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Huğlu, a world brand with its a hundred years of experience

It is a snowdrop story from the peak of Taurus Mountains; a development model; a living evidence of Turkish people's success story in spite of negative conditions; an ability, an experience and a tradition in weapon production; a legend turned into a world brand and a legend that proved what can be achieved with the cooperation of ability, discipline and institutionalism.

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Kerem İŞKAN
Executive Editor

Rumi's 7-advice prescription

The world feels dizzy because of the **pandemic** and the **economic crisis**. Its sociological effects have just begun to reach all societies.
While money markets are **draining** day by day like the reality of **drought** all over the world, it seems as if a century full of abundance is being transferred to another century that will be **filled with poverty**.

In this painful process of change, humanity is going through a great **psychological trauma**. The general mood of the societies also shapes the **world politics**.

As the nation-state policies became widespread, **fascism** began to **reappear** all over the world.

As states raise the invisible walls of their countries, **the feeling of loneliness** and being alone in the world pushes societies into **a completely different depression**.

Right here, the Masnavi of Rumi, who is the **expert of the human spirit** from 8 centuries away, presents his ancient prescriptions to all humanity...

Rumi offers a prescription to all humanity with his 7 advices;

In generosity and helping others; be like a river.

In compassion and grace; be like the sun.

In concealing others' faults; be like the night.

In anger and fury; be like dead.

In modesty and humility; be like earth.

In tolerance; be like a sea.

Either, exist as you are or be as you look.

Don't you think this is the prescription to survive?



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This year Şeb-i Arus ceremonies start with the theme

"Time of Spiritual Wisdom"

The International Commemoration of the 748th anniversary of Rumi's reunion has the theme "Time of Spiritual Wisdom" this year. Abdüssettar Yarar, the director of Konya Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism held a press conference in Tantavi Culture and Art Centre about The International Commemoration of the 748th anniversary of Rumi's reunion.

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Thanks from Erdoğan *to* "The Konya News"

Compliments to The Konya News from Bilal Erdoğan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the İlim Yayma Vakfı. Erdoğan carefully read the issue of The Konya News, presented by Mustafa Özdemir, the Chairman of Mehir Vakfı in Istanbul.

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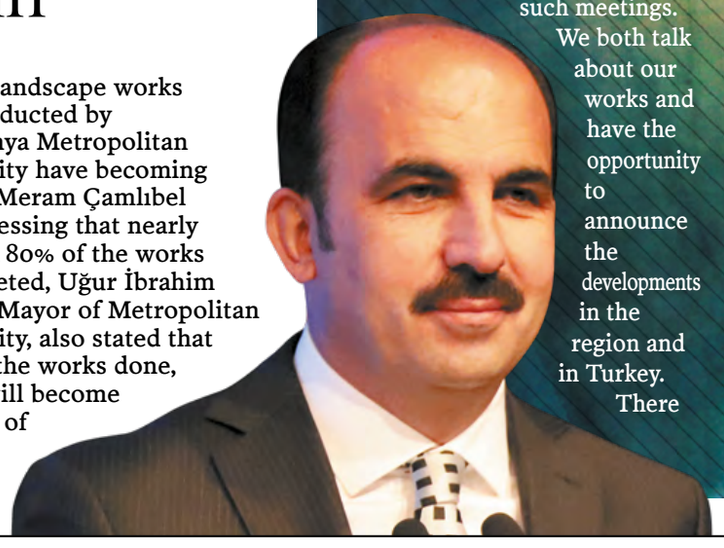
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Meram Çamlıbel becomes the centre of attraction again

The landscape works conducted by Konya Metropolitan Municipality have becoming an end in Meram Çamlıbel area. Expressing that nearly more than 80% of the works are completed, Uğur İbrahim Altay, the Mayor of Metropolitan Municipality, also stated that thanks to the works done, the area will become the centre of attraction again.



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Expressing that it is a great honour to mention about the municipal work in Konya to the people who came from all over the world, Mayor Altay also said that they will continue to do the same.

Mayor Altay made a speech at the UCLG World Forum of Regions expressed that the pandemic reminded the importance of regional governments to the whole world in terms of different issues such as handling regional conflicts, creating social dialogue, supporting mobility of people as a regional right, providing public services for everyone.

Mayor Altay stated that "regional governments are the key to preserve social and regional harmony; to speed up the innovation, digital transformation and greener substructure and to create a new relationship with the whole world. They will never set anything back. Improvement is calling us to check up on our policies, priorities and development model."

He also said that "we need a greater regional coordination to handle the difficulties that exceed our realm of authority in order to cope with the biggest crisis of our time. Only in this way we are able to reveal the real transformations of our systems. Via this forum of UCLG, our municipal travel is getting stronger by accepting the transformative roles to reach the common goals and unique potentials by overcoming regional difficulties. Since its foundation, UCLG has been repeating the cooperation of local and regional governments."

Expressing that the results of this forum have a key importance for states, the world and humanity, Mayor Altay also said that "our hearts beat together here for the international municipal works which UCLG has made easier. We will continue to work for a better future together."

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An alarming "Salt Lake" post by European Space Agency:

Salt is there; Lake is gone

Salt Lake, which is located in Central Anatolia Region and is one of the most important saltwater lakes in the world, is shrinking day by day due to climate changes and bad agricultural practices

European Space Agency (ESA) shared a satellite image of Salt Lake and this post has showed the seriousness of the ecological crisis in the region. Experts claimed that if necessary precautions aren't taken soon, Salt Lake, which is one of the most important saltwater lakes in the world, will disappear completely in the near future.

Salt Lake, which is one of the most important lakes in Turkey, enlarges and shrinks every year depending upon the seasons and the salt inside the lake changes according to this. However, the latest image shared by ESA showed us that Salt Lake has shrunk a lot more than the usual. European Space Agency shared the post with a note: salt is there, lake is gone. It can be seen in the image that the lake is almost dry and there is only a huge salt mass left. It is thought that climate changes and bad agricultural practices led to this crisis. Authorities declared that in 30 years, Salt Lake might disappear completely. The issue was also on the agenda in summer when flamingos were dead in the region.





10 Reasons to invest in Konya

Growing Exportation Capacity

• Exportation value grew up 25 times between 2000-2020
• 2,16 billion dollars of export in 2020
• Exporter firms more than 2.700
• Konya exports to more than 160 countries

Rich Natural Resources

• Only primary aluminium producer in Turkey
• %65 of salt production in Turkey
• Developed casting industry



İhsan BOSTANCI
MEVKA General Secretary

Strong Industrial Infrastructure

• 11 organized industrial zones, 70 private industrial zones and small industrial sites
• The second largest organized industrial zone in Turkey
• More than 48.000 SMEs
• Easy adaptation to changes

Agricultural, Industrial and Commerce Centre

• Vast lands eligible for agriculture
• Strongest exhibition centre of the region
• Leadership in crucial food products

Young and Qualified Human Capital

• 5 universities
• More than 130.000 university students
• More than 85.000 technical high school students
• Lower cost compared to rival provinces

Powerful Social Capital and Collaboration Environment

• Strong political support
• Cooperation between NGOs, public and private institutions
• Active trade associations

Strategic Location

• Centre of Anatolia, ability to reach 10 million in 3 hours, 64 million in 6 hours by motorway
• Logistics centre near Organized Industrial Zone
• Easy access to 1,6 billion people globally

Living City

• A historical background
• Low crime rate
• Dense and qualified cultural activities
• 3,6 million visitors each year

Incentives, Supports and Exemptions For Industrial Investments

• Tax exemption, land allocation, social security premium support, customs duty exemption

Energy City

• One of the most significant energy producing centre in Turkey with the establishment of the Karapinar Specialized Energy Industrial Zone
• High solar radiation levels, plain wide areas
• Potential areas to establish wind power plants
• Biogas potential from agricultural wastes



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Imagine a Kitchen... Do not Leave without Burning!

