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Different Cultures and Youth Enthusiasm Came Together at the 20th Anniversary Youth Festival at Kastamonu University

The first day of the 20th Anniversary Youth Festival organized by Kastamonu University began on May 13, 2026, with events held at the Ayyıldız Sports and Life Center. Cultural, artistic, and sporting activities organized throughout the day were held with high participation.

The program was attended by our Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, Deputy Governor Mevlüt Özmen, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan and Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, as well as representatives from public institutions and organizations, academics, students, and many invited guests.

Speaking at the opening of the festival, our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, stated that Kastamonu University has been conducting studies in many areas from education to culture, from sports to art over the past 20 years, and emphasized the importance of activities that contribute to the social and cultural development of young people. Our Rector thanked those who contributed to the preparation of the festival.



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Kastamonu University's 20th Anniversary Youth Festival Featured a Kira Concert

The Youth Festival, organized by Kastamonu University to celebrate its 20th anniversary, continued on its second day with high participation, providing unforgettable moments for students and the people of Kastamonu. The festival program, which brought together culture, art, sports, and entertainment, attracted great interest with events that lasted all day on campus.

The festival program held on Thursday, May 14, 2026, featured many events, from sports activities and concerts to traditional games and stage performances. The events, which our students showed great interest in, continued throughout the day at various points on the campus.

The first events of the day began in the areas set up at the Ay Yıldız Sports and Life Center in the morning. The award-winning sports competitions, endurance races, and fun activities organized throughout the day attracted great interest from the students. The tournaments held on the live foosball platform set up on campus were full of excitement, and with traditional games and events in various sports branches, the campus took on a festival atmosphere. Students experienced moments of intense competition and also had the opportunity to enjoy time with their friends.

The concert program, which started at 20:30, was of great interest to the audience. Filling the concert area, students and citizens sang along in unison to Kira's popular songs. While the artist's stage performance brought great excitement to the festival area, the participants had an unforgettable night. Especially the moments of applause and sing-alongs during the artist's beloved pieces were among the most notable scenes of the concert.



TÜGVA's 'İhtisas Akademi'26' Program was Held at Kastamonu University

The "İhtisas Akademi'26 Kastamonu" program, conducted by the Türkiye Youth Foundation (TÜGVA) and hosted by Kastamonu University, was held on May 4, 2026, in the Sezai Karakoç Hall of the Central Library.

The program was attended by the former Minister of Youth and Sports, AK Party İzmir member of parliament Mehmet Muharrem Kasapoğlu, former Kastamonu member of parliament Gökhan Gülşen, our Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, Kastamonu Provincial General Assembly Chairman Doğan Ünlü, our Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan, Türkiye Youth Foundation Chairman İbrahim Beşinci, TÜGVA Provincial Representative Selim Önen, AK Party Kastamonu Provincial Chairman Ahmet Sevgilioğlu, representatives of institutions and organizations, academics, and many students.



Visit to Kastamonu University by High School Representatives from Indonesia: Cooperation Protocol Signed with Four High Schools

High school representatives from Indonesia visited our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, in his office on May 12, 2026. During the visit, potential collaborations in education between the two countries were discussed, and evaluations were conducted on international student mobility and educational activities.

In the meeting held at the Rectorate, the General Coordinator of International Relations, Assoc. Prof. Dr. M. Öztürk Akcaoglu, and the Coordinator of International Student Affairs, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Rifat Kayış was also present.



The IXth Sheik Şa'bân-ı Velî Symposium on the Theme of "Sufism, Morality, and the History of Society and Contemporary Approaches" Has Begun at Kastamonu University

The IX International Sheik Shaban-i Veli Symposium, organized by the Faculty of Theology at Kastamonu University on May 14-15, 2026, is being held under the theme "Sufism, Morality, and Society: Historical and Contemporary Approaches."

The symposium's opening program, aimed at promoting academic studies in Sufism and ethics and raising public awareness, was held on May 14, 2026, in the Sezai Karakoç Hall of the Central Library.

The program was attended by our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal; Vice Rectors, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan and Kastamonu Provincial Mufti Bekir Derin; as well as representatives from public institutions and organizations, non-governmental organizations, academics, students, and guests.



The National Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship Student Symposium Has Begun

The National Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship Student Symposium, organized in collaboration with Kastamonu Technopolis and the Technology Transfer Office of Kastamonu University, has begun under the auspices of Kastamonu University. The symposium, held from May 13 to 15, 2026, brought together students, academics, and stakeholders of the entrepreneurship ecosystem from different universities.

