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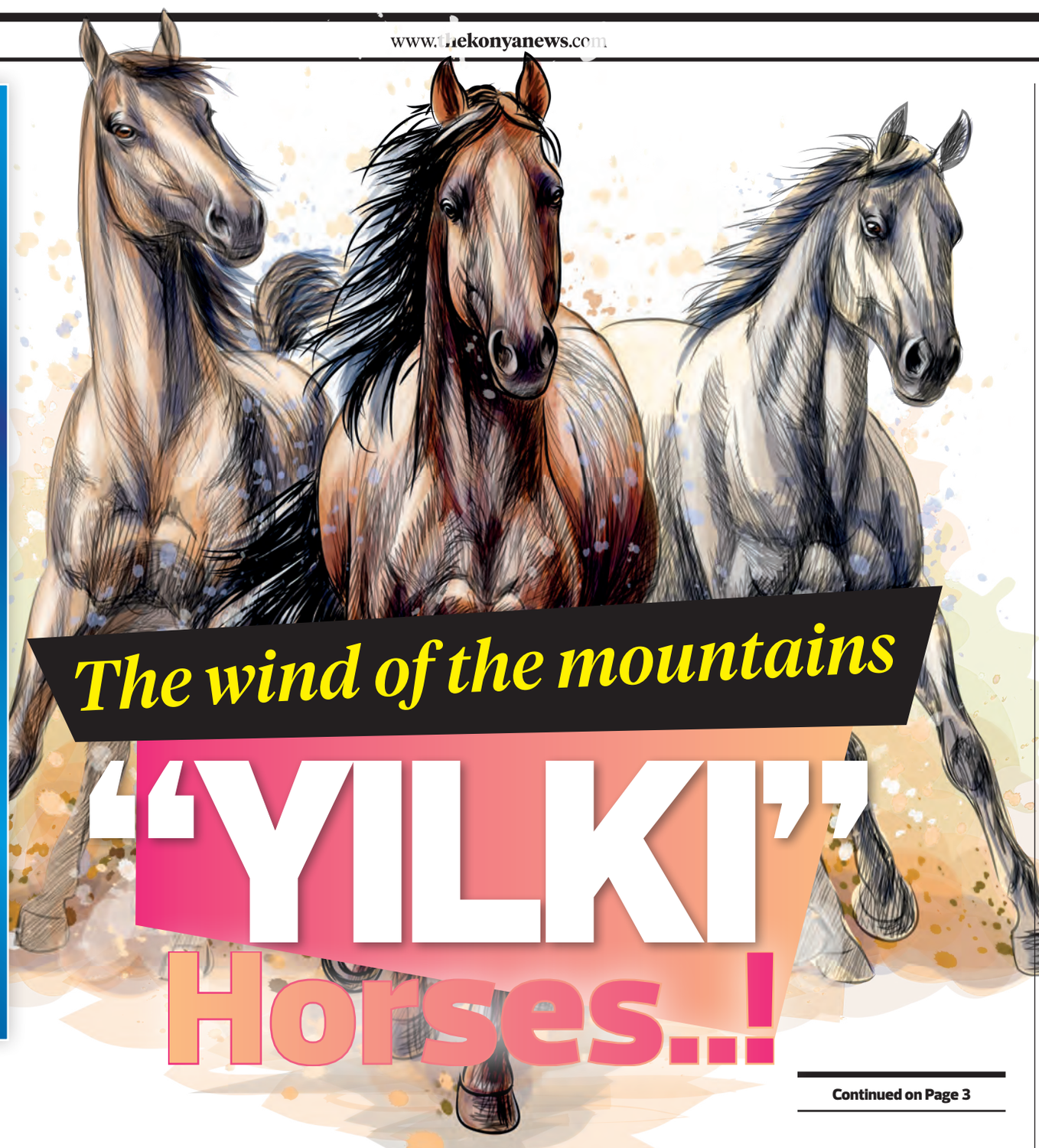
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Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Altay has taken over the presidency of the 'World Union of Municipalities'. Altay stated that "We will work for the development of World Municipalities". Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay, who is the co-chairman of the United Cities and Local Governments World Organization, has taken over the term presidency of the union at the Board of Directors Meeting in Spain. Mayor Altay said that "We wish good luck for our city and country. From now on, we will spend all our work on the development of municipalities in the world and making efforts to convey the problems of cities to the world public opinion."



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Dr. Â Clinic *is ready for service*

The first clinic for women's sexual health and aesthetics has been opened by Op. Dr. Âzer Aras Uluğ. Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialist Op. Dr. Âzer Aras Uluğ has opened Â Clinic, where surgical applications, diagnosis and treatments for women's sexual health and aesthetics are performed in S Plaza.

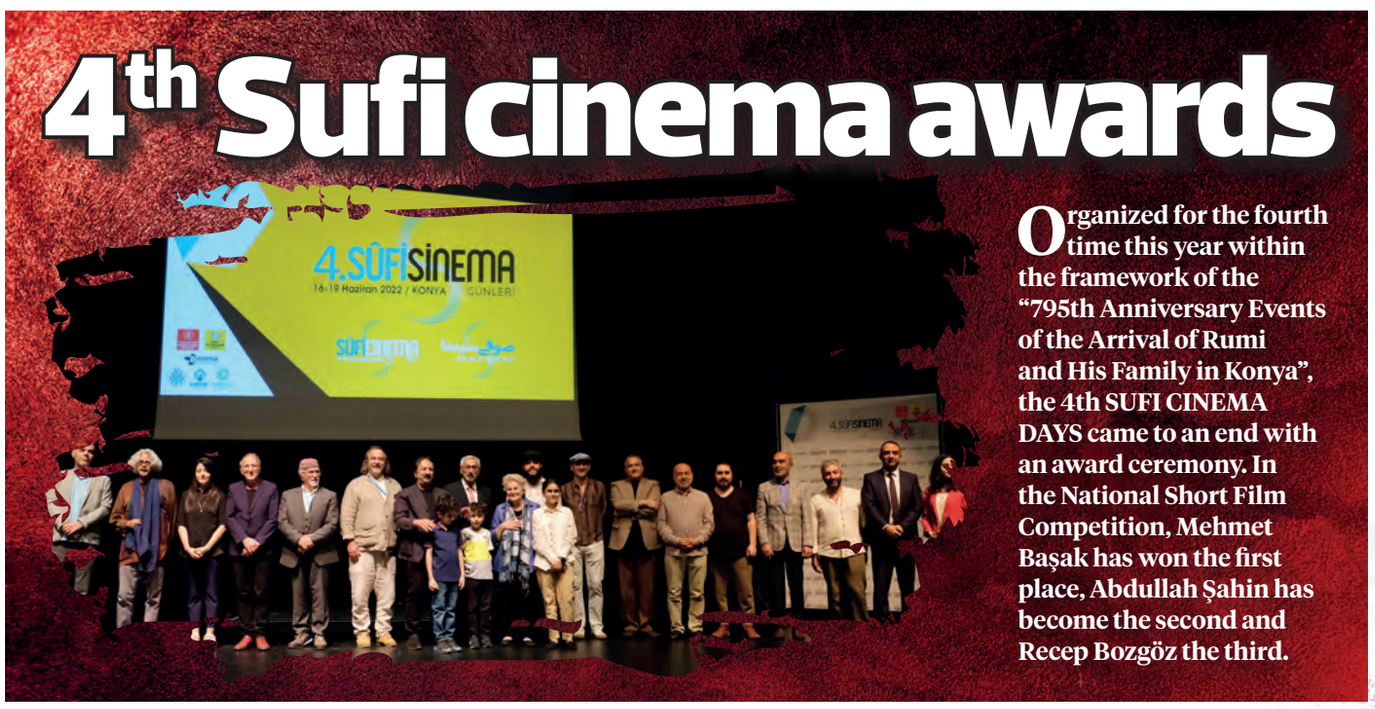
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Konya's first and only female butcher: ***Only 25 years old***

Elif Can, 25, is known as Konya's first and only female butcher. Butcher Elif Can is waiting for her customers in the shop she has opened next to the open bazaar in Yazır. Can said that, "My goal is to raise awareness. I will train women masters."



4th Sufi cinema awards



Organized for the fourth time this year within the framework of the "795th Anniversary Events of the Arrival of Rumi and His Family in Konya", the 4th SUFI CINEMA DAYS came to an end with an award ceremony. In the National Short Film Competition, Mehmet Başak has won the first place, Abdullah Şahin has become the second and Recep Bozgöz the third.



The first swallowable gastric balloon application clinic

Op. Dr. Şenay Uysal Sürücü has opened a new surgery clinic in Melikşah Neighborhood. She said that "our clinic is the first in Konya in terms of some clinical services. We are the only clinic that opened the endoscopy and colonoscopy units for our female and male patients in Konya.

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ASLINE Clinic was opened with a ceremony



The first and only functional medicine clinic of Konya, ASLINE, is ready to serve in Melikşah Neighbourhoo, Ak Konak Road, No 4 Meram / Konya., Aslı Özatan spoke at the opening and thanked all the participants.

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Facts about Konya

Konya is Turkey's largest city in terms of area and the seventh most populous city. According to the 2022 estimation data of Konya, which consists of 31 districts, totally 2,294,727 people live in the city. The traffic plate number is 42. Konya Municipality, which was established in 1875, gained the status of "metropolitan city" in accordance with the law no. 3399 enacted in 1987, and since 1989, municipal services have been carried out according to this status. In 2014, with the law numbered 6360, the boundaries of the metropolitan municipality became the provincial administrative boundaries.

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Konya, which is one of the economically developed cities of Turkey, is also important with its natural and historical riches. Çatalhöyük, one of the oldest settlements in the world, was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2012. The city was the capital of the Anatolian Seljuks and Karamanoğulları.

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The city is one of the most important industrial cities of Turkey. It is one of the Anatolian Tigers. The city's football team is Konyaspor. Its local dishes are Etliekmek, Okra Soup, Çarşı Pastry, Fırın Kebab. The Mevlana Museum (Kubbe-i Hadrâ) and the double-headed eagle are among the symbols of Konya.

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It is claimed that the name of the city of Konya, which gave its name, is connected to the word "Ikon", which means Sacred Image. There are different rumors about this subject in mythology. As it is told in one of these stories, a monument is built as an expression of gratitude to the person who killed the dragon that haunts the city, and a picture describing the event is painted on it. The name given to this monument is Ikonion. The name Ikonion turns into Iconium over time.

