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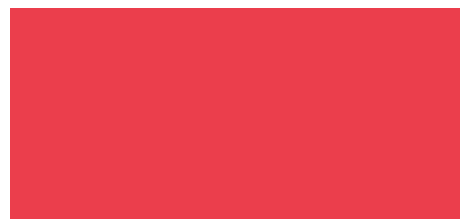


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SOCIALFEST IN KARABÜK UNIVERSITY



KBÜ Rector Prof. Dr. Fatih Kırıřık:
"Socialfest Achieved the Expected Success"

Karabük University Rector Prof. Dr. Fatih Kırıřık evaluated Turkey's first national and international Social Sciences Festival, Socialfest, hosted by Karabük University.

Socialfest, Turkey's first national and international Social Sciences Festival, held on March 2-3, included various activities such as innovative and problem-solving-focused social model design competitions, talks, and events on different topics. It aimed to increase interest in solving social issues and aligned with Turkey's vision of a national social sciences initiative.



On Saturday, March 2, Socialfest commenced with an opening program at the 15 July Martyrs Conference Hall, followed by the inauguration of Socialfest, Road. For two days, the festival featured a wide range of activities including academic units, public institutions, NGOs, and student clubs hosting booth activities, development workshops, exhibitions, poetry readings, theater performances, archery events, puppet shows, photo marathons, sports competitions, talks, conferences, panels, workshops, and presentations.

Turkey's first national and international Social Sciences Festival, Socialfest, concluded on March 3 with a closing and awards ceremony at the 15 July Martyrs Conference Hall, leaving participants with unforgettable memories.



"Great participation in our events from every branch of social sciences such as sports, arts, culture, literature, and psychology"

Kırışık mentioned that the event, which featured 400 stands over two days, had each stand owner introducing their social models to the community, young people, and students. "Each of our stand owners presented their social models, activities, and products to our community, youth, and students with great enthusiasm from morning until evening. It was very productive in this sense," he said. Rector Kırışık continued his words as follows:

Great interest nationwide

Evaluating Socialfest, hosted by Karabük University in line with Turkey's vision of a national social sciences initiative in the new century of our Republic, Karabük University Rector Prof. Dr. Fatih Kırışık announced that "Socialfest" was successfully held. He noted that the event, organized on March 2-3 at Karabük University's Iron and Steel Campus, garnered significant interest across Turkey.

Rector Kırışık expressed that during the two-day event, young people, students, advisors, teachers, and academics participated with great excitement and had worked hard for a long time to prepare. He said, "We held the Socialfest Social Sciences Festival on March 2-3 at Karabük University Iron and Steel Campus. We completed our Socialfest program. When we evaluate our two days, we see that there was indeed a very large participation across Turkey. Our young people, students, advisors, teachers, and academics were extremely enthusiastic and had prepared for the competition with great desire and effort over a long period. This was extremely pleasing for us. Seeing their excitement, and watching them speak with enthusiasm, was truly invaluable to us. Over two days, our young people and students presented their projects and social models to our citizens. They expressed their valuable ideas and presented their social models with great excitement before the jury, answering the jury's questions. In this sense, we see that we have achieved our intended goals. Wonderful projects were brought forward in the Socialfest competitions, which our youth embraced with great enthusiasm and excitement. Great ideas were presented. Remarkable social models were developed, and we aimed to raise awareness nationwide, which we achieved. We wanted our students to learn the culture of creating social models, and we succeeded in this. We aimed for a large participation, and we observed significant participation nationwide. We estimate around 100,000 attendees. In this regard, the participation of students from various universities, high schools, and middle schools across Turkey made it a very fruitful event," he said.

"We had 123 field activities. There was great participation in our events from every branch of social sciences such as sports, arts, culture, literature, and psychology. Extremely productive field activities were held. Our young people and citizens were very eager to participate in these events. This was a very pleasing development for us. Representing Turkish states, our students cooked Uzbek pilaf in yurts and offered it to our guests, played Dombra music, wore traditional clothes in Turkish yurts, and hosted our guests, rectors, and protocol members. This added a unique atmosphere to our festival. On the other hand, our international students presented performances introducing themselves, their countries, clothes, food, and dances at the Social Life Center. There was great enthusiasm and a crowd. In this sense, we demonstrated our feature of being an international university to all of Turkey and the world.