The program, which began with a moment of silence and the reading of the National Anthem, was attended by Deputy Governor Dr. Hakan Kubalı, General Director of Technopolis Prof. Dr. Alperen Kaymakcı, and many academic staff and students.



The International Forest Entomology and Pathology Symposium Started at Kastamonu University

The "5th International Forest Entomology and Pathology Symposium (IFEPS 2026)," hosted by Kastamonu University, began on May 7, 2026, at the Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Cultural Center.

The event was attended by Deputy Governor Ahmet Atıkan, Deputy Mayor Eda Büyükdemirci, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, Forest Regional Director Hakan Yaslıkaya, 10th Regional Director of Nature Conservation and National Parks (DKMP) Ali Bozkurt, Deputy Director of the Forest General Directorate's Pest Control Department Hakan Ragıpoğlu, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry Prof. Dr. Mahmut Gür, representatives from public institutions and organizations, academics, and many students.



Kastamonu University Organized a Conference on "Consciousness of Servitude in the Shadow of Divine Mercy"

As part of the 31st International Sheik Shaban-i Veli and Commemoration Week of the Saints of Kastamonu held this year in Kastamonu, a conference titled "Consciousness of Servitude in the Shadow of Divine Mercy" was organized. In the program, academicians and author Prof. Dr. Mehmet Emin Maşalı met with the participants.

The conference titled "Consciousness of Servitude in the Shadow of Divine Mercy" took place on Thursday, May 7, 2026, in the Sezai Karakoç Hall of the Central Library. The program was attended by Kastamonu Governor Meftun Dalli, Provincial Mufti Bekir Derin, Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan, and President of the Hz. Pir Şeyh Şaban-ı Veli Cultural Foundation, Mehmet Çiftçi, faculty members from the Faculty of Theology at Marmara University, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Emin Maşalı, representatives from various institutions and organizations, and many academics and students.



The 15th National Logistics and Supply Chain Congress Hosted by Kastamonu University Has Begun

The 15th National Logistics and Supply Chain Congress, organized in collaboration with the Logistics Association (LODER) and hosted by Kastamonu University, began on May 14, 2026, in the Communication Faculty Conference Hall.

The program, which began with a moment of silence and the reading of the National Anthem, was attended by Kastamonu Deputy Governor Hakan Kubalı, Kastamonu Mayor Hasan Baltacı, Vice Rector Ömer Küçük, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences Orhan Kandemir, LODER President Mehmet Tanyaş, and many academics and students.



BTK President Ömer Abdullah Karagözoğlu Met with Students at Kastamonu University

As part of the 20th Anniversary events of Kastamonu University, the Career Summit, organized by our University's Software Development Community and GDG on Campus Kastamonu University with the support of the Artificial Intelligence Studies Coordination, was held on May 8, 2026, at the Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Cultural Center, where the President of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority (BTK), Ömer Abdullah Karagözoğlu, met with students.

Our Vice Rectors, Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan, the President of the BTK, Ömer Abdullah Karagözoğlu, the Coordinator of Artificial Intelligence Studies, Prof. Dr. Selman Tunay Kamer, as well as representatives from public institutions and organizations, numerous academics, and students attended the event.



The "Workshop on River Basin Management from a Geomorphology Perspective" Started at Kastamonu University

The "Workshop on River Basin Management from a Geomorphological Perspective," organized in collaboration with Kastamonu University and the Geomorphology Association, began with an opening program held on May 8, 2026.

The program held in the Sezai Karakoç Hall of our university's Central Library was attended by Deputy Governor Hakan Kubalı, Kastamonu Mayor Hasan Baltacı, Provincial General Assembly Chairman Doğan Ünlü, Vice Rector Mehmet Atalan, President of the Geomorphology Association Hüseyin Turoğlu, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Fatma Zehra Pattabanoğlu, Head of the Geography Department Ekrem Mutlu, as well as academics and students.



At Kastamonu University, "Languages May Differ, Friendship is Common!" A Themed Foreign Language Festival Was Organized

As part of our university's 20th anniversary celebrations, the "Foreign Language Festival," organized by the School of Foreign Languages at Kastamonu University, was held on campus with high participation. "Languages are Different, Friendship is Common!" With the motto "Different Languages, Common Friendship," the event brought together cultures and languages from around the world.