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It takes new names such as Claudiconium, Colonia Selie, Augusta Iconium, which changed with the names of the Emperors during the Roman period. Other names given to the city and region referred to as Tokonion in Byzantine sources are as follows: Ycconium, Conium, Stancona, Conia, Cogne, Cogna, Konien, Konia...

Konya has been the cradle of civilizations in every century, and with the values it has produced, it has guided humanity like a lighthouse in times of crisis, and hard times with its common sense...



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Konya Metropolitan Municipality

Hosted UCLG–MEWA General Assembly

The general assembly of UCLG-MEWA, one of the regional organizations of UCLG, co-chaired by Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay, was hosted by Konya Metropolitan Municipality. Mayor Altay congratulated El Halil Mayor Tayseer Abu Sneineh, who was elected as the UCLG-MEWA President at the general assembly.

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Wishing the program, which took place with broad participation, to be beneficial, Mayor Altay wished success to the newly appointed union management.

Sille is safer with land improvement



Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı stated that “Selçuklu Municipality has carried out important works in Sille so far. We are now working on rock improvement for Sille. We are on the slopes above Dam Street. We have a serious rocky area here, and this area has been designated as a disaster-prone area for many years. We were faced with the risk of a rockfall caused by the rocks here in the area on Dam Street, just above Sille. It was not only on the Dam Street, but also in the area where the houses are located just below the Dam Street, as well as in the area exposed to the disaster. AFAD and other institutions also have work to be done here, but unfortunately, in the previous years, the decision was made to be ineffective in general life. In line with this decision, no study has been carried out in this region in any way. Only the border was determined and as a result of the border determination, it was determined that the area including the Dam Street was an area exposed to disaster and it was left as it is. Sille is our apple of the eye. It is an area with 5000-year-old history. In such a region, there should not be such a risky area or a disaster-prone area. We are doing important work here, and it is an area where there is a very intense human circulation. Dam Street is heavily used. This area is a road route used both to enter Sille and to pass to Sille Dam and Tatköy. Therefore, this place had to be removed from the area exposed to the disaster.”

When the works are completed, both Dam Street and the upper part of Sille will be removed from the disaster area.





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The Geyik Mountains are mountain ranges in the north-east of Antalya, starting from the northernmost point of the Dedegöl Mountains and extending to the Taşeli Plateau, at the point where the Western Taurus connects with the Central Taurus. It is possible to see snow on the north-facing hill slopes of these mountain ranges, even in summer.

Yılkı Horses, which live in the Göktepe Highlands at an altitude of 2,300 in the Alanya district of Antalya, are the focus of attention of nature lovers. Horses grazing on the plateau on the Geyik Mountains and drinking water from the ponds formed by the snow waters are walking together. Yılkı Horses attracts the attention of photographers and nature lovers visiting the region.



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Record Profit from Konya Paper with Doubled Turnover



Konya Kağıt Sanayi ve Ticaret AŞ, a subsidiary of Bera Holding, shared its annual report for the accounting period of January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021 with the public. According to the statement made by the company, the turnover of Konya Kağıt, which was announced in the independent audit report, increased to 811 million TL in 2021. Thus, the company nearly doubled its turnover of 408 million TL in 2020. Konya Kağıt targets a growth of over 50 percent in turnover for 2022 as well. The company's profit for the period was 403 million TL and its EBITDA profit was 28 percent.

International Participation Economic Research and Financial Markets Congress

Nişantaşı University Rector Prof. Dr. Şenay Yalçın, Konya Food and Agriculture University Rector Prof. Dr. Cumhur Çökmüş, academicians and students attended The International Participation Economic Research and Financial Markets Congress (IERFM), held in a hotel in Konya.

Nişantaşı University Rector Prof. Dr. Şenay Yalçın, in his opening speech, said that "The fact that the economy of a country, which is one of the elements of national power, has international competitiveness on the basis of sustainability and efficiency is of vital importance for the welfare of the citizens of that country and the political independence of the country. As a result of the international sanctions applied to Russia and the restrictions on financial transactions during the war that started and continued between our two neighbors, we were introduced to alternative payment methods that include crypto technologies and block chain technologies. While online commerce rapidly replaced traditional sales methods during the coronavirus period, the effective use of big data made it easier for us to make fast and accurate decisions under pandemic conditions.



Technology Campus in Konya ensures the cyber security of the industry

In the centre established in Konya Chamber of Commerce Technology and Education Campus, solutions are developed against possible cyber attacks against industrial establishments.

Konya Chamber of Commerce Chairman Selçuk Öztürk said that "Many cyber attacks took place in one day around the world. In recent years, there has been a rapid digitalization all over the world. Cyber security vulnerabilities are therefore at hand. Cyber security must be provided, otherwise both financial and personal well-being of the world are at great risk. Before the pandemic, we initiated a major transformation to adapt to the new digital world in The Chamber of Commerce, university, education and technology campus. The pandemic has accelerated the process of increasing digitalization even more. We have made rapid development as we had infrastructure preparations in advance."

Penetration tests for each member

Öztürk stated that "The importance of cyber security is levelled with the military requirements and food and energy needs. We are in a world where thousands of instantaneous cyber attacks can occur. Everyone now stores all their information in digital media. All the works are now done on digital platforms. We have 25.000 members. We established a cyber security centre to meet the cyber security needs of both our institutions and our members. We conduct penetration tests for each of our members. We identify and report your vulnerabilities as well as risk of exposure to cyber security incidents and then provide a solution for your security gap. In addition, we train cyber security experts for our city and country on our campus. The training process of our first specialist candidates has started."



Ahmet Bilgiç

On Konya and Tourism

Konya has an important place in world history by being the cradle of many different civilizations from different cultures. Home to one of the oldest settlements in the world, Konya also hosts important belief centers for Christianity. Konya, which is one of the important centers in faith tourism, also has an important potential in cultural tourism.

Important historical values such as Sille (Siyata), Hagia Elena Church, Kilistra Ancient City, Eflatunpınar Hittite Monument, Çatalhöyük, Karahöyük, İvriz Rock Reliefs, Bolat, Necropolis and Bouleterion show the potential of Konya in terms of cultural tourism.

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Konya's traditional handicrafts and folkloric values also represent an important dimension for cultural tourism. Handicrafts such as felt-making, carpet-making, spoon-making, rifle-making, jug-making, tile-making and calligraphy in Konya attract the attention of foreign tourists. In addition, semah, folklore and sufi music constitute the main folkloric values of Konya.

Konya has hosted a wide variety of civilizations and it bears the traces of a history that goes back to 7000 BC. It has a rich historical heritage with its ruins, historical and natural sites, caves and examples of civil architecture.

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Konya, which was the capital of the Seljuk State, it is an important tourism destination due to world-renowned personalities such as Rumi and Nasreddin Hodja.

In our province, there are 135 hotels, 8 of which are 5-star, with a bed capacity of more than 14.000. In addition, there are 172 tourism travel agencies with Tourism Operation Certificate. There is a a total of 12 museums, 7 in the center of Konya (Mevlâna, Karatay Tile Artifacts, İnceminare, Sırçalı Madrasa, Atatürk, Ethnography and Archeology Museums), 5 in the towns (Çatalhöyük Archaeological Museum, Ereğli Museum, Akşehir Western Front Headquarters Museum, Akşehir Ethnography and Akşehir Archeology Museum). Mevlana Museum was the second most visited museum in Turkey with more than 3.6 million visitors in 2019 before Covid-19.

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Çatalhöyük Neolithic City, located within the borders of our city, is on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List. In addition, 5 centers within the borders of Konya province (Eşrefoğlu Mosque, Konya-Seljuk Capital, Anatolian Seljuk Madrasahs, Eflatunpınar: Hittite Water Monument and Salt Lake Special Environmental Protection Area) are on the World Cultural Heritage Tentative List. In our city, there are the Regional Manuscripts Library and Yusufağa Manuscripts Library as the library of manuscripts where our national culture is preserved. There are a total of 91.621 books in these libraries, of which 18.118 are manuscripts and 73.503 printed books.

Beyşehir Lake, which is the largest freshwater lake in Turkey, is also among the leading centers of Turkey in terms of nature and hunting tourism. Beyşehir Lake with its more than 30 islands and the surroundings, are expected to be one of the important centers of nature tourism in the future with investments and effective promotion.

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The districts of the region in the Taurus Mountains and their plateaus are ideal places for nature, mountain walks and mountain sports. In addition, there are hunting tourism potentials in mountainous and forested regions. In the region, which has an important potential in terms of cave tourism, Balatini Cave, Körükini Cave, Suluin Cave, Sakaltutan Cave, Susuz Cave, Tınaztepe Cave, Pınarbaşı Cave, İncesu Cave welcomes its visitors. There are important areas suitable for bird watching within the scope of nature tourism in the region. The part of Tuz Gölü within the region has the largest flamingo colonies in the world. In addition, in terms of fauna in the region, wild sheep in Bozdağ Mountain in Konya and Yılkı horses in Karadağ in Karaman are under protection, and these regions can be brought into more effective tourism with the observation towers to be built.

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Located on an important geothermal belt, Turkey is among the top seven countries in the world in terms of resource richness and potential. There are over 1,000 spring waters with temperatures ranging from 20 to 100 degrees Celsius. More than 200 thermal centers have been created from these springs. Two of these centers are located in Ilgın and Karatay districts of Konya and stand out in alternative tourism.

Konya is an ancient city that has been the cradle of civilizations where underground and above-ground beauties can be watched generously...

TÜMOSAN focuses on 100% domestic and national technology

TÜMOSAN General Manager Halim Tosun said that "We will continue to support our country's national development move with our 100 percent domestic and national tractors and our future works".



According to the statement made by TÜMOSAN, TÜMOSAN, which stands by the farmers in the agricultural sector by producing tractors with the integration of domestic engine and transmission, increased its market share compared to the first three months of 2021, despite the shrinkage in the total market, when the data for the first quarter of 2022 are examined.

Taking advantage of the power of the domestic engines it produces, TÜMOSAN continues on its way as a supporter of domestic and national agriculture, the importance of which has been underlined once again, especially with the pandemic. We proudly announce our names not only in Turkey but also in the world. Currently, we are receiving heavy demand from the Balkan countries, the Middle East and Africa with our 32 overseas sales points. While our market in the Middle East and Africa grows, we aim to increase our sales volume in other continents as well. With the increase in our overseas marketing activities in the near future, we will make a name for ourselves with our engines and tractors, whose power will be felt by the world's farmers."



