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Kastamonu University Senate Evaluated Academic and Institutional Goals

Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, evaluated the academic and institutional goals of Kastamonu University during the senate meeting, emphasizing the vision of quality education and internationalization.

Our university's Senate convened under the chairmanship of our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal. The meeting, held in the Senate Hall, was attended by Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan, Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, and Acting Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Demirbaş and the senate members.



Visit from the MHP Kastamonu Provincial Chairman to Our Rector

Emre Şahin, the Provincial Chairman of the Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) in Kastamonu, visited our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, in his office.



The visit was also attended by the Director of Kastamonu Vocational School, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muhammed Salman.

During the meeting, the educational activities, academic development processes, and the work carried out regarding students' education at our University were discussed. Additionally, evaluations were made regarding the improvement of cooperation between the city and the university in the field of education.

An Eid- al-Fitr Greeting Ceremony was Held at Kastamonu University

A traditional Eid- al-Fitr celebration was held at Kastamonu University. Our academic and administrative staff attended the program held on March 24, 2026, at the Central Cafeteria. In addition to our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, the program was also attended by our Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan, Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, and Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakcı.

The ceremony began with the management of our university greeting each staff member individually. In the program held in a friendly atmosphere, our Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal stated that holidays are special times when the feelings of sharing, solidarity, and brotherhood are most intensely felt.



Our students came together for different activities with the Campus Iftar Program and the UNIDES Promotion Event at Kastamonu University

Hosted by Kastamonu University, an Iftar Program and UNIDES Promotion Event were held as part of the Campus Iftar program organized by the General Directorate of Youth Services of the Ministry of Youth and Sports within the scope of the month of Ramadan.

The iftar program was held at our University's Central Cafeteria. The program was attended by our Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, Kastamonu Deputy Governor Mevlüt Özmen, the General Director of Youth Services at the Ministry of Youth and Sports Dr. Enes Efendioğlu, and Deputy Directors Tarık Karkınçam, Tuncay Uluşan, and M. Tayyip Kahyaoğlu, Kastamonu Provincial Director of Youth and Sports Sami Kuşcu, and our University's Director of Health, Culture, and Sports Department Mehmet Sena Aygöl.





Kastamonu University

Ranked Third in Turkey in the 6th Term of ÜNİDES

Kastamonu University became the third university in Türkiye with the most accepted projects in the 6th term applications of the "University Student Communities Cooperation and Support Program (ÜNİDES)" conducted by the General Directorate of Youth Services. 35 projects prepared by our university's student communities were deemed eligible for support within the program.

The 6th-term applications of ÜNİDES, which aim to contribute to the personal and social development of young people, were conducted between December 2, 2025, and February 11, 2026. In this context, out of the projects prepared by our university's student communities, 27 were deemed suitable for support at the local level and 8 at the national level, totaling 35 projects.



Our Rector and Vice Rectors Met with Our International Students at the Iftar

At the iftar program organized by our university's General Directorate of International Relations within the scope of the month of Ramadan, our university administration met with international students from various regions who have come to our university. The program, part of the gatherings held at various times throughout the month of Ramadan, took place in a sincere environment conducive to the spiritual atmosphere of Ramadan.

The program was attended by our Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, as well as our Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan, Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, and Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakçı, General Coordinator of External Relations Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Öztürk Akcaoğlu, and Head of the Health, Culture, and Sports Department, Mehmet Sena Aygöl.



The "Ramadan on Campus" Program Continues at Kastamonu University

Kastamonu University continues to meet viewers with the "Ramadan on Campus" program, which brings the spiritual atmosphere of the month of Ramadan to the campus. The program, prepared in collaboration with the Faculty of Communication, the Faculty of Theology, and the Department of Press and Public Relations, airs new episodes every week throughout Ramadan.

The program, which premiered on February 25, 2026, aired on the YouTube channel of Kastamonu Kampüs TV. In the opening program, Faculty of Theology Faculty Member Prof.Dr. Ahmet Özdemir drew attention to the individual purification and social solidarity aspects of Ramadan.