The opening of the festival, which started on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 14:00 in the Foreign Languages School building, will be attended by our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, and Deputy Secretary General. Assoc. Prof. Dr. With Dr. İbrahim Demirbaş and the General Coordinator of External Relations, Assoc. Prof. Dr. M. Öztürk Akcaoglu, along with our academic staff and many students, participated.





Araç Vocational School's Special Youth Festival for May 19 in the Highlands

The Araç Rafet Vergili Vocational School of Kastamonu University organized the Araç Highlands Youth Festival as part of the 19 Mayıs Atatürk Commemoration, Youth and Sports Day. The festival, held in the Fındıklı and Gölcük Highlands in the district of Araç, brought together nature, sports, and youthful enthusiasm.

The event, organized with the support of the Araç District Governorship, Araç Municipality, Kastamonu Municipality, Kastamonu Nature Conservation and National Parks Directorate, and Araç Forest Management Directorate, was attended by the Araç Rafet Vergili Vocational School, the Department of Geography in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and our university's student communities.



Hıdırellez Enthusiasm Was Experienced at Kastamonu University

On May 6, a Hıdırellez Festival was organized by the Turkish Folklore, Culture and Art, and History and Archeology Application and Research Centers of Kastamonu University, the Turkish Folklore Society, and the Culture and Art Application and Research Society at the Living Heritage Studies and City Archive within the Yücebiyıklar Mansion.

At the event symbolizing the arrival of spring, our academics, students, and guests came together in the colorful atmosphere of traditional culture.



The 23 April Children's Choir Festival was held at Kastamonu University

The "April 23 Children's Choir Festival," organized as part of the 20th-anniversary events by the Kastamonu University Center for Cultural Arts Research and Application, was held on May 21, 2026, in the Sezai Karakoç Hall of the Central Library.

The event, which consisted of an art exhibition and a concert program by students studying in Kastamonu, was attended by many academics, students, and their families, including the Director of the Culture and Art Application and Research Center, Prof. Dr. Sıtkı Akarsu. The preparations for the event were carried out by Dr. Faculty Member Metin Buzduğu, Dr. Faculty Member Sema Kara, and Research Assistant Dr. Ece Tuncer Tüfekçi.



"International Nurses Day" Celebrated with an Organized Program

The "May 12 Nurses Day Program" was held on May 12, 2026, by the Nursing Department of our University's Faculty of Health Sciences. The program, organized by the student scientific and social activities committee of the nursing department, with the theme "Our Nurses, Our Future: Empowered Nurses Save Lives," was held in the Sezai Karakoç Hall of the Central Library of Kastamonu University.

The program was attended by the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Prof. Dr. Abdulkadir Tuna, Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nesrin İçli, faculty members from the Nursing Department, nurses working at Kastamonu Training and Research Hospital, and the Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Hospital, healthcare professionals, and students.



The World Midwives Day Program was held at Kastamonu University on May 5th

The program for World Midwives Day on May 5, organized by the Faculty of Health Sciences at Kastamonu University, was held in the Sezai Karakoç Hall of the Central Library. The program, which began with a moment of silence and the reading of the National Anthem, was attended by the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Prof. Dr. Abdulkadir Tuna, as well as academics and students.

In the program, attention was drawn to the professional role of midwives, who witness the most special moments of human life, emphasizing that midwifery is not only a healthcare service but also a responsibility that requires patience, empathy, and self-sacrifice.



Excitement of the White Coat Ceremony at Kastamonu University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

The White Coat Ceremony for the 2025-2026 academic year of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Kastamonu University was held at the Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Cultural Center. At the ceremony, a total of 160 students in the 1st and 2nd grades of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine put on their white coats, taking the first step in their professional journey.

The program, which began with a moment of silence and the reading of the National Anthem, featured an opening speech by the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. Dr. Özgür Kaynar, who stated that the white coat is not just a symbol of a student and emphasized that veterinary medicine is a long-established profession.



In Kastamonu, Children Discovered Their Emotions with the "Color Monster"

The children's theater titled "Color Monster," organized in collaboration with the Child Education Application and Research Center of Kastamonu University and the Provincial Directorate of National Education, met with its young audience.

Under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aysun Ata Aktürk, the event organized in collaboration with undergraduate students of Preschool Teaching and Music Teaching was held on May 11, 2026, at the Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Cultural Center.

The program started with a concert by the student choir, which took the stage under the leadership of Assist.Prof.Dr. Metin Buzduğu from the Department of Music Education, Fine Arts Education Division, Faculty of Education. The pieces performed were followed with interest by the children and guests in the hall.



