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Kastamonu University Senate Discusses Preparations for the New Academic Year:

Our Rector Emphasizes the New Term and Orientation

The Kastamonu University Senate convened under the chairmanship of our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal. The meeting was attended by Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Mehmet Atalan, Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, and Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakçı, Acting Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Demirbaş, and members of the Senate. Preparations for the new academic year and studies regarding educational processes were discussed during the meeting.

Speaking at the opening of the meeting, our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, drew attention to the importance of welcoming new students joining our university and the significance of their initial contact with our institution.



The Commander of the Kastamonu Provincial Gendarmerie, Senior Colonel Ahmet Baydar, Visited Our Rector



The Commander of the Kastamonu Provincial Gendarmerie, Senior Colonel Ahmet Baydar, visited our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, in his office on September 30, 2026.

During the visit, an exchange of views was held regarding the collaboration between the university and public institutions, as well as the ongoing projects throughout the province. Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, thanked Gen. Sen. Col. Ahmet Baydar for his kind visit and wished him success in his duties.

Our Rector Visited Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Karaman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hoca Ahmet Yesevi International Turkish-Kazakh University

Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, visited Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Karaman, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the International Turkic-Kazakh University named after Hoca Ahmed Yesevi, on September 18, 2026.

Our Rector conveyed his congratulations to Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Karaman, who was appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and wished him success in his new role. During the visit, evaluations were made regarding the existing academic relations between the two universities, joint research opportunities, and current developments in the field of higher education.



Kastamonu University Ranked 351st Among 2,016 Universities in the UI GreenMetric 2026 World Ranking

Kastamonu University ranked 351st in the world and 35th among 152 universities in Türkiye in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2026, which evaluates universities' environmental sensitivity and sustainability efforts on an international scale. Our university achieved a perfect score of 1,700 points in the Waste Management category. According to the results announced on September 24, 2026, our University achieved a total score of 7,622.5 in the ranking where 2,016 higher education institutions from 110 countries were evaluated.



The number of higher education institutions participating in the UI GreenMetric World University Ranking was 1,477 from 95 countries in 2024, 1,745 from 105 countries in 2025, and 2,016 from 110 countries in 2026.

Kastamonu University Placed in THE 2027 World University Rankings

Kastamonu University ranked in the 1601-1800 band in the World University Rankings 2027 results announced by Times Higher Education (THE), one of the world's prestigious higher education ranking organizations.

Within the scope of THE World University Rankings 2027, 2,297 universities from 118 countries and regions worldwide were evaluated, with 124 universities from Türkiye making the ranking.



Kastamonu University Welcomes Its New Students with an Orientation Program

Kastamonu University welcomes its new students who are starting university life in the 2026-2027 academic year with an Orientation Program. With the program organized under the coordination of the Career Development Application and Research Center, our new students are provided with the opportunity to get to know the academic and administrative structure of our University, as well as to learn the basic information they will need in university life and to gain insight into our University's academic activities, art, culture, and sports events.

On September 22, 2026, the opening of the program held in the Sezai Karakoç Hall of our University Central Library was attended by our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal; our Vice-Rector, Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük; faculty deans; our academic and administrative staff; and our students.





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- DİŞ HEKİMLİĞİ FAKÜLTESİ
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- SAĞLIK BİLİMLERİ FAKÜLTESİ
- SİVİL HAVACILIK YÜKSEKOKULU
- TIP FAKÜLTESİ
- VETERİNER FAKÜLTESİ

22 EYLÜL (14.00-16.00)

- FEN FAKÜLTESİ
- GÜZEL SANATLAR VE TASARIM FAKÜLTESİ
- MÜHENDİSLİK VE MİMARLIK FAKÜLTESİ
- ORMAN FAKÜLTESİ
- SPOR BİLİMLERİ FAKÜLTESİ
- TURİZM FAKÜLTESİ

23 EYLÜL (14.00-16.00)

- İKTİSADİ VE İDARİ BİLİMLER FAKÜLTESİ
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The Educator's Training Certificate Program Started at Kastamonu University

The September session of the Educators' Training Certificate Program, organized at Kastamonu University to improve the teaching competencies of academic staff and enhance the quality of educational processes, began with the participation of 57 academic staff members. Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal; Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kaçar; Coordinator of Educational Excellence, Prof. Dr. Berat Ahi; Deputy Director of the Continuing Education Application and Research Center (KASÜSEM) at Kastamonu University; and Assist. Prof. Dr. Alkan Bayraktar attended the program's opening.

Addressing the participants at the opening, our Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal stated that the Educators' Training Certificate Program should not be considered merely as an educational activity where certain courses are completed and a certificate is obtained at the end.



Meeting with Research Assistants in the Kastamonu University Meets Its Future Program

On September 17, 2026, the "Kastamonu University Meets Its Future: Research Assistants' Meeting" program, organized by the Directorate of Excellence in Education, brought together research assistants with expert academicians in the Faculty of Theology Conference Hall.

