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Kastamonu University Senate Evaluated Academic Performance and 2025 Goals



Kastamonu University Senate Meeting was held in the Senate Hall under the chairmanship of Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal. Vice Rectors, Deputy Secretary General, Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Demirbaş and senate members attended the meeting.

Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal congratulated the month of Ramadan and evaluated the targets for 2025 and the efforts to improve academic-administrative processes. He congratulated our newly appointed Vice Rector, Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakçı, and wished him success.

At the meeting, academic performance data for 2024 were presented, and strategies for the next period were discussed. Participants exchanged views on what must be done for the university's future. The meeting ended with the finalization of the agenda issues.

Kastamonu University Senate Meeting Discussed 2024 Performance Data and Future Goals

Kastamonu University Senate Meeting was held under the chairmanship of our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, at the Senate Hall of our University. Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük and Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakçı, and senate members attended the meeting.

Speaking at the opening of the meeting, Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal stated that the work carried out in line with the goals and priorities of 2025 continues. Our Rector emphasized the importance of the improvements and projects to make academic and administrative processes more efficient.

In the continuation of the meeting, academic performance data for 2024 from various academic units of our University were presented. In addition, in the discussions on the strategic goals set for the next semester, the steps to be taken further to advance our University in academic and administrative fields were discussed.



A Return Visit to our Rector from Kastamonu Youth and Sports Provincial Director Sami Kuşcu

Kastamonu Provincial Director of Youth and Sports, Sami Kuşcu, paid a return visit to our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, on March 4, 2025.

During the visit, ideas were exchanged on youth and sports activities in Kastamonu and joint projects that can be realized within our University. During the meeting, the issues of increasing cooperation between our University and the Provincial Directorate of Youth and Sports were discussed so that young people could lead a life intertwined with sports.



ATAM President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kılınç Visited our Rector

President of Atatürk Research Center (ATAM) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kılınç visited our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, in his office on March 12, 2025.

ATAM Communication Members Prof. Dr. İsmet Türkmen and Assoc. Dr. Hüseyin Kalemli and ATAM Scientific Board Member Prof. Dr. Mehmet Serhat Yılmaz, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of our University, also participated in the visit.

During the visit, they exchanged views on the projects carried out by the Atatürk Research Center and the development of academic cooperation between our University and ATAM.



Cooperation Protocol Signed between Kastamonu University and Provincial Directorate of Youth and Sports

Kastamonu University and Kastamonu Provincial Directorate of Youth and Sports signed a protocol to improve cooperation in education, sports and social fields. The protocol aims to improve students' physical, cultural and social development. The signing ceremony was held with the participation of our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, and Kastamonu Provincial Director of Youth and Sports, Sami Kuşcu.



Within the scope of the protocol, university students will be encouraged to participate more actively in sportive, artistic and social activities. Volunteering activities, social responsibility projects and anti-addiction activities will be supported. At the same time, it is planned to provide more opportunities for activities organized by student communities.

“104th Anniversary of the Adoption of the National Anthem and Mehmet Akif Ersoy” Panel Organized at Kastamonu University in Cooperation with ATAM

The panel, organized in cooperation with Kastamonu University and Atatürk Research Center (ATAM), was held on March 12, 2025, at the Central Library Sezai Karakoç Hall. Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, Deputy Governor Aydın Ergün, ATAM President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kılınç, academicians and students attended the program.

In his speech, Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal emphasized that the National Anthem is an epic reflecting the nation's struggle for independence and commemorated Mehmet Akif Ersoy with mercy. ATAM President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kılınç also gave information about the centre's activities and discussed Ersoy's activities in Kastamonu.

Prof. Dr. İsmet Türkmen, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Kalemli and Prof. Dr. Mehmet Serhat Yılmaz took part as speakers in the session moderated by Kılınç. The program ended with a question-and-answer session and a gift presentation.



Kastamonu University Celebrates its 19th Anniversary

Founded in 2006, Kastamonu University celebrates its 19th anniversary. Our University, which continues to grow with its developments in education and research, provides education to approximately 27,980 students in 14 faculties, three institutes, two colleges and 13 vocational schools.

Kastamonu University, Turkey's only specialized university in Forestry and Nature Tourism, has a vast alumni network with 66,509 graduates. Hosting 1,679 international students from 58 countries, our University continues its internationalisation efforts and ranks in prestigious world rankings.

