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PRESS



Dr. Öğretim Üyesi Güven Özdemir

Dr. Güven Özdemir Gave a Statement to Anadolu Agency Regarding May Rainfall in the Marmara Region.

Rainfall In The Marmara Region During The Month Of May Increased By More Than 100%

Rainfall in the Marmara Region during the month of May increased by more than 100% compared to the same period last year and by 10% compared to the long-term average.

According to data compiled by an Anadolu Agency (AA) correspondent from the Turkish State Meteorological Service, the average amount of rainfall in the Marmara Region for the month of May over long-term measurements is recorded as 45.1 millimeters. In comparison, the region received 18 millimeters of rainfall in May last year, whereas 49.6 millimeters of rainfall was recorded during the same period this year.

This indicates that May rainfall in the Marmara Region increased by over 100% compared to the same month last year and by approximately 10% compared to the long-term average.

The number of rainy days in Istanbul ranged between five and ten.

Dr. Güven Özdemir, a meteorological engineer at Istanbul Aydın University, explained to the AA correspondent that rainfall was notably low from the second half of last year until February, leading to a period of drought across Turkey.

Dr. Özdemir noted that rainfall has increased

throughout the country since February, stating:

“However, up until that point, we had a significant precipitation deficit. Unfortunately, this gap has yet to be fully closed. “For instance, the water levels in the reservoirs supplying Istanbul stood at around 78% last year, but they are currently at approximately 46%.”

Dr. Özdemir added that in May, rainfall across Turkey rose by 27% compared to seasonal norms and by 51% compared to the same period last year.

“May was considerably wetter than last year,” he concluded.

Dr. Güven Özdemir from Istanbul Aydın University Evaluates May Rainfall Patterns and Calls for Sustainable Water Management

Rainfall has affected all regions of Turkey, including the Marmara Region. According to Dr. Güven Özdemir, the arrival of a low-pressure system over Turkey from the Mediterranean in May, combined with increased glacier melt in polar regions since 2012 and the resulting rise in humidity spreading

southward from the Arctic to Southern Europe, contributed to the significant precipitation observed across the country.

“These meteorological shifts made May considerably wetter than the same period last year. While this is a positive development, the overall picture still points to ongoing drought conditions,” he noted.

Despite isolated flooding incidents in some interior parts of Anatolia, drought remains a serious concern in many regions. Still, the rainy conditions in May are considered an important and hopeful development.

“We Must Develop Modern Irrigation Systems.”

Highlighting that precipitation continued into June, Dr. Özdemir stated that meteorological models indicate rain is likely to persist throughout the month. He emphasized that while rain is generally beneficial, it can sometimes manifest as sudden

downpours or hailstorms.

“Every form of rainfall has its benefit; however, when not properly managed, it can lead to disasters such as the recent floods in Samsun,” he warned.

Dr. Özdemir underscored that a significant portion of the country’s water resources is consumed in agricultural areas. He pointed to a dramatic decline in both lake and groundwater levels, stressing the urgent need for more conscious water use and the development of modern irrigation systems.

He also called attention to the necessity of harvesting and conserving rainwater:

“We must use water more prudently. Unfortunately, our municipalities continue to over-irrigate grassy areas, allowing excess water to spill onto the streets. Such behavior is wasteful. We are going to need this water,” he cautioned.

Source: www.aa.com.tr / By: Hikmet Faruk Başer / 17.06.2023

PAPER



Dr. Vildan Bayram Publishes in a Q1 Journal

Dr. Vildan Bayram from Istanbul Aydın University’s Vocational School of European Union Studies (ABMYO) has published a scholarly article in the Q1-indexed journal Sustainability (SSCI). The article, titled “Governing the Green Transition: The Role of Artificial Intelligence, Green Finance, and Institutional Governance in Achieving the SDGs Through Renewable Energy,” was published in June 2025.

Article Link: <https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/17/12/5538>.

EVENT



Online Meeting with Miami Dade College : A New Step in International Collaboration.

Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, Instructor and International Academic Coordinator at Istanbul Aydın University as well as Chair of the International Development, Monitoring, and Steering Committee, together with Instructor Fatemeh Khosravi Purian, member of the same committee, held an online meeting with Samila Susic, Head of the International Relations and Erasmus Office at Miami Dade College in the United States.