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Rumi's Vast Universe Meets with Digital Art

Refik Anadol's new project "Rumi Dreams", which attracts attention all over the world with his artificial intelligence-based art works, was introduced at Istanbul Atatürk Cultural Center under the direction of Konya Metropolitan Municipality.

Mehmet Nuri Ersoy, Minister of Culture and Tourism, who participated in the digital exhibition within the scope of Beyoğlu Cultural Road Festival, said, "When we say Mevlana, we think of Konya. Konya uses the new communication model of our age very well. Our goal is to make Konya a world brand." Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality Uğur İbrahim Altay said, "A work that will affect everyone who comes here has emerged. It will create an opportunity for them, especially the young people, to meet Rumi. We invite everyone who loves Rumi, adopts his philosophy, and is fond of him, to the Rumi Dreams exhibition at AKM." Artist Refik Anadol said that "It has become a work that we are all proud of, trying to bring together the past, present and future, and revealing the feelings of digital art that have not been felt before."

RUMI ARCHIVES TURN INTO A VISUAL FEAST

"Rumi Dreams", inspired by the life and universe of Rumi, transforms the unique Rumi archives, brought to life by artificial intelligence, into a visual feast based on light and movement. The project was prepared by bringing together the Mesnevi texts in 26 different languages, compiled under the direction of Konya Metropolitan Municipality, and a data set consisting of millions of dervish lodges, archive documents and manuscripts, with a machine learning algorithm. Data-based interpretations of artificial intelligence present Rumi's unique life journey and his famous verses to art lovers in a six and a half minute visual experience.









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Organic strawberries are sent from Hüyük to many countries of the world on a weekly basis. Hüyük strawberry has started to appear in the greengrocer aisles of local and national markets in the country. In the first place, efforts are being made to deliver strawberries to countries such as Singapore and Malaysia. It wishes to make the expression of 'Made in Turkey' more heard abroad by supporting the local farmers more and making them better places. The strawberry harvest in Hüyük district has reached the level of 15 thousand tons this year, 6 thousand tons of this is sent to the domestic and foreign markets as industry and the rest for table use. There is a high demand for organic strawberries due to its high aroma.



Mysterious Gates of the Lodge

Mevlana Lodge, visited by hundreds of thousands of local and foreign tourists every year, has four gates. "Dervişan" gate, which you can pass from the side of Selimiye Mosque, "Hamusan" gate, which openes to Üçler Cemetery, "Çelebiyan" and "Küstahan" gates where tourists can go in to today.





Çelebiyan Gate

In its traditional functioning, the tomb has 4 doors. Çelebiyan is one of them. In the past, the section outside this door and the forward area were opened to a neighborhood where the houses of the people belonging to the Çelebi family and those who served in the lodge were located, so the entrance to the lodge was made through this door. For this reason, this door is called Çelebiyan Gate. At the top of the door, a monogram of Mahmud II is seen. Previously, these were removed and put into storage.

Küstahan Gate

Küstahan Gate is one of the 4 gates of the museum. It is known that this gate was re-discovered during the excavation and restoration work carried out in the 1990s. In the Mevlevi sect, those who want to enter this path and who take the ordeal are served for a thousand and one days. When there are irregular behaviors or issues that cannot be corrected despite some warnings during their services, these people are made to go away through the Küstahan Gate at dusk. So, this gate is called Küstahan Gate. Among the people, this gate was called the "Küstahlar" (insolent) Gate over time.

Dervişan Gate

Those who want to enter the Mevlevi order come through this door and submit their demands. This door is the main entrance of the lodge. There is the monogram of Sultan Mahmud II on the gate. There is an building inscription on which is stating that it was built by Murat III.

Gate of Silents (Hamûşan)

Those who entered the Dervisan Gate and were subjected to an ordeal for a thousand and one days, who were given the title of "Dede" (grandfather) and were assigned a cell, and who died after continuing their service here throughout their life, were sent off to their last journey through this gate. Their bodies are washed in the area in Matbah-ı Şerif and they are sent off to eternity in the Üçler Cemetery across from this door. That's why this door is called 'Gate of Silents'. Hamuş means silent and Hamuşan means 'silents' in Persian. In the Mevlevi tradition, the word is not used. The place where the deceased are buried is called Hamuşan.



Traveling female beekeepers come to Konya to produce the best honey



The Çepel and Çakar families, the traveling beekeepers, loaded their hives on the vehicles after their preparations and set out for Konya.

Traveling beekeeping women in Muğla try to produce the best honey by traveling with their spouses in different cities. In Muğla, where approximately 80 percent of Turkey's pine honey production is met, migratory beekeeping also has an important place. In addition to pine honey, there are many women among the traveling beekeepers who go to the highlands of Central and Eastern Anatolia and Thrace Region in the spring to obtain honey of different types and flavors. Women beekeepers traveling from province to province with their spouses transport their hives to regions with plant richness at high altitudes for the best flower honey and pollen production. Beekeepers, who stay away from their homes and sometimes their children in order to obtain quality honey, continue their lives in huts or tents they set up near the hives. The Çepel and Çakar families, the traveling beekeepers, after their preparations, loaded their hives on the vehicles and set out for Konya.

Mayor Altay Re-elected as the Chairman of the

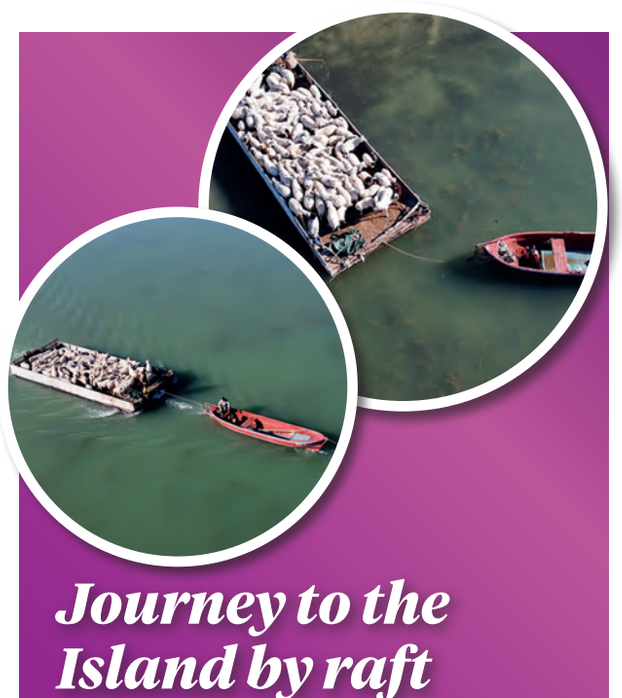
"International Union of Agricultural Cities"

The General Assembly Meeting of the International Union of Agriculture Cities (AGRICITIES), which is headquartered in Konya and has 201 member municipalities from 14 countries, including Turkey, was held.

On the board of General Assembly chaired by Zeynel Abidin Beyazgül, Mayor of Şanlıurfa Metropolitan Municipality, International Union of Agricultural Cities and Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality Uğur İbrahim Altay, was re-elected unanimously in the election, which was held with a single list.

Mayor Altay thanked to the members due to their confidence. He also stated that "Our Union is dealing with food security, agricultural production and rural development which are the most important problems of the world right now. We will do much better works on these topics."





Journey to the Island by raft

In order to reduce the cost of feed in Beyşehir district of Konya, the breeders take their sheep herds with floating pontoons to Çeçen Island in Beyşehir Lake in spring. There are 33 large and small islands in Lake Beyşehir, which is Turkey's largest freshwater lake. There are also agricultural and animal husbandry activities on some of these islands.

Sheep taken to Chechen Island, across the rural Gölkaşı Neighborhood, on the shore of the lake, spread out here in the spring, thereby saving the producer from the cost of feed.

Animals are fed in their natural environment

Mehmet Erdoğan, who is a livestock breeder in Çiftlik District, which is about 3 kilometers from Gölkaşı District, explained that Çiftlik District has 70 households and has a population of 195, and they do agriculture and animal husbandry on the Çeçen Island, which they have rented with his twin brother.



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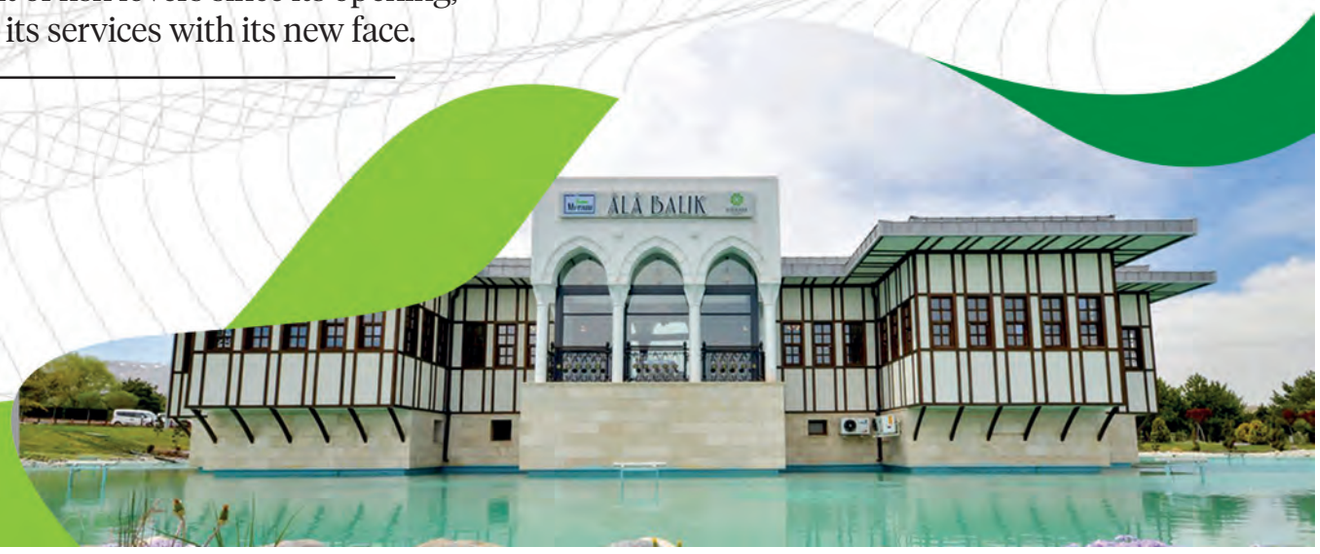


The new ÂLÂ BALIK

The renovation works started in the Âlâ Fish Restaurant, which has become one of the most popular places in Konya with its clean air and unique view, in a green environment, in the Meram Dutlu Millet Garden, has been completed. The restaurant, which has been the meeting point of fish lovers since its opening, continues its services with its new face.