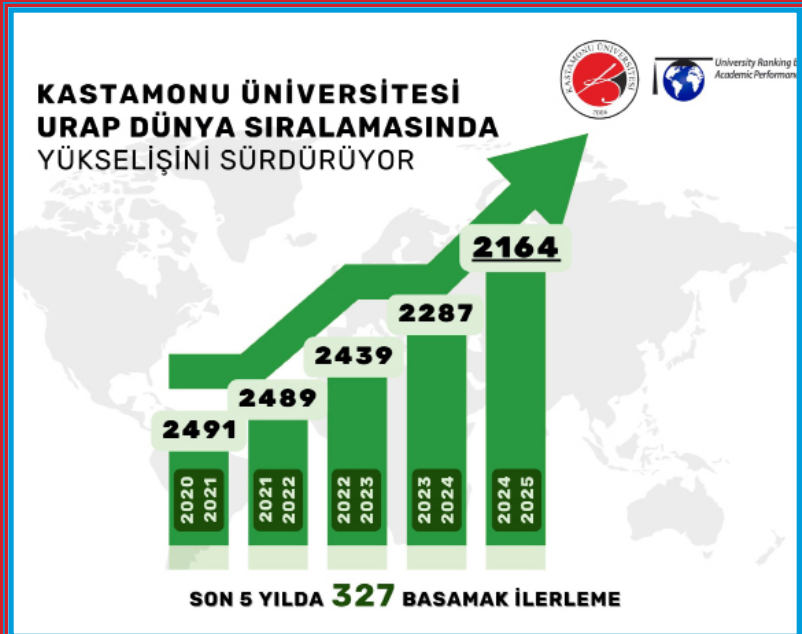
Directing its scientific studies with 24 research and application centers, Kastamonu University stands out with its TÜBİTAK and TÜSEB-supported projects. With digital infrastructure investments, academic diversity, and industry collaborations, the quality of education increases and contributes to regional development.



Kastamonu University Continues to Rise in URAP World Rankings

Kastamonu University rose 123 places to 2,164th place in the 2024-2025 World Ranking prepared by URAP (University Ranking by Academic Performance) Research Laboratory operating under the Middle East Technical University (METU) Informatics Institute. In the last five years, it has achieved significant success by making a total progress of 327 places.

URAP Research Laboratory created the world ranking by evaluating universities according to scientific publication quality, number of articles, citation rates, total number of scientific documents, publication and citation impact and international cooperation. This year, while 3 thousand universities worldwide were included in the list, 208 universities from Turkey were included in the ranking. While only 122 were included in the world ranking, our university ranked 66th.

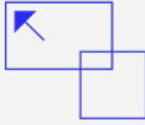


Kastamonu University is in the 25th percentile in the World in International Student Preference



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Study Abroad Aide (SAA), which evaluates higher education institutions worldwide regarding the opportunities they offer international students, published the “2025 World University Rankings for International Students”.

In the list of 8,536 universities on a global scale, Kastamonu University ranked 2,069th worldwide and ranked in the top 25%.

Among the universities in the Asian continent, our university ranked 505th among the universities in the top 15% and 46th in Turkey's ranking.

In addition, our University, which is also included in the “Best Value University Rankings 2025” list prepared by SAA, ranked 1,097th worldwide and entered the top 13%. It ranked 208th among Asian universities, placing it in the 6th percentile and 23rd in Turkey.

Kastamonu University Continues Its Steady Rise in Webometrics 2025 Ranking



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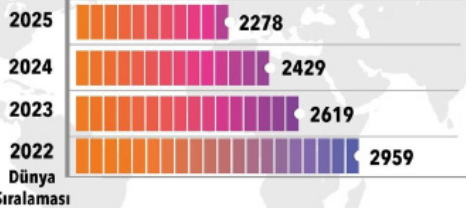
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Üniversitemiz Son Üç Yılda **681** Basamaklık Bir İlerleme Kaydetti

According to Webometrics World University Rankings 2025 results, Kastamonu University ranked 2278th worldwide, making a total progress of 681 steps in the last three years. Thanks to improvements in academic productivity, digital visibility and open access policies, a steady rise in the ranking of our University was observed.

In 2022, our University ranked 2959th in the world ranking, and rose to 2619th in 2023 and 2429th in 2024. In 2025, it reached 2278th place and made 151 more steps than the previous year. Although the exact data on Turkey's ranking has not yet been announced, this rise is considered a positive national development.

Kastamonu University Leads the Future with Innovative Projects

Kastamonu University continues to shape the future with its projects in various fields such as science and technology, education, health and international cooperation. In 2024, 125 projects of our University were entitled to be supported within the scope of many support programs such as TÜBİTAK, TÜSEB, Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, KUZKA and European Union funds.