Think of a kitchen so that its philosophy is based on respecting food and consuming them in the most efficient and correct way. Even making noise is as disrespect to food... Sit at the table together and leave the table together... When someone drinks water, the others stop eating and wait so that the right does not pass. Chefs who cook the foods in nature with their dexterous hands and mediate them to come to the table are honored. And be thankful for every bite. We are talking about Mevlevi Cuisine, one of the most special cuisines not only in Anatolia but also in the world. Would you like to get to know this unique cuisine, which has left us a rich culture as well as a great food philosophy?

THE HOLY PLACE OF MEVLEVISM: KITCHEN

Rumi said, "Come again, whatever you are!". It should not be surprising that the Mevlevi Order, which loves people only on the denominator of being human, regardless of religion, language or race, and advocated the meaninglessness of wars hundreds of years ago, has made this philosophy dominant in its own culinary culture. We know the saying of Rumi, whose fame went beyond the borders of Konya and spread all over the world: "I was raw, I was cooked, I burned." This word that Rumi used to describe his life teaching also opens the doors of Mevlevi Cuisine to us. Because the kitchen is the place where dervishes step into Mevlevism and cook and become mature. Those who make a confession in the presence of the Chef Dede, if accepted, are assigned to sit in the kitchen on a skin for three days. They only observe the surroundings without leaving their places except for their needs. At the end of the third day, if they find it appropriate to stay, they are taken to the presence of Kazancı Dede. If they get the approval of Kazancı Dede, they are assigned to the service for 18 days this time. Those who successfully complete this process are entitled to wear the kitchen clothe. Thus, the ordeal period that will continue for 1001 days in the kitchen under the auspices of Kazancı Dede begins. The aim, of course, is to learn to respect and be grateful for the extraordinary food that



God offers to mankind. For this reason, cooking in the Mevlevi Cuisine is like a state of worship from beginning to end. In Mevlevi Cuisine, which attaches great importance to table (somat) service as much as cooking the food, a table is set twice a day, in the morning and at noon. Being quiet during the meal is one of the most important table rules for the Mevlevis, who start and finish the meal after Kazancı Dede's prayer.

THE RITUAL OF MEAL: A FORM OF WORSHIP...

The place of salt in the Mevlevi table, which has a very rich culinary culture, is also important. The Mevlevi who started the meal with a pinch of salt put in the mouth, would also make the closing with salt.

We can say that Mevlevi Cuisine has richness beyond the conditions of the period. All the materials at hand have been brought together in the most ideal combinations possible. Tutmaç soup, Mevlevi pilaf (Hassaten Lokma), quince with molasses, rose-leaf lettuce salad and eggplant salad are the best-known flavors of this cuisine. In addition to the vinegar sherbet (with honey) and rose sherbet offered in between to facilitate digestion, molasses and yoghurt are indispensable on the table. Almond halva takes its place in this kitchen as Rumi's favorite dish. In the Mevlevi Cuisine, which used almost all the fruits, vegetables and spices found in Anatolia at that time, the presentation of the dishes is as important as the preparation.

As we learned from Dr. Nevin Halıcı, one of the most important references of Mevlevi Cuisine, this cuisine contains more delicacy than Ottoman cuisine. Even the top of the desserts is decorated with gold leaves.



Recipes transferred from Mesnevi to the present...

The good thing is that the prescriptions that Rumi gave in his works are still alive today. For example, we know that vinegar sherbet, known for its digestive system cleansing feature, is included in the "Mesnevi" with the sentences "Vinegar and honey should be in the same amount". Likewise, we witness the consumption of coffee in Anatolia in those times in Mesnevi. He said "Our state is a subsistence state, our coffee is coming from the throne; Almond halva spilled and scattered in the parliament". As you know, Rumi used many things related to cuisine and food as a means of expression. He even conveyed his philosophy of life with symbols in nature. The recipes that he includes in his works are a very valuable legacy that presents the culinary culture of his age to future generations.

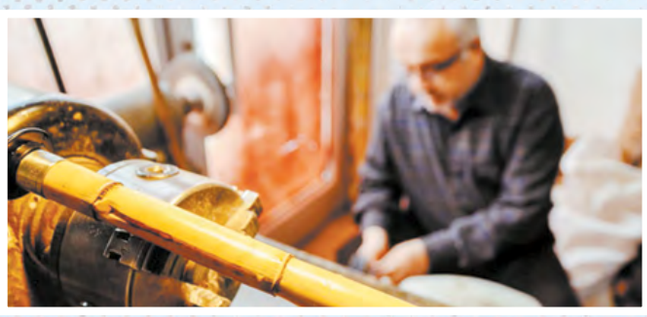




From reed to breath

Ali Erol, who has been playing reed flute (ney) for 40 years with the fire of mysticism that fell in his heart in Konya, has been transforming the reeds grown in the fields into the sound of divine love for a quarter of a century with dexterity and fine workmanship

Erol, who was interested in what he saw in his teacher during his high school years, learned how to play reed flute (ney) and then how to make it from his masters. The artist, who has been producing reed flute in his workshop for nearly 25 years, leaves the special reeds he has brought from the reeds or collected himself to dry in his shop for three years. The reeds, consisting of nine knuckles, are first shaped and hollowed out after a long and laborious process, and then seven note holes are drilled in certain sizes. Finally, the cane, whose parazvanes and a headpiece made of buffalo horn, is tuned and turned into reed flute. After a long process that requires patience, Erol transforms the reed into "breath" and sends the reed flutes he manufactures both to the country and abroad.





"PERFECT REED FLUTE IS LIKE PERFECT HUMAN"

Pointing out that reed flute is human-like and it is difficult to make, Erol stated that ""Just as man is sent from the spirit world to the earth, the reed comes from the field, being cut off from its family. It is left alone, it dries up and pales. Then a master hand touches it, empties it, pierces its bosom and clears it of excess. If a person is exposed to torture in this way and a perfect master touches him, beautiful sounds and songs will come from it like a reed flute. Just as beautiful sounds can come from a truly perfect reed flute, beautiful expressions can also emerge from a perfect person.

Whirling dervish for 44 years continues his grandfather's profession, Felt Making

Celalettin Berberoğlu (53), who has been a whirling dervish for 44 years in Konya, continues felt making which he has learned from his grandfather. Berberoğlu stated that "the Felting profession, which is on the verge of extinction, has been reborn from its ashes. In this workshop, we make maybe 30-40 different products from felt. We also train students. There is a tremendous similarity with the stages that wool goes through until it turns into felt and coin, and the time that human passes until s/he becomes mature.

WHAT DOES "COIN" MEAN?

The coin made of felt carries deep meanings in the whirling dervish dress and whirling ritual. Just as the white dress (tennure) worn by the whirling dervishes symbolizes the shroud of the soul, the coin in general terms symbolizes the tombstone of the soul. In other words, it is the tombstone of the love soldiers who want to kill and silence the self and the ego while they are living, as in the hadith "Die before you die", which the Sufis adopt.

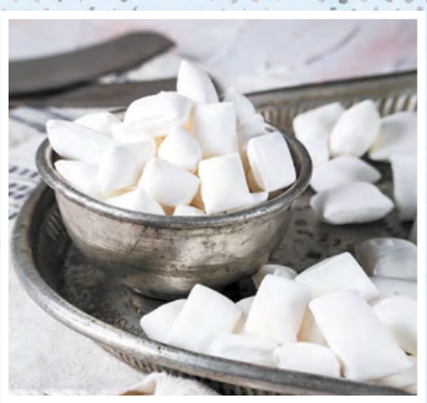
Unique *Mevlana Candy*

Mevlana Candy, which is the second well-known flavour of Konya after etliekmek, is now being sold to the USA...