During the meeting, several key topics were discussed, including student exchange programs, joint conference organization, international research projects, and academic staff mobility. This collaborative effort represents a major milestone in expanding global partnerships and enhancing academic cooperation.

Banking and Insurance Program

PRESS



Instructor Korkmaz Keskendir Appeared On Meltem TV As A Live Guest

Instructor Korkmaz Keskendir from the Banking and Insurance Program was a live guest on Meltem TV on June 14 and June 22, 2025. The program provided students with an explanation of the processes associated with the LGS (High School Entrance Exam) and YKS (Higher Education Entrance Exam).

EVENT



Student Observation During On-Site Practice

Dr. Ayşe Dilşad Atalar, who serves in the Child Development Program, visited the on-site practice location together with her students under her supervision. During the visit, she conducted observations of the students' practical activities and provided feed-

back on their performance.

The administrators of the institution received positive feedback about the students' experiences during their on-site practice. Furthermore, the administrators expressed interest in requesting students for internships in the upcoming term.

TECHNICAL VISIT



Educational Site Tour

The course "Preschool Education Programs," offered within the Child Development Program, is taught by Dr. Ayşe Dilşad Atalar. The course included a technical visit to various preschool institutions

that implement the Montessori model. Through this visit, students had the opportunity to gain experience by transforming theoretical knowledge into practical understanding.

EVENT



Guest Speaker

The course "Child Development I," conducted within the Child Development Program, is taught by Dr. Ayşe Dilşad Atalar. As part of this course, Dr. Mürvvet Kartal Baş, an experienced teacher in the field, was invited as a guest speaker to share her professional experiences on how

to watch children's development in classroom settings and why such observations are essential.

Dr. Kartal Baş, who is also the author of the children's book "Bazen," presented her book to the students and gifted them signed copies at the end of the session.

TECHNICAL VISIT



Graphic Design Students Visited Cem Ofset Printing Company

As part of the “Printing Terminology” course, students from Istanbul Aydın University’s Anadolu BİL Vocational School Graphic Design Program participated in a technical visit to Cem Ofset Printing Industry Inc., one of the leading companies in the sector. The visit was organized under the guidance of Instructor Tuğba Başak Şahin on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, between 14:00 and 16:00, with the aim of providing students with hands-on industry experience.

Due to the high level of interest and positive feedback from students, the instructors arranged a second technical visit for those who were unable to attend the first session, which took place at the same location and time on Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

These visits enabled students to gain practical insights into various aspects of the printing process, including pre-print preparations, technical considerations during printing, and post-print applications, helping them better understand the full production cycle of a finalized design before it reaches the printing stage.

During the visit, students had the opportu-

nity to closely observe the offset printing machines and examine the pre-printing, printing, and post-printing phases through hands-on engagement. One of the most remarkable aspects of the technical visit was the exhibition area, which shed light on Cem Ofset’s 46-year legacy in the printing industry. Students explored with tremendous interest a wide collection



of early packaging designs from various well-known brands, as well as the evolution of graphic design over the years. This experience significantly contributed to their awareness of the history of design.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Human Resources Manager Filiz Palazoğlu, who supported the realization of this valuable event and shared every stage of the process; to Prepress Supervisor İsmet Bal, who demonstrated the prepress design process in practice, explained the postpress operations directly on the machines, and answered all our questions with care; to Vice Chairman of the Board Emre Duran; and to Chairman of the Board Ali Cem Duran for their generous contributions to this enriching experience.

PAPER



Publication

An academic article titled “An Examination of Preschool Teachers’ Opinions on Play-Friendly Schools,” co-authored by Dr. Ayşe Dilşad Atalar, a faculty member in the Child Development Program, along with Prof. Dr. Belma Tuğrul and other researchers, has been published in the Journal of Child Development Education.

International Trade (English) Program

EVENT



International Academic Coordinator Ayten Nahide Korkmaz Held an Online Meeting with the Estonian Entrepreneurship University

On May 30, 2025, Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, the International Academic Coordinator and Chair of the Commission for International Development, Monitoring, and Steering, held an online meeting with the Estonian Entrepreneurship University of Applied Sciences.

The meeting addressed several key topics, including student exchange programs, joint conference organization, international research collaborations, and academic staff mobility.