The renovation started for the change and transformation of Alâ Fish Restaurant, which was opened in Meram Dutlu Millet Bahçesi, one of the affiliates of Meram Municipality, has come to an end.

Alâ Fish Restaurant, located in Meram Dutlu Millet Garden, one of the attraction centers of Konya with its clean air and unique view in a green environment, quickly won the appreciation of the citizens with its rich menu, presentations and quality service. The renovation started by the Municipality of Meram in order for the restaurant to offer unforgettable tastes and flavors to its guests, as well as to make unique presentations in service, has come to an end. Serving on an area of approximately 1,500 square meters, the favorite place has started to welcome its guests again with its renewed face.



What to Eat in KONYA



It is too ambitious to call Konya the master of every dish, but it is definitely the champion of some flavors. We can not imagine to return from Konya without eating "etliekmek" or a lamb tandoori. Here is the list of what to eat in Konya for you.

Etliekmek, (Bread with Meat)

It is"a kind of pita made with meat on it in Konya". The ground meat mixture spread on the dough, which is rolled out in the form of a thin and long strip, is placed in the oven. It is served to the table on long, table-length boards for an amazing look. On the other hand, there are some diferent kinds such as, "bıçakarası" which is made with the meat cut into larger pieces with rows and "Konya böreği" which is made with meat and cheese. Etliekmek is very good for breakfast when left for the next day, like a pastry.

"Yağ Somunu" (The Butter Loaf)

A combination of Konya moldy cheese, cheddar cheese and butter with pita. It's kind of implicit, like Calzone. We think it's a great taste. If you like pizza with lots of cheese, you'll love the butter loaf.

Sacarası

For the "sacarası", we can say that the sleeve pastry is filled with syrup and pistachio. It is a very famous dessert in Konya. It is a must-have after Etliekmek or oven kebab.



Tirit Kebab

It is like Iskender Kebab, the meat or meatballs are served on the pita with yoghurt, tomatoes, peppers and onions and drizzle butter on it.

Okra Soup

A sweet and sour soup made with dried okra flowers and diced meat. You should taste a little before the main course. Since it is as common as lentil soup in Konya, it is available in almost every restaurant.



Green moldy cheese

Konya moldy cheese is a kind of cheese which is very similar to the French roquefort cheese. Its color is greenish, it looks like a very aromatic, dispersible Tulum cheese. It fits especially well with the butter loaf. In addition, some places that make Etliekmek also make "Konya böreği" with this green moldy cheese. If you have the chance, you should taste it.



Konya candy

It is a kind of hard candy produced from sugar, water and lemon salt in copper cauldrons with a temperature of 140 degrees. It has a different taste, it's worth a try, but it's too sweet. It can be served as a treat with tea in places such as cafes.

Foreign travelers on the Sufi Way from Istanbul to Konya

14 travelers from the Netherlands, Indonesia and Malaysia camped in Yalova, which is located on the 801-kilometer route between Istanbul and Konya within the scope of the project started in 2014.



14 foreign travelers coming to Turkey will travel the 801-kilometer "Sufi Way", which they started from Eyüp Sultan Tomb in Istanbul, in 40 days and reach Rumi's Tomb in Konya.

The "Sufi Way Project", was started by Sedat Çakır and the Dutch Iris Bezuijen in 2014, aims to revitalize the places belonging to Sufis, poets, scholars who lived in the past in Turkey, and to raise awareness in culture and faith tourism.

14 foreign guests, who started their tour from Eyüp Sultan Tomb, visited historical and touristic places in Yalova, where they came by sea bus. Travelers who spend the night at the camp in Kurtköy, a town in the center of Yalova, will go to Güneyköy, which is 16 kilometers away, accompanied by guides.

After staying in Güneyköy, foreign guests aim to reach Konya by walking or cycling the route of Bursa, Bilecik, Eskişehir, Afyonkarahisar.

After visiting Mutlu Baba tombs in Yalova Gökçedere and Şeyh Şerafettin tombs in Güneyköy, Bursa's Orhangazi district, Hagia Sophia Mosque in İznik district, Şeyh Edebali Tomb in Bilecik, Ertuğrul Gazi Tomb in Söğüt district, they will go the historical sites of Eskişehir and Afyonkarahisar and then will reach Konya and complete the 40-day journey.

"The sinkholes can be brought into tourism"

The sinkholes, mostly located in the Karapınar district of Konya, have become the focus of attention with their shapes over time.



The sinkholes, viewed from the air with a drone, are sometimes formed in a settlement and sometimes in the fields. There are about 350 in different sizes in the Konya Plain.

Çıralı Pothole, located in the northwest of Karapınar district, stands out with its 17,500 square meter surface area. The sinkhole, which is 35 kilometers away from the town center, also contains traces of life before Christ. In the examinations made, it is observed that there are also man-made caves inside the sinkhole.

Prof. Dr. Tahir Nalbantçılar, Konya Technical University, Department of Geological Engineering Lecturer, said that "although they are referred to as "feared natural disasters", sinkholes can come to the fore with their natural beauties over time. The sinkholes can be opened to tourism if necessary precautions are taken. In fact, the sinkholes in Konya are among the few geological structures in the world. There is a phenomenon called 'geotourism' in the world. Although it is not very developed in Turkey, it is possible to visit the geological environments for tourism purposes. If precautions are taken, these places can be brought to tourism with observation terraces. There are examples around the world. Mountaineering, climbing, and even canoeing in sinkholes with water are also available."

Seven 5-star hotels in Konya

With the opening of the Grand Millennium Hotel, the number of 5-star hotels in Konya increased to seven. The names of other 5-star hotels in Konya are as follows: Dedeman Konya, Grand Konya, Anemon, Novotel, Ramada Plaza, Bayır Diamond Hotel

The hotel has an area of 75.000 m². There are 318 rooms, 15 VIP meeting rooms, a 1,736 m² ballroom with a total capacity of 1,100 people, a 5.000 m² SPA area (separated for men and women), 8 VIP private rooms, an à la carte restaurant on the 13th floor, a patisserie in the lobby and an Italian restaurant. While the standard room of many hotels is between 14 m² and 24 m², the smallest room of the hotel is 35 m².



Beyond the scene

Nowadays, the Millennium brand is a very fast growing brand. There are 53 Millennium Hotels worldwide now. Two of them are in Turkey, one is the Millennium Hotel Golden Horn in Istanbul and the other is the Grand Millennium Hotel Konya.

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Ahmet Pekyatırmacı, Selçuklu Municipality Mayor, stated that “they have made significant investments in the last 3 years. Pekyatırmacı underlined that they have completed 36 works in the district in 36 months.

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36 MONTHS WORKS



Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı listed the services and investments made by the Selçuklu Municipality for 3 years. Mayor Pekyatırmacı explained in detail the investments that add value to Konya and Selçuklu with the theme of “36 months 36 works”. Pekyatırmacı mentioned the investments made in Selçuklu between the years 2019-2022 with the public at the 3-Year Evaluation Meeting with the theme “We are Selçuklu together”. He stated that “they undertook the task of serving for a period of five years with the great support and contributions of the citizens living in Selçuklu with 67.51 percent of the votes in the local elections held in 2019. Since the day we took over the task, we have worked day and night, tirelessly, without making excuses, and we continue to do so, with the principle of municipalism of the hearts. Our goal is to determine the needs and expectations of each of our 682.514 citizens living in Selçuklu in the most accurate way and to deliver the best service to them as soon as possible. At this point, as a municipality, we have never set a limit for ourselves, we never do. With the understanding of “Service to the public is service to God”, in addition to basic municipal services, we work in every field such as education, health, sports, art, security and the protection of historical cults’ immovable assets, and we cooperate with our institutions. After the 2019 local elections, before the end of a year, the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic started in our country, the same as in the rest of the world. Since March 2020, we, as local governments, have made an effort to fight effectively with the epidemic, which we have felt intensely in every field. During the pandemic that lasted for almost two years, we mobilized all our teams and opportunities in the fields of health, safety, social assistance and education. Our main goal was for our fellow citizens to come out of this process with the least damage and to be least affected in their daily lives. At this point, we have minimized the negativities in cooperation with the coordination of our Governorship and District Governorate and the diligent work of all our institutions.

He stated that “Inspired by the ancient Seljuk civilization, from which we got our name, we are reconstructing the city on the one hand and producing projects in the fields of education, culture and art for the revival of our generation, on the other. We believe that development and being a global power starts from the local. In this sense, while we respond to the local and common needs of our city and our district, we also prepare our people and especially our youth for the future. We believe that our young population is the biggest power in our country’s achievement of 2023, 2053 and 2071 goals, and we invest in our youth in line with these goals.”













Becomes the 13th

Pekyatırmacı uttered that “Selçuklu is the 13th largest district in Turkey with a population of 682.514 people. According to the socio-economic development ranking research of the districts published by the Ministry of Industry and Technology, our district, which was in the 32nd rank in 2019, surpassed many large districts in 2022 and rose to the 21st rank. We hope taht Selçuklu’s star is shining and will continue to shine with its industrial facilities, trade centers, universities, hospitals, social facilities, schools and most importantly its elegant people. While we were serving with our 2,175 employees three years ago, today, the number of our employees has reached 2,610 thanks to the reinforcements we made to our police force, administrative offices and external teams. Our budget, which was 545 million in 2019, is 1 billion 160 million this year. We increased the number of our directorates to 33 by establishing our directorates of Urban History and Publicity, Public Relations, Rural Services, Zero Waste and Social Support Services. With a total investment of 134 million TL, we have strengthened our machinery park by purchasing 19 construction machines, 80 trucks, tow trucks and pickup trucks and 50 park and garden equipment. We are currently serving with 400 machines and 85 construction machines.

Historical Transformation in Mevlana Region

Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay stated that "The constructions of Mevlana Bazaar and Gold Bazaar, which are among the most important transformation projects in Konya's history, are about to be completed. "Mevlana region is the most precious region of Konya. When the project finishes, both trade and historical texture will emerge in the region."



The transformation works in Mevlana Bazaar and Gold Bazaar, carried out by the Metropolitan Municipality in accordance with the historical texture, are about to be completed. Altay said that ", We are happy to implement a project in horizontal architecture and in accordance with the historical texture by demolishing the Mevlana Bazaar and the Golden Bazaar in order to completely eliminate the inappropriate image around the Mevlana Tomb. With the support of our Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, when the work, which is one of the most important transformation projects in Konya's history, is completed, both trade and historical texture will emerge in the region.