This candy is among the local flavours of Konya and is sold as "Mevlana Candy". 100 tones are produced daily and thanks to this production process 400 people can be employed.

The ingredients of Mevlana Candy are sugar, water and powdered essence of lemon. The candy is cooked in copper boilers at 1400C. It attracts both local and foreign tourists.

The candies are being exported to various Arab countries, the USA, Russia and Nigeria.



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Altınapa Inn, emerged with water withdrawals, still stands despite all the negativities

The Altınapa Inn, a Seljuk-era work, which was inundated by the Altınapa Dam built in the 1960s in Konya and became fully visible in 2017 after the water withdrawals, stands still despite all the negativities



Altınapa Inn, which was built by Şemseddin Altunapa, one of the important commanders of the Seljuks, in 1201 during the Anatolian Seljuk State Period, was flooded by the Altınapa Dam, which was built on Meram Stream in Konya in the 1960s for irrigation and drinking water supply. While it was not possible to see the inn when the winter was harsh and snow and rain were abundant, the upper cover of the inn could be partially seen after the dry winters. Altınapa Inn, which started to become visible with the decrease in precipitation in recent years, became fully visible in 2017 with the decrease in the water level in the dam. . Altınapa Inn, which is made of cut stones and built with Khorasan mortar, has been standing for 8 centuries despite all the negativities.

People living in the nearby Küçükmuhsine and Ulumuhsine neighborhoods say that their elders used to drive through this place on horseback, and that they could not come to the neighborhood in the snow, rain or blizzard, but stayed at the inn and came in the morning.



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Reflections of Rumi in international relations

As it is known, Rumi lighted the way for humanity with his works and ideas.

Humanitarian Diplomacy during Rumi:

Except for I. Alaaddîn Keykubad, Seljuks were a principality that paid tributes to Mongols during the times of Rumi. The traces of the crusades were still seen in Anatolia. The people were living desperately in harsh conditions such as fear, terror and insecurity due to Mongol attacks. The Sultans were too young to be a Sultan and they were ineffective against Mongol authorities. There was an atmosphere of distrust.

During the downturn period of Seljuks, Rumi created an atmosphere of confidence with his ideas and works both among people and among authorities. Also, he was seen as a spiritual guide and a hope for the future. In such a competitive time, he managed to be a friend of everyone and had important effects on people and authorities. Rumi helped people hold on to the life and gave them joy of living in these rough times. This shows that Rumi lived in peace and friendship with the authorities of the time as it is the only thing appropriate for a real Sufi.

International Humanitarian Aid is in Rumi's words during Pandemic:

We are living a pandemic that affects everyone all over the world. During this pandemic, humanity is being faced with health problems.

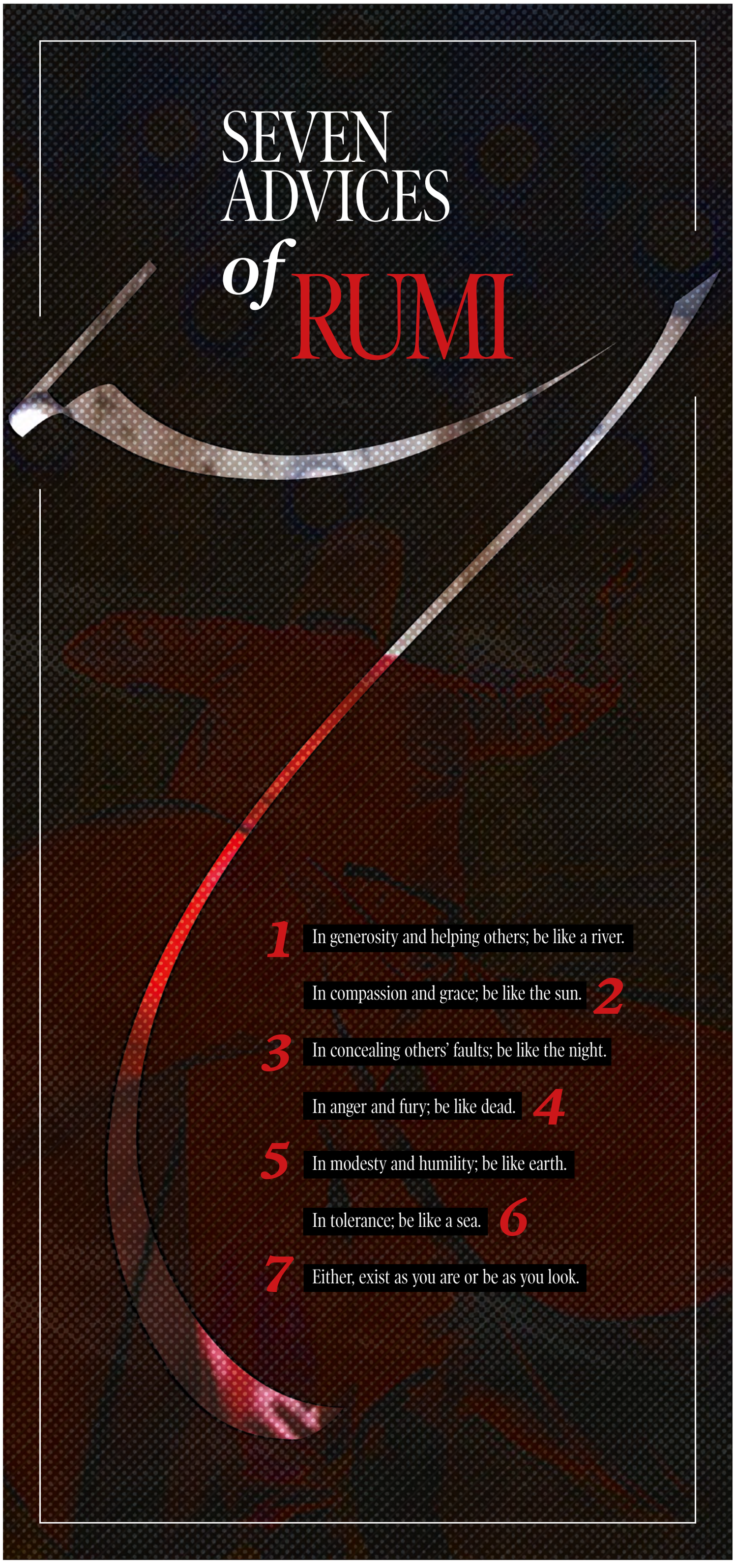
Rumi, who lighted the way for humanity with his works and ideas, gave voice to his ideas in different ways on health and help, too. It has been a tradition to help people in need for Turkish people. The main idea of these kinds of help can be proved by an inscription in Topkapı Palace. In this inscription it is written that:

"The Sultan is a shelter for the people in need and a shadow of God's justice on the earth."

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, Turkey has helped by sending health packages to different countries such as Spain and Italy, nearly 160 countries in total. On these packages there were the flags of the countries and Turkey. Also, just under these flags there was a quota by Rumi and its translation in different languages: "There is hope after despair and many suns after darkness".

Turkey was giving good messages to international diplomacy and international relations thorough Rumi's words. It was a good example of how to do a favour and international aid. This quota shows the politeness and delicacy of our President who asked the words to be written. Moreover, it gives the message about how to conduct a delicate diplomacy through Rumi. In this global disaster that we are living thorough, people are giving an exam about "friendship" and "unity". It is a significant message to write such a quota about "delicacy, hope and trust" on an international aid package in such times.