This meeting is considered an important step toward strengthening Erasmus partnerships and expanding international opportunities for both faculty members and students of our university.

PANEL



Panel on Circular Economy in Recycling Held

Organized by the Sustainability Club under the academic supervision of Lecturer Atila Er from the International Trade (English) Program at ABMYO, a panel entitled “Circular Economy in Recycling” was held on May 16, 2025. The event featured inspiring talks aimed at promoting a sustainable future.

Moderated by Bihter Ayyıldız, the panel hosted distinguished speakers including Nil Tibukoğlu, General Director of TİDER; Esra

Cevahir, Co-Founder of Procompo; and Edanur Karabıyık, Sustainability and Corporate Communications Manager at ERKA Group.

We extended special thanks to Ms. Neli Akay for her invaluable contributions to the event’s organization.

Addressing key themes such as circular economy and sustainability, the panel offered valuable insights and raised awareness among students of environmental and economic sustainability.

WEBINAR

A Webinar on DGS Held Under the Moderation of Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz

On June 12, 2025, the second session of the DGS-themed webinar was held under the moderation of Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz for our students preparing to embark on their Vertical Transfer Exam (DGS) journey.

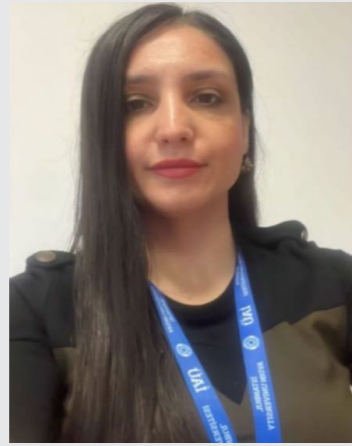
We invited three of our current students, who successfully transferred through DGS and are now continuing their education at our university, as guest speakers. They shared

their personal experiences and insights with fellow students.

This meaningful exchange served as a source of inspiration for those who are just beginning their journey, guided by the experiences of those already on the path. The event, which lasted for nearly two hours, received strong interest and participation.

We extend our best wishes for success to all students preparing for the DGS exam.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT



This Is An Official Announcement Regarding The Appointment Of Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz To The International Trade (English) Program

Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, a faculty member of the International Trade (English) Program, has been officially appointed as the International Academic Coordinator of the Vocational School of Foreign Trade (ABMYO) and as the *Chair of the Commission for International Development, Monitoring, and Guidance.

GUEST LECTURE EVENT



Dr. Oya Sancar, LÖSEV Representative, Visits as Guest Speaker in the “Volunteering and Social Responsibility” Course

Within the framework of the university elective course “Volunteering and Social Responsibility,” conducted by Instructor Atila Er from the International Trade (English) Program at Istanbul Aydın University’s Anadolu Bil Vocational School (ABMYO), Dr. Oya Sancar from the Corporate Communication Department of LÖSEV (The Foundation for Children with Leukemia) met with students on May 2, 2025.

Dr. Sancar shared her insights on how non-governmental organizations realize volunteerism and social responsibility during her guest lecture. She also provided detailed information about LÖSEV’s awareness campaigns and ongoing social projects.

The event aimed to enhance students’ awareness of social sensitivity and active citizenship, contributing to their development as socially responsible individuals.

TECHNICAL VISIT



The International Trade (TR) Program organized a visit to the Muratbey Customs Directorate

On May 15, 2025, a technical field visit was organized to the Muratbey Customs Directorate by Dr. Özlem Şenel, Head of the International Trade Program, accompanied by Dr. Zeki Tüyen and students from the International Trade (Turkish Track).

During the visit, students were guided by the

Deputy Director of Customs as they explored the temporary storage facilities and observed the customs inspection procedures on site. In addition, they visited various service units where customs officers operate and examined documentation related to foreign trade files, gaining hands-on experience with document verification procedures.

Electronics Technology Program

EVENT



Students Successfully Presented Their Graduation Projects

On June 12, 2025, senior students of the Electronics Technology Program presented their graduation projects before a jury composed of the program's academic staff. Both day and evening class students attended the event, introducing their projects either individually or collaboratively.

These projects provided students with the opportunity to apply the technical knowledge and skills they acquired throughout their associate degree education. During the presentations, students explained their project objectives, design processes, and technical specifications in detail.

They also responded to questions from the jury members, allowing them to evaluate their work from multiple perspectives.