Türkiye Championship from the Young TEMA Community of Kastamonu University



Within the framework of the Hayrettin Karaca and Ali Nihat Gökyiğit Volunteer Awards, organized by the TEMA Foundation across Turkey, the Young TEMA Community of Kastamonu University became the national winner in the "University with the Most Volunteers of the Year" category.

As a result of evaluations conducted in the award program organized to promote environmental awareness and encourage volunteer activities, our university's Young TEMA Community was awarded first place among 150 universities across Türkiye.



The Academic Gowning and Award Ceremony with the Enthusiasm of the 20th Year was Held at Kastamonu University



An "Academic Gowning, Academic Achievement, Incentive, and Award Ceremony for 2026" was held for faculty members appointed and promoted by Kastamonu University in 2025, as well as for academics who qualified for awards with their scientific achievements.

The program, celebrating its 20th anniversary, was held at our University and drew a large audience to the Sezai Karakoç Hall of the Central Library on March 31, 2026. The ceremony was attended by our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, as well as our Vice Rectors, Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük and Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakcı, the Deputy Secretary General, Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Demirbaş and many academics.





The "4 Cities 4 Places 4 Akif" Symposium Started Under the Funding of Ankara Social Sciences University

Under the auspices of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye and organized in collaboration with Ankara Social Sciences University, Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University, Balıkesir University, Kastamonu University, and Afyon Kocatepe University, the "4 Cities 4 Places 4 Akif – From Captivity to Independence, From Independence to Future: Mehmet Akif Symposium" began with an opening program held on March 12, 2026, at the Sezai Karakoç Hall of the Ankara Social Sciences University Rectorate.

The symposium, which aims to address the historical and intellectual background of Mehmet Âkif Ersoy's worldview and the National Anthem on an academic platform, was organized as the first program of a multi-stage scientific event series, with contributions from different universities.



"Art and Digitalization" Panel by Female Academics from the Faculty of Fine Arts and Design

Organized by the Faculty of Fine Arts and Design at Kastamonu University, the panel program titled "Women Who Create, Transform, and Narrate: Art and Digitalization" was held on March 9, 2026, as part of our university's 20th anniversary celebrations and in honor of International Women's Day.



A "Defending the Future in Agriculture" Program was Organized at Kastamonu University

Hosted by Kastamonu University, an event shedding light on the sustainability and future of Agriculture was organized in collaboration with the Faculty of Forestry and the "Doctors of the Soil" program by Köy TV. The program titled "Defending the Future in Agriculture" met with participants on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, in the Faculty of Theology Meeting Hall.

The program, which brought together experts in the field, was moderated by agricultural journalist and host of the "Doctors of the Soil" program, Harun Göksel. In the program, various aspects of agriculture, including sustainability, rural development, biodiversity, and livestock, were comprehensively addressed.



Contribution to Cultural Heritage from Kastamonu University: "The Beauty of Wood" Meets the Audience

The premiere of the documentary film "The Beauty of Wood," prepared with the support of the Scientific Research Projects Coordination of Kastamonu University, was held on March 30, 2026, in the Sezai Karakoç Hall of our University's Central Library.

The program held as part of our university's 20th anniversary celebrations was attended by Kastamonu Governor Meftun Dallı, our Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, our Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan and Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, Kastamonu Mayor Hasan Baltacı, Deputy Mayor Hasan Fehmi Taş, as well as many academics, students, and art enthusiasts.



The Technology of the Future is Taking Shape at Kastamonu University: High Interest in the National Technology Workshop

Established with TÜBİTAK support within Kastamonu University, the National Technology Workshop (MTA) continues its educational, production, and promotional activities in line with the vision of the National Technology Movement.

On January 23, 2026, the workshop, whose technical capacity and advanced technology equipment were introduced to the academic staff during the informational meetings, entered an intensive activity period both on the central campus and in the districts as of February.