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The Individual Element in International Relations and The Universal/Global Role of Mawlana Jalal-Al-Din Rumi

When international relations are interpreted as all relationships that transcend the nation or -in a way- the state; individuals, such as non-governmental organizations (NGOs), international organizations and multinational companies (MNCs), have also evolved into actors and parties of international relations and global politics. In particular, the regulations of human rights, which have been determined under the umbrella of the United Nations and the Council of Europe and aimed at protecting the rights of the individual, have been factors that anchor the individual in becoming an actor of global politics with agreements and provisions in international law. In addition, the individual who has become active in foreign policy and diplomacy with its functions and missions as a diplomatic mediator, negotiator, representative, etc., has become an effective and powerful actor in global politics thanks to today's advanced communication channels and social media platforms.

Mawlana continues to affect international relations deeply/silently both in his personality, in works, and in messages, just in accordance with this approach and development, as a historical actor and an Islamic scholar at the center of universal and global relations. Although centuries have passed since his death, whenever a hope for peace is sought, he has been one of the sources used; a station if one follows the trail of global and universal knowledge; and continues to be a safe haven for individuals who think that they have no spatial belonging to the global order. His doctrines and teachings continue to be a beacon of hope and cornerstone for humanity, especially when we consider the deep humanitarian, political, and economic crises experienced in almost every part of the world and modern times.

Leaving sema, ney, tomb visiting or 'mawlana'-labeled nuts aside will be an extremely valuable endeavor to understand what Mawlana really means, to discover what calls he made to humanity in the messages he gave, and to fully understand the global situation that humanity is inside today. Not thinking or understanding the scholars with their teachings and the values they add to the world lead to the formation of a perception dominated by symbolism. In particular, the understanding of visiting mausoleums and lodges in pursuit of personal worldly help or the idea of tourism and touristic earnings, which are purely driven by financial interests, led to serve to manipulate universal/global personalities like Mawlana, who is a light of hope for humanity in every period of life and in all ages, and their messages.

Finally, seeing a Holy Sage like Mawlana with thousands of couplets and messages as only a call "Come, come, whoever you are..." and making humanity the only addressee of this call, and undermining thousands of motivating, crisis-ending, solution-finding, peace-loving and ending-wars and -conflicts messages will be one of the greatest evils that will be done to both our Mawlana and humanity. Also, seeing him only the calls for peace and humanity and ignoring his emphases on Allah, the Messenger, the Religion, Faith, Tawhid and other spiritual elements and values reflects another strangeness.

Let's see what is, as it is, and without distorting it; this is enough for us...

In these days when we commemorate him, I wish Mawlana mercy and blessings...

Successful CEO in Konya Dedeman



Fatih İşkin started his career as a service officer in food and beverage department at Hilton Konya Hotel in 2002. Afterwards, he worked as an authorized officer in the purchasing, accounting and sales departments of the Rixos Konya Hotel.

In 2008, he joined the Dedeman family as a sales representative at the Dedeman Konya Hotel and Convention Center. Then he became the sales manager of Dedeman Gaziantep. He worked as a General Manager at Dedeman Rize, Dedeman Gaziantep Hotel and Convention Center and Dedeman Konya Hotel and Convention Center in the following years. He was working as a General Manager at Dedeman Öskemen Tavros in Kazakhistan since 2016. Fatih İşkin has been appointed as the General Manager of Dedeman Konya Hotel and Convention Center as of 01.12.2021.

Fatih İşkin, who is married with three children, is fluent in English and Russian.

The handicrafts of women peasants are being exported with the help of Mukhtar Özlem in Konya



Before the metropolitan law, Karacadağ was a village. In the foothills of the mountain there were 4 neighbourhoods and the lives of the women in the area has altered with the election of Özlem Çelik as the mukhtar.

A WEAVING WORKPLACE WAS ESTABLISHED BY 42 WOMEN

Çelik was the pioneer to establish a cooperative with 42 other women in the area.

They aimed to serve local flavours to the consumers. They also got the support of district municipality and established a workplace to liven weaving which were done at homes 50 years ago.

With the initiative of Özlem Çelik, the mukhtar of Öbektaş neighbourhood in Emirgazi district, a cooperative was founded. Rug and carpet weaving, which has been about to be forgotten in the area, are livening up and being exported

RUGS AND CARPETS ARE BEING EXPORTED

Thanks to this cooperative which enables the rugs and carpets to be exported to the USA, women in the area started to have additional incomes.

AN ANCIENT TRADITION CAME TO LIFE

Çelik made an explanation in the rug and carpet workplace which was established in the stone building in Ekizli neighbourhood and she expressed that she was happy to create a new source of income by rug and carpet weaving, which was a forgotten ancient tradition, for the women in the area.





Export in Konya in 10 months is over 2.4 billion dollars

In October, Konya had an export volume of 256 million 152 thousand dollars. From January to October in the first 10 months of the year the numbers have reached to 2 billion 445 thousand dollars in Konya

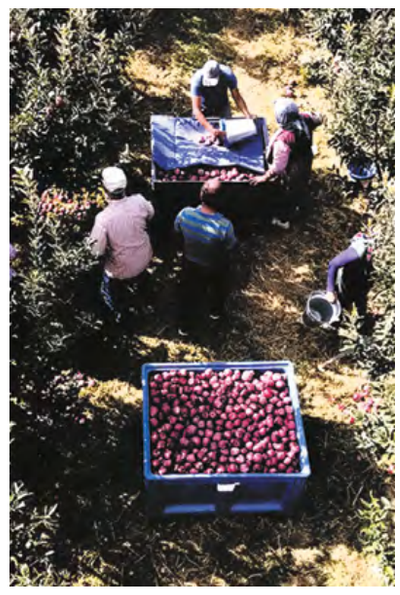
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Mehmet Muş, the Minister of Trade, made a press conference at the Ministry and announced the foreign trade numbers of October. İsmail Gülle, the chairman of TIM, also attended the meeting. In the meeting, Minister Muş expressed that Turkey is a great production and export centre with its powerful infrastructure, experience, qualified human resources and advantageous geographical location. He also said that, for these reasons, world-wide known foreign brands have been carrying their production facilities to Turkey in order to take advantage of these opportunities in Turkey.



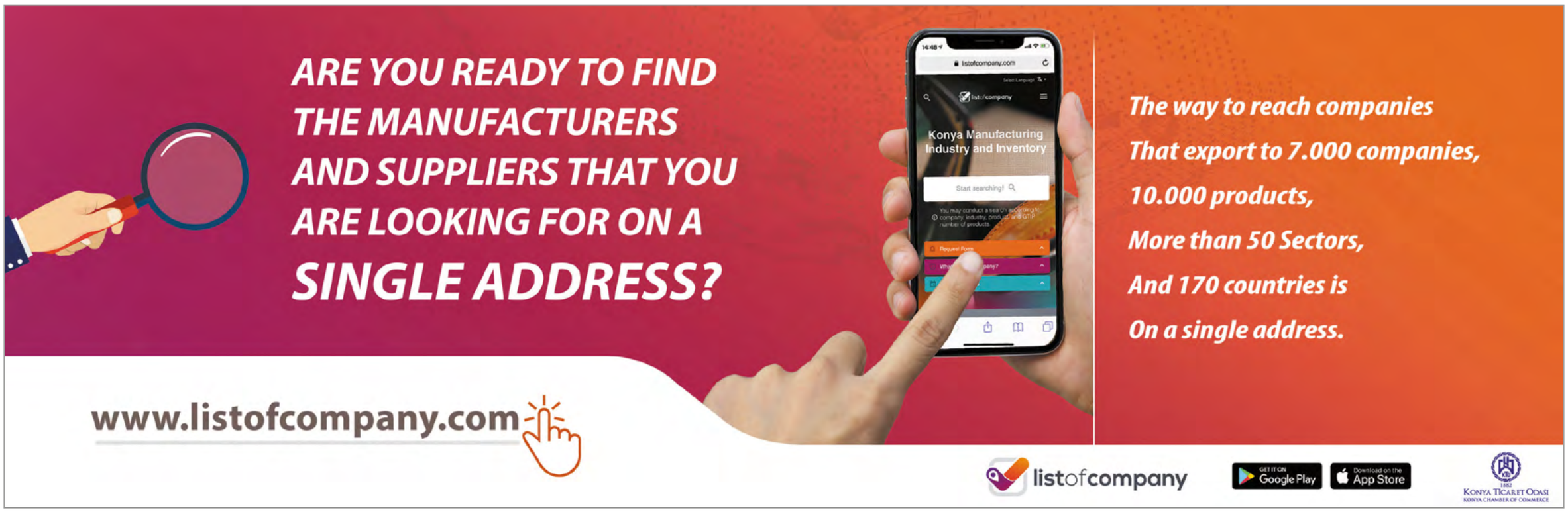
Thanks from Erdoğan to "The Konya News"