The event featured a broad range of projects, including object detection and AI-supported systems, mobile robots, smart agriculture and irrigation solutions, human-interactive devices, industrial control applications, wireless communication-based systems, and 3D printing technologies.

The presented projects showcased not only the students' technical proficiency but also their problem-solving abilities, creativity, teamwork skills, and effective presentation techniques.

SEMINAR



Dr. T. Melis Parlak Participated as a speaker in an international seminar held within the scope of the Erasmus+ project.

“Democracy and Active Citizenship”

Dr. T. Melis Parlak, Head of the Court Office Services Program, participated as a guest speaker in the seminar titled “Democracy and Active Citizenship,” organized within the scope of an Erasmus+ project for 15 participants from six different countries.

In her presentation, Dr. Parlak shared her knowledge and experiences on topics such as constitutional citizenship, democratic values,

fundamental rights and freedoms, and civic participation. She emphasized the importance of being an active individual in democratic processes.

The seminar also created a platform for students to engage in interactive learning and to establish intercultural dialogue with their peers from various countries, enriching the international dimension of the educational experience.

PANEL



Dr. Türkan Melis Parlak Participated as a Panelist in the “Representation of Women in Turkish Sports” Panel.

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The panel titled “Representation of Women in Turkish Sports” was held on June 4th at 2:00 PM in the T Block Orange Hall, bringing together renowned speakers from the world of sports.

The panel featured distinguished speakers including Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zeynep Banu Dalaman, member of the Galatasaray High Council; Attorney Deniz Akbıyık, sports law expert and FIFA-licensed manager; and Dr. Türkan Melis Parlak, national water polo referee and faculty member.

The discussion focused on the role of women in the sports industry, the structural and cultural barriers they face, relevant legal regulations, and equal opportunity policies. Each speaker shared insights from their professional backgrounds, aiming to raise awareness about women’s representation in sports.

Both students and academic staff actively followed the event, which attracted significant interest.

PANEL



Dr. Türkan Melis Parlak served as moderator at the panel on “Higher Education in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Smart Universities and Digital Transformation.”

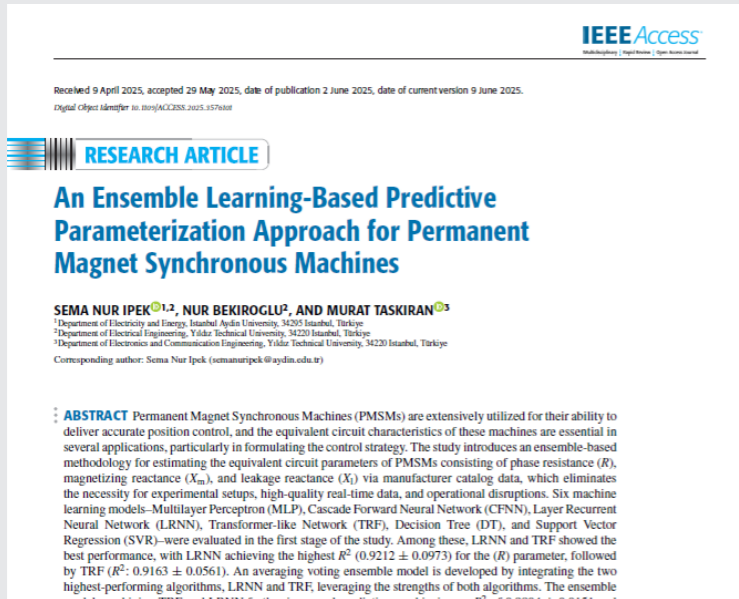
Higher Education in the Age of Artificial Intelligence”

The panel titled “Higher Education in the Age of Artificial Intelligence” was held on [day], June 2025, at 2:00 PM, at Istanbul Aydın University’s T Block Orange Hall, attracting a large and engaged audience. The panel was moderated by Dr. Türkan Melis Parlak, faculty member and head of the Court Office Services Program. Distinguished panelists included Prof. Dr. Veysel Bozkurt, Member of the Turkish Presidential Council on Social and Youth Policies; Dr. Burak Gökalp, faculty member at Istanbul Aydın University; and Emrullah Uğur, Director of the Library and Documentation Department at Istanbul Aydın University.