Within the scope of the promotion marathon held on February 10-11, over 400 students were directly reached through 7 separate presentations organized specifically for the faculties. In the presentations, information on the workshop's technical facilities and project development processes was shared.





The Fourth Report of the "Kastamonu Reports" Series Has Been Published: Transportation and Logistics Potential Presented

The "Kastamonu Reports" series, prepared by Kastamonu University, continues to examine the city's natural, environmental, and socio-economic structure using scientific data. The fourth report in this series, titled "Evaluation of Kastamonu's Transportation and Logistics Potential," addressed the city's logistics capacity from a multifaceted perspective.



In the report prepared with the contributions of our university's Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences faculty members, primarily Prof. Dr. Erol Tekin, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Memduh Alper Demir, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burak Özdemir, Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazlıcan Dindarık and Research Assistants Sultan Coşkun Kaya and Büşra Yazlık comprehensively analyzed the transportation infrastructure, logistics capabilities, and future potential of Kastamonu.

Kastamonu University is among the Top 10 in Türkiye for Social Responsibility Projects

Öğrencileri En Fazla Sosyal Sorumluluk Projesi Yürüten Üniversiteler	
Ege Üniversitesinde	1.991
Atatürk Üniversitesinde	1.305
Karabük Üniversitesinde	765
Gaziantep Üniversitesinde	603
Selçuk Üniversitesinde	554
Orta Doğu Teknik Üniversitesinde	548
Gazi Üniversitesinde	483
Sebançi Üniversitesinde	351
Kocaeli Üniversitesinde	342
Kastamonu Üniversitesinde	319

Kastamonu University ranked among the top 10 universities in Türkiye with the most projects implemented, thanks to the 319 social responsibility projects carried out by its students.

The University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report, published by the Council of Higher Education since 2019, continues to highlight the contributions universities make to society beyond their academic work. Our university continues its efforts to produce social contributions through projects carried out by its students and to enhance university-community interaction.

The Project to Enhance the Patent and Licensing Capacity of the Technology Transfer Office Received Support from KUZKA

The project titled "Transforming Intellectual Property into Economic Value and Developing Patent Licensing Capacity," prepared by the Technology Transfer Office of Kastamonu University, was among the projects that qualified for support following the first-term evaluations.

The projects to be supported under the 2026 Local Product Commercialization and SME Support Center Technical Support Program, conducted by the North Anatolia Development Agency, have been announced. While the evaluation processes of the applications made to the program announced on February 9, 2026, were completed, a total of 5 projects were deemed worthy of support.

A System for Ostomy Patients Developed by a Kastamonu University Graduate Received Utility Model Registration

The "Ostoi Warning and Vacuum System," developed by Şeymanur Sürücü, a graduate of the Biomedical Engineering Department of our University's Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, was registered as a utility model by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office.



The "Smart Manufacturing Module" Developed Under the Ownership of Kastamonu University Has Been Registered

The study titled "Smart Manufacturing Module," developed by Assist.Prof. Dr. Erman Zurnacı, a faculty member in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Kastamonu University Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, in collaboration with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Engin Nas from Düzce University and Assist. Prof. Dr. Sabri Uzuner from Yalova University have been registered by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office.



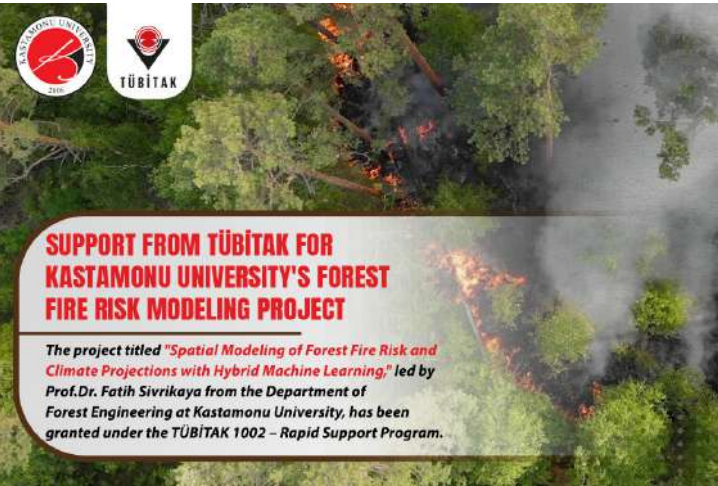
Kastamonu University Contributes to Our Province's Innovation Ecosystem in the Field of Industrial Property