Compliments to The Konya News from Bilal Erdoğan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the İlim Yayma Vakfı. Erdoğan carefully read the issue of The Konya News, presented by Mustafa Özdemir, the Chairman of Mehir Vakfı in Istanbul. He stated that "besides its content, design and paper quality, a great job has been done in terms of promoting Konya in the international arena. I have liked very much, I will follow it with interest from now on."



Exported apples from Konya to Asian countries

Starking, golden and Fuji apples, which have been produced in a 3 thousand decare area in Beyşehir district of Konya, are exported to Malesia, Singapore and India. The apples which are grown in Beyşehir district of Konya are tasteful with their flavour and quality and attract attention abroad. Apple picking season has started in Beyşehir that has become popular with apple production in Konya recently. Apples that are picked from the gardens are being exported to some Asian countries such as Malesia, Singapore and India; some Middle Eastern countries; Norway and Holland.




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Tourism investments *and* numbers in Konya

Konya, with its deep historical background, has been a cradle to many cultures and civilizations

Konya, which was home to the first Christian residential areas and sanctuaries in the world, has an important potential in cultural tourism, too. In this context, Konya aims to become an essential centre for cultural tourism beside faith tourism.

Some important historical values such as Sille (Siyata), Aya Elena Church, Kilistra ancient city, Eflatunpınar Hittite monument, Çatalhöyük, Karahöyük, İvriz rock-cut relief, Bolat, Nekropol and Bouleterion shows the potential of Konya on behalf of cultural tourism.

The traditional handicrafts and folkloric values of Konya are also a part of cultural tourism. In Konya, various handicrafts such as making felt, carpet, wooden spoon, rifle, earthenware water rug, tile and calligraphy attract the attention of foreign tourists. Semah, folk dancing and sufi music also form primary folkloric values of Konya.

Konya bears the trace of a history that dates back to 7000 B.C. and witnessed various civilizations. It has a very rich historical heritage with its archaeological sites, historical and natural protected areas, caves and civil architecture examples. Konya, which was the capital of Seljuks, has an important tourism potential with its world-wide known characters such as Rumi and Hodja Nasrettin.

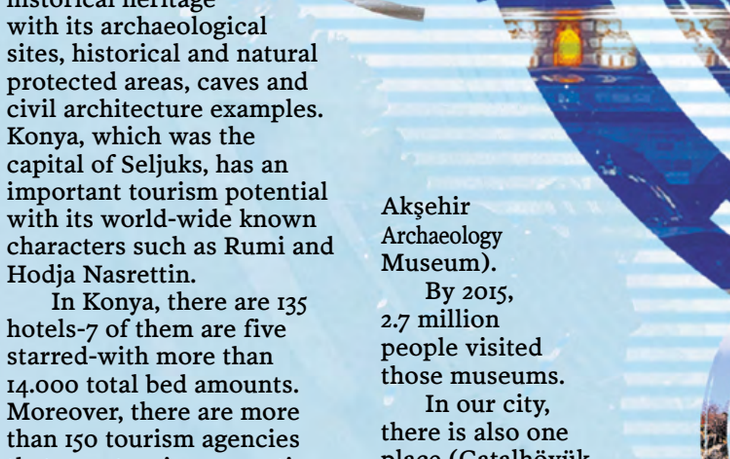
In Konya, there are 135 hotels-7 of them are five starred-with more than 14.000 total bed amounts. Moreover, there are more than 150 tourism agencies that own tourism operation license.

In Konya, there are 11 museums in total. 7 of them are in the city centre (Mevlana, Karatay Tile Museum, İnceminare, Sırçalı Madrasa, Atatürk, Ethnography and Archaeology Museums), and 4 of them are in the districts (Çatalhöyük Archaeological Site Museum, Ereğli Museum, Akşehir Western Front Base Museum and Akşehir Archaeology Museum).

By 2015, 2.7 million people visited those museums.

In our city, there is also one place (Çatalhöyük Neolithic Site) in UNESCO World Heritage List and there are four places (Eşrefoğlu Mosque, Konya – Seljuks Capital, Anatolian Seljuks Madrasas and Eflatunpınar: Hittite Water Monument) in World Heritage Tentative List.

In our city, there are Regional Manuscript Library and Yusufağa Manuscript Library as manuscript libraries in which national culture is preserved. Those libraries include 18.118 manuscripts and 91.621 books-73.503 of them are printed.



In the region; as it is stated in the Turkey's Tourism Strategy Action plan, faith tourism steps forward. By taking into consideration of the potential of our city for nature tourism, speleological tourism, health tourism, hunting tourism and convention tourism, it can be understood that how far the regional tourism can expand. In this context, detailed inventory studies are required in the region.

Beyşehir, the biggest freshwater lake of Turkey, is one of the leading centres of behalf of nature tourism and hunting tourism. Beyşehir Lake, with more than 30 islands on, is expected to become an important centre for nature tourism via investments and effective advertisement in the future.

The district areas in Toros Mountains and the plateaus are extremely appropriate for mountain hiking and mountain sports. Besides, the mountainous and forestry areas are suitable for hunting tourism and in some parts of those areas there has been visits for hunting tourism by foreign tourists.

In the region there are some other natural beauties such as Balatini Cave, Körükini Cave, Suluin Cave, Sakaltutan Cave, Susuz Cave, Tınaztepe Cave, Pınarbaşı Cave, and İncesu Cave and these are important potentials for the speleological tourism here.

There are important areas in the region which are suitable for bird watching that can be included in nature tourism.

The inner part of Salt Lake has the biggest flamingo colonies in the world. In the region, mountain sheep in Bozdağ Mountain (in Konya) and wild horses in Karadağ Mountain (in Karaman) are under protection by environmental board in order to preserve the fauna. By constructing excursion spots, these areas can be more profitable for tourism.

Turkey, which is over an important geothermal area, is among the first seven countries in the world in terms of the richness of its resources and potential. There are more than 1000 springs whose temperatures changes from 20oC to 100oC. There are more than 200 thermal centres over these springs. One of these centres is in the town Ilgın, in Konya and comes forward in alternative tourism.



Traditional handicrafts and folkloric values are also a part of culture tourism. In the action plan of Turkey's Tourism Strategy 2023, it is stated that creating a strong tourism path and regional destinations will make these kinds of regions stronger in terms of culture, handicrafts, food & beverage facilities and accommodation. In this sense, the potentials in the region devoted to handicrafts such as making felt, carpet, wooden spoon, rifle, earthenware water rug, tile, handmade equipment and calligraphy should be evaluated. Semah, folk dance, sufi music, Rumi, Yunus Emre and Hodja Nasreettin are the leading folkloric values of the region.