The program was attended by our Rector Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, Vice Rector Mehmet Atalan, Acting Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Demirbaş, Head of the Personnel Department Tayfun Tiryaki, and the Coordinator of Excellence in Education Prof. Dr. Berat Ahi, as well as the research assistants working at our University.



URSI-TR 2026 National Congress Begins at Kastamonu University

The URSI-TR 2026 National Congress, hosted by Kastamonu University, brought together scientists, researchers, students, and industry representatives working in the fields of radio science and electromagnetics in Kastamonu. Held from September 7 to 9, 2026, the opening ceremony of the congress took place at the Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Cultural Center.

The opening ceremony was attended by Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture Prof. Dr. İzzet Şener, URSI President Prof. Dr. Kazuya Kobayashi, and President of the URSI Türkiye Committee Prof. Dr. Ayhan Altıntaş, as well as academics, students, and industry representatives.



The XIII. ERPA International Education Congress Started at Kastamonu University

The XIII. ERPA International Education Congress, hosted by the Graduate School of Education at Kastamonu University, brought together academics, researchers, teachers, and students from Turkey and various countries. The opening program of the congress, which addressed current studies and new approaches in the field of educational sciences, was held on September 23, 2026, at the Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Cultural Center.

The opening program was attended by our Vice-Rector and Chair of the Congress Organizing Committee, Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakçı; Acting Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Demirbaş, Dean of the Faculty of Education at Sakarya University and President of the ERPA Association, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Çalışkan; our academic and administrative staff; academics; representatives from public institutions and non-governmental organizations; and students from different cities.



The 10th International Rural Tourism and Development Congress and the 15th National Rural Tourism Congress Started at Kastamonu University

Hosted by Kastamonu University, the 10th International Rural Tourism and Development Congress and the 15th National Rural Tourism Congress, organized in collaboration with the Department of Geography of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Tourism as part of our university's 20th-anniversary events, began with an opening ceremony held on September 24, 2026, in the Sezai Karakoç Hall of our university's Central Library.

The program, which began with a moment of silence and the reading of the National Anthem, was attended by our University's Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakcı, Kastamonu Deputy Governor Hakan Kubalı, Kastamonu Deputy Mayor Hasan Fehmi Taş; Munzur University Rector Prof. Dr. Kenan Peker, Kütahya Dumlupınar University Rector Prof. Dr. Süleyman Kızıltoprak, Semerkand University Vice-Rector Khusniddin Khonkulov, Rural Tourism and Development Congress Coordination and Scientific Committee Chair Prof. Dr. Orhan Özçatalbaşı; and Congress Organizing Committee Chair, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serdar Ceylan, as well as representatives from public institutions, our academic and administrative staff, students, and industry representatives.



12. International History Education Symposium Started

Hosted by Kastamonu University and organized by the Institute of Graduate Studies of our University, the 12. International History Education Symposium started with the participation of academicians, researchers, teachers and students.

The opening program of the symposium, which was chaired by Vice Rector and Director of the Institute of Graduate Studies Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakcı, was attended by Kastamonu Provincial Director of National Education Hasan Gümüş, Dean of the Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kaçar, Deputy Secretary General of our University Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Demirbaş, academicians, researchers, teachers and students.



At Kastamonu University, "Being a University in Gaza" was discussed at the "Science Cafe for Gaza"

Under the auspices of the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and on the occasion of September 1st, World Peace Day, the "Science Cafe for Gaza" events were initiated. As part of these events, the program "Being a University in Gaza" was held at Kastamonu University, where the current state of higher education in Gaza, the efforts of students to continue their education, and the processes of academics continuing their scientific activities were discussed.

The program titled "Being a University in Gaza," organized as part of the Science Cafe events for Gaza in collaboration with our university's Press and Public Relations Consultancy and the General Coordination of External Relations, under the coordination of the Higher Education Council (YÖK) and the Science Communication Office, was held on Monday, September 21, 2026, at the Living Heritage Studies and City Archive (Yücebiyıklar Mansion).



TÜBİTAK 2223-B Support for 3 Projects of Kastamonu University



Three scientific event projects prepared by academics from Kastamonu University have been deemed eligible for support under the TÜBİTAK 2223-B Domestic Scientific Event Organization Support program.

Within the scope of TÜBİTAK support, the "Digital Citizenship Workshop in the Age of Artificial Intelligence," conducted by Lecturer Dr. Berkan Güngör at the Technology Transfer Office; the "12th International Symposium on History Education (ISHE)," conducted by Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakçı, Vice Rector and Director of the Graduate School of Education; and the "Digital

Recruitment and New Generation Career Management Workshop for Engineering Students," conducted by Assoc. Prof. Dr. İsmail Karakulle from the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences was included in the support program.