The enthusiasm, excitement, and desire of the young people were truly worth seeing. Everyone who experienced and shared this environment expressed that it was an incredible organization, that all details were meticulously considered and prepared, and they expressed their great satisfaction with this preparation. They stated that Socialfest was an extremely successful idea in terms of both organization and concept, and a much-needed idea for Turkey and the world, and conveyed their thanks and appreciation."



Socialfest is an event needed by Türkiye and the world both in terms of organization and concept



KBÜ Rector Kırışık stated, "From now on, we will continue to organize and develop Socialfest, to spread it across our country, and to collaborate with our institutions and universities. We will continue to seek the support of our young people, students, citizens, and nation. We plan to hold the second Socialfest in Ankara in September 2024. We want this excitement to continue without interruption, to spread across Turkey with even greater passion and enthusiasm, to continue, and to expand. We will work to spread and expand this event nationwide in cooperation with other institutions and universities. At the same time, it will also serve as a window to the world. While continuing our efforts within Turkey, we will also pursue these activities on a global scale together."

Regarding the ongoing work on national and international levels through institutional partnership protocols, Kırışık stated, "We have two main goals. The first is to contribute to the development of Socialfest and ensure its spread in our country and the world. The second is to enhance our university's collaborations with other universities and institutions, aiming to develop joint projects and initiatives. We are working towards achieving this. We currently have protocols with 35 universities and aim to expand this network even further. We also have protocols with public institutions and non-governmental organizations, providing us with a very broad area for producing projects. We will continue this both in terms of Socialfest and academic collaborations."

In the final part of his evaluation, Karabük University Rector Prof. Dr. Fatih Kırışık noted that the award ceremony took place in a magnificent atmosphere with extraordinary participation. Kırışık said, "Our award ceremony was truly held in a magnificent atmosphere. There was extraordinary participation and wonderful excitement. You could see the excitement in the eyes of our young people. They were extremely happy and joyful to participate in this organization and be involved in the activities. They sincerely thanked all the team members, stating that it was a fantastic event and that they wanted it to continue in the future. In this regard, we will continue to develop these events with our youth, students, and nation, to maintain this excitement and enthusiasm, and to contribute to the culture of dreaming."

Rector Kırışık extended his thanks to everyone who participated in, supported, contributed financially and morally, and prayed for the event.





Türkiye's First Social Sciences Festival: The First Day of Socialfest Concludes

The first day of Turkey's first national and international Social Sciences Festival, Socialfest, hosted by Karabük University, has come to an end.

In the new century of our Republic and line with the vision of the Turkish Century, Turkey's first national and international Social Sciences Festival, Socialfest, hosted by Karabük University, garnered significant interest on its opening day.

Following the opening of the Socialfest Road created in front of the Faculty of Technology, protocol members, academic units located on the campus, public institutions, non-governmental organizations, and student clubs toured the stands one by one, receiving information about the work from the staff on duty. The social models that made it to the finals were presented to the jury members by students at the stands in the Karabük University Social Life Center and the Faculty of Literature Amphitheatres.

During the festival scheduled to take place between March 2nd and 3rd, 2024, a wide range of activities were organized on the first day, including 27 different Development Workshops, as well as exhibitions, poetry readings, puppet shows, archery events, a photo marathon competition, sports competitions, talks, conferences, panels, concerts, workshops, and presentations.

Socialfest, where 50 development workshops will be held, kicked off its first day with a total of 27 development workshops in nine different areas, organized by experts and academics from the Faculty of Islamic Sciences and the

Kamil Güleş Library Sezer Güleş Art Workshop to contribute to the participants' professional and academic development.