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Huğlu, a world brand with its *a hundred years of experience,* READY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL DEFENCE INDUSTRY

It is a snowdrop story from the peak of Taurus Mountains; a development model; a living evidence of Turkish people's success story in spite of negative conditions; an ability, an experience and a tradition in weapon production; a legend turned into a world brand and a legend that proved what can be achieved with the cooperation of ability, discipline and institutionalism



We have talked about how they became a world brand with Naci Tanık, the board chairman of Huğlu Hunting Firearms Cooperative,

Naci Tanık expresses a hundred-year story of them and their targets as;

"Acquaintance of a senior relative of us named Mustafa who were conscripted during the 1st World War with guns because of his duty in the army led the origin of our art of hunting shotgun. The tendency of Huğlu people to art, industry and development paved the way for the dissemination of gun repairing by said senior relative of us and commencement of production in time by way of repairing old filling shotguns.

The interest of town people in shotgun production increased in the course of time due to the geographical position of the region. This increase made a corporate structure inevitable. Individual production lasted by the year of 1962, a corporate identity was acquired on 16th November 1962 with 165 members and HUGLU HUNTING FIREARMS COOPERATIVE known for its quality was founded which is among the first 10 worldwide manufacturers.

Self-confident craftsmen selected a two headed eagle symbolizing dignity and power as a symbol for themselves. A more organized and systematic structure was established following the foundation of the cooperative. This foundation expanded the product range and played a key role in taking quality to a higher level.

The adventure started with producing a single barrel and this story continued with the production of side by side after 1962, over and under shotguns towards 1980s and semi-automatic and pump action shotguns at the beginning of 1990s and the cooperative reached to a position with the widest product range in the industry thanks to its various customer oriented options based on its knowledge and experience."



"TODAY HUĞLU IS EXPORTING SHOTGUNS TO MORE THAN 50 COUNTRIES."

Operating in a 25.000 m2 area with 17.000 m2 indoor space as of today, our company feels justified price of exporting 80% of the shotguns manufactured by it to more than 50 countries including notably the United States of America and France, Norway, Lebanon, Botswana, Chile, Philippines and so on with the help of 548 members and 450 employees. We are conducting technology investments and an additional 9.500 m2 indoor space investments.

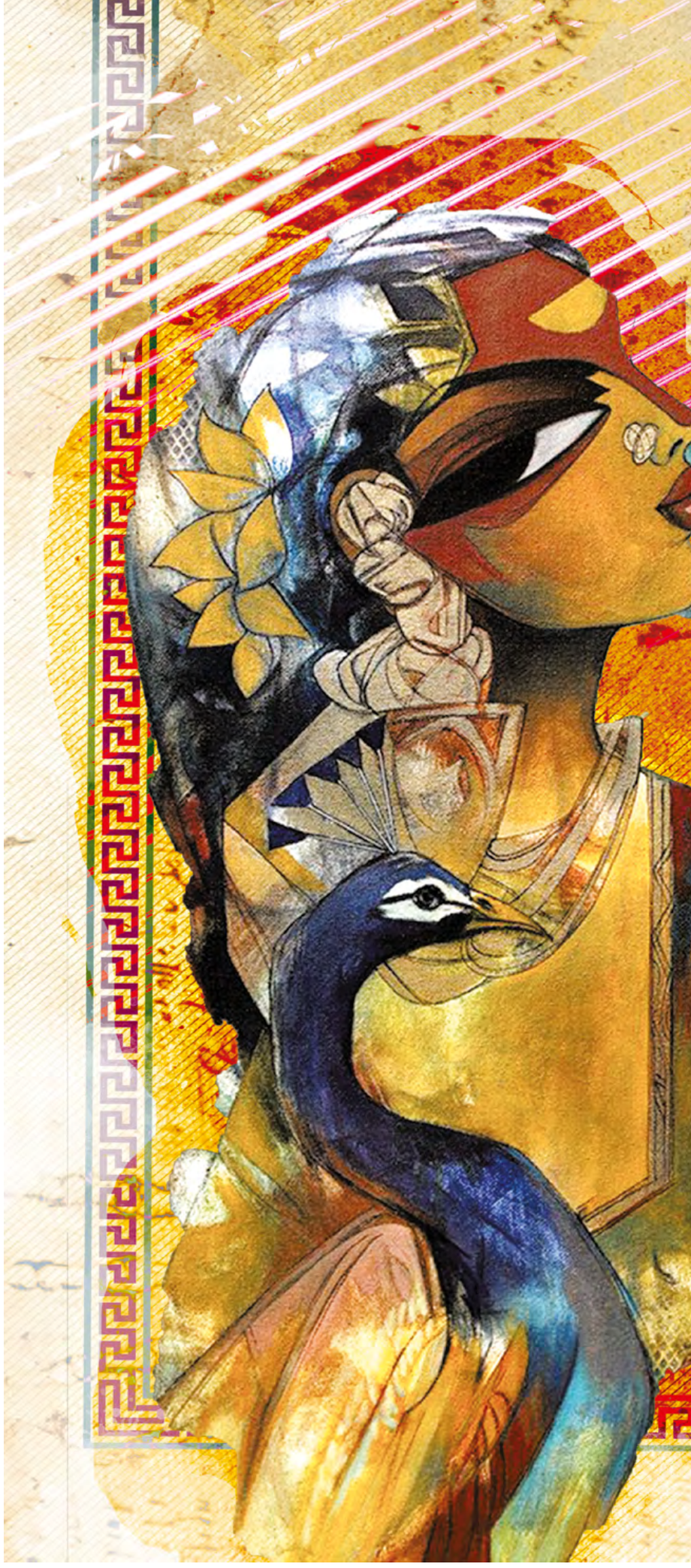
Our story started during World War I, today has grown up, crossed the oceans and become a real world brand. Our brand is associated with expertise all over the world and is a very trustful one. Expertise is not a simple word for us. Behind this word, there is knowledge, an experience, and a development of a hundred years.

"OUR PRODUCTS ATTRACT GREAT ATTENTION IN ALL WORLDWIDE FAIRS."

As Huğlu Hunting Firearms Cooperative we are producing various shotguns such as twelve, sixteen, twenty, twenty-eight and thirty-six calibre shotguns; fifty-one, fifty-five, sixty-six, sixty-eight, seventy-one and seventy-six cm. barrel length over&under, side by side, trap/skeet, lux and semi-automatic shotguns. We are really assertive about the 1453 and the Seljuk and also BOLT ACTION OVIS. OVIS 308 Win. is 7,62x51mm NATO in calibre, seventy-one cm barrel length, 600 - 2.000 gr. trigger pull, 7 kg in total, 3+1 clip capacity, and Turkish walnut stock. BOLT ACTION is a very special shotgun locking mechanisms by six points. Both this one and our other products attract great attention in all worldwide fairs and we are getting new orders.

Who is Tavus Baba?

A Sheikh or a Female Saint?



İbrahim Hakkı, a famous Historian, conveys the following information about Tavus Baba from Konya; "Hatamu Dede Lodge was in Meram, but today we are not sure about the exact place of it. We guess that it is next to the mausoleum, which is called TAVUS BABA TOMB today. It is very likely that Tavus Baba is the name of one of the sheikhs of this lodge. The interior of the tomb is made of brick and the exterior is made of stone. It is covered in a way called a monastery vault. There is only one window on the right side of the building. There is a sarcophagus plastered with common mortar inside." He does not give a name about the person buried here.

Mesut Koman Bey and Mehmet Önder thought that the deceased person's name was Şeyh Tavus Mehmet. Another conclusion from the research is that Tavus Baba's real name is Mehmet, his hometown is India. He lived during the reigns of Rükneddin Süleyman and Alaeddin Keykubat, who were the sultans of the Anatolian Seljuks. He was one of sheikhs of that period. He came and settled in Konya because of the respect shown by the Seljuk sultans to the people of culture and mysticism. Birth and death dates are unknown. (M. Ferit Uğur, Konya)



One of the legends about Tavus Baba is as follows:

"During the time of Rumi, many people come from faraway places to see and talk to him. One of them was a woman lover. She came and settled in a hut where her tomb is located today. The sound of the rebab was heard from the hut. Rumi spends the hot summer nights in various districts of Meram, full of nightingales. On such a night, a meeting of conversation and tersanctus opened on the skirts of Meram Hill, but that night, the sound of the rebab, which spread around every night, was not heard from the hut.

