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Kırklareli University International Relations

OUR MISSION

Within the context of internationalisation of Kirklareli University, our fundamental missions are;

- to enhance national and international reputation of the university,
- to present an effective internationalisation strategy,
- to establish a basis for cooperation in the fields of science, culture, art and sports, by contacting domestic and foreign higher education institutions,
- to develop a targeted and compelling international student recruitment strategy,
- to augment international academic activities and mobility,
- to conduct mutual agreements with foreign universities and implement those agreements by collaborative efforts.
- to represent and promote the university at home and abroad,
- to assist international students as part of the orientation process,

OUR VISION

Our vision is to strengthen the academic reputation of the University nationally and internationally, to improve relations with other institutions worldwide by conducting bilateral agreements and to promote international research projects and to achieve excellence in higher education through our internationalisation strategy.

THE FIRST STRATEGY BOARD MEETING OF 2021–2027 PERIOD OF BULGARIA–TÜRKİYE CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME HELD IN EDİRNE

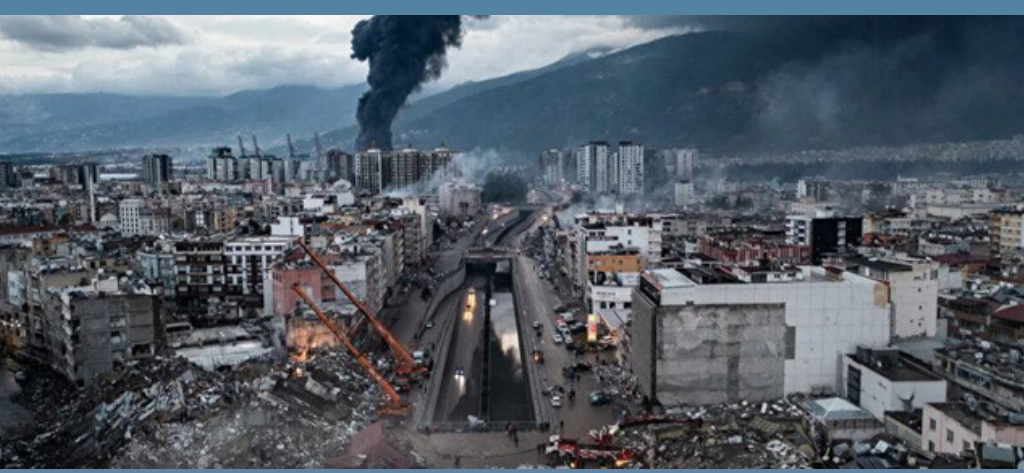


THE FIRST STRATEGY BOARD MEETING was held to support the theme "A Europe closer to its citizens", which is one of the priorities of the 2021–2027 Period of Bulgaria–Türkiye Cross-Border Cooperation Programme.

In the meeting, the management structure of the Strategy Board was established and also a panel on the capacity building process was organized. As representatives of Kırklareli University, Vice Rector **Prof. Dr. Meryem ÇAMUR DEMİR**, International Relations Coordinator **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Fatih ÇÖMLEKÇİ** and Head of Project Development and Coordination Office **Çiğdem OVACI BEJİ** participated.



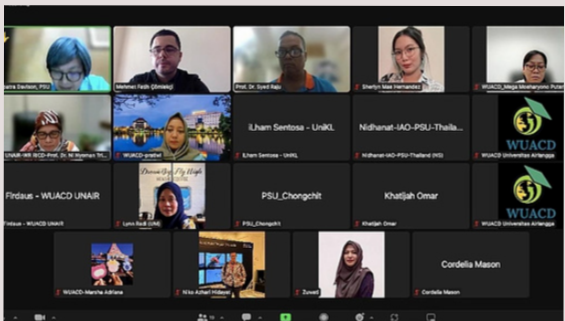
WORLD UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (WUACD) CONVENED ONLINE IN COORDINATION WITH KIRKLARELI UNIVERSITY FOR THE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER



WORLD UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (WUACD), consisting of 30 universities from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Taiwan, Taiwan, Australia, India, South Korea, Thailand, Cambodia, East Timor, and Libya, convened online in coordination with Kirklareli University, on February 17, 2023.



International Relations Coordinator **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Fatih ÇÖMLEKÇİ** represented our university at the meeting which is organized on the agenda of the earthquake disaster. He informed the international representatives about the earthquake emergency action plan projects and relief works of Kirklareli University.



The Vice Rector of Airlangga University **Prof. Dr. Ni Nyoman Tri Puspaningsih** spoke on behalf of WUACD, emphasizing the intention of the association members to provide moral and material support to Turkey. She also shared their aim to ensure psycho-social support to those who were affected by the earthquake through joint projects with Kirklareli University. She also shared their aim to ensure psycho-social support to those who were affected by the earthquake through joint projects with Kirklareli University. Moreover, she stated their interest to exchange experience and knowledge on disaster management subjects. Based on the decisions of the meeting coordinated by our university, WUACD has decided to organize a campaign to help the earthquake victims in Turkey with the contribution of the universities of the member countries. This campaign aims to support Turkey's recovery from the earthquake by making donations to relevant governmental agencies in the next years.



