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## Every life is precious, every bit of support is valuable!

Every support you provide will contribute to improving the living conditions of our animals and preserving the natural balance in our region.

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As the Cyprus Evkaf Administration, we are not indifferent to the problems associated with the increasing number of stray animals in our country and the difficulties caused by the uncontrolled proliferation of Karpaz donkeys living in the Karpaz region. Animals struggling to survive on the streets are the shared responsibility of our entire community. Our Karpaz donkeys are one of the cultural values of this island, and it is of great importance that they are protected and live in harmony with nature. In order to carry out these efforts effectively, our Administration has launched a legal aid campaign.

Every contribution you make will help our animals achieve better living conditions.

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## Marriage Records Dating Back to the Period Between 1929 and 1950 Have Been Added to the Archive

The National Archives and Research Department has completed the classification and documentation of a total of 2,220 marriage licences dating back to 1929-1950, found in the archives of the Cyprus Evkaf Administration. The documents obtained as a result of this work, carried out within the framework of extensive cooperation, are now available to researchers.

It is noted that the prepared marriage licences cover Karpaz, Larnaca, Famagusta and part of Nicosia, and it is stated that the documents are historical records reflecting the social structure, family relations and administrative practices of the period.

It was emphasised that the documents are of great importance not only historically but also legally, constituting a critical source for accessing the originals of many marriage documents lost in a fire at the Family Court on 30 March 1995. It was also noted that they will serve as an important reference source for citizens conducting birth certificate or lineage research.

As part of the project, records of 98 individuals who married in Cyprus between 1929 and 1950 and subsequently emigrated to Palestine were also uncovered. It was stated that these records could provide an opportunity to prove the original nationality of the families in question and could

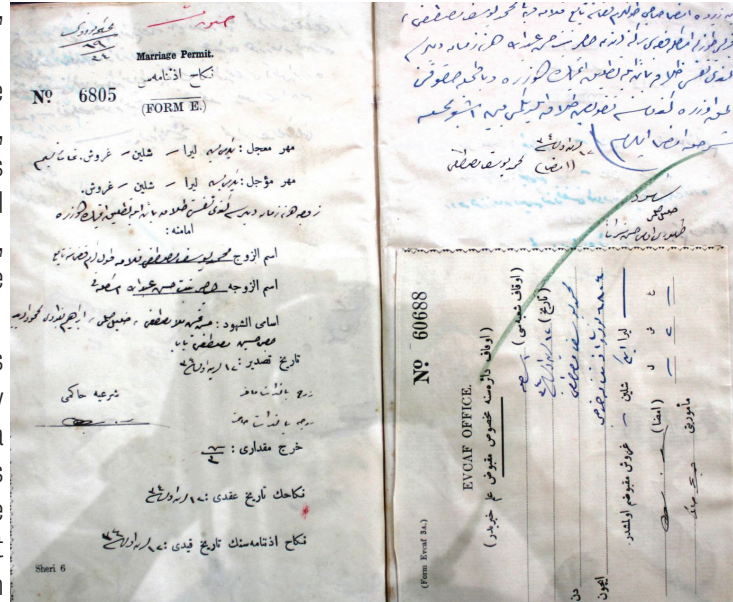
offer support in the application processes to international legal mechanisms.

Ejdan Sadrazam, Director of the National Archives and Research Department, emphasised that the marriage certificates from 1929-1950 are of great importance both for preserving historical memory

the Cypriot dialect and were transferred to the catalogue in both their original and standard forms. Çiftçi stated that the most common usage was taken as the basis for village names, noting that the catalogue prepared was of great importance for research on the Cypriot dialect and would make a meaningful contribution to the problem of missing birth certificates, which is common in the country.

Said Özdemir, who participated in the study on behalf of the Cyprus Vakıflar Administration, stated that the records prepared contained information about the lives and marriages of approximately 5,000 people, adding, "Each one is a witness to a love, a home, a family history." Özdemir also emphasised that the marriages performed by imams in every village in Cyprus carry a great responsibility in protecting the family institution, which forms the foundation of society.