In the Personal Development Workshops, Associate Prof. Dr. Volkan Temizkan conducted the "Personal Life Plan Workshop," Dr. Kasım Yılmaz led the "Crisis Management Workshop," and Dr. Muhammed Ali Yetgin facilitated the "Time Management Workshop." At the Creative Writing Workshop, Dr. Elif Gizem Karaoğlu Kirenli hosted the "Creating Legends Workshop." In the Communication Workshop, Prof. Dr. Abdülcebbar Kavak conducted the "Etiquette Workshop." In the Awareness Workshops, Yeşim Us Aslan led the "Awareness of My Thoughts Workshop," Öykü Erinc Küçüköz

facilitated the "Awareness of My Actions Workshop," Aslı Canan Yılmazsoy Okutur conducted the "Awareness of My Breath Workshop," and Öğr. Gör. Dr. Musa Özşavran led the "Awareness of My Body Workshop."

In the Traditional Turkish Islamic Arts Workshops, Dr. Sebahat Kılıç Bülbül led the "Illumination Workshop," Arş. Gör. Zübeyde Uzun conducted the "Tile Embroidery Workshop," and Arş. Gör. Ufuk Deveci and Niyazi Ünal facilitated the "Calligraphy and Islamic Calligraphy Workshop." In the Values Education Workshops, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Engin Deniz conducted the "Self-Compassion Education Workshop," Associate Prof. Dr. Mebrure DOĞAN led the "Patience Education Workshop," Dr. Ayşe Şentepe Lokmanoğlu facilitated the "Forgiveness Education Workshop," and Clinical Psychologist Mehmet Büyükkorak conducted the "Willpower Education Workshop."

In the Well-Being Workshops, Prof. Dr. Bora Büken and Arş. Gör. Dr. Nurcan Bahadır led the "Music Therapy Workshop," Associate Prof. Dr. Eda Öz Çelikbaş conducted the "Art Therapy Workshop," Psychological Counselor Mehtap Kayaoğlu facilitated the "Family Therapy Workshop," Psychological Counselor Sema Sülün conducted the "Mobile Therapeutic Microphone," and Dr. Pelin Özgür Polat led the "Emotion-Focused Therapy Workshop."

In the Safranbolu Arts Workshops, Associate Prof. Dr. Ersin Çelikbaş conducted the "Hadrianopolis Mosaics Workshop," Mehmet Akgül facilitated the "Saffron Flower Workshop," and Öğr. Gör. Dilek Çelik led the "Leather Craft Workshop."

In the Positive Self Workshops, Dr. Fatma Turan conducted the "Do Good, Find Good Workshop," Associate Prof. Dr. Mehmet Dinç led the "Joy of Living Workshop," and Dr. Necdet Subaşı facilitated the "Our Concern is Life Workshop."







From Breath to Wisdom: Poetry Recitation by International Students



The "From Breath to Wisdom: Poetry Recitation by International Students" event took place in the 15 July Conference Hall. Academics, guests, and a large number of students attended the poetry recitation. Eight poems were recited by students from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, and Africa, including works by Yunus Emre, Ahmet Yesevi, Mevlâna, A. Kadir, Sezai Karakoç, Arif Ay, and Bülent Ata.



"Üç Günlük Dünyada Bir Muhsin Bey" Puppet Show



As part of the Socialfest activities, the wordless interactive puppet show titled "Three Days of Muhsin Bey in the World" met with its audience. The puppet show, aimed at raising awareness for the hearing impaired, was performed by Cansu Akdeniz and Gabriel Meidinger in the 15 July Conference Hall. Academics, guests, and numerous students attended the puppet show.



Various Exhibitions



On the first day of the Social Sciences Festival, several exhibitions were organized at Karabük University.

Organized by Zafer Çamlıca from the Faculty of Islamic Sciences, the "Saffron Flower" exhibition featured 42 works related to the saffron flower.

At the Faculty of Islamic Sciences, the exhibition titled "Traditional Islamic Arts Exhibition from 7 to 70" included exhibitions of Calligraphy, Miniature, Illumination, Marbling, and Archery.





Throughout the day, pottery-making and glass craftsmanship activities were held in the Karabük University Socialfest Event Area, along with "My Homeland is Special" International Student activities. Moreover, kite flying activities were organized at the Karabük University Flag Square Event Area.