TUBITAK-supported projects that contribute to the scientific studies of our university include 1001, 1002-A, 2218, 2219, 3005, 3501, 4004, 4008, 2223-B and 2237 programs. In addition, one project was supported by the North Anatolian Development Agency (KUZKA) under the technical support program. Five projects were accepted by the Presidency of Health Institutes of Turkey (TÜSEB) in the health field.



Our University, which continues its activities in the international arena, has been involved in 2 multi-partner projects within the scope of the Horizon Europe program supported by the European Union. In addition, 4 European Union projects in different fields were implemented under the leadership of our University. Within the framework of the European Solidarity Program (ESC), one sports field project was entitled to be supported.

Our University, which also carries out studies to protect the local ecosystem, aims to produce solutions for water pollution in different districts with two projects supported by the 10th Regional Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks.

In addition, 24 specialization projects are carried out to strengthen the specialization areas of our University.

Kastamonu University at the Top in Turkey in UNIDES Program

The University Student Communities Cooperation and Support Program (ÜNİDES) 's third term application results were announced by the General Directorate of Youth Services of the Ministry of Youth and Sports. 35 projects prepared by Kastamonu University student communities were entitled to receive support. With this success, our University ranked 3rd in Turkey.

According to the results of the third term application results of the UNIDES program, while a record number of applications were made this year, our University attracted attention with its innovative and cooperation-oriented projects. The projects deemed worthy of support will enable young people to realize their creative ideas and produce social benefits.



UNIDES Program Promotion Event and Campus Iftar Held at Kastamonu University



Kastamonu University hosted a promotional event within the scope of the UNIDES Program supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports on March 19, 2025. Deputy Director General of Youth Services Tarık Karkınçam, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakçı, Kastamonu Provincial Director of Youth and Sports Sami Kuşcu, GSB General Directorate of Youth Services Head of International Youth Programs Department Feyyaz Soydoğan and Head of the Department of Health, Culture and Sports Mehmet Sena Aygöl attended the event held at Ay Yıldız Sports and Life Center.



At the event, student communities had the opportunity to introduce their projects, while protocol members visited the stands and received information about the activities. Tarık Karkınçam, Deputy Director General of Youth Services, who came together with the students within the scope of "UNIDES Meeting", emphasized that the program contributes to the development of young people. Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakçı stated that student projects will always be supported.



After the presentation, Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, protocol members and students came together in a friendly atmosphere at the iftar program held in the Central Dining Hall.



Innovative Biomaterial Patent Success from Kastamonu University

With the support of Kastamonu University Technology Transfer Office (TTO), the invention titled Production of TiNbVMoCr High Entropy Alloy as Biomaterial by Powder Metallurgy Method was registered by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office.

The team that successfully completed the patent process was led by Faculty of Engineering and Architecture Faculty Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Akkaş, while the other inventors were Assoc. Assist. Metin Çetin and PhD student Gülseren Sakarya are the other inventors. The invention offers an innovative approach to biomaterial production.



Kastamonu University Continues to Protect the Environment with Digitalization

Kastamonu University is making significant gains by taking environmentally friendly steps in the digitalization process with the University Information Management System (ÜBYS). While the number of documents processed electronically has increased yearly since 2021, thousands of trees have been cut down, tons of water have been wasted, and carbon emissions have increased.

As of 2024, the total number of documents in digital circulation reached 5,749,248. In this way, 692 trees were saved, 3,449 tons of water were saved, 195 tons of carbon emissions were prevented, and 13.80 tons of waste were prevented from harming the environment. The university's "Virtual Forest" reached 2,302 trees.



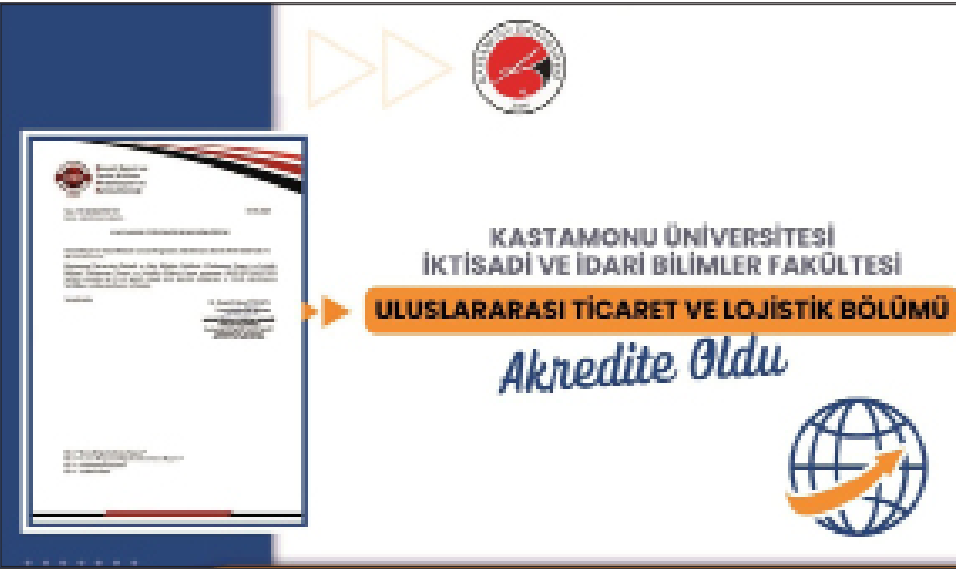
Kastamonu University Registered its Quality with Institutional Accreditation