In the morning, when the meeting finished, Rumi said: "Go and look inside the hut".

When a few disciples entered the hut, they found nothing but a pile of peacock feathers in the corner. Until that day, it was not known who he was, and it is not known after that. Rumi ordered a tomb to be built in the place where the hut was located.

A large masjid was built to the east of the tomb, and a Darü'l-Hufaz was built on the east side of it during the reign of Karamanoglu Mehmet II. These are still standing. But there is no trace of the aforementioned Islamic monastery.

According to Gordelevsky, Tavus was a woman. After her death, the Bektashi community nicknamed her Tavus Baba. When the mevlevies gained strength Bektashis withdrew from here. Once upon a time, Bektashis and Ahis had lands in Meram and around Konya.

The tomb, which was destroyed over time, was repaired in 1905 by Postnishin Abdulvahid Çelebi and in 1958 by a benefactor from Konya. Whoever lies here, the important thing is that s/he has been remembered as a guardian among the people for centuries. Tavus Baba's Tomb is one of the most visited places, especially in summer.



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Turkish History Arouses with *"The Heritage of the Turks"*

The introductory meeting of the project named "The Heritage of the Turks", which is the most comprehensive study on Turks, which is under the auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey and is a partner of the Selçuklu Municipality, was held

Selçuklu Municipality will carry out the first stage of the project, which consists of 18-part documentaries and 17-volume corpus, and the broadcast consisting of 4 parts documentaries and 4 volumes within a year. Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı, Projects Manager of Presidency of Administrative Affairs Ali Murat Önder, Head of Konya Intellectuals Association Dr. Mustafa Güçlü and members of the press attended the introductory meeting of the project named "The Heritage of the Turks" held at the Selcuklu Congress Center. Mayor Pekyatırmacı stated that "We support every project that takes care of our





civilization. Turkish history is full of heroism. Turkish people established many states in the Eurasian steppes, these states became institutionalized over time and became the representatives of civilization in the lands they dominated with states such as the Great Seljuks and Anatolian Seljuks. Turkish Republic is the last representative of this civilization with its future-oriented face on the way of the past. Turkish history is full of heroes who struggle to raise their society, nation and state. Turks established 16 great states in the pre-Islamic and post-Islamic periods, trained countless leaders, scientists, wise personalities, and made history with practices that would set a model for the world. Important projects have been carried out by our municipality in order to carry the past of our glorious history to the future and to build the bright future of our generation with the codes of our civilization. We would like to crown all these efforts with the "Heritage of the Turks" project, we are signing. The "Heritage of the Turks Project", being carried out under the auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey, is the largest cultural project about "Turks" in the history of the Turkish Republic. This project consists of 18-part documentaries and 17 volumes of corpus. As Selçuklu Municipality, we will broadcast the first stage of this project, consisting of 4 episodes of documentaries and 4 volumes, within a year.



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“A person is the heart of universe”

Rumi

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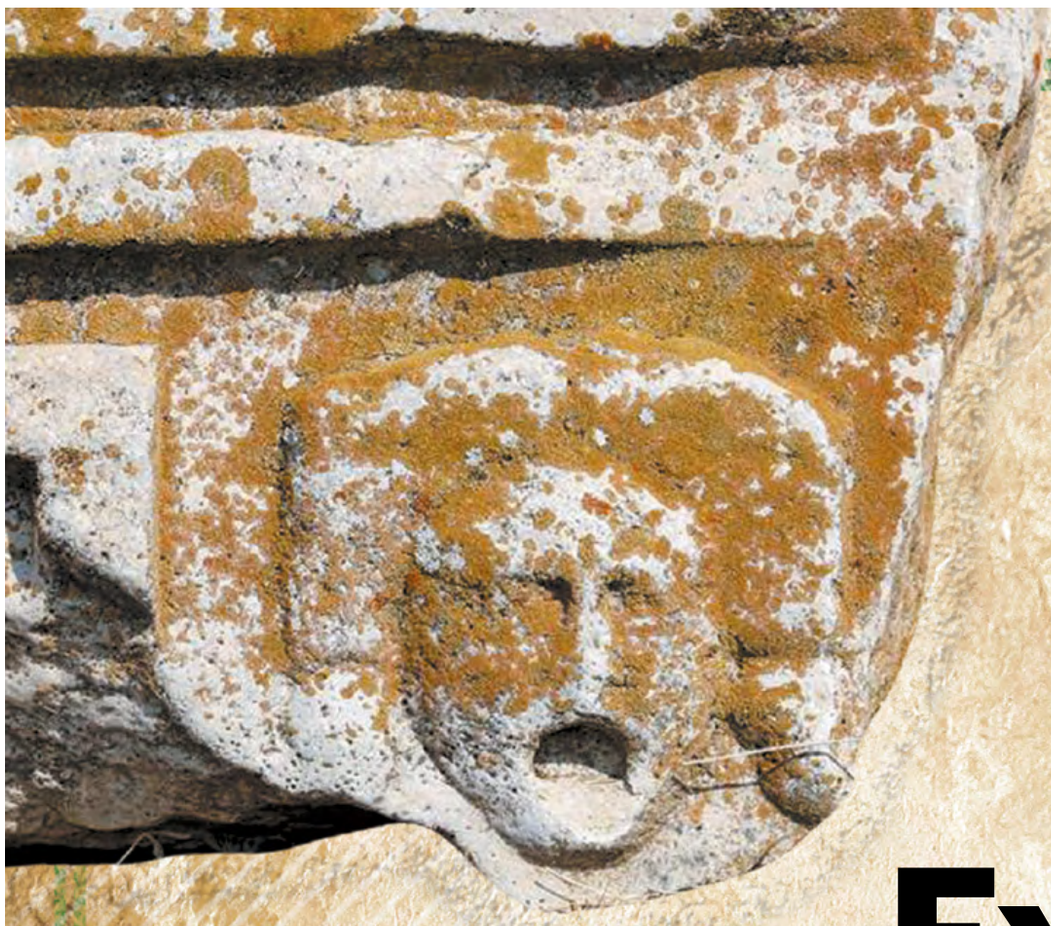
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THE HOLY CITY OF CHRISTIANS:

Ancient City of Lystra

Excavations begins in Konya

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The excavations for the ancient city of Lystra, which is located approximately 8 kilometers away from the Hatunsaray District of Konya's central Meram district, mentioned many times in the Bible and visited by St. Paul, has started