The Excitement Continued on the Last Day of Socialfest

The last day of Socialfest, Turkey's first national and international Social Sciences Festival organized by Karabük University, continued with great excitement. With the active participation of attendees, the final day of the festival featured a variety of performances and activities.



On the final day of Socialfest, organized under the auspices of Karabük University in line with Turkey's national vision for social sciences in the new century, and the vision of the Turkish Century, the festival continued to receive significant interest.



As part of Socialfest, the Karabük University Theater Club staged the play "Ortaya Karışık" (Mixed Up) in the Hamit Çepni Conference Hall. This theater production, which combined three comedy sketches into one act, received great acclaim from the audience. The performance, featuring Beyza Korkmaz, Ayşen Özer, Buket Çakıcıer, Ahmet Alperen Küçükylmaz, İbrahim Çeltik, Serhat Topal, Atike Sıla Tabak, Arda Can Şen, Tuğba Tekin, Kadir Sıraç Karakaya, Berkant Yılmaz, and Nisa Göçer, provided the audience with delightful moments.



Supported by the Scientific Research Projects Coordination Unit (BAP) of Karabük University, and led by Dr. Asuman Özdemir from the Department of Painting at the Safranbolu Fethi Toker Faculty of Fine Arts and Design, with research conducted by Dr. Pınar Çanakçı Çavdur and puppet artist instructor Cansu Akdeniz, the "Measurement and Evaluation of Student Perception in Performance Studies" project organized an "Interactive Puppet Making Workshop." As part of this workshop, students from the Department of Painting at the Safranbolu Fethi Toker Faculty of Fine Arts and Design presented an interactive puppet show in the foyer area of the Hamit Çepni Conference Hall at Karabük University. The puppet show, held in the foyer area, provided attendees with enjoyable moments.

Development Workshops Continued Unabated on the Last Day

During the festival held between March 2-3, 2024, expert-led workshops in various fields continued without slowing down on the final day. Workshops were conducted in areas such as well-being, positive self-image, personal development, communication, Safranbolu arts, cybersecurity, creative writing, mindfulness, traditional Turkish-Islamic arts, and values education at the Sezer Güleç Art Workshop of the Islamic Sciences Faculty and Kamil Güleç Library.

In the Well-Being Workshop, Prof. Dr. Asım Yapıcı led a workshop on "Spiritual Counseling and Guidance," Dr. Hatice Kılınçer focused on "Family Therapy," Psychologist Sema Sülün presented the "Traveling Therapeutic Microphone" workshop. In the Positive Self-Image Workshop, Prof. Dr. Tayfun Doğan conducted a session on "Positive Emotions," Prof. Dr. Öznur Özdoğan led a workshop titled "Choosing Happiness," and Dr. Necdet Subaşı presented "Life as Our Concern"; in the Personal Development Workshop, Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Şeydanur Tezcan Özer addressed "Coping with Stress," Teaching Assistant Abdülkadir Ilgaz focused on "Anger Management"; in the Communication Workshop, Prof. Dr. Fatih Bayram led a session on "Intercultural Communication," Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa İnce conducted a workshop on "Effective Communication," Dr. Elif Gizem Karaoğlu Kirenli covered "Diction/Public Speaking," Teaching Assistant Ebubekir Işık addressed "Media Literacy"; in the Safranbolu Arts Workshop, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Nuri Yıldırım led a session on "Woodworking and Architectural Restoration," while Şebnem Urgancıoğlu focused on "Safranbolu Desserts and Delights"; in the Cybersecurity Workshop, Dr. İsa Avcı talked about "World and Turkey Policies in Cybersecurity," Dr. Oğuzhan Menemencioğlu discussed "Cyber Risks and Solution Policies," Durmuş Ali Şen presented "Career in Cybersecurity," Alparslan Kesici covered "Bureaucracy in Cybersecurity," and Muhammet Temli addressed "Cybersecurity in Formal and Informal Education"; in the Creative Writing Workshop, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sema Noyan led a session on "Poetry Readings and Personality Education," Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Ayşe Yılmaz focused on "How to Become a Writer," Teaching Assistant Canan Uğurdağ addressed "Story Completion," Banu Öztürk

covered "Emotional Projection with Mandalas"; in the Mindfulness Workshop, Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Pelin Özgür Polat conducted a session titled "Awareness of My Emotions"; in the Traditional Turkish-Islamic Arts Workshop, Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Sebahat Kılıç Bülbül led a session on "Marbling," Teaching Assistant Kübra Yavuz covered "Miniature Painting"; in the Values Education Workshop, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zeynep Özcan conducted a session on "Mercy Education."