This archival work has been built upon the accumulated knowledge and contributions of many valued employees who have worked for our institution over the years. In this context, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our former employees who contributed to the project in previous periods.



and for documenting citizens' connections to their past. Sadrazam stated that similar studies will continue in collaboration with the Cyprus Vakıflar Administration.

Esin Fatma Çiftçi, Ottoman Turkish Translator at the National Archives and Research Department, stated that some of the names were recorded in

## Courtesy Visit to Mesarya Municipality by Evkaf Goodness Volunteers Team



The Cyprus Evkaf Administration Goodness Volunteers Team paid a courtesy and cooperation visit to Mesarya Mayor Ahmet Latif.

During the meeting, projects carried out for the benefit of the community and future joint social

responsibility initiatives were discussed. Mayor Ahmet Latif expressed his satisfaction with the visit and thanked the Goodness Volunteers Team for their contribution to social solidarity.

The Goodness Volunteers Team expressed their

happiness at strengthening their cooperation with Mesarya Municipality. At the end of the meeting, it was stated that work for the common good of the community would continue.

## The Cyprus Evkaf Administration Supported the "Career Path in the BETA Era" Symposium

The symposium entitled "Career Path in the BETA Era", organised by the Student Development and Career Academy of Istanbul Technical University, was held in Nicosia recently. The Cyprus Evkaf Administration sponsored this important event, which aims to contribute to the career development of young people.

At the opening, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, General Director of the Cyprus Evkaf Administration, expressed his gratitude to Prof. Dr. Hasan Mandal, Rector of Istanbul Technical University (ITU), Prof. Dr. Burçkin Dal, Rector of ITU Northern Cyprus, and Mithat Tekçam and Ekrem Toklucu, Education Counsellors at the Turkish Embassy in Nicosia, for their contributions to the event.

Continuing his speech, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer delivered important messages on the new skills required in the BETA era, the individual-centred approach of the foundation civilisation, and the values that can guide young people on their career journey. Addressing the BETA era from different angles in his speech, Tümer stated:

On behalf of the Cyprus Evkaf Administration, I am deeply honoured to be present at the opening of this distinguished scientific event. The symposium "Career Path in the BETA Era", organised by the Istanbul Technical University Student Development and Career Academy, is extremely valuable in terms of understanding the dynamics of the changing global system and establishing a scientific basis for young individuals' career orientations.

Today's "BETA Era" presents a new global paradigm shaped around the axes of Uncertainty, Fluidity, Turbulence and Complexity. This paradigm removes career development from one-dimensional

presented structures such as the Nizamiye Madrasas Foundation, the Fatih Sultan Mehmet Foundation and the Haseki Hürrem Sultan Foundation as historical models that supported scientific development. He also recalled the contributions of the Lala Mustafa Pasha Foundation, the Sheikh al-Harem Ebubekir Efendi Foundations, and the Mevlevi Tekke Foundation from the Cyprus foundation heritage to the education and cultural development of young people.

Later in his speech, Tümer addressed young people, quoting Mevlana:

"Dear students,

In the face of the complex structure of the BETA era, Mevlana's words can provide strong guidance for your career journey: "If you walk the path, it will become visible."

This statement emphasises the importance of determination, courage and taking action in times of uncertainty. In this context, you can focus on three fundamental principles in your career orientation:

- Continuous learning and knowledge creation,
- Social responsibility awareness,
- Ethical and sustainable decision-making.

Another piece of advice from Mevlana complements these principles: "Seek what you seek within yourself; for everything is hidden within you."

This also shows that discovering your inner potential is at the heart of career development.



job definitions and makes multidisciplinary competencies such as digital literacy, ethical awareness, cultural flexibility, sustainability and innovation mandatory.