The discussion addressed a wide range of critical topics, including the impact of artificial intelligence on higher education, emerging university models, digital literacy, data security, and the transformation of academic knowledge. Panelists offered multidimensional insights into both the opportunities and the risks posed by AI technologies in academic and administrative contexts.

Enriched by participants’ questions and interactive contributions, the event provided a dynamic platform for discussing the digital transformation of higher education and illuminated key aspects of adapting to the age of artificial intelligence.

PAPER



Instructor Sema Nur İpek co-authored a research article published in IEEE Access in June

Instructor Sema Nur İpek from the Electrical Engineering Program, together with Prof. Dr. Nur Bekiroğlu and Dr. Murat Taşkiran, co-authored a research article titled “An Ensemble Learning-Based Predictive Parameterization Approach for Permanent Magnet Synchronous Machines.” The paper was published in June in the SCIE-indexed, Scopus Q1/WoS Q2-ranked journal IEEE Access. It introduces an ensemble model based on LRNN and TRF for improved parameterization of PMSMs, offering significant contributions to predictive modeling in electrical machine systems.

INTERVIEW SERIES



Electrical Engineering Program's Alumni Talk Series Successfully Concluded

The Electrical Engineering Program's Alumni Talk Series concluded successfully with three impactful events. As part of the series, distinguished alumni shared insights into their career journeys and industry developments:

- Muhammet Yasir Sönmez (Class of 2015), Electrical Maintenance Supervisor at Energy Center Facility Operations
- Raif Hakyemez (Class of 2016), Founder of Monark Elevator Services
- Mertcan Yuva (Class of 2016) is the owner of 3M Pano Elektro Cabinet Systems.

Each guest engaged in meaningful discussions with current students, answering their questions and offering practical advice based on real-world experience.

This series supported students' professional development and served to strengthen the ties between the academic program and the industry.

TECHNICAL VISIT



The Architectural Restoration Program Organized a Field Study Tour

A technical visit was organized by the Architectural Restoration Program under the guidance of Instructors Selvi Burcu Güler and Ceyhun Katılt, covering key historical sites including Sultanahmet Square, the Ragıp Paşa Library, and the Süleymaniye Complex.

During the visit, students had the opportunity to reinforce the theoretical knowledge gained in their coursework by directly examining historical structures on-site, thereby deepening their understanding of architectural heritage and restoration practices.

EXHIBITION



Architectural Restoration Program Year-End Exhibition Showcases Student Work

The Architectural Restoration Program held its year-end exhibition, “Transformation,” featuring student projects in glass mosaic, stone mosaic, gold leaf, and revitalization. Guided by

instructors Ceyhun Katılt, Dilek Tezcan, and Fatmanur Karahan, the exhibition highlighted students’ creative and technical accomplishments developed through hands-on studio work.

GUEST LECTURE



Industry Professionals Share Insights with Students

On June 12, the Tourism and Hotel Management Program hosted a guest lecture titled “2025 Vision for Accommodation and Travel Enterprises in Light of 2024 Data” in D Block Orange Hall.

The lecture featured two prominent industry experts: Dr. Yüksel Türemez, Chair of the Boğaziçi

Regional Representative Committee at TÜRSAB, and Dr. Tuna Demiray, General Manager of Vicenza Hotel. Both speakers—longtime collaborators with the program—provided valuable insights into current trends and future prospects in the tourism and hospitality sector, engaging directly with students.

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Research Article

A study of the metaverse, virtual reality technologies, and artificial intelligence from the perspective of professional tourist guides

Profesyonel turist rehberlerinin bakış açısından metaverse, sanal gerçeklik teknolojileri ve yapay zeka üzerine bir çalışma

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Abstract

The primary objective of this research is to investigate the perspectives of tourist guides, a vital component of the tourism sector, on these emerging technologies within the context of tourism activities. The study employs a qualitative research technique, where data were collected using semi-structured interview forms. Content analysis was conducted through face-to-face and telephone interviews with 18 tourist guides included in the study, utilizing the MAXQDA 24 qualitative data analysis program. Frequently repeated statements by participants in the interviews were quoted in the text. It was determined that professional tourist guides generally viewed these technologies positively and believed they primarily provided convenience in their profession. However, they stated that the spread of technological developments, such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, the metaverse, and virtual museums, may decrease the demand for traditional guiding services, leading to employment problems. Digitalization has a direct impact on the tourism sector, and the use of