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OUR UNIVERSITY WAS REPRESENTED AT THE PROJECT MEETINGS OF THE "WORLD UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT" (WUACD) IN INDONESIA

As a founding member of the "World University Association for Community Development" (WUACD), our university actively participated in the "Post-Earthquake Social Development Action Plan Workshop and Project Focus Group Discussions in Turkey" held in Surabaya, Indonesia on 22-26 May 2023.



In the event, International Relations Coordinator **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Fatih ÇÖMLEKÇİ** and Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences Faculty Member **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat ÖZTÜRK** represented our university.

At the beginning, participants introduced themselves and discussed the plan of the project. Then, project focus group discussions were organized with the participation of academicians from Airlangga University, Thailand Prince of Songkla University, Taiwan Asia University, Philippines De La Salle University and Bangladesh International Daffodil University.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Fatih Çömlekçi

made a presentation on post-disaster activities and future planning of our university.

Later, Assoc. Prof. Murat ÖZTÜRK

presented the project proposal titled "Structural Field Research on Villages, Agriculture, Agriculture-Food Supply Chain in the Region after the Maraş-Hatay Centered Earthquakes". Focus group discussions were held in the fields of food security, water management and post-disaster online education, and the projects were presented to foreign representatives and ideas were exchanged. On the third day, the results of the focus group discussions were evaluated. WUACD officials stated that they will explore possibilities for partial funding of Assoc. Prof. Murat ÖZTÜRK's project idea on agricultural economics and Assoc. Prof. Mehmet Fatih ÇÖMLEKÇİ's project idea on developing online course materials to empower post-disaster communities in various fields. On the same day, positive discussions were held with the officials of Airlangga Foreign Relations Center to update the bilateral cooperation agreement between our University and Airlangga Foreign Relations Center and the signature process was initiated.



In the last day of the program, guest lecturers lectured to students at Airlangga University. Assoc. Prof. Mehmet Fatih ÇÖMLEKÇİ presented a lecture on "Media Literacy, Information Irregularities and Fact-Checking" and Assoc. Prof. Murat ÖZTÜRK gave a lecture on "Agriculture in Turkey, Effects of Earthquake and Economic Fundamentals".

In this process, discussions on the financing of projects and bilateral cooperation opportunities are in progress.

KIRKLARELİ UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATED IN THE BALKAN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION SUMMIT



Founded on the principle of cultural understanding, The Balkan Universities Association (BUA) was established to promote collaboration and academic exchange among the universities in the Balkan region while encouraging cooperation among member institutions. As a member of the BUA, Kirklareli University participated in the 7th meeting of the association, hosted by the University of Tuzla under the title "Academic Cooperation, Challenges and Future Perspectives in the Balkans" on September 27th -28th, 2023. At the event, Kirklareli University was represented by the Vice-Rector for International Relations, **Prof. Dr. Ünal ÇAĞLAR**, and the International Relations Office Coordinator, **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Fatih ÇÖMLEKÇİ**. The main topics of the meeting were international cooperation opportunities and the projects to be carried out between Balkan Universities, the challenges in academic studies in the region, and the evaluation of the new universities requesting to join the association. The event welcomed representatives of universities from Turkey, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Albania, Kosovo, Serbia, Montenegro, and Romania.



KIRKLARELİ UNIVERSITY RECTOR ŞENGÖRÜR'S MEETING WITH THE PALESTINIAN STUDENTS



Rector **Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR**, accompanied by International Relations Coordinator **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fatih ÇÖMLEKÇİ** and Head of Department for Student Affairs and Social Activities **Gökhan ATAŞTÖKEN**, hosted Palestinian students studying at our University and residing in Kırklareli Center on Tuesday, November 07, 2023. The visit was held in the Board Room of the Rectorate Building. Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENGÖRÜR talked to the Palestinian students about the health conditions of their families and stated that Kırklareli University always supports the students and will do their best to ensure that the students continue their education.



ŞENGÖRÜR said, "Israel's cruel and brutal attacks on innocent people, including babies, children, women, and elderly in Gaza, is a crime against humanity. We are deeply sorry for what happened and condemn Israel for attacking the innocent."

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MEETING IN COOPERATION WITH KIRKLARELİ UNIVERSITY AND KIRKLARELİ PROVINCIAL DIRECTORATE OF MIGRATION ADMINISTRATION



Kırklareli University and Kırklareli Provincial Immigration Administration organized an information and orientation meeting for our international students on December, 2023.



Presentations were made regarding the duties and procedures carried out for foreign students, their rights and obligations, the opportunities offered by Kırklareli University, international student office activities, TÖMER and social cohesion. The meeting ended with the question and answer session about the duties and procedures carried out by the Kırklareli Provincial Directorate of Migration Management.

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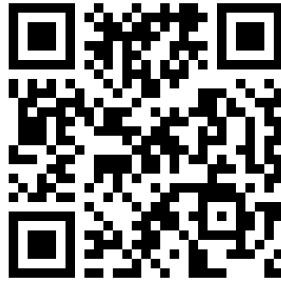


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