Kastamonu University was accredited for 2 years with the decision taken on March 21, 2025, within the scope of the 2024 Institutional Accreditation Program carried out by YÖKAK. Our university, which was entitled to receive accreditation for its quality-oriented studies in education, research, and corporate management, presented a strong quality assurance system with the contribution of all academic and administrative units in this process.

Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, stated that they aim for five years of full accreditation after two years and thanked all stakeholders who contributed to the process. Emphasizing that concrete steps will be taken for the sustainability of quality studies, our Rector expressed his gratitude to YÖKAK and YÖK executives for their support.



Kastamonu University Department of International Trade and Logistics was Accredited



The Department of International Trade and Logistics within Kastamonu University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences (IIBF) was accredited by the Social Humanities and Basic Sciences Accreditation and Rating Association (STAR) by meeting high-quality standards.

With the decision of the Accreditation Board for Undergraduate Programs in Social Humanities and Basic Sciences, the department was accredited for three years. The department successfully

fulfilled criteria such as its interdisciplinary approach, qualified teaching staff, student success, and graduate profile, thus ensuring that the quality of education was registered at the national and international levels.

Kastamonu University Faculty of Communication, Department of Journalism Accredited



The Department of Journalism within Kastamonu University Faculty of Communication was accredited by the Communication Education Evaluation Accreditation Board (ILEDAD) for two years by successfully meeting high-quality standards in education.

The department, which successfully met criteria such as the interdisciplinary structure of journalism education, academic staff, student success and the adaptation of its graduates to the sector, has thus ensured that the quality of education has been registered at the national and international levels.

In addition to this development, the Radio, Television and Cinema Department accreditation period of the Faculty of Communication was extended by one year. This was considered an essential step in further strengthening the quality of education of the department and providing better opportunities for students.

Kastamonu University to Synthesize New Generation Polymer Catalysts for Hydrogen Production with TÜBİTAK 3501 Project

The project titled “Synthesis, Characterization and Investigation of Catalytic Activity of New Polymeric Catalysts Containing Imidazole and Phenanthroimidazole in Hydrogen Production”, which was carried out by Lecturer Dr.Merve Zurnacı, one of the academic staff of Kastamonu University Central Research Laboratory Application and Research Center, was entitled to be supported under TÜBİTAK 3501 - Career Development Program.

Within the scope of the project, hyper-crosslinked polymers containing imidazole and phenanthroimidazole structures, which are more efficient, economical and environmentally friendly catalysts in hydrogen production, will be synthesized and their performance in the hydrogen production process will be examined. In addition, the catalysts’ thermal stability and reusability properties will be determined, and their long-term contribution to the hydrogen production process will be evaluated.



Support from TUBITAK for Kastamonu University's Climate Change Project

Kastamonu University, which specializes in Forestry and Nature Tourism, has added another project to its portfolio. Under the TÜBİTAK 4004 – Nature Education and Science Schools Support Program, the project titled “The Future of Climate: The Climate of the Future 3,” led by our university’s academic, Instructor Berkan Güngör, has qualified for renewed support.

In the project, which was decided to be supported by TÜBİTAK, it aims to increase the knowledge level of young people continuing their formal education in undergraduate and graduate programs by addressing the issue of climate change in various dimensions through interactive applications. This project aims to help the participants gain awareness of protecting nature and living in harmony with nature, develop public policies with expert trainers, participate in local, national, and international environmental studies, and be active.