Article Published by Head of Tourist Guiding Program, Gözde Özdemir Uçgun

Dr. Gözde Özdemir Uçgun, Head of the Tourist Guiding Program at Istanbul Aydın University, has continued her academic research and projects since 2021, focusing on Metaverse, Virtual Reality (VR), and Artificial Intelligence (AI) from a tourism perspective. Her latest paper, titled “A Study of the Metaverse, Virtual Reality Technologies, and Artificial Intelligence from the

Perspective of Professional Tourist Guides,” was published on June 25, 2025, in the journal BMIJ. In this study, Dr. Özdemir Uçgun employed content analysis using MAXQDA software to examine how cutting-edge technological advancements influence the tourist guiding profession, guide education, and tourists themselves, all through the lens of professional tourist guides.

Automotive Technology Program

FAIR



Participation at Automechanika Istanbul 2025

On June 13, 2025, students from the Automotive Technology Program of Istanbul Aydın University Anadolu Vocational School attended the “Automechanika Istanbul 2025” trade fair held at the TÜYAP Fair and Congress Center in Istanbul. As one of the world’s leading automotive trade fairs, Automechanika serves as an international platform that brings together manufacturers, distributors, service providers, and industry professionals across sectors such as spare parts, repair, accessories, electronics, maintenance, and service equipment. Participating students had

the opportunity to explore cutting-edge technologies firsthand, gain insights into innovations shaping the future of the automotive industry, and engage directly with key professionals in the field. Additionally, they attended various panels, seminars, and workshops organized during the event, enhancing their industry knowledge and facilitating valuable experience sharing. This engagement significantly contributed to the students’ professional development while offering an in-depth understanding of the dynamic nature of the automotive sector.

EVENT



“Find the Traces of the Past, Design the Garments of the Future”: Young Designers Take the Stage

In a captivating event held within the enchanting atmosphere of the historic Rami Library, students’ designs were showcased through an impressive fashion show choreographed by Ferhan Aral. The show featured participation from instructors Aycan Öktem, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Sabri Özen, Dr. Emine Eryazıcı, Esra Kaya, and Mehtap Veziroğlu. This event was an important milestone in preserving cultural heritage and transmitting it to younger generations through design education. The organization was part of the “Future Designers Scout” project, initiated in collaboration with Hüseyin Kazıkkaya, President of the Istanbul MOTAD Association. The project aims to discover children’s creative talents, introduce them to traditional motifs, and guide their first steps in fashion design. Ten experienced designer mentors actively contributed to the initiative. As a meaningful part of this project, Instru-

ctor Aycan Öktem, alongside five students—Zeynep Miray Doğan, Muaz Güney, Feruz AL Ahmet, Hatim Hammamie, and Leman Akgün—offered inspiration to future designers.



Under Öktem’s leadership, the students’ drawings were reinterpreted with inspiration drawn from the rich motifs of Anatolia. The resulting six unique designs brought not only aesthetic appeal but also conveyed a vision imbued with cultural awareness to the runway. This collaborative process, combining education, creation, and shared learning, fostered unforgettable emotional bonds between instructors and students. Guiding children at an early age, supporting

their potential, and involving them in creative processes are crucial for laying the foundations of their future designer identities. This special project both preserved cultural values and provided children with a platform to realize their dreams.

EVENT



20th Anniversary Alumni Gathering Kicks Off with the “Unfold Your Style” Exhibition

The event took place at Building E at 10:00 AM, bringing together professionals from the fashion industry, academics, alumni, and current students. The exhibition opening was honored by the presence of Istanbul Aydın University Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Zafer Aslan and Prof. Dr. Mustafa Çıkrıkçı, Assistant Director of ABMYO Dr. Güven Özdemir, Head of the Fashion Design Program Instructor Nihal Bolkol, TİHCAD Board President Ergin Aydın, TİHCAD Board Member Esra Akpınar, MHGF Board Member and DETGİS President Mukaddes Başkaya, and Feray Sarıkçı, Model Workshop Director at GURMEN GROUP. The event was also attended by faculty members, industry guests, and alumni.

The exhibition featured collections developed under the theme of this academic year’s graduation project: “City of the Sun, Heart of Fire: Adana.”