A Special Turkish Folk Music Concert for the 20th Anniversary by the Kastamonu University Academic Choir

As part of the 20th anniversary celebrations of Kastamonu University, a Turkish Folk Music Concert was held by our University's Academic Choir with contributions from the Culture and Arts, Turkish Folklore, and History and Archeology Application and Research Centers.

On May 11, 2026, a concert was held in the Sezai Karakoç Hall of the Central Library, open to the public and free of charge. Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, our Vice Rectors, Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan, Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakcı, the Acting Secretary General, Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Demirbaş, along with our academic and administrative staff, students, and many invited guests from Kastamonu, attended.

The concert performed by our university's Academic Choir was conducted by Prof. Dr. Sitkı Akarsu, a faculty member of the Department of Musicology at the Faculty of Fine Arts and Design.



Kastamonu University Student Society Achieves Second Place in Türkiye at ÜNİFEST

The Animal Husbandry and Wildlife Society, operating within Kastamonu University, achieved second place in Türkiye at the ÜNİFEST University Student Societies Social Contribution Project Festival.

The works selected from the 5,822 projects carried out throughout 2025 within the scope of the University Student Communities Cooperation and Support Program (ÜNİDES), conducted by the General Directorate of Youth Services of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, were presented in the final program of the ÜNİFEST, held from May 5 to 8, 2026. The festival was hosted by Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University.



Mushroom-Based Treatment Study for Pressure Ulcers at Kastamonu University

Under the leadership of Kastamonu University, a collaborative project with Istanbul University, Sivas Cumhuriyet University, and Marmara University is being conducted to develop a mushroom-based patch for the treatment of pressure ulcers (bedsores). In the project, which involves 19 academics, a new treatment method is being developed using the wound-healing properties of medicinal mushrooms.

In the project conducted under the coordination of our university's Faculty of Medicine, the species *Ganoderma Lucidum* (Reishi Mushroom), *Laetiporus Sulphureus* (Chicken of the Woods), and *Amanita Caesarea* (Caesar Mushroom) grown in Kastamonu are being studied.



Kastamonu University Faculty of Education's Turkish and Preschool Teaching Programs Accredited

The Turkish Language Teaching program of the Department of Turkish and Social Sciences Education and the Preschool Teaching program of the Department of Primary Education at Kastamonu University Faculty of Education were accredited for 3+2 years each by the Association for the Evaluation and Accreditation of Teacher Education Programs (EPDAD) for meeting the quality standards set in education.



Kastamonu University Faculty of Health Sciences Nutrition and Dietetics Department Accredited

The Nutrition and Dietetics Department of the Faculty of Health Sciences at Kastamonu University was accredited for 2 years following comprehensive evaluations conducted by the Health Sciences Education Programs Evaluation and Accreditation Association (SABAK). With the registration, the compliance of the education and training activities carried out in the department with national standards and their quality were approved.

In this process, which certifies the quality of education, many criteria were examined, including the program's objectives, learning outcomes, course content, academic staff structure, physical infrastructure, student support services, and assessment and evaluation practices.



The Fifth Study of the Kastamonu Reports Series Has Been Published: The Statistical Distribution of Crime in Kastamonu Examined with Scientific Data

The fifth study of the Kastamonu Reports series, which examines the social, economic, and cultural structure of Kastamonu in a multidimensional way, has been published. The new report in the series, prepared at our university and aimed at contributing to the city's academic data collection, was shared with the public under the title "The Geography of Crime in Kastamonu Province."

In the report prepared by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Evren Atış, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ertuğrul Gök and Berke Burmabiyik examined the statistical distribution of crime, its types, and their relationship to social dynamics in Kastamonu using scientific data.



The Project Briefing Training Series at Kastamonu University has been Completed

The "Project Information Training Series," organized in collaboration with the Technology Transfer Office and the Graduate School of Kastamonu University, was completed with the "Erasmus+ Mobility and International Opportunities Training" held on May 20, 2026.



Within the framework of the training program aimed at promoting project culture and supporting research-oriented academic production at our university, academics, researchers, and graduate students gained information on national and international research support programs, project development processes, and application stages. The face-to-face and online training sessions, with their application-oriented content, saw high participation.

A Orientation Program for New Staff Has Started at Kastamonu University



As part of the program conducted by the administrative units of Kastamonu University, the program aimed at enabling new personnel who started their duties for the first time in the last three years thru transfer and reassignment methods to learn the tasks and processes related to their duties practically, gain work discipline, and develop their professional competencies was held on May 4, 2026, in the Cemil Meriç Hall of the Central Library.