Kastamonu University continues to contribute to Kastamonu's scientific production and innovation capacity with the patents, utility models, and design registrations it has achieved by 2025. Prioritizing the transformation of academic knowledge into tangible outputs, our University plays an active role in developing an innovation ecosystem that supports regional development.

According to the 2025 data, our University has obtained 9 patents, 4 utility models, and 18 design registrations. In the same period, a total of 30 patent applications, including 8 international ones, 4 utility model applications, and 16 design applications, were submitted.



Support from TÜBİTAK for Kastamonu University's Forest Fire Risk Modeling Project



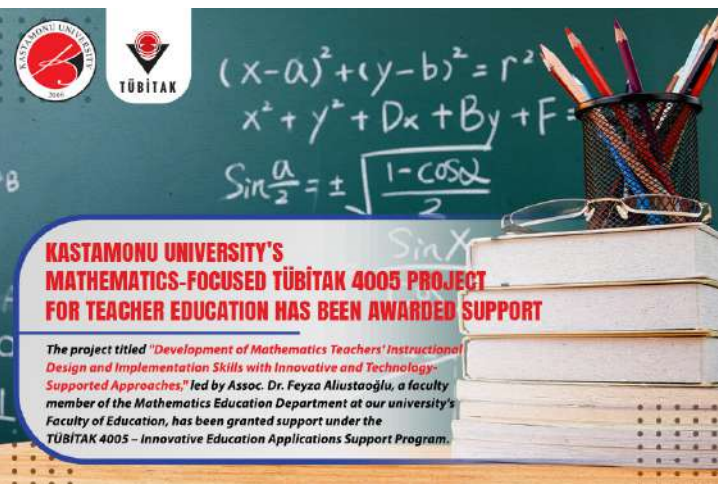
The project titled "Spatial Modeling of Forest Fire Risk and Climate Projections with Hybrid Machine Learning," led by Faculty Member Fatih Sivrikaya from the Department of Forestry Engineering at Kastamonu University, has been granted support under the TÜBİTAK 1002 – Rapid Support Program.

Kastamonu University's Research Project on Mediterranean Laurel Will Be Supported by TÜBİTAK



The research project titled "Changes in the Morphological-Anatomical Characteristics of Mediterranean Laurel (Laurus nobilis L.) in the Forests of the Western Black Sea Region Based on Altitude and Aspect Differences," led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Seray Özden Keleş, a faculty member in the Department of Forest Botany at the Faculty of Forestry, Kastamonu University, has been awarded support under the TÜBİTAK 1002 – Rapid Support Program.

Kastamonu University's Mathematics-Focused TÜBİTAK 4005 Project for Teacher Education Has Qualified for Support



Kastamonu University has added another achievement to its scientific research and education efforts. The project titled "Development of Mathematics Teachers' Teaching Design and Implementation Skills with Innovative and Technology-Supported Approaches," led by our university's Faculty of Education, Department of Mathematics Education, faculty member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Feyza Aliustaoğlu has been deemed eligible for support under the TÜBİTAK 4005 – Innovative Education Applications Support Program.

