted in five categories among the photographs taken by AA correspondents and photojournalists in Turkey and abroad throughout 2024.

While our Rector voted for Halil Sağırkaya's photo titled "Blockade" in the Sports category, he chose Osmancan Gürdoğan's work titled "Miners" in the Daily Life category. In the News category, the Rector voted for Ali Jadallah's "What Remains." In the Natural Life and Environment category, he chose Daniel Ceng's "Hiking Trail." In the "Free Syria" category, which was specially added this year, he voted for Hesham Elsherif's "Freedom Tower."



Visit to our Rector from Daday Nafi and Ümit Çeri Vocational School Students Returning with Medals from GastroAntalya

Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal received the students of Daday Nafi and Ümit Çeri Vocational School of Cookery Program, who ranked in the GastroAntalya: International Gastronomy and Culinary Stars Meeting held in Antalya on January 15, 2025, Kastamonu University Daday Nafi and Ümit Çeri Vocational School of Cookery Program students who ranked first in the competition.

In the international event, where more than 4 thousand participants from 40 countries took part this year, the students of our University achieved great success by winning medals in 9 different plates they competed in. The team successfully represented our University internationally with 4 Gold, 3 Silver, and 2 Bronze Medals.

Our Rector congratulated our students for their achievements and expressed his satisfaction for bringing the medals to our University. He also commended the faculty members who contributed to the work of our students who continued their success last year.



The First Board of Directors Meeting of 2025 was held in Kastamonu Technopolis

The first Board of Directors Meeting of Kastamonu Technopolis in 2025 was held on January 29, 2025, at the Kastamonu Technopolis Administration and Incubation Center building with the participation of board members under the chairmanship of our Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal.

Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and General Manager of Kastamonu Technopolis Prof. Dr. Alperen Kaymakcı, Provincial General Assembly President Doğan Ünlü, Kastamonu Deputy Mayor Abdullah Burak Livan, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, KATSO Chairman Oğuz Fındıkoğlu, Business People Hüseyin Avni Üster and Tuncay Yılmaz attended the meeting.

At the meeting, the activities carried out by Kastamonu Technopolis in the first month of 2025 were evaluated. In addition, issues such as projects planned during the year, new initiatives, and financial targets were emphasized. Members of the Board of Directors exchanged views on strategies and goals for the next period.



“Regional Development Oriented Specialization Project Writing Training” was completed at Kastamonu University

“Regional Development Oriented Specialization Project Writing Training” was held on January 15, 2025, at Cemil Meriç Hall with the participation of academic staff.

Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, Vice Rector of our University, explained the project writing processes, budget planning, and how to make more effective contributions to regional development goals. In addition, how to shape projects according to different budget classes was also discussed comprehensively.



Visit to Kastamonu University and Teknokent by Governor Meftun Dallı

Kastamonu Governor Meftun Dallı visited our Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal in his office on January 2, 2024.

Our Vice-Rectors, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan, and Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, were also present during the visit. During the visit, issues such as strengthening the cooperation between the University and the city and increasing joint work in education, culture, and social projects were discussed.

After the official visit, Governor Meftun Dallı and Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal visited Kastamonu Technopolis and the Technology

Transfer Office (TTO). They received information about the projects carried out here. Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, TTO General Manager Prof. Dr. Alperen Kaymakçı, and Teknokent management also accompanied the visit.

Information was received about the projects carried out here. The contributions of Teknokent and the Technology Transfer Office (TTO) to the technological and economic development of Kastamonu were evaluated. In addition, meetings were held with the companies operating within the Technopolis, and issues such as university-industry cooperation, patents, and commercialization were discussed.





The Training Program for Administrative Staff of Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla Successfully Completed

Within the bilateral cooperation protocol signed between Kastamonu University and Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla (KMU) in Algeria, an in-service training program was organized for KMU administrative staff from January 21 to 24, 2025.

The training covered topics such as the digitalization of education systems in higher education, laboratory management, quality assurance systems, accreditation of management systems, and target-based management.

“TEKNOFEST 2025 Information Seminar” was held

TEKNOFEST, Türkiye’s most prominent organization in technology and innovation, started accepting applications for events to be held in TRNC and Istanbul for 2025. In this context, the “TEKNOFEST 2025 Information Seminar” was held at Kastamonu Teknokent Ilgaz Conference Hall.

In the seminar, T3 Foundation Kastamonu Provincial Responsible Pervin Sürgüçoğlu and Venture Valley Incubation Center Coordinator lecturer Berkan Güngör took part as a speaker.



Project Writing Training Organized within the Scope of Training of Trainers



The “IPARD Program Project Preparation Training,” organized in collaboration with the Kastamonu University Technology Transfer Office (KU-TTO) and the Kastamonu Provincial Coordination Office of the Agriculture and Rural Development Support Institution (TKDK), was held on January 22, 2025, at Kastamonu Technopark Gökner Hall.

Participants were provided comprehensive information on the measures supported under the IPARD program, application guidelines, and required documents. Additionally, topics such as preparing technical specifications and proposals, identifying eligible expenses, and gathering market and price information were discussed in detail.