This theme shaped the core of all coursework throughout the semester, guiding every stage of the design process—from concept development to pattern-making, sewing, and printing. The resulting collections were presented to the audience, standing out for their creative vision and technical craftsmanship. Among the highlights were classic and contemporary men’s vests created in collaboration with RAMSEY, a prominent fashion brand. These designs exemplified the strong link between

industry and academia, drawing considerable attention from visitors. As part of the 20th Anniversary Alumni Gathering, the Fashion Design Program of Istanbul Aydın University’s Anadolu Vocational School commemorated two decades of creative achievement with a special event. Held on June 28, 2025, at the Halit Aydın Campus, the “20th Year Alumni Gathering and Chickpea Rice Day” brought together alumni, faculty, and industry professionals, creating a warm and meaningful atmosphere that celebrated the program’s longstanding contribution to design education.

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Special Message from Our University President

A highlight of the event was a specially prepared video message from Prof. Dr. Mustafa Aydın, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Istanbul Aydın University. Attendees responded with great interest and appreciation to his specifically tailored message for the 20th Anniversary program.

Fashion Design Department Pins and Badges

Commemorative pins and badges featuring the officially patented logo of the Fashion Design Department were distributed to graduates as keepsakes, marking the occasion with a meaningful gesture of recognition and belonging.

Inspiring Stories from Alumni in the industry

One of the most engaging segments of the event was the experience-sharing panel featuring alumni who have built successful careers in the fashion industry. Çiğdem Soygül, Suhde Karadurmuş Türkmen, and Şaban Taban shared heartfelt reflections on their career journeys, their professional experiences, and the impact of their education at Istanbul Aydın University. Current students and soon-to-be graduates met these powerful testimonials with

great inspiration and enthusiastic attention.

Academic staff reunites with alumni

Faculty members of the Fashion Design Program also participated in the event, reuniting with their former students after many years. Heartfelt conversations between instructors and graduates served as a powerful reminder that education transcends the classroom and is a lifelong connection.

Workshops and Activities to Foster Creativity

In collaboration with SINGER, a dedicated atelier area hosted a sewing workshop named "Printed Canvas Bag Workshop" as part of the event. This hands-on experience aimed to foster creativity and encourage skill-building among participants, adding an interactive and engaging dimension to the day's celebrations.

Participants enjoyed the joys of hands-on creation

Attendees experienced the joy of engaging in the creative process firsthand during the workshop. At the end of the day, a raffle sponsored by SINGER, VITAYES, and the IAU Alumni Association awarded participants with various gifts, adding an element of excitement and appreciation to the event.

"Chickpea Rice Day" Celebrated with a Taste of Tradition

The celebration concluded with the beloved "Chickpea Rice Day" in the A Garden area. This nostalgic offering, now a cherished part of the university's cultural fabric, brought alumni together over a traditional meal, allowing them to reminisce about their student years and enjoy heartfelt conversations to close the day on a warm, communal note.

PAPER



Instructor Serkan Gök Has Published A Study On 3D Food Printing Internationally

Instructor Serkan Gök, Head of the Machinery Program at Istanbul Aydın University, has published a research article titled “Design and Production of a 3D Food Printer for Customized Nutritional Solutions and Sustainability” in the international peer-reviewed Degres Journal. The study introduces a 3D food printer prototype designed to meet the dietary needs of vulnerable groups such as the elderly, children, and individuals with swallowing difficulties. Emphasizing sustainability, the project seeks to reduce food waste and improve material efficiency.

Built with aluminum sigma profiles and FDM printing, the device successfully prints various food textures—like chocolate, pancake batter, and vegetable purée—using a custom extruder. The research offers a scalable model for future innovations in personalized nutrition and sustainable food technologies.

RESEARCH PROJECT



Project Involving Instructor Serkan Kılıçtek Receives Major Grant from ARDEP

A research project co-investigated by Instructor Serkan Kılıçtek, focusing on nanoparticle synthesis via the Sol-Gel method for energy storage and radiation shielding, has received a 1,997,580 TRY grant from ARDEP. Conducted in collaboration with Yıldız Technical University, the project aims to develop advanced nanomaterials with dual functionality. The funding underscores both the project’s scientific value and the strategic importance of material innovation in global energy and safety fields.