TÜBİTAK Support for Immune System Research in Newborn Foals



ÜNİVERSİTEMİZE YENİ DOĞAN TAYLARDA BAĞIŞIKLIK SİSTEMİ ARAŞTIRMASINA TÜBİTAK DESTEĞİ

Kastamonu Üniversitesi Veteriner Fakültesi Klinik Bilimler Bölümü İç Hastalıkları Anabilim Dalı öğretim elemanı Arş. Gör. Serkan Bozacı'nın yürütücülüğünü yaptığı "1,25-Dihidroksivitamin D3'in Neonatal Taylardan İzole Edilen Periferik Kan Mononükleer Hücreleri Üzerindeki İmmünomodülatör Etkilerinin İn Vitro İncelenmesi" başlıklı doktora tezi araştırma projesi, TÜBİTAK 1002 Hızlı Destek Programı kapsamında desteklenmeye hak kazandı.

Kastamonu University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Clinical Sciences, Department of Internal Diseases, Research Assistant Serkan Bozacı's doctoral thesis research project was entitled to be supported within the TÜBİTAK 1002 Rapid Support Program scope.

This research, titled "In Vitro Investigation of Immunomodulatory Effects of 1,25-Dihydroxyvitamin D3 on Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells Isolated from Neonatal Foals", aims to provide scientific data to strengthen the immune system of newborn foals. The project examines the immunomodulatory effects of 1,25-Dihydroxyvitamin D3, the active vitamin D, on peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) isolated from neonatal foals in a laboratory setting.

TÜBİTAK-1002 Project Writing Training was organized at Kastamonu University



The TÜBİTAK-1002 Program Project Writing Training was held by the Project Support Office (PRODO) affiliated with the Technology Transfer Office of Kastamonu University. The training was conducted by Assist. Prof. Dr. Kuttalmış Gökkuş is a faculty member of the Department of Environmental Engineering at Kastamonu University's Faculty of Engineering and Architecture.

The training, held in Kastamonu Technopolis Gökmar Hall, discussed the issues to be considered in TÜBİTAK-1002 project applications. Participants were provided with detailed information about the project writing process, filling out application forms and evaluation criteria.

Commemoration Program for the 110th Anniversary of Çanakkale Victory



Within the scope of the 110th anniversary of Çanakkale Victory, “the 18 March Çanakkale Martyrs Commemoration Program” organized by Kastamonu University Faculty of Education was held at Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Cultural Center. Prof. Dr. Nadir Yurtoğlu, Head of the Department of Turkish and Social Sciences Education of the Faculty of Education, took part in the program as a speaker.

Faculty of Education Dean Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kaçar, Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emine Karasu Avcı, Head of Basic Education Department, Prof. Dr. Eyüp Akman, Head of History Department of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Şerif Demir, faculty lecturers and students showed great interest in the event, which started with a moment of silence and the National Anthem.



Turkey's First Experiential Test Pilot Murat Özpala Met with Students at AVI-X Conference at Kastamonu University

The AVI-X Conference, organized by Kastamonu University School of Civil Aviation and Aviation Club, hosted Murat Özpala, one of the essential names of the aviation industry. Özpala, who is the Chief Flight Test Pilot of HURKUŞ aircraft produced by TAI and Turkey's first experimental test pilot, attended the conference as a speaker.

In addition to Prof. Dr. Engin Kanbur, Director of the School of Civil Aviation and faculty members, Kastamonu Airport Director Taylan Öncel, Assistant Director Mustafa Şabanoğlu and Kastamonu TSE Director Bayram Güven also attended the conference. Many students interested in the aviation sector also took part in the event.

Özpala, who suggested career planning especially for students, explained the sector dynamics and emphasized the points that young people who want to progress in aviation should pay attention to. During the conference, students had the opportunity to ask questions about aviation.



March 8 International Women's Day Panel was held at Kastamonu University



Within the scope of March 8 International Women's Day at Kastamonu University, a panel on "Rights, Struggle and Psychology from Antiquity to the Present" was organized in cooperation with the Women and Family Studies Application and Research Center and the History and Archeology Application and Research Center.

Prof. Fatma Zehra Pattabanoğlu chaired the March 11, 2025 panel at the Central Library Cemil Meriç Hall. The event focused on the historical development of women's rights, social problems and solutions.

In the panel, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Şahika Şimşek Çetinkaya discussed the relationship between the climate crisis and violence against women, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rabia Aktaş addressed the position of women in Ancient Greece,

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayşenur Akbulut on the importance of information centers and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Çiğdem Gülmez made evaluations on women's psychological well-being. The event ended with the presentation of certificates of appreciation.