“Digital Media Literacy Training” Held at the Faculty of Communication within the Scope of TÜBİTAK 2237-A



Within the scope of the TÜBİTAK 2237-A Scientific Education Activities Support Program, the scientific education event titled “Digital Media Literacy Training for University Students,” led by Research Assistant Dr. Halil Taştekin from Kastamonu University’s Faculty of Communication, was held from November 26 to 28, 2024, at the Faculty of Communication Conference Hall.

As part of the event, 60 associate and undergraduate students from various faculties and vocational schools of Kastamonu University received comprehensive training on digital media literacy. The program’s main goal was to enhance participants’ awareness of digital media, develop conscious media usage skills, and foster a critical perspective toward digital content.

Kastamonu University is in the Top 1000 in THE 2025 World Universities Field-Based Ranking

Kastamonu University ranked among the top 1000 universities in the world in two different categories in the Times Higher Education (THE) 2025 World Universities Field-Based Ranking. In THE 2025 World Universities Field-Based Ranking, our University ranked in the 601+ band in the field of Education and the range of 801-1000 in the field of Life Sciences.

Kastamonu University ranked in the top 20 in all of the fields of Education and Life Sciences among the universities that could

enter the list in Türkiye in the Times Higher Education (THE) World Universities Field-Based Sub-Field Ranking. Our University ranked 12th in the general ranking in Türkiye in Education, 19th in research quality, 24th in international outlook, 8th in the general ranking, 11th in research quality, and 4th in international outlook in life sciences.

Life Sciences was evaluated under four sub-headings: Agro-Forestry, Biological Sciences, Sports Sciences and Veterinary Sciences. In Agro-Forestry, our University ranked 5th in Türkiye in research quality and 2nd in international outlook. In Biological Sciences, it was listed 11th in research quality and 4th in international outlook. In the field of Sports Sciences, it ranked 8th in research quality and 3rd in international outlook. In contrast, in the field of Veterinary Sciences, it ranked 4th in research quality and 2nd in international outlook.



Registered Invention from Kastamonu University: Multifunctional Swing System

The “Multifunctional Swing System,” developed with the joint work of Kastamonu University academicians and students, was registered by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office and was entitled to receive a utility model certificate.

Assoc was the primary inventor of the project, which was implemented with the support of the Kastamonu University Technology Transfer Office. Prof. Dr. Gül Aslı Bozbay, while Ayşe Nur Kaya, Eslem Al, Oğuzhan Kara, and Güngör Tabak also took part in the project as inventors.

The invention aims to facilitate the use of swings by disabled individuals based on universal design principles in children's playgrounds.



The Role of Grizzly Bears in the Ecosystem is Being Investigated with the Bilateral Cooperation between TÜBİTAK and the Slovak Academy of Sciences under the Execution of Kastamonu University



KASTAMONU ÜNİVERSİTESİ'NİN YÜRÜTÜCÜLÜĞÜNDE

TÜBİTAK VE SLOVAKYA BİLİMLER AKADEMİSİ ARASINDA İKİLİ İŞ BİRLİĞİ İLE BOZAYILARIN EKOSİSTEMDEKİ ROLÜ ARAŞTIRILYOR

Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Alper Ertürk'ün
Türkiye ayağının yürütücüsü olduğu

"Bozayı-İnsan Bir Arada Yaşamına İlişkin Farklı Senaryolar Altında Boz Ayının Ekosistemin Biyoçeşitliliği Üzerindeki Rolü" başlıklı proje, TÜBİTAK - Slovakya Bilimler Akademisi (SAS) İkili İş Birliği Programı kapsamında desteklenmeye hak kazandı.

Kastamonu University Araç Rafet Vergili Vocational School, Department of Forestry, Hunting and Wildlife Program Faculty Member Dr. Alper Ertürk is the Turkish leg and Assoc executive director. Prof. Dr. Anıl Soyumert Ertürk as a researcher, the project titled "The Role of Grizzly Bear on the Biodiversity of the Ecosystem under Different Scenarios of Brown Bear-Human Coexistence" was entitled to be supported within the scope of TÜBİTAK - Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS) Bilateral Cooperation Program.

The field and laboratory studies of the project in Türkiye will be carried out jointly with Ankara University Evolutionary Genetics Laboratory, where Prof. Dr. Emre Keskin is the lead researcher. Dr. Peter Kaňuch will lead the Slovakia leg of the project.

This international collaboration project, which will be carried out with expert researchers from three scientific institutions, one in Slovakia and two in Türkiye, aims to investigate the role of brown bears in shaping forest biodiversity.

UNIDES Support to Projects of Kastamonu University Student Communities



KASTAMONU ÜNİVERSİTESİ ÖĞRENCİ TOPLULUKLARININ PROJELERİNE ÜNİDES DESTEĞİ

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ÜNİDES

Within the scope of the University Student Communities Cooperation and Support Program (UNIDES) carried out by the General Directorate of Youth Services of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, 5 projects prepared by Kastamonu University student communities were entitled to receive support.

