

EMU Signs Collaboration Protocols with Geçitkale Municipality



Two collaboration protocols were signed by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Tatlısu Municipality. One of the protocols signed is a "Cittaslow Consultancy and Reporting Service" protocol and the other is a "Collaboration" protocol. Both protocols were signed on the 21st of December 2016 at EMU Rector's Office by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Tatlısu Mayor Ahmet Hayri Orçan at 10:00.

Prof. Dr. Osam noted that EMU is a university that values community, underlining the fact that it continues its social responsibility projects in the context of consultancy. Prof. Dr. Osam also added to his words that EMU is providing consultancy for

2 out of the 3 municipalities at the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) that are members of Cittaslow. Prof. Dr. Osam provided a reminder that the university is currently providing consultancy for Geçitkale Municipality that is in the process of the Cittaslow membership application process concluding by expressing his belief that the protocol signed with the Tatlısu Municipality will yield successful outcomes.

Geçitkale Mayor Orçan stated that eco tourism and "Cittaslow" or "Slow Food" movement understanding is becoming more prevalent in the TRNC with each passing day. Noting that EMU is contributing to society by being aware of its social responsibility,

Orçan said that he is very happy to be in collaboration with EMU. Calling EMU an educational locomotive, Orçan stated that working with the TRNC's best institution of higher education is a big honor for them. Orçan concluded by relaying his belief that the collaboration will end in success.

Present at the signature ceremony were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Özgür Eren and Prof. Dr. M. Yaşar Özden, Dean of Architecture Faculty Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek, Interior Architecture Department Chair Prof. Dr. Uğur Ulaş Dağlı, Architecture Faculty academic staff and Municipality personnel.



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following their graduation. The said program takes place under the moderatorship of Alumni Communications and Career Research Directorate staff member Bedia Balsas.

This week’s program hosted a graduate of EMU International Relations Department and Mayor of Nicosia Turkish Municipality

Mehmet Harmancı. During the program Harmancı shared his memories from his student years, difficulties he faced, and good experiences he gained during his studies in EMU.

*Mehmet Harmancı
in the Career Path*



Mayor of Nicosia Turkish Municipality Presented with a Badge of EMU

A courtesy visit was paid to Mayor of Nicosia Turkish Municipality Mehmet Harmancı, who took part in the program titled “EMU Graduates’ Career Path”. During the said visit, Director of Alumni Communications and Career Research Directorate Derviş Ekşici put on a badge of EMU to former EMU International Relations graduate Mehmet Harmancı.



During the visit, Mehmet Harmancı had emotional moments when the

photos of his late brother Mustafa Harmancı at his department and HARMANCI COMPUTER CENTER were presented to him. Eastern Mediterranean University Civil Engineering Department student Mustafa Harmancı passed away during his final year at the said department and HARMANCI COMPUTER CENTER was named after him.

During the visit, Mehmet Harmancı provided information about important contributions EMU posed in his career.

Message from Graduates



Dr. İbrahim BAY

European University of Lefke
Chair, Department of Civil Engineering

“EMU is my first home”

European University of Lefke Civil Engineering Department Chair İbrahim Bay obtained his undergraduate degree in 1997 from Eastern Mediterranean University Civil Engineering Department. Following his graduation, Bay pursued his postgraduate studies and obtained his postgraduate degree from the same department in 1999. Stating that he views EMU as his first home regarding the academic environment, BAY put forth that he took the first steps in his academic career here at Eastern Mediterranean University.

Following his studies in EMU, Bay completed his PhD studies in London and during his stay in the U.K., he worked as a consultant at a company employing over 8000 engineers. In 2009, Bay returned to Cyprus and started to work at Cyprus International University as an academician. Starting from 2014, Bay has been working as the chair of Civil Engineering Department at the European University of Lefke.

Bay stressed the importance of the positive contributions Eastern Mediterranean University posed to his academic and professional development both during his student years and two-year research assistantship period. Bay also highlighted the strong bond between him and Eastern Mediterranean University, his first home.



Burç DEMİRKURT

Plures Air - Broker

“I am living the pride of being a member of EMU Alumni”

Burç DEMİRKURT graduated from Eastern Mediterranean University Public Relations and Advertising Department in 2007. DEMİRKURT has been working in the aviation sector for over 10 years. Talking about his vast experience in the said sector, Burç Demirkurt stated that he is currently employed at Plures Air, a private aviation firm in Istanbul, as a broker. Talking about his pride in being a member of EMU Alumni, DEMİRKURT added that EMU has great contributions in overcoming various difficulties he experienced during the five-year study period he spent in EMU.

DEMİRKURT added that during his university years, he witnessed the strong bond between the faculty members and students at Eastern Mediterranean University. Talking about Eastern Mediterranean University's strong structure helping students develop and expand their vision, DEMİRKURT added that Eastern Mediterranean University has taught him to view events from different perspectives. Finally, DEMİRKURT advised the students not to lose hope if they cannot find a job straightafter their graduation and to continue to search for the best one. Burç Demirkurt also highlighted the importance of honesty and hard-work at the professional life.



Erden YUSUFOĞLU

Director of Haner Maritime Ltd.

“Whatever You Do, Be Honest, Hard-working and Ambitious. We Adopted These Values in EMU”

Erden YUSUFOĞLU, one of our university's first graduates, obtained his degree from Electrical and Electronics Technology Department in 1985. Talking about EMU, YUSUFOĞLU described the university as a unique institution of higher education with a past filled with outstanding achievements. As the director of the TRNC Haner Maritime LTD., Erden YUSUFOĞLU put forth that there is a difference between the education he received and maritime transportation but this helped him expand his vision.

YUSUFOĞLU also stressed the importance of studying in EMU in English medium, which put him to an advantaged position in his professional life. YUSUFOĞLU also added that in line with the increasing student population, EMU has elevated his academic quality. Our graduate also recommended students of EMU to value their university and keep contact with it following their graduation.

Arts and Life



Our graduate **Tüge Dağaşan**
Attracts Attention with Her Strong Artistic Skills

Tüge Dağaşan, a graduate of Eastern Mediterranean University, attracts art-lovers' attention with her strong artistic skills, poems and scripts. Dağaşan completed her undergraduate studies in 2006 at Eastern Mediterranean University Turkish Language and Literature Department. She obtained her postgraduate degree from Eastern Mediterranean University, Middle School Area Teacher Education Program, Turkish Language and Literature Department in 2008. Following her graduation,



Tüge Dağaşan worked at various places and, at the same time, produced unique pieces of art in Turkish Cypriot literature.

The following are the remarkable achievements of our graduate:

- EMAA (European Mediterranean Art Association) 4th Nicosia Story Days - "Young Story Writers Award" (2004)
- Story Title: **Blue Cap**
Hikmet Afif Mapolar Story Contest "Second-place Award" (24 April 2006)
- Story Title: **The Red Tinge of Orange**
Kıbatek Story Contest "Jury Special Award" (March 2013)
- Story Title: **Cost of a Day**
3rd International Kaşgarlı Mahmut Story Contest "First-place Award" in the TRNC Category (2014)
- Story Title: **Man with Blue Looks**
4th International Kaşgarlı Mahmut Story Contest "Second-place Award" in the TRNC Category (2016)



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