Panel on "The Power of Women in Academia and the City" was held within the scope of "Kastamonu Talks-2" at Kastamonu University



Kastamonu University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences held a panel on "The Power of Women in Academia and the City" under "Kastamonu Talks-2" within the scope of March 8 International Women's Day activities on March 4, 2025.

The panel started with the opening speech of Dean Prof. Dr. Orhan Kandemir and was moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Omca Altın. In the panel, Halime Nilgün Şener shared her experiences of women entrepreneurship, while Dr. Mustafa Eski touched upon the historical role of women from Kastamonu. Prof. Dr. Aybala Demirci Aksoy talked about the difficulties of being a woman in academia, while Assoc. Prof. Dr. Şükran Sırkıntıoğlu Yıldırım discussed the social impact of entrepreneurial women.

“Women in the Middle East” Panel was held at Kastamonu University

Kastamonu University Middle Eastern Studies Application and Research Center (ORDAM) held a panel on “Women in the Middle East” on March 5, 2025 at the Central Library Cemil Meriç Hall.

The panel, which was opened by a speech from the ORDAM Director, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alaattin Dolu, was chaired by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Omca Altın. In the panel, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sevda Özkaya Sofu evaluated the modernization process of Turkish women and its effects on the Middle East. At the same time, Assist. Prof. Dr. Murat Yılmaz presented a historical analysis of the representation of women in Ottoman humor magazines.

In the event organized with the contributions of the Middle Eastern Studies Student Community, women’s social, cultural and political roles in the Middle East were discussed differently. The panel was completed with the intense interest of academics and students.



Support from Kastamonu University for Family Projects within the scope of the Year of Family 2025

The Social Responsibility Projects Office (Social Office), which operates within Kastamonu University, announced that it will support family-themed projects within the scope of the Year of Family 2025.

In line with the Vision Document and Action Plan for the Protection and Strengthening of the Family (2024-2028) announced by the Ministry of Family and Social Services in May 2024, strategic goals were determined within the framework of 5 main themes, such as global risks, demographic transformation, social welfare, family-oriented social services, digitalization, environment, and disasters. In this context, 2025 was declared the “Year of the Family 2025” with the blessings of our President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

With this support program, which will start in April 2025, social responsibility projects prepared for the protection and strengthening of the family within the scope of the 2025 Family Year will be supported by the Social Office.



Kastamonu University's "Strong Mother Strong Special Individual" Project touched the lives of mothers of special individuals

The "Strong Mother Strong Special Individual" project was implemented under the leadership of Kastamonu University Faculty of Health Sciences, Head of Nursing Department, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Havva Kaçan, with the support of TÜBİTAK, enabled 30 mothers with children with special needs to contribute to both their mental development and their family economy through production.

The mothers received training in psychoeducation, communication skills, marbling, jewellery design and traditional handicrafts. Children participated in various activities accompanied by experts. At the end of the project, the mothers continued to produce the handicrafts they learned at home and sold their products online, thanks to digital marketing training.

Two participants, Emine Karagöz and Nazife Sarıcı, stated that they gained financial and self-confidence by starting their own businesses. Master trainer Aynur Palabıyık emphasized that the project positively impacted mothers. After the project, mothers continue to be supported through social media groups.



Cooperation Protocol Signed for Qualified Workforce in Kastamonu

Within the framework of the project implemented in Kastamonu, 21 trainees who will receive training will be employed in the workplaces that have signed a protocol. Kastamonu University, Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR) Provincial Directorate, Kastamonu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KATSO) and 10 employers signed a protocol with employment guarantee within the framework of the Qualified Workforce Training Program (NİYEP).



KASÜSEM Director Assist. Prof. Dr. Serkan Çalıışkan gave information about the program, which consists of 30 hours of theoretical and 720 hours of applied training. At the end of the program, 21 trainees will be employed in the workplaces that signed a protocol. The training module will be taught by Assist Prof.. Hilal Öztay Çağan will give the training module.

İŞKUR Provincial Director Dilek Şehnaz Aşıcı stated that financial obligations will be covered by İŞKUR. KATSO President Oğuz Fındıkoğlu thanked the contributing institutions. The project aims to train a qualified labour force and increase regional employment.

Artificial Intelligence Training Organized for Our Administrative Staff at Kastamonu University

In collaboration with the Information Technology Department and the Artificial Intelligence Studies Coordination at Kastamonu University, artificial intelligence training sessions were organized for our university's administrative staff under "Productivity Enhanced by Artificial Intelligence: Producing Written and Visual Content and Preparing Effective Presentations."