The Orientation Program for New Staff at Kastamonu University Has Been Completed



The Administrative Staff Adaptation Program organized by Kastamonu University was held in the Cemil Meriç Hall of our University Central Library from May 4 to 6, 2026.

As part of the program prepared for the academic and administrative staff who started their duties in the last two years, comprehensive briefings were conducted regarding the operation, institutional structure, and service processes of our University. Through presentations by representatives from various departments, participants received basic information on the administrative structure, academic processes, and areas of responsibility.

A Disaster Awareness Training Program was Held in Kastamonu

A protocol was signed between the Council of Higher Education and the Ministry of Interior's Disaster and Emergency Management Authority to increase disaster awareness in higher education institutions, reduce disaster risks, develop disaster volunteering, and implement academic, educational, technical, and practical measures related to disaster management.

Within the framework of the protocol, a "Fundamental Awareness Training" was organized on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, in the Kastamonu Teknokent Ilgaz Hall, in collaboration with the Occupational Health and Safety Coordination of Kastamonu University and the Kastamonu Provincial Disaster and Emergency Directorate. The training was conducted in two sessions between 09:30–11:30 and 14:00–16:00, with the participation of academic and administrative staff.



The IMAP4U Project Model Implementation and Capacity Development Meeting was held at Our University

At Kastamonu University, the "Model Implementation and Capacity Development Training" meeting of the IMAP4U (Integrated Model for Strategic Excellence in Higher Education Institutions) project, coordinated by Hitit University within the framework of the European Union Erasmus+ Program, was held on May 5, 2026.

The meeting, chaired by Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, was attended by the staff of the Information Technology Department, the Strategy Development Department, and the Quality Coordination Office.



A Conference on "I Chooosed My Sacrificed, I Protect My Health and Environment" Was Held at Kastamonu University

Organized by the faculty members of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Kastamonu University, an online conference titled "I Choose My Sacrificed, I Protect My Health and My Environment" was held on May 20, 2026, to draw attention to the critical role of veterinary medicine in protecting public health.

Within the framework of our university's 20th anniversary events and on the occasion of the upcoming Eid al-Adha, the online conference addressed the evaluation of the sacrifice process across a broad chain, from animal welfare to food safety, from parasite control to environmental health.



The excitement of the Orienteering Türkiye Championship has begun at Kastamonu University



Kastamonu University is hosting the Orienteering Türkiye Championship, organized by the University Sports Federation (ÜNİLİG), adding another event to its portfolio of sports organizations.

For the organization to be held on May 6-7, 2026, 29 universities from different provinces of Türkiye and a total of 199 athletes gathered in Kastamonu. Before the official start of the championship, a technical meeting to determine the organization's roadmap was held on May 5, 2026, at the Multi-Purpose Hall of the Ay Yıldız Sports and Life Center.

The Orienteering Türkiye Championship Organized by Kastamonu University has Concluded

The Orienteering Türkiye Championship, organized by the Turkish University Sports Federation and hosted by Kastamonu University, was completed on May 6-7, 2026. The organization, which lasted two days, was the stage for the competition among athletes from different universities in Türkiye.

The championship award ceremony was attended by Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük and Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakçı, Kastamonu Youth and Sports Provincial Director Sami Kuşçu, and Acting Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Demirbaş, Health, Culture and Sports Department Head Mehmet Sena Aygöl, and Personnel Department Head Tayfun Tiryaki, as well as academics and students. The program, which started with a moment of silence and the reading of the National Anthem, included a dance performance by the Raksan Folk Dance Group.



A Judo Project for Girls Under the Erasmus+ ESC30 Program was Held in Kastamonu

Kastamonu University continues its work with social responsibility projects. Under the Erasmus+ European Solidarity Corps (ESC30) program, the project titled "Supporting Girls in Rural Areas with Judo" was organized on April 30 - May 1, 2026. During the events, Hülya Şenyurt, the first female athlete to win a medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, met with 50 girls living in rural areas.



Young Chefs Displayed Their Skills at Turkish Cuisine Week

As part of the Turkish Cuisine Week from May 21-27, the "High School Chefs Compete Cooking Contest," organized to highlight the healthy and traditional aspects of Turkish cuisine, was held at the Faculty of Tourism of Kastamonu University. At the organization, attended by 9 high schools from 3 districts across Kastamonu, a total of 36 students competed in the soup, main course, and dessert categories.





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