We do our best for this purpose. 92 percent of the works were completed in the Mevlana Bazaar and 86 percent in the Gold Bazaar. So, thank God, both of our bazaars are almost finished. . We are working hard to complete both stages as soon as possible. I hope to give the good news of the opening to our tradesmen and our citizens as soon as possible."

Altay: "TRT Film Plateau is One of the Important Attractions of Konya"

Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality Uğur İbrahim Altay visited TRT International Konya Film Plateau, built by Konya Metropolitan Municipality, Meram Municipality and Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT) in Meram Karahüyük District.





Altay stated that "the film plateaus is one of the important attraction areas of Konya. The 13th century of our Konya was rebuilt here. Here right now a 30-episode TV series about Mevlana is being shot. An important center with Seljuk Palace, Rumi's house, madrasah, İplikçi Mosque and city walls have been formed where you will travel to 13th century Konya. We also want to use the plateau for tourism purposes. With the cooperation of Konya Metropolitan Municipality, Meram Municipality and TRT, a plateau has been formed where people who come here can see 13th century Konya."

Students are safe on Bicycle Paths

Konya Metropolitan Municipality has implemented the "Safe School Roads Project" for the first time in order to enable children to go to school safely by cycling on bicycle paths in Konya.



Standing out with its exemplary practices in Konya, the city with the longest bicycle path network in Turkey with 550 kilometers, Konya Metropolitan Municipality launched the "Safe School Roads Project" in order to make the children's way to school by bicycle safer and to raise awareness about bicycles.

Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality Uğur İbrahim Altay, accompanied the students going to school by bicycle. He stated that, "Our most important priority is to ensure safe transportation of our children to school. In the Safe School Roads Project, which we have implemented with the Konya Model Municipality understanding, the police and municipal police who will serve as bicycle service will ensure that the children's transit route is safe and that they will come to school by cycling."

Altay said that "One school in each of our districts was selected as a trial purposes for this term. We hope to continue, especially by increasing the number from now on. We also want to create a generation that does sports, a generation that rides the bicycle as a means of transportation.

A Trip for Tourist Guides



The guides stated that they liked Konya very much and thanked Konya Metropolitan Municipality. Konya Metropolitan Municipality carries out important works to promote the city and increase tourism activities. Nature tourism guides from various regions of Turkey, who came together in Konya for the walking event on the Isauria Road route, which was newly created by the Konya Metropolitan Municipality between Bozkır and Akseki, visited the historical and touristic areas in the city. More than 300 tourism guides and professional mountaineers from all over Turkey did a 4-day mountain trek on the 76-kilometer section of the 174-kilometer-long hiking trail, which is on its way to becoming one of Turkey's new trekking routes.

The guides, who had the opportunity to see tourism destinations such as Mevlana Museum, Butterfly Valley, Sille and Kilistra in the organization of Konya Metropolitan Municipality, stated that they liked Konya very much and thanked the Metropolitan Municipality.

The New Trekking Route "ISAURA"

Konya Metropolitan Municipality continues its works to make the 74-kilometer-long Isauria Road, dating from the ancient Roman period, to be Turkey's new trekking route and to bring it into tourism. Ali Ziya Yalçınkaya, who conveyed his thoughts about the organization, held on the 76 km stage of the 174 km historical road, said, "It was a very challenging and enjoyable organization with 300 participants from different parts of Turkey. We thank Konya Metropolitan Municipality for their support."





An Information and Reception Center in Çatalhöyük

The construction of the "Information and Reception Center" in Çatalhöyük, which is the oldest settlement in the history of humanity with a history of 9,500 years, is continuing rapidly by Konya Metropolitan Municipality.

Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality Uğur İbrahim Altay conducted observations in the construction of Çatalhöyük Information and Reception Center, which will be of great importance in the promotion of Çatalhöyük, the only work on the UNESCO World Heritage List in Konya.

Stating that the construction is being completed quickly, Mayor Altay said that, "We are doing an exemplary job for Turkey, where there are cafeterias and especially exhibition areas where all the needs of visitors can be met in an area of 4,000 m2. This building, which is made entirely of wood, will be one of the most important welcome centers in Turkey. We are trying to do a work worthy of Çatalhöyük's existence. We are carrying out important studies to improve Konya's share in tourism. In this sense, we aim to make a serious contribution to Konya's economy."

Meram Çamlıbel Arrangement Suits Konya Very Well"

The landscaping work carried out by Konya Metropolitan Municipality in the Meram Çamlıbel region has been completed. Altay stated that "A very important environmental transformation is taking place in Çamlıbel and in the historical stone bridge area, which is the heart of Meram. The landscaping works carried out to reveal the historical beauty in Meram Çamlıbel have been completed and the region has started to serve again. We are working to beautify our city. The ground consolidation and arrangement work we did in the Çamlıbel region suited our city very well. With the arrangement, we have created resting environments where our citizens from Konya and guests from outside can visit. With its walking paths, cafés, green texture and flower gardens, Çamlıbel will return to its old attractive days. This arrangement will add value to the region together with the underground multi-storey car park with a capacity of one thousand vehicles, which we have completed and put into service in the same region."





Settled in Konya, following the

‘come’ call of Rumi in his dream



Swamini Samvidananda Saraswati, who was born in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, settled in Konya two years ago, following the “come” call of Rumi, whom she saw in her dream.

She spends his life as a monk in monasteries and caves. She teaches his students on philosophy and scriptures.

“Rumi’s love brought me here”

Saraswati said that “After seeing Mevlana in my dream about 8 years ago, I settled in Konya to understand his wisdom and to deepen and develop. I came to Konya in 2013 and I started to spend more and more time here every year until I settled down completely. Rumi’s love brought me here. I couldn’t do anything but that. I was desperate for his love.”

“His blessing is so great here”

Saraswati uttered that “Every time I come to Rumi’s tomb, I experience different and indescribable feelings. First of all, this shrine is the place where he stayed. His fertility is just as great here as when he lived in the 13th century. Rumi came to me with a dream. After that, my whole life changed. I immediately said ‘yes’ to his call and surrendered to him. My dedication and love developed spontaneously. The presence of Rumi made a great impact on my life.”



“Mevlevi Culinary Culture”

An event was held at the Mevlana Museum as part of the Turkish Cuisine Week in Konya. The “Mevlevi Culinary Culture” exhibition was held in the historical dervish kitchen in the museum. Konya Provincial Culture and Tourism Director Abdüssettar Yarar said that “they are trying to raise awareness for the Turkish Cuisine Week with an exhibition consisting of the tools and equipment used by the Mevlevi culture in the kitchen.”

Yarar stated that “The Mevlana Museum has been the main center of the Mevlevi sect for centuries. In the kitchen of the sect, both food was cooked and the spiritual education and mystical education of the Mevlevi candidates were held. All of the tools here are artifacts that were used at that time. More than 70 works are currently on display.



‘Anatolian Cerens’ are sensitively protected in Konya

Anatolian wild sheep, which is one of Turkey’s endemic species and called “ceren” among the people because of its large and beautiful eyes, is followed with cameras 7 days 24 hours in an area of 60.000 hectares in Konya.

Anatolian wild sheep, one of the species unique to Turkey, are meticulously protected at the Bozdağ Wildlife Development Center in Konya. Anatolian wild sheep, which continue to exist in the 60,000-hectare habitat within the 8th Regional Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks, attract the attention of those who see it with their majestic structures. Wild sheep live in groups in the steppe structure, where the mountain range between 1000 and 1700 altitudes is located. Wild sheep, one of Turkey’s endemic animal species, are kept under surveillance with cameras 24 hours a day to ensure their reproduction and the continuity of their species. They are fed with natural products. Nature Conservation and National Parks 8th Regional Director Gültekin Aksan said that “Bozdağ Wildlife Development Center is an area where Anatolian wild sheep are raised, their number is increased and they are sent to all over the country. They feed the Anatolian wild sheep with natural food when there is a lot of snow. This year, we only fed around 16 tons in January due to the harsh winter conditions. This amount was around 60 tons last year. However, this year we think that we will exceed this figure. We also provide natural products that these animals need, such as alfalfa and hay for feeding.”



One of Anatolia’s forgotten treasures: Ladik Carpets



Mustafa Karadoğan, one of the former carpet masters, who is a carpet trader in Konya, is trying to keep the name of the carpet alive by preserving the last examples of the hand-woven Ladik carpet, which is one of the important handicrafts of Anatolia and is about to disappear.

Standing out with its visuality and quality, the Ladik carpet was woven with its unique colors and motifs, using woolen threads, on weaving looms in the neighborhood until 10 years ago. Ladik carpet, which consists of 200 thousand knots, each square meter of which is thrown one by one, ranks second in Turkey after Hereke carpet in terms of quality.

Ladik carpet, which is among the important cultural values of Anatolia and whose history dates back to the 17th century, fell off the looms in time because it could not be sold due to the widespread use of industrial production and the high cost of handwork.



61-year-old carpet master Mustafa Karadoğan, who has the last remaining examples of Ladik carpets, said that he is trying to keep the name Ladik carpet alive by preserving the carpets he owns.

Karadoğan said that “in the past, buyers in Istanbul and Ankara wanted a one-year-old carpet to come off the loom, but no one asks for hand-woven carpets anymore. I have been continuing this hand-woven carpet business for 40 years, Ladik carpet was a very valuable and precious carpet, but today it is not as valuable as a machine carpet. I have all the materials, threads, wools, looms and models. These have all become scrap. Sümerbank was a ready market for us. Sümerbank had many sales points in Turkey and abroad. Sümerbank was closed, our productions also ended gradually.”

The last master of the tinsmith in Konya tries to keep the profession alive



Hüseyin Soyar, who started his tinsmith business in Konya 35 years ago and is the last representative of the profession in the city, continues to do his job with passion since the first day in his shop in the Historical Wheat Market. Soyar stated that “they can not find an apprentice and the profession came to an end due to the decrease in the interest in tinsmithing with the increase in utensils made of materials such as glass, plastic and porcelain after the development of technology. 35 years ago, I started the tinsmith business with my father-in-law. I am still trying to pursue my profession with the enthusiasm of 35 years ago. A few years ago I used to go to the villages. I used to tin the pots of at least 2-3 houses every day in the villages I went to. But unfortunately, with the development of technology, plastic, glass and personnel containers have started to replace copper containers. When the interest in tin decreases, we cannot find an apprentice to train it. At the moment, I am the last tinsmith in Konya.