In the opening speech of the program, the Coordinator of Artificial Intelligence Studies, Prof. Dr. S. Tunay Kamer, emphasized the university's digital transformation goals and the role of artificial intelligence in this process. In the first training session, IT staff member Murat Yayla provided information about the historical development and fundamental artificial intelligence concepts.

In the ongoing sessions, Onur Altıntaş and Ufuk Acı introduced AI-supported text and presentation creation tools, providing practical examples of how these technologies can be efficiently used in administrative processes. Participants actively completed the training by having the opportunity to experience AI tools firsthand.



Panel on Divan Mosques in the Rural Areas of Kastamonu Held



Under the leadership of the Kastamonu University Forestry and Nature Tourism Specialization Coordination, in collaboration with Kocaeli University, the Technology Transfer Office, and Kastamonu Technopolis, a panel titled “Lost Value: Divan Mosques in Rural Kastamonu” was held on March 24, 2025.

Academics and researchers participated in the panel, which addressed the preservation of historical divan mosques and their integration into tourism. At the event, the sustainability of rural heritage, restoration methods, cultural identity, and digital documentation processes were discussed in detail.

In the panel, Prof. Dr. Orhan Kandemir, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Kishalı, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Osman Emre Özkan, Dr. Murat Karasalihioglu, and Lecturer Dr. Gökçen Gökgez Gedik contributed with their presentations. The event concluded with a question-and-answer session and evaluation session.

“Get Inspiration from the Expert” Project Event attract intensive attention at the Faculty of Communication

UNIDES “Get Inspiration from the Expert” project, which was implemented with the support of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, was completed with a two-day event organized by the Faculty of Communication Career Activity Community.

In the event, which attracted significant interest from students from the Departments of Journalism, Public Relations and Advertising, Radio, Television and Cinema, expert guests shared their knowledge and experience in the fields of applied visual expression, video screenings and documentary photography.

Within the scope of the event, director Baturhan Bilgin and documentary photographer Sadık Üçok had a pleasant and instructive conversation with the students. Experts in their fields inspired the students by sharing their professional experiences.

Career Activity Community Advisor Assist.Prof.Dr. İsmail Karakulle, the advisor of the Career Event Community, Kenan Kaya, the head of the community, Arzu Gökçe, the project owner and all community members played an essential role in the successful completion of the event.



Consumer Rights and Right to Legal Remedies Training Conference was held at Kastamonu University

Within the scope of the “Conscious Consumer Sustainable Future Project” carried out under the coordination of Kastamonu University Technology Transfer Office, a conference on “Consumer Rights and Rights Search Training” was held on March 17, 2025. Academicians, students and representatives from public institutions attended the event held at Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Cultural Center.

Chef Kübra Yumrudaş made the informative presentation of the conference. The presentation discussed consumer rights, problems experienced in shopping processes and legal remedies. It was aimed to increase consumer awareness by answering questions from the participants.

Kastamonu Provincial Trade Director İbrahim İriş and his team also attended the event. At the end of the program, Dean of the Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kaçar presented a certificate of appreciation to the speaker. While 40 students were given gifts by lottery, the event ended with a group photo shoot.



Differentiation Workshop in Mathematics Course of the Century of Türkiye Education Model was held at the Faculty of Education

Organized in cooperation with Kastamonu University Faculty of Education and Provincial Directorate of National Education, the Differentiation Workshop in Mathematics Course of the Century of Türkiye Education Model” was held on March 20, 2025 at the Faculty of Education. Mathematics teachers working in the center of Kastamonu participated in the study coordinated by the Department of Mathematics Education.

In the event, Prof. Dr. Güler Tuluk explained the mind mapping technique, Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Kepceoğlu and Assoc. Prof. Mehmet Koray Serin explained measurement and evaluation approaches Assist Prof. Dr. Şeyma Şengil Akar made applications on mathematical modelling and problem solving, while Assist. Prof. Kadir Yücel Kaya gave information about artificial intelligence-supported teaching tools. The workshop was completed with differentiated teaching practices and interactive presentations.

“Disaster Management and Risks in Kastamonu” Panel was held within the scope of Kastamonu Talks-3

The third of the “Kastamonu Talks” event series organized by Kastamonu University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences was held on March 25, 2025 with a panel on “Disaster Management and Risks in Kastamonu”.

The panel started with the opening speech of Dean Prof. Dr. Orhan Kandemir, in the event moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bülent Yıldız, AFAD Provincial Director, Dr. Suat Tüfekçi, made a presentation on the activities of AFAD, Red Crescent Provincial President Sabit Tavail made a presentation on volunteering and logistics support in disaster processes, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nazlıcan Dindarik presented on the importance of humanitarian aid logistics.