TÜBİTAK Support for Our PhD Student's 3D Cell Culture Models Project



Hilal Metin, a PhD student in the Aquaculture doctoral program at Kastamonu University Graduate School of Education, has been awarded grant support under the TÜBİTAK 1002-A Rapid Support Module for her project titled "Development of 3D Culture Models for the Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) Liver Cell Line SOB-15 and Comparative Evaluation with a 2D Culture System," prepared under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Osman Sabri Kesbiç.

The research project aims to develop three-dimensional (3D) cell culture models for the rainbow trout liver cell line SOB-15.

TÜBİTAK Supports Kastamonu University's Project Contributing to Fire Ecology



The project titled "Chemical Determinants of Plant Flammability in Mediterranean Ecosystems: Analysis of Phenolic Fingerprints," led by Assist. Prof. Dr. Nursema Aktepe, a faculty member in the Biology Department of Kastamonu University's Faculty of Science, has been awarded support under the TÜBİTAK 3501 – Career Development Program.

The project, which will last 24 months, will be carried out with a budget of 1 million 220 thousand 944 TL. In the project, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özkan Evcin, a faculty member of our University's Faculty of Forestry, will serve as the researcher, while Prof. Dr. Çağatay Tavşanoğlu, a faculty member of Hacettepe University, will serve as the advisor. As part of the project, it is also planned to support one doctoral, one master's, and one undergraduate as scholarship recipients.

In the project, it is planned to examine the relationship between the chemical structures and flammability characteristics of different plant species commonly found in Mediterranean ecosystems. In this context, the chemical properties formed by phenolic compounds found in plants will be evaluated using the "phenolic fingerprint" approach.

Kastamonu University Conducted Its First Patent Licensing

Kastamonu University has completed its first patent licensing. The artificial intelligence-supported invention developed by Prof. Dr. Kemal Akyol and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ümit Atilla was licensed to HC Digital Health Technologies Industry Trade Limited Company under a non-exclusive licensing model.

With the licensing of the patent titled "Digital Help Desk: AI-Powered Multimodal Issue Reporting and Management System," to which our university holds the rights, the usage and commercialization rights of the technology developed at our university have been transferred to the private sector through licensing.



The UÇEP-EQUESTRIAN 2026 Contributed by Kastamonu University, was Published by YÖK

The National Equestrian and Coaching Core Education Program-2026 (UÇEP-EQUESTRIAN 2026), to which Kastamonu University has made an academic contribution, has been published by the Higher Education Council (YÖK) Education-Teaching Department.

With contributions from 14 universities, including ours, a common educational framework has been created for associate degree programs in equestrian and coaching across Türkiye.



As of the 2025-2026 academic year, the educational contents, professional competencies, and implementation processes of programs conducted in 14 higher education institutions were evaluated and addressed within a common framework.

In the 9th Study of the Kastamonu Reports Series, the Climate Future of Kastamonu was Addressed

The 9th study of the Kastamonu Reports series, prepared by Kastamonu University, has been published.

In the report titled "Climate Future in Kastamonu Province: Current Situation, Future Projections, and Possible Impacts," prepared by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Öznur Işınkaralar, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kaan Işınkaralar, and Prof. Dr. Hakan Şevik, the current climate structure of Kastamonu and potential future changes were examined in light of scientific data.



In the study, different elements that constitute the climate structure of Kastamonu, such as temperature and precipitation characteristics, climate types, land cover, and water resources, were examined. In the projections prepared with 2020 as the reference year, the changes that may occur in 2040, 2060, 2080, and 2100 were evaluated through different climate scenarios.

YDF Team to Compete in TEKNOFEST 2026 RoboLig Final



The YDF Team, composed of students from Kastamonu University Tosya Vocational School, earned the right to compete in the Turkey final after their successful performance in the RoboLig Competition held as part of TEKNOFEST 2026.

Achieving successful results in the evaluation processes of the competition, the YDF Team scored 72.5 in the Preliminary Evaluation Report (ÖDR) stage and 91 in the Project Evaluation Report (PDR) stage. Successfully completing the video evaluation stage, the team was

among the teams that will compete in the RoboLig Türkiye final.

The team, supervised by Lecturer Muhammed Canhakan Bodur, includes Talha Eser, Emre Acar, Baran Akbaba, and Ali Altuntaş.

Awareness-raising Event Against Food Waste from the Sustainability Coordination

An awareness and practical event was organized in the Central Cafeteria by the Sustainability Coordination Office of Kastamonu University as part of the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste on September 29.

As part of the "Information Series for Society" aimed at increasing social awareness about sustainable development, an event was held where an application for the re-evaluation of food waste was conducted.



Environmental Cleaning at Kastamonu University on World Cleanup Day

A campus cleaning was carried out within the scope of World Cleanup Day in collaboration with Let's Do It Türkiye by the Sustainability Coordination Office of Kastamonu University. In the event held at the Kuzeykent Campus, academic and administrative staff, students, and volunteers came together.

The opening speech of the event held on September 20, 2026, in front of the Rectorate building was delivered by our University's Sustainability Coordinator, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Esra Nurten Yer Çelik.





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