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'New Generation Learning Center' FOR THE NEW GENERATION OF MERAM



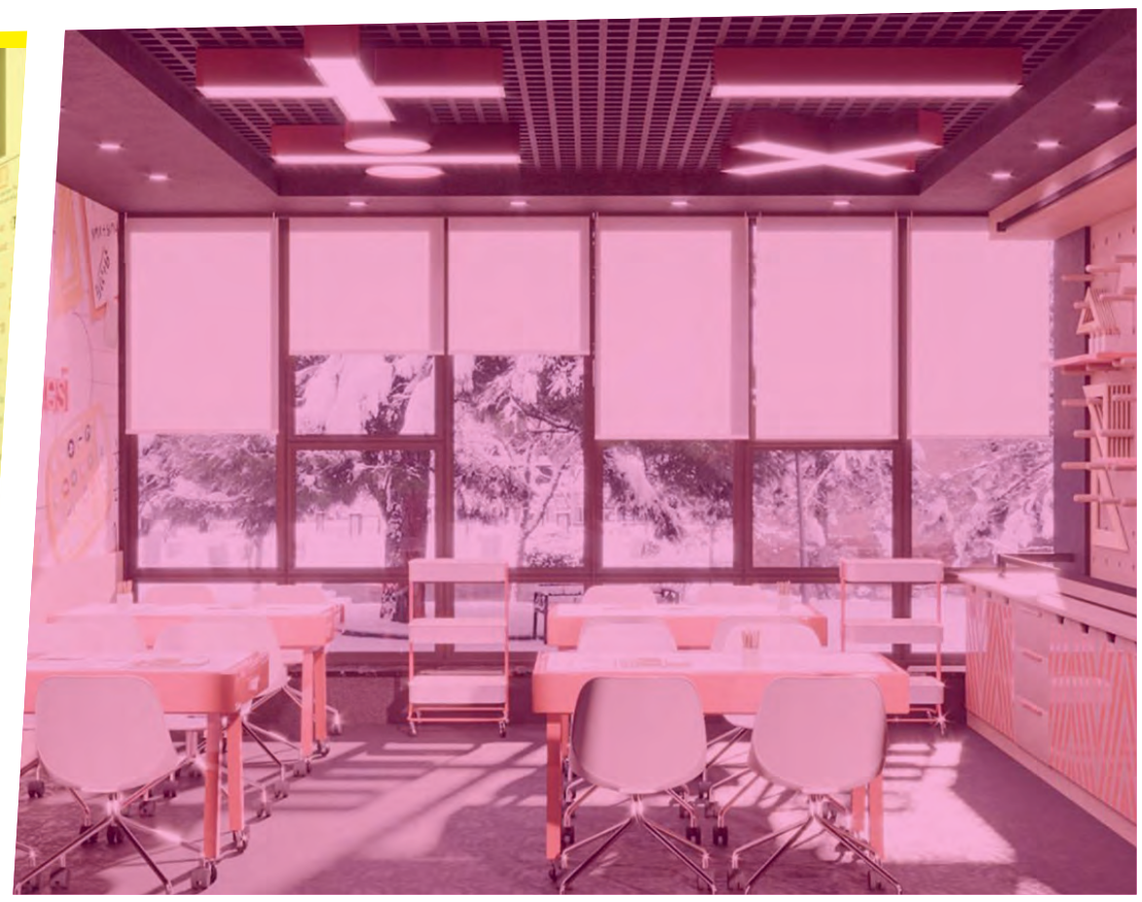
Meram Municipality and KOP Administration are implementing another exemplary project. Meram Mayor Mustafa Kavuş said that "the 'New Generation KOP Learning Center', which will be implemented with the project that will be a first in the KOP Region, will serve for the Meram youth to receive quality education.We are taking another important step towards the goal of building our future with confidence."

Another first and exemplary project in the region is being implemented in cooperation with Meram Municipality and KOP Administration. Within the scope of the project to be implemented under the umbrella of Meram Municipality MEGA, 'Meram Municipality New Generation KOP Learning Center' will be brought to the district.

Meram Municipality New Generation Workshop, which will include Algebra Workshop, Astronomy-Aviation and Space Workshop, Career Workshop, Language Workshop, Architecture and Art Workshop, Science and Science Workshop, Etude Hall, Child and Youth Library, Maker Workshop and e-sports Workshop. Meram youth, who are educated at the KOP Learning Center, will be able to develop their products and services and exhibit interactive works in the fields of information technologies, innovation and design. The project, which aims to create an application area that provides mental, physical, cognitive and social development, was signed by Meram Mayor Mustafa Kavuş and KOP Regional Development Administration Chairman Mahmut Sami Şahin.







Shoe production is now shaped **by fashion, not the seasons**





Kemal Özarpa, Founding Chairman of Konya Shoe Industrialists' Association, said that fashion determines the choice in shoe production.

In Konya, which is one of the top three cities in Turkey's shoe production, industrialists offer their products, which make a name for themselves with their design, to the domestic and foreign markets.

There are more than 1300 firms in the shoemakers' industrial site in the city. Konya, whose annual production capacity exceeds 30 million pairs, is trying to increase its effectiveness abroad as well. 15 thousand people are employed in the sector. Özarpa said that "the companies operating in Aykent Shoemakers Industrial Site have achieved great success in exports. Last year, we exported nearly 30 million dollars. The sector has been increasing its exports by doubling every year in the last 4 years. The number of exporting companies is increasing day by day. The vast majority of them send their products abroad through courier companies or foreign trade companies. Especially European countries such as England, Romania, Poland, and Central Asian countries and Russia are among our leading markets."



ASLINE
Clinic was opened with a ceremony

The first and only functional medicine clinic of Konya, ASLINE, is ready to serve in Melikşah Neighbourhood, Ak Konak Road, No 4 Meram / Konya. Aslı Özatan spoke at the opening and thanked all the participants. Özatan said that "In the new clinic we have opened, we will serve with Dr. Ezgi Ulu and a large experienced staff. In the field of health, we will serve with many different techniques that will improve mental health as well as physical health. There were many important guests at the opening.

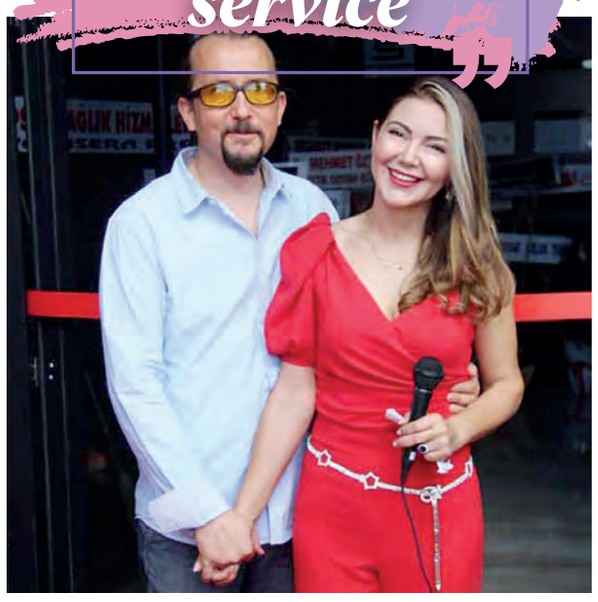
Opr. Dr. Şenay Uysal has opened the clinic of laser surgery and swallowable gastric balloon application in Konya





Op. Dr. Şenay Uysal Sürücü has opened a new surgery clinic in Melikşah Neighborhood. She said that "our clinic is the first in Konya in terms of some clinical services. We are the only clinic that opened the endoscopy and colonoscopy units for our female and male patients in Konya. We currently think that we will fill a big gap with this service in this city. We perform many surgical interventions with the laser method, and we are starting the 'Swallowable Gastric Balloon' application for weight loss for the first time in Konya.

"Dr. A Clinic is ready for service"



The first clinic for women's sexual health and aesthetics has been opened by Op. Dr. Âzer Aras Uluğ. Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialist Op. Dr. Âzer Aras Uluğ has opened Â Clinic, where surgical applications, diagnosis and treatments for women's sexual health and aesthetics are performed in S Plaza.

TRT series 'Hz. Mevlana' has been shot



After two years of preparation, the TV series "Hz. Mevlâna", which tells about the life of Rumi, has been successfully completed. The cast of the production also includes names such as Kaan Yıldırım, Ahu Türkpençe, İlker Aksum, Ushan Çakır, Levent Can, Devrim Özkan, Burç Kümbetlioğlu, Mert Turak, Erdal Yıldız, Yusuf Çim, Mert Karabulut, Turgay Aydın, Can Nergis, Semra Dinçer, Baki Davrak, Burak Can, Gizem Aydın, Muhammet Emre Kaya, Musa Evren, Betigül Ceylan and Haluk Piyes have taken part. For the series, the outer and inner walls of the 13th century Konya of Seljuks state were built on a 50-decare area. 35 of the 88 buildings in the outer wall consist of shops of craftsman such as herbalists, grocers, fabric makers, basket makers, farriers, jugs, shoe makers, leather makers, tinsmiths and coppersmiths. In addition, there are 37 houses, 4 cupolas, 3 mosques, 1 church, 2 inns, 1 soup kitchen, 1 bath, 4 mansions. The places where Mevlâna's madrasah and dervish lodge are located are also within the outer wall. The series is produced by Ahmet Okur and Kerim Ayyıldız, and directed by Can Ulkay, while Italian Cesare Danese is the cinematographer.



"CHILDREN WRITE HISTORY IN KARATAY"

Adding value to the district with its important investments in the field of education, Karatay Municipality has added a new one to its projects in this field. In this context, Karatay Municipality has started the project "Children Who Write History Are in Karatay" for the 3rd and 4th grade students studying in the district. Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca has released this important project, which is a first in Turkey, to the public in the program he organized. 15 thousand primary school students will benefit from the project. Within this project, sets of 10 books describing the lives of 10 names who left their mark on the world, such as Piri Reis, Ali Kuşçu, Kaşgarlı Mahmud, Al Cezeri, Akşemseddin, İbn-i Sina, Hezarfen Ahmet Çelebi, Oktay Sinanoğlu and Fuat Sezgin, and their contributions to humanity, will be distributed to 15000 students in the district.