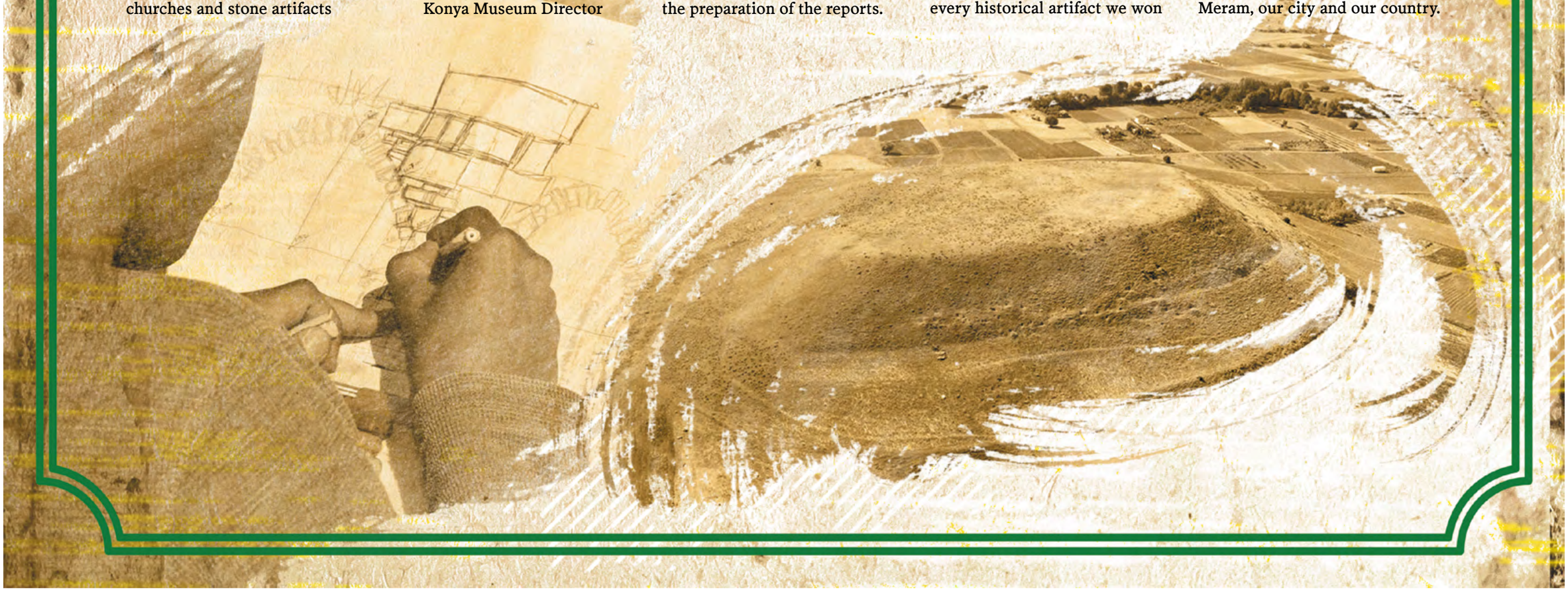


Surface scans of the excavations to be carried out in cooperation with Meram Municipality and Necmettin Erbakan University have been completed to a large extent. It is known that the city was founded as an important colonial city in the Roman period, and its importance in history increased with the visit of St. Paul here. In addition to its historical richness, Lystra is of special importance for Christians because its name is mentioned 4 times in the Bible. Temples, churches and stone artifacts from the Roman and Byzantine periods reveal the beauty, power and wealth of the city. Hüyük is located in the very center of the city. Before the First World War, western archaeologists wanted to excavate here, but they were unsuccessful. This area, which has not been excavated for 150 years despite being highly desired, is also followed by Europeans and Americans.

At the end of the excavations that will start in the very near future, Konya will gain another important historical heritage.

Konya Museum Director Ömer Faruk Türkan, together with the lecturer İlker Mete Mimiroğlu and the excavation team, visited Mustafa Kavuş, the Mayor of Meram, and gave information about the works carried out and the point reached. Stating that he was very excited about the works that started in Lystra, one of the important cities before and after Christianity, President Mustafa Kavuş gave the good news that excavations would start in the region immediately after the surface studies and the preparation of the reports.

He stated that "Each historical excavation is an important process. Archaeological excavations take a lot of time, even in a small area. Here, a whole city is waiting to be revealed under the ground. This is a serious process. Next year, we will start working upon the excavations, which will start with the necessary permits. We will witness the first excavation in this region. This excites me as much as the scientists who will be working here. We have experienced this excitement in every historical artifact we won in the Şükran neighbourhood transformation works. According to the knowledge and impression I have received from our teachers, the results will be very good in every respect. Konya and Meram, whose history emanates from every digging blow we hit on the ground, will gain a new historical region and will serve history and tourism. I wish success in advance to everyone who will work on this long and difficult road. I hope the results will bring goodness to our Meram, our city and our country.



"Doing a good job has no gender"

How did your career journey begin, can you share the details of your job?

This vast journey started with my student life, but regardless of my professional qualifications, I was someone who wanted to be in the business world of entrepreneurship at the age of 7 or 17. My company is an engineering company, and we are a company that includes Agricultural Irrigation Systems and Agricultural Product range. In fact, we are trying to change the interface of Turkish Agriculture with a team that puts technology and innovation at the center of development and sustainability. In this sense, I can say that I am the only woman in Turkey.



Of course, my existence in the sector has an important mission; it is an indescribable pleasure to be a part of a chain that gives me strength and adds value to people and nature.

Professions do not belong to women or men... Doing a job well has no gender... Are there any people who find it strange in your profession because you are a "woman"?

Discrimination actually starts at the beginning of applying a job, because most women are eliminated at the CV screening stage because of their gender, regardless of their educational background and work experience. In male-intensive occupations or sectors, depending on the theory that doing a good job has no gender, the biggest problem women experience is binary invisibility. Women are occupationally invisible when they are visible in terms of their gender, and they are invisible in terms of gender when they are professionally visible. In order to make a difference, it is necessary to break the stereotyped taboos. Of course, being accepted takes time and patience. However, everyone who does their job well has a place in business life. When you manage this process correctly, you will never be offended and on the contrary, you will turn into a higher quality team with everyone.

Pekergin has become the Deputy Director

Murat Pekergin has become the Konya Provincial Deputy Director of Culture and Tourism. For many years he worked in different departments for Metropolitan Municipality. Related to his new assignment, Pekergin expressed that "we are going to try more in order to promote Konya and increase the deserved share from tourism".





This year Şeb-i Arus ceremonies start with the theme

"Time of Spiritual Wisdom"

The International Commemoration of the 748th anniversary of Rumi's reunion has the theme "Time of Spiritual Wisdom" this year.

Abdüssettar Yarar, the director of Konya Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism held a press conference in Tantavi Culture and Art Centre about The International Commemoration of the 748th anniversary of Rumi's reunion. Yarar thanked to everyone who has contributed to the ceremonies so far. He also stated that "the ceremonies this year are enriched by the program supports of Konya Metropolitan Municipality, Selçuk University, Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya Chamber of Commerce, Karatay University, Karatay Municipality, Meram Municipality, Selçuklu Municipality, Konya Turkish Sufi Music Ensemble, İstanbul Turkish Historical Music Ensemble, Konya State Theatre, International Mevlana Foundation and Spiritual Wisdom Civilization Research Centre.

Yarar reminded that in previous years the ceremonies were held with different themes such as "Time to Unite", "Time of Brotherhood", "Time of Greeting", "Time of Fidelity" and "Time of Goodness" and stated that this year the theme was prepared as "Time of Spiritual Wisdom" as the phrase "spiritual wisdom" has an important place in the works of Rumi. He stated that "we tried to handle the sayings and ideas of the main frames of wisdom in Rumi. This phrase has various meanings such as refinement, intuition and perception and they have been some important concepts both for Rumi and other Anatolian morals."

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Hemp Halvah

Hemp Halvah was prepared with the main ingredients of hemp and molasses by boiling them, and then cooling it in snow after being poured into trays that have been sprinkled with chickpeas, especially during winter nights in the past. You must try this completely natural traditional taste that is made richer with various dried fruits.

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Time of spiritual wisdom

Knowledge of the self is the essence of the knowledge itself.

Mevlana Muhammed Celaleddin Rumi

KARATAY MUNICIPALITY

HASAN KILCA
THE MAYOR OF KARATAY MUNICIPALITY

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A Sportwoman of Meram Municipality Team, Selma, became 3rd in the world



There was a wind of Meram Municipaity in the World Deaf Taekwondo Championship. In the Women's World Taekwondo Championship for the Deaf Selma Canlı won bronze medal in Iran with her successful performance

Meram Municipality team left a mark in the World Deaf, Taekwondo Championship held in Iran. Selma Canlı, a member of Meram