"Design and Implementation of a Virtual Reality Environment Blended with Scientific Inquiry on Climate Change" TÜBİTAK 3501 Project Completed

The closing meeting of the project titled "Design and Implementation of a Virtual Reality Environment Blended with Scientific Inquiry on Climate Change," led by Dr. Seçil Tisoğlu Kaya, a faculty member of the Faculty of Education at Kastamonu University and supported by the TÜBİTAK 3501 Career Development Program, was held on March 27, 2026, at our university's Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Cultural Center – Erasmus Welcome Center.



The Accreditation of the Radio, Television, and Cinema Department of the Faculty of Communication at Kastamonu University has been Renewed



The Radio, Television, and Cinema Department of the Faculty of Communication at Kastamonu University has once again demonstrated its educational quality. The program's accreditation was extended as a result of the re-evaluation conducted by the Communication Research Association.

Under the accreditation granted by İLAD, the Radio, Television, and Cinema Department has been re-accredited for the period from March 10, 2026, to March 10, 2028.

Partners of the Erasmus+ Nonviolent Communication Project, Coordinated by Kastamonu University, Came Together at a Meeting in Kastamonu

The meeting of the Erasmus+ KA220-SCH 2025 international project titled "Cultivating Peaceful Communities: Non-Violent Communication via Gamification," led by Kastamonu University, was held.

On March 30, 2026, in the Erasmus Welcome Center located within the Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Cultural Center, the project partners met face-to-face for the first time.

The project, which aims to develop non-violent communication skills through gamification, targets the preparation of new learning materials for teachers, students, and educational stakeholders, as well as the creation of a peaceful school culture.



An "18 March Çanakkale Victory" Exhibition Opened at Kastamonu University

The "National Mixed Exhibition of Faculty Members," organized by the Faculty of Fine Arts and Design (GSTF) at Kastamonu University to commemorate the anniversary of the March 18 Çanakkale Victory, has opened to the public.

The exhibition, which opened its doors at our university's Fine Arts Gallery, brings the spirit of Çanakkale to the audience through art. The exhibition, featuring the contributions of 19 academics, includes 20 works.





As part of the 20th anniversary celebrations of Kastamonu University and in commemoration of the Acceptance of the March 12 National Anthem and Mehmet Âkif Ersoy's Memorial Day, a meaningful exhibition was organized.

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Meaningful Panel on the Anniversary of the March 18 Çanakkale Victory

On the anniversary of the Çanakkale Victory, the Department of History at Kastamonu University's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences organized a panel titled "March 18, 1915: 111 Years of the Çanakkale Victory."

Students, along with academic and administrative staff, attended the program held in the Cemil Meriç Hall. While Prof. Dr. Şerif Demir moderated the program, Prof. Dr. Nadir Yurtoğlu and Assist. Prof. Dr. Murat Yılmaz participated as a panel speaker.



Cultural Journey to the Living Museum and City Archive by Our TÖMER Students

A tour was organized by the Turkish Language Teaching Application and Research Center (TÖMER) of Kastamonu University for foreign students to become more familiar with Kastamonu's historical and cultural heritage, including visits to the Living Museum and the City Archive of Kastamonu University.

During the visit, our students had the opportunity to closely examine traditional household items specific to Kastamonu, objects used in daily life, regional clothing, and folk customs. During the museum tour, students who also played traditional games had the opportunity to experience cultural heritage spanning from the past to the present.



A "Journey to Forest Love with Small Steps" Workshop was Held at Kastamonu University

As part of Forest Week from March 21-26, a workshop titled "Journey to Forest Love with Small Steps" was organized at the Kastamonu University Baby and Children's Library. Students and teachers from Behiye Barut Kindergarten were hosted at the event.

The event was organized in collaboration with the Preschool Education Student Society (KO-KÖNET) as part of a project conducted by our university's Child Education Application and Research Center Director, Associate Professor Dr. Aysun Ata Aktürk, a faculty member of the Department of Preschool Education, Basic Education Division, Faculty of Education, and Associate Professor Dr. Esra Nurten Yer Çelik, a faculty member of the Department of Silviculture, Forest Engineering Division, Faculty of Forestry.







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