At this point, the historical legacy of foundation institutions offers us a guiding perspective. Over the centuries, the foundation civilisation has built a human development ecosystem that prioritises individual growth, centres on social benefit, and encourages scholarship.

This is precisely where Mevlana's advice speaks volumes to us today: "Yesterday is gone, my dear friend; today we must say new things."

These words emphasise the importance of keeping pace with the dynamism of the age, of constantly renewing oneself and being open to change.

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Tümer also shared examples from the history of foundations; he

## The Vakıflar Wheelchair Basketball Team Returned from Bursa with a Victory

The Vakıflar Wheelchair Basketball Team, which has successfully represented our country for many years under the main sponsorship of the Cyprus Evkaf Administration, achieved a significant success in the 2025-2026 season of the Turkish Wheelchair Basketball 1st League.

The team started the league with a

victory, defeating Bursa BESK 84-74 in an away match played in Bursa.

The Vakıflar Wheelchair Basketball Team will continue to fight towards its goals in the matches it will play in the coming weeks.



## 100,000 Olive Saplings Project Implemented in TRNC

The Cyprus Evkaf Administration has launched the "100,000 Olive Tree Planting Project" with the aim of protecting nature, raising environmental awareness and leaving a lasting legacy for future generations.

The first olive saplings were planted during a ceremony held in Esentepe as part of the project, which was carried out in collaboration with the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the Turkish General Directorate of Foundations, the Turkish Religious Foundation, Turkish Airlines, ÇEKUD, the KİM Foundation, the Cyprus Foundation, and the Kopuzlar Foundation. The ceremony began with a minute's silence and the recitation of the Turkish National Anthem.

Speaking at the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, Director General of the Cyprus Evkaf Administration, expressed his gratitude to all the institutions, associations and foundations that contributed to the implementation of the project, particularly the Turkish Republic Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the Turkish Republic General Directorate of Foundations.

Remembering the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the existence and freedom of the

Turkish Cypriot people with mercy, gratitude and appreciation, Tümer noted that each sapling planted today was a token of loyalty to the martyrs who made this land their homeland.

Reminding that the olive tree is a sacred tree symbolising peace, abundance, hope and divine mercy in heavenly religions such as Islam, Christianity and Judaism, Tümer emphasised that the olive tree is a symbol of peace, resilience and continuity in this region.

Stating that the saplings that will grow as part of the project will be a strong indicator of a green legacy and environmental awareness in the TRNC, Tümer also announced that an arboretum project will be implemented in the area where the saplings were planted in cooperation with the Çatalköy Municipality.

### Strong Support from Institutions

Speaking on behalf of the General Directorate of Foundations of the Republic of Turkey, Arif Özsoy, Director of the 2nd Region of Istanbul Foundations, stated that the 100,000 olive sapling project carried out in the TRNC was an important beginning and thanked all stakeholders who contributed to the project.

ÇEKUD Deputy Chairman Prof. Dr. Ali Deniz emphasised that planting saplings is not merely a technical task, but a moral responsibility towards future generations. He stated that 50,000 saplings will be planted by the end of 2026 in the first phase of the project.

Speaking on behalf of the Turkish Religious Foundation, Hatice Kahyaoglu expressed their delight at contributing to 100,000 olive saplings in the TRNC as part of the "One Good Deed, One Sapling" project.

Pınar Ayvaz Arıkan, Country Manager of Turkish Airlines in the TRNC, said that the project is a concrete demonstration of Turkish Airlines' sustainability vision and respect for the environment.

### The First Arboretum in the TRNC

Ceyhun Kirok, Mayor of Çatalköy Esentepe, stated that a comprehensive arboretum project, the first of its kind in the TRNC, will be implemented in the area where saplings were planted, in collaboration with the Cyprus Evkaf Administration.

Following the speeches, plaques of gratitude were presented to those who contributed to the organisation, and olive saplings were planted.



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