Among the supported projects, "Kastamonu Innovation Bridge: Cooperation and Development Program between Technopolises," "Career and Event," presented by the Career and Event Community "National School Communities Portal," developed by the Design Student Community "In the Kitchen of Business: MGX Studios" and "Our Key Role in a Healthy Life" projects to be carried out by the Livestock and Wildlife Society.

“National Technology Workshop” to be Established at Kastamonu University

Kastamonu University is launching a significant project to support Türkiye's National Technology Initiative and contribute to national technological development. The “Kastamonu University National Technology Workshop” project was prepared within the scope of TÜBİTAK 4003-T National Technology Workshops Call and has been approved with a grant of 30 million TL.

Designed with modern infrastructure and rich equipment facilities, the workshop will provide a platform for students to develop technology, engineering, and science projects. This center, which will be open not only to our university students but also to young people in the region, will enable the realization of innovative ideas and the development of technological skills.

The National Technology Workshops, which bring together all the equipment and materials needed by teams participating in science and technology competitions, are designed to allow students to work collaboratively on innovative projects. These spaces, planned to be implemented in universities and TÜBİTAK-supported science centers, aim to enhance young people's entrepreneurship and innovation skills and contribute to regional development.



Information Meetings on Kastamonu Technopark and KU TTO Held at Araç Rafet Vergili Vocational School

In collaboration with Araç Rafet Vergili Vocational School, two information meetings were held on January 7, 2025, regarding Kastamonu Technopark and Kastamonu University Technology Transfer Office (TTO).

During the meetings, detailed information was provided about the offices within Kastamonu Technopark and KU TTO and the services offered by these offices.

The first meeting, organized for academics, introduced the services provided by the offices within Kastamonu Technopark and TTO. Additionally, consultations were held regarding potential collaborations with these offices.



The Spirit of the National Struggle on the Historic İstiklal Road: A Meaningful March by Kastamonu University Tourism Faculty Students



Organized by Kastamonu University's Faculty of Tourism under the leadership of Lecturer Hikmet Haberal, the "Historic İstiklal Road March" was held with strong participation. The event also included Research Assistant Dr. İlker Şahin and Tourism Management Ph.D. student Ersin Uğur Aydın.

The event took place in the Historic İstiklal Road National Park, where weapons and ammunition brought to İnebolu Port were transported to Anatolia during the Türk War of Independence. More than 150 students gathered for the event, during which they were informed about the historical significance of the region and its role in the national struggle.



Movement Education Festival: A Fun and Educational Event by Faculty of Sports Sciences Students



First-year students of the Physical Education and Sports Teaching Department at Kastamonu University's Faculty of Sports Sciences came together for the "Movement Education Festival," organized to put their theoretical knowledge from the Movement Education course into practice.

Coordinated by Associate Professor Dr. Özlem Alagül, the festival was explicitly designed for students to showcase their competencies in movement education and reinforce their learning. The event created an educational and enjoyable learning environment through peer teaching methods.



“A Warm Heart, a Cool Classroom” Project Successfully Completed at Our University

The social responsibility project titled “A Warm Heart, a Cool Classroom: Hand in Hand for Post-Earthquake Recovery,” led by Research Assistant Dr. Sofya Cihan Canbolat from the Department of Graphic Design at our Faculty of Fine Arts and Design, was implemented to improve educational conditions in earthquake-affected regions. The project was completed by supporting Döver Primary and Secondary School in the Defne neighborhood of the Antakya district, Hatay.



As part of the project, three air conditioning units with heating and cooling functions were provided and installed in the school's classrooms. Thanks to these units, students now have a warm learning environment during the winter and a cool one in the summer.

The Symposium of Poets and Writers Has Started in Kastamonu

Organized under the auspices of the Kastamonu Governorship, in collaboration with the Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism and Kastamonu University's Center for Cultural and Artistic Practice and Research, the “Kastamonu Poets and Writers Symposium-I” began on January 17, 2025, at the multipurpose hall of the Rifat Ilgaz Cultural Center.

The opening ceremony was attended by Kastamonu Governor Meftun Dalli, Associate Professor Dr. Zeki Gürel, Director of Kastamonu University's Center for Cultural and Artistic Practice and Research, Provincial Director of Culture and Tourism M. Kerem Seven, as well as academics, representatives of public institutions and organizations, researchers, and literature enthusiasts.





Exhibition of Wall Panels and Claddings Integrated with Space Held

At Kastamonu University's Faculty of Forestry, wall panels and claddings prepared by 2nd-year students of the Forest Industrial Engineering Department as part of the Sawmill Industry course were exhibited. The exhibition attracted great interest with products that transformed students' theoretical knowledge into practice.

At the opening of the exhibition, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry Prof. Dr. Erol Akkuzu and Head of the Forest Industrial Engineering Department Prof. Dr. Saim Ateş delivered speeches. It was emphasized that the students' designs reflect the importance of wood usage in terms of sustainability, eco-friendly designs, and aesthetic values.

Under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Önder Tor, students had the opportunity to experience the design and production processes using solid wood and wood-based composite materials. The exhibited products showcased the students' theoretical and practical knowledge.





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