A FIRST IN TURKEY! 15 THOUSAND STUDENTS WILL LEARN THEIR ANCESTORS VIA THEATER

The project is not limited to this. Again, 15 thousand primary school 3rd and 4th grade students will meet with a theater play about 10 scientists in the books which will be distributed until the end of the 2021-2022 Education and Training Period. A total of 15 thousand students will watch the plays, which will continue for 13 days and will have 25 performances in total. A corporate website has been created as www.tarihyazancocuklar.com, where all the details and information about the project will be made, digital and audio books of the prepared book set, videos about animations and personalities, and drawing trainings. All information and documents about the project can be accessed by visiting the website.



'Little girl with purple violin' with Di George syndrome is connected to life with her passion for music

Sevda Aydın, mother of Neda Naz Kasırga, who lives in Konya, stated that her daughter always plays her violin during tantrums and said that music has become her way of treating herself.

Nine-year-old Neda Naz Kasırga, who was born with the rare Di George syndrome (DGS), became attached to life in Konya with her interest in music. Sevda Aydın, who observed that there were some problems shortly after the birth of her daughter Neda Naz Kasırga, consulted a doctor and learned that her daughter had DGS when she was 1 year old. Neda, who started playing the violin with the advice of doctors a while ago, improved herself with the support of her teachers and became the first in her category in the competition she participated in. Sevda Aydın, who is an English teacher, said that she took a break from her profession and devoted all her time to herself in order to deal with her daughter's treatment better. Aydın stated that "she had not even heard of this disease before and that she has learned about the disease with Neda. There are some health problems caused by this disease and it can progress differently in each child. We had problems with Neda such as heart problems, speech difficulties, congenital single kidney and being prone to infection. Neda has improved as a result of 4 years of training and treatments. In addition to her ongoing treatments, the doctors recommended Neda to take up a hobby, and that she is interested in different hobbies in this context.



Dr. Mahmut Sami ALDUR

Heroes of the City

I hosted a family friend who went to Canada to continue his education and settled there, who showed determination to embark on a new adventure by getting rid of the political / social atmosphere in Turkey in the early 2000s. Since my childhood days in Istanbul's Bakırköy district, communication between us has not been broken in any life crisis. What's more, every time we come together, we certainly have new excitements and discoveries. It was just the same this time. I think that the fact that many valuable people who lived in Konya in the past are in a quiet deep sleep in the heart of the soil also imposes a responsibility on us. Commemorate, remember and remind them... Let me express with some embarrassment that I discovered an interesting event that took place in our city in the not-too-distant past, again on the occasion of that friend's visit to Konya. While walking in the streets of the city, he said that he wanted to visit the graves of our deceased family members. As a result, one of our destinations on our route has become the "Üçler Cemetery". We arrived at the cemetery, chatting along the way and taking short breaks in different places. The real story started here. Our guest shook me with a question that I found an answer to after a short research after visiting the cemetery and I was amazed how I had not known about it before. He was wondering who this cemetery belonged to.

"Who does Üçler Cemetery belong to?"

Writer Seyit Küçükbezirci, who passed away in December 2018, was answering this question in his column in Memleket Newspaper in July 2016, referring to a memory of 1959 and A.Cenap Özkaşıkçı's article published in Yeni Konya on 13 March 2006. Let's listen this from them:

"All the countries of the world are experiencing a great economic depression in the early 1930s. Of course, our country has been affected by this economic depression, too. Meanwhile, the Konya Municipality administration of the time had difficulties to pay their officers' salaries for months, they had no opportunity to invest, and they had sold and consumed their valuable real estate that could be turned into cash. One day, a cunning manager and some municipality officers go to visit Şükrü Doruk and mention about an idea to solve this economic problem. They told that the only solution they could do to raise money was to parcel out and sell the Üçler Cemetery. When Mr. Doruk heard this weird idea he lost his temper and he said that:

"How could you dear to sell and destroy a thousand-year-old Muslim cemetery? Aren't you afraid of God? How do you think of it?"

The officers felt really sorry telling such a weird idea to Mr. Doruk. They apologized him and asked for a helpful solution idea they could do. Şükrü Doruk Bey, after rolling a cigarette from a silver tobacco layer and taking a deep breath, said:

"Well, have you calculated how much income we will get from this sale?"

The municipal officers said a high amount of money. After thinking for a while, Şükrü Doruk answered:

"You have to prepare the deed transfer works and the foundation certificates of using it as a cemetery again, I will pay the money you want."

Yes, dear readers, today the ownership of the ÜÇLER CEMETERY belongs to Şükrü Doruk, a benevolent person. Their blessed bodies are also buried in that cemetery. Rest in peace..."

As far as I know, there is no text that summarizes or reminds this event at any entrance or at any point of the cemetery. I wanted to mention about the sacrifice of Şükrü Doruk, who is also buried in Üçler, to protect this very precious place, which is one of the spiritual meeting points of the tombs of the most valuable symbol names of the city, and to transfer it to the future. Does this interesting donation have a counterpart in the world? I do not know. What I know is that Şükrü Doruk is not just a school name. Yes, he also built a school named after himself. However, Şükrü Doruk is more than just a school name, he is the hero of many charity works that add deep meaning to the city. I remember him with mercy and gratitude...

Babil Fest in SKM



Babil Fest, which is the first music festival to be held at the Selcuklu Congress Center Open Air Stage, brought together the successful names of Turkey with the festival participants. Emir Can İğrek, Moğollar, İkilem, Gülçin Ergül, Mary Jane and Touche took the stage on the first day of the festival. On the second day, Feridun Düzağaç, Norm Ender, Tuğkan, Dedublüman, Ceren Gündoğdu and The Away Days had an entertaining evening. On the last day of the festival; Adamlar, Sena Şener, Manuş Baba, Kendimden Hallice, Maran Marangöz and Bedelsiz were on the stage. Babil Fest has already started working on the second festival to be held next year.



Chef Ulaş Tekerkaya

An award-winning story

With the excitement and pride of receiving an award for my country in Sweden, when my invitation came, I set out. The story started and I applied for the passport and visa procedures. In the invitation letter of the Swedish Umea Municipality, it was written as follows; "For your contribution to the traditional cuisine, we invite you to our city for an award on June 3 at 7:00 pm." However, my visa expiry date was June 2th. Even if success is not valued in our country, the obstacle which was made to me explained how important the success is in the world. So while I was trying to find out how to get the award in other ways, I couldn't find a solution in my country. I could have the appointment to extend my visa two months later. I flew to Amsterdam with a Schengen visa and explained the situation to the Turkish and Swedish embassies and consulates in Amsterdam and the visa office, but there was no solution for the problem. The officials at the Turkish consulate were so upset that they sent me to the IND visa office in the Netherlands in case there was an exception, even if they had no hope. and then a miracle happened and an appointment was cancelled and we managed to get a date for my niece Talha and me. We were amazed! My nephew told our experiences in Dutch and explained about the Gourmand Cook Book special award and our visa dates to the officers. The officers were very happy when they heard about the award. They wanted to help me and they did. These two officers extended my visa for 22 days in an hour and a half. I gave my books as a gift to these two officers. If I ever want to live abroad, it is certain that the first place for me will be the Netherlands. Their care was priceless for me. I have now established a company in the Netherlands and I will work to carry out my activities both in Turkey and there.

Finally I arrived in Umea, Sweden to get the award. I received the Gourmand A06 special award by explaining the importance of the 10.000-year-old Çatalhöyük and Boncukluhöyük Culinary Culture for the history of Agriculture and Food. It is a special honour to bring such an award to my country for the first time. Bringing a 10 thousand-year-old culinary history to humanity is an important task, but to write it, present it and receive an award is more important. I visited six countries and learned that no country has the richness of our cuisine, but those countries take care of people who work well. It is really impressive. They almost have no history about traditional food. They always cook the same or similar meals interacting with each other. The only thing I regret is that the Turks who went to foreign countries are very amateur and could not convey anything culturally. In abroad, only döner, lahmacun and kebab are known as food, and baklava as dessert.

Our country is like Heaven, but we should only be an honest and right society. I read somewhere that Turkish workers who went to European countries in 1960 by the employment agency were given a note that was written as well: "Whatever you do, do it by thinking of your country more than yourself, because the good and bad thing you do will cost your country, not you, do your best for it and make yourself and your country proud." I went with this principle, thank God. I don't know if it's appreciated, but I did my best and I'm proud.

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Antique Auction



İbrahim Doğan, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Şifre Media, said that "collectibles were showcased at the auction. It was a first in Konya. Auctions were held in Konya before; however, such an organization has never been done before. This process, which started with my interest in antiques, turned into collecting. We came together in such a beautiful organization by increasing our excitement even more. We transferred my professional experience to an important organization in terms of antiques."

Antique Auction Will Be Held Every Month

Doğan stated that "the participants came to the program with their families, the auction was held for antique lovers and collectors, and the organization will continue to be held once a month with the same concept. Preparations have already begun. The Antique Auction, which lasted for 2 days, received full marks from the guests participating in the organization. The guests expressed that they liked the organization very much, that it was a warm environment where everyone could attend with their families, and that they are looking forward to see the next auction soon. Many rare artifacts that have survived for centuries and have survived to this day were presented to the guests who wanted to bring them back to life in their own living spaces. Many products exhibited at the auction found their new owners and continued to be passed on to future generations.

Wedding Meal in Konya



When we say wedding ceremony in Konya, don't we think of our famous wedding pilaf (rice)? It is used in Konya as "PILAV DÖKMEK" at the wedding. Let me first explain the meaning of the word "dökmek". In the old Turkish language, it means to share,to present and distribute something for the sake of a belief.

In the past, male or female cooks cooked the wedding rice. 3-5 days before the wedding day, the wedding owner would inform the cook how much wedding rice he would serve, and the cook would have it prepared by telling him the amount of meat and other materials to be bought from the market. Women cooks played an important role in Konya weddings. HACI BODUÇ is one of the most famous examples. Haci Boduç was an old widowed woman. In her last days, she was an executive lady of Yılanlı Madrasa in the Women's Market, where old handicrafts are bought and sold. She cooked such a delicious wedding pilaf that the mayor of the time recommended the surname "iyipilavcı" (which means cooking delicious pilaf) to Hacı Boduç when the surname law was enacted. The preparations were started the day before the wedding pilaf was to be cooked. Of course, these would be in the courtyard or garden of the house. Meat was cooked the night before, and other dishes were prepared early in the morning. In the past, all meat was cooked and used to be mutton. The crumbs and scraps of this meat were collected in a different bowl, and the night before the wedding, "tirit" with onions and sumach was made and served to the relatives of the wedding owner, the groom's friends, the guests from afar, and the close neighbors.

Some of Konya's BESTS...