Socialfest Excitement Experienced for Two Days

The puppet show "Three Days of Mr. Muhsin in a Lifetime" exhibited in the 15th of July Conference Hall on March 2nd was reprised on March 3rd at the Hamit Çepni Conference Hall. Continuing on March 2nd, the Karabük University Socialfest Event Area hosted pottery-making and glasswork activities alongside the "My Homeland is Different" International Student Activities. Additionally, the "Traditional Islamic Arts Exhibition from 7 to 70" held at the Faculty of Islamic Sciences, the mixed exhibition "Cultural Memory" at the Sezer Güleç Art Gallery in the Kamil Güleç Library, the painting exhibition "Evolution of Gendarmerie in the Last 100 Years from Past to Present" at the KBÜ Socialfest Event Area, the exhibition "Influences from the Turkic World" at the KBÜ Otağlar Square, and the Hobby Archery activities at the Prof. Dr. Burhanettin Uysal Crescent Star Stadium were all part of the festival's activities on its final day. Additionally, the stands of academic units, public institutions and organizations, non-governmental organizations, and student clubs on campus continued their activities on the last day of Socialfest."





School of Foreign Languages at SocialFest

Hosted by Karabük University, Turkey's first national and international Social Sciences Festival, SocialFest, commenced with an opening ceremony.

Speaking at the opening program of Turkey's first national and international Social Sciences Festival, SocialFest, Karabük University Rector Prof. Dr. Fatih Kırışık expressed the pride and honor of hosting such a pioneering event in Turkey. Rector Kırışık also shared their excitement and enthusiasm. As the School of Foreign Languages, we joined in this excitement and enthusiasm.

At the event, our esteemed Director Dr. Mustafa POLAT, Assistant Directors Instructor Kürşat ARSLAN, and Instructor Hüseyin ATASEVEN visited all the stands.



At our stand, Instructors Ali KUBAT, Pelin ŞIK, and Hasan KANIŞ provided information about the School of Foreign Languages, language courses, and the importance of English.



- **Instructor Selma PARLAKAY TOPBAŞ**
Storytelling
- **Instructor Kenan SAPLIOĞLU**
Platform Turkey: Alumni Community of Turkish Universities
- **Instructor Kenan SAPLIOĞLU**
A Violence-Free Life is Possible
- **Instructor Ümit CEBECİ**
Kaygısız Seyirler
- **Instructor Enes TAŞDELEN**
Awareness of Violence
- **Instructor Okan DEDE**
Career Support Project for Disabled Youth

Our instructors participated in the event with their projects, workshops, and exhibitions. Six of the projects that reached the finals of the SOCIALIST competition were carried out under the guidance of our school's academics. The esteemed finalists presented their projects at the stand:



Instructor Enes TAŞDELEN and his student Sıla Ateş:
Awareness of Violence



Instructor Okan DEDE: Career Support Project for Disabled Youth



Instructor Kenan SAPLIOĞLU: A Violence-Free Life is Possible



Instructor Ümit CEBECİ: Kaygısız Seyirler



Instructor Selma PARLAKAY TOPBAŞ: Storytelling



Instructor Ümit CEBECİ placed 3rd in the Social Model Design Competition for Reducing Violence with his project "Kaygısız Seyirler." We congratulate him and wish him continued success.



Instructor Kübra Yavuz's Miniature Exhibition and Workshop at SocialFest

Instructor Kübra Yavuz from the School of Foreign Languages hosted her guests with both an amazing miniature exhibition and a miniature workshop. These delightful moments were immortalized with photographs at the SocialFest event.