The event ended with the presentation of certificates of appreciation to the participants.

Kastamonu University Supported Regional Development and Industry Cooperation within the scope of KÜSİ in 2024



Kastamonu University contributed to regional development by bringing academic knowledge to the field with the studies carried out within the scope of Public-University-Industry Cooperation (KÜSİ) throughout 2024. Under the Technology Transfer Office (TTO) coordination, 4 R&D projects were implemented, 25 academicians were assigned, and 33 consultancy services were provided.

While cooperation was strengthened with eight field visits with industrial organizations, the scientific knowledge of the University continued to be transformed into economic benefits. Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal

emphasized that knowledge-based collaborations with industry will continue to increase and drew attention to the role of TTO in this process.

Kastamonu Teknokent's 2024 Ordinary General Assembly Meeting was held



The Ordinary General Assembly Meeting of Kastamonu Technopolis for 2024 was held on March 24, 2025 at the Technopolis Administration Building and Incubation Center under the chairmanship of our Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal. Public, private sector representatives and non-governmental organizations and Teknokent management attended the meeting.

General Manager Prof. Dr. Alperen Kaymakcı presented the annual report for 2024 and shared information about Teknokent's contributions to the entrepreneurship ecosystem, technology development studies and collaborations. At the meeting, 2024 was evaluated and the activities planned in line with the 2025 targets were discussed.



Faculty of Sports Sciences Table Tennis Team Promoted to Super League

Kastamonu University Faculty of Sports Sciences Women's Table Tennis Team qualified for the Super League with its successful performance in the Turkish University Sports Federation (TÜSF) Table Tennis 1st League competitions held in Burdur between February 24-28, 2025.

Our team, which defeated Eskişehir Osman-gazi University 3-1 and Trabzon University 3-2 on the tournament's first day, finished as the group leader and advanced to the main table. In the main table, our representative, who beat Istanbul Rumeli University with a score of 3-2, made his name among the top 8 teams. Our team, which lost to Yalova University 3-2 on the way to the semi-finals, was entitled to play the third-place match. Our team, which displayed a contentious struggle against Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University, completed the tournament in 4th place with a score of 3-2 and was promoted to the Super League with this rank.



"A Thousand Voices, One Emotion" Singing and Piano Concert was held at our university

Faculty of Fine Arts and Design (GSTF) Department of Musicology Visiting Lecturers Esma Gizem Kırmızı and İlham Kamilkızı performed in the singing and piano concert titled "A Thousand Voices, One Emotion" at Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Cultural Center.

In the concert, where selected works from different cultures and periods were performed, a rich musical journey was presented to the audience. A wide repertoire was performed from the Baroque period to Romanticism, from Neapolitan songs to Latin melodies, from piano pieces to the elegant timbres of Turkish and Azerbaijani music.

A total of 11 songs were performed with piano accompaniment, while two piano pieces were performed solo. This special program, which was inspired by different geographies, gave the audience an unforgettable musical experience. Reflecting a universal understanding of music, the concert revealed how works from different cultures unite around common emotions.



“From Asım’in Neslinden İstiklale” March 12 Special Online Exhibition is Online

Within the scope of March 12, the Acceptance of the National Anthem and the Commemoration Day of Mehmet Akif Ersoy, the online exhibition titled “From Asım’s Generation to Independence” prepared by the 3rd year students of the Graphic Design Department of our Faculty met with art lovers.

Assist Prof.Dr. Sofya C. Canbolat, within the scope of the Research Workshop course, the exhibition includes 24 posters designed by 24 students. Using different techniques and creative approaches, the students interpreted the deep meaning of the National Anthem and the love of their homeland from an artistic perspective.



“Ramadan Festivals” Organized at Kastamonu University

Kastamonu University hosted the “Ramadan Festivities” event on March 24, 2025, for students to spend the month of Ramadan together. The event, organized by the Department of Health, Culture and Sports, was held in two parts with an iftar program and sports competitions.

The iftar program held at the Central Dining Hall was attended by our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, Vice Rectors, Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan and Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakçı, as well as philanthropic Kastamonese tradesmen who provided free iftar meals to our students during Ramadan. Our Rector emphasized the spirit of sharing and solidarity of Ramadan and thanked the participants.

Following the iftar meal, enjoyable and competitive competitions were held among students in branches such as volleyball, football, tennis, table tennis and bowling at the Ay Yıldız Sports and Life Center. The event reinforced the spiritual atmosphere of Ramadan and allowed students to spend time together.





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