1 » With an area of 38 thousand 257 square kilometers, Konya is the largest city in Turkey.

2 » Konya has the highest number of villages and the longest country road network in our country.

3 » KOP (Konya Plain Project) is the second biggest irrigation project after GAP.

4 » Turkey's largest and the world's most modern sugar factory, Çumra Sugar Factory is in Konya.

5 » Turkey's largest and the world's third largest aluminum factory is also in Konya.

6 » Alaeddin Junction is known as the world's largest roundabout with a length of approximately 1250 meters.

7 » Turkey's largest freshwater lake, Beyşehir Lake, and its second largest lake, Salt Lake, are located within the borders of Konya.

8 » Selcuk University, which has the highest number of students in Turkey, is in Konya.

9 » The Ivriz Rock Relief, the world's first Agricultural Monument, is located in Konya.

10 » Çatalhöyük, which is shown as one of the oldest settlements in the world, sheds light on the history of humanity before the discovery of writing with the first house architecture and original finds of the first sacred structures, is located in the Çumra district of Konya.

11 » The Mevlana Museum is one of the most visited museums in Turkey.

12 » The Konya Closed Basin, which is among the most important basins in Turkey and the world, contains 40 percent of the country's groundwater.

The History of Konya



It is claimed that the name Konya comes from the word "Ikon", which means sacred depiction.

There are different rumors about this subject in mythology. A descriptive picture is drawn. The name given to this monument is Ikonion. The name Ikonion turns into Iconium over time. The Arabs changed the name of the city to Kuniya, this name changed to Konya during the Seljuks and Ottoman periods.

The settlement in and around Konya starts from the Prehistoric age. Neolithic-Chaltolithic-Early Bronze Age cultures are seen in this age. The mounds, which are the settlements of this age, are within the provincial borders of Konya. Remains from the Neolithic Period (7000-5500 BC) were unearthed during archaeological excavations at Çatalhöyük. Today, Hittite settlement is seen in Karahöyük, which is in a neighborhood in the city center of Konya. Archaeological excavations carried out for years describing this era.

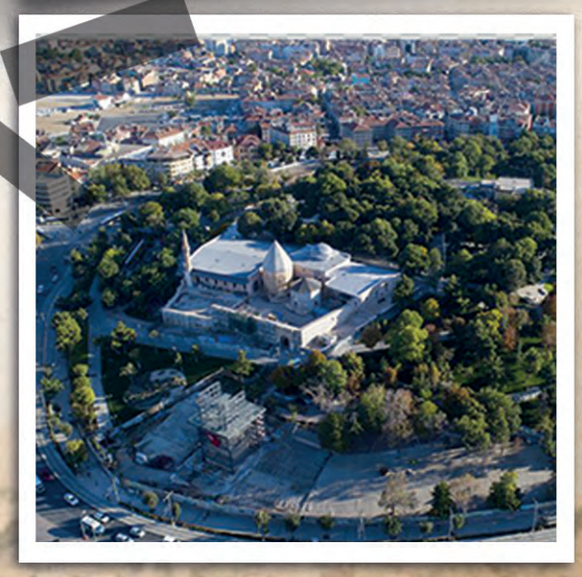
The Phrygians, who put an end to the Hittite rule in Anatolia, are tribes that migrated from Thrace to Anatolia. Finds from places such as Alaaddin Hill and Karapınar, Gıcıkışla and Sızma date back to BC VII. Century. After the Phrygians, Konya (Kavania) was invaded by the Lydians and Alexander the Great. Later, when Roman domination was achieved in Anatolia, Konya preserved its existence as Iconium. (25 BC) Hatun Saray, Lystra-Derbeş, Laodica (Ladik) and Sille are important Byzantine settlements. With the spread of Islam in Anatolia, Arab raids began in Byzantium (Istanbul). Emevis and Abbasids raided through Konya. After the Battle of Malazgirt in 1071, Konya, along with a large part of Anatolia, was taken from the Byzantines by the Seljuks. Anatolian Seljuk Sultan Süleyman Shah made Konya the capital city in 1076. In 1080, the capital was transferred to Iznik, and Kılıç Arslan I moved the capital back to Konya in 1097. Konya remained the capital of the Anatolian Seljuk State from 1097 to 1277 without interruption. Later, in 1277, it came under the sovereignty of the Karamanoğulları State. Ottoman Sultan Murat II ended the Karamanoğulları rule in 1442. Growing and developing rapidly in the Republican era, Konya is a city that looks like an open-air museum today with its historical monuments. The total population of the districts of Karatay, Meram and Selçuklu, which form the city center, exceeds one million and the total population exceeds two million.











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Having made great contributions to the recognition of Traditional Complementary Medicine in Turkey, Op. Dr. Hasan Karaagac;

"The foundations of modern medicine were laid centuries ago in Anatolia"





What is Traditional Complementary Medicine?

Op. Dr. Hasan Karaağaç made a statement to our newspaper about Traditional Complementary Medicine. Karaağaç stated that "Traditional Complementary Medicine is a method that is based on customs and traditions that has been applied for centuries, but it is also proven by scientific studies today that it has been found to treat with its application. In fact, these are the first basic methods that form scientific medicine. In our country, a department called Traditional and Complementary Medicine was established under the Ministry of Health on October 24, 2014. And the regulation is out."

He said that "There are many alternative treatments such as Acupuncture, Api therapy (Therapy with bees and bee products), Phytotherapy (therapy with plants), Ozone therapy, Homoiopathy, Manual Therapy, Prulotereapy, Hypnosis, musicotherapy. It is not a movement against modern medicine, on the contrary, these treatment methods appear as complementary medicine in the phases when it is not enough. With the department (Functional Medicine Practices) established within the Ministry of Health and its regulation, these 15 different methods, the scientific applicability of which are explained, are now among the treatments in Turkey."







Karaağaç also stated that "Doctors who can perform these applications undergo an intensive training process. With the emergence of the directive in 2014, certification trainings and standards were determined in the training process on how to apply these 15 methods. Approximately 25 thousand doctors were given these certificates. We also serve as instructors in the training of these doctors in this field.

Born in Anatolia

Stating that these have been taught as a course in medical faculties in the USA for the last 50 years, Op.Dr. Hasan Karaagaç uttered that "There is an interesting situation here, Anatolia is the place where Traditional Medicine started, but its education and practice is much more common in the world than we do. The works of İbn-i Sina and Lokman Hekim are the biggest examples of this. When we look at Modern Medicine, we see that all its foundations and bases are taken from this Traditional Complementary Medicine. For example, the basis of drug therapy is plants, and phytotherapy existed centuries before modern medicine, even in the first ages. Today, modern medicine is over and the medicines used in chronic diseases are not enough."



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Transfers in Konyaspor



Fatih Özgökçen and Coach İlhan Palut came together for the new pre-season transfers in Konyaspor. Süleyman Oğuz, Gökhan Çelik and Serkan Abaz, members of the board of directors, also attended the meeting.

Manager Özgökçen, who met with Coach İlhan Palut to plan the 2022-2023 season, met with the transferred players and the players planned to be included in the squad with the coach. The successful coach said that "Konyaspor did not want to go above the budget, and they wanted the team to have a dynamic and strong structure next season."



Konyaspor hits the roof

The new squad values have been announced in the Super League. Having a successful season, Konyaspor reached the highest value in its history with 43 million Euros. Amir Hadziahmetovic, the favorite of the transfer, has become the most valuable player of the team with a value of 6 million Euros.

The market values of the 2021-2022 season in Spor Toto Super League have been updated. According to the data of the German website Transfermarkt, which takes the pulse of the transfer market, Konyaspor, which has had a successful season, has increased the value of the players in general. Konyaspor reached the highest level in its history with a squad value of 43.4 million Euros. The most valuable player of the green-white team was again Amir Hadziahmetovic. The Bosnian midfielder, who is on the radar of European clubs as well as the Super League, has been shown to be worth 6 million Euros.

Ahmet Oğuz signs for 2 years



Konyaspor signed a 2-year contract with 29-year-old experienced right-back Ahmet Oğuz.

Manager Osman Dağ attended the signing ceremony held at MEDAŞ Konya Metropolitan Stadium.

Ahmet Oğuz, who grew up in Gençlerbirliği youth academy, wore the jerseys of Gençlerbirliği, Kasımpaşa and Sivasspor in the Super League. Ahmet Oğuz, who was included in the squad without paying a testimonial fee, contributed 1 goal in the 2021-2022 season by playing in a total of 36 matches, 27 of which were in the Super League, 4 in the Turkish Cup and 5 in the UEFA Conference League Qualifiers.

Cebrail Karayel comes to Konya



Konyaspor signed a 2-year contract with right-back Cebrail Karayel, born in 1994. Manager Osman Serper attended the signing ceremony held at MEDAŞ Konya Metropolitan Stadium.

Cebrail, who trained in Ankaraspor's youth academy, wore Ankaragücü and Altay jerseys in the Super League. Cebrail Karayel, who was included in the squad without paying a testimonial fee, played in a total of 32 games, 30 of which were in the Super League and 2 of which were in the Turkish Cup, in the 2021-2022 season, scoring 1 goal and making 4 assists.

Bruno Paz is in Konyasport



Konyaspor signed a 2+1 year contract with 24-year-old central midfielder Bruno Paz.

Manager Süleyman Oğuz attended the signing ceremony held in Istanbul. Paz, who left the Sporting Lisbon youth academy, spent the 2021-2022 season on loan with Portugal's Farense team. Bruno Paz, who was included in the squad without paying testimonial fee, played in 28 matches last season and contributed 2 goals and 2 assists for his team.

Bid Adieu to Konyasport



Nejc Skubic said that "I spent 6 full seasons here. This year was very special for me, especially as it was my last season. We have successfully completed a season, both good and bad parts, and we ensured that İttifak Holding Konyaspor achieved the success of representing Turkey in the European Cups. I won't forget this city and everything I've been through here. You and the city of Konya, our fans, have become a real family to me. I believe that we will be successful in the groups in Europe and I will come to Konya in September to support you from the stands by taking part in the European matches among our fans. Thank you everyone for everything. I will never forget you."

Robert Muric deals for 3 years



Konyaspor signed a 3-year contract with winger Robert Muric, born in 1996.

Manager Muammer Akın attended the signing ceremony held in Istanbul.

Muric, who trained in Dinamo Zagreb youth academy, played in Rijeka, one of the Croatian 1st League teams. Muric took part in 37 games in the 2021-2022 season, playing with 12 goals and 10 assists.