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World Children's Day was celebrated with enthusiasm

In collaboration with the Cyprus Evkaf Administration and the Yunus Emre Institute, we shared the joy of World Children's Day with the pupils of Hamitköy Dr. Fazıl Küçük Primary School.

On a day filled with traditional children's games, brain-teasers and educational activities, as well as face-painting sessions, our children not only had fun but also made

unforgettable memories.

As part of the event, ice cream was served and various gifts were handed out. The smiling faces of our children are our greatest hope for the future. We will continue to work to raise them to become happy, healthy and successful individuals.

We wish all our children a happy World Children's Day and a future full of joy and hope.



Free Turkish Lessons for Students at the Kyrenia House of Kindness

The Volunteers for Goodness, operating under the Cyprus Evkaf Administration, are providing free Turkish language lessons for children at the Kyrenia House of Goodness. These regularly held lessons aim to develop the children's Turkish language skills and support their educational journey.

Whilst the lessons focus on developing reading, writing, speaking and comprehension skills, pupils also receive their education in a comfortable learning environment where they can express themselves more freely. Conducted with the support of volunteering

teachers, these lessons not only support the children's development but also help to strengthen their social skills.

This initiative, run by the Goodness Volunteers, continues to be one of the social responsibility activities of Cyprus Evkaf Administration in the field of education. The Kyrenia House of Goodness continues to reach out to different segments of society through initiatives that contribute to children's learning processes and strengthen a culture of solidarity.



Prof. Dr Mustafa Tümer attended the 12th International EMI Congress on Entrepreneurship and Social Sciences



Prof. Dr Mustafa Tümer, Director-General of the Cyprus Evkaf Administration, attended the 12th International EMI Congress on Entrepreneurship and Social Sciences, held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, from 10 to 12 June 2026.

At this year's congress, which was attended by academics and researchers from 27 countries, 225 scientific papers were accepted and presented. The EMI Congress, which is recognised as a significant international scientific platform, contributed to strengthening academic collaborations by enabling experts from various disciplines to share their knowledge and experience.

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, who attended various sessions throughout the congress, had face-to-face meetings with representatives of the international academic community. During these discussions, assessments were made regarding education, culture, the culture of endowments and works carried out for the benefit of society, whilst potential areas for joint ventures were also addressed.

Referring to the conference, Prof. Dr Mustafa Tümer stated: "The 12th International EMI Entrepreneurship and Social Sciences Conference is not merely an academic event for the Cyprus Evkaf Administration; it serves as a strategic platform for promoting endowment civilisation, developing relations with the

Turkic World, showcasing cultural heritage at an international level, and enhancing the institution's global visibility.

This participation is an international reflection of the Cyprus Evkaf Administration's vision to carry the waqf's experience from the past into the future."

As part of the programme, Prof. Dr Mustafa Tümer met with Prof. Dr. Rahman Alshanov, Rector of Turan University.

During the meeting, developments in higher education, the strengthening of academic cooperation within the Turkic World, and efforts to preserve cultural heritage were discussed.

Following the conference, Prof. Dr Mustafa Tümer travelled to Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, where he paid a visit to Dr Mekin Mustafa Kemal Ökem, the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Bishkek, at his official residence.

Tahir Osman Tahir, the TRNC's Representative in Bishkek, was also present at the visit. During the meeting, discussions focused on international academic and cultural collaborations, and Prof. Dr Mustafa Tümer thanked Dr Mekin Mustafa Kemal Ökem and Tahir Osman Tahir for their warm hospitality and kindness.

KETIKLI HAMMAM

The Ketikli Hammam, where history is carved in stone and light gives life to the space; is one of the most significant cultural heritage structures that carry the aesthetic sense and functional ingenuity of Ottoman hammam architecture into the present day.

Following Cyprus's incorporation into the Ottoman Empire in the 16th century, one of the most significant projects undertaken on the island was the water supply system. To ensure both a supply of drinking water and the continuation of the hammam culture, water was channelled from sources outside the city to Famagusta via aqueducts and stored within the city walls. This system is a significant example that reflects the engineering principles and urban planning of the period.

Of the three baths that have survived to the present day in Famagusta's Old Town, the Kertikli Hammam—which is in the best condition—is one of the most striking examples of Ottoman architecture. Located on Naim Efendi Street, this building is not only a work from the Ottoman period but also bears witness to earlier layers of the past. There is strong evidence to suggest that the building may have been constructed on the remains of a bath believed to have belonged to the Dominicans during the Latin period. The fact that the structures associated with the Dominican chapel and baths have not survived to the present day further supports this possibility.

Built with a square plan and six domes, the Kertikli Hammam stands out for its architectural details. Known as 'Kertikli' or 'Gedikli' due to the distinctive details in its masonry, the building offers an aesthetic unity



through its domed spaces. In the northern section of the hammam, there is a vaulted water reservoir adjoining the structure.

This reservoir is a key element illustrating how the baths' water requirements were met. However, some parts of the structure have been damaged over time. The roof of the section believed to have served as a changing room has now collapsed. With its architectural features and historical background, the Kertikli Hammam is a significant monument that highlights Cyprus's multi-layered cultural heritage. The preservation of such structures and their transmission to future generations is of great importance for ensuring cultural longevity. The work carried out by the Cyprus Evkaf Administration in this field makes a valuable contribution to the preservation of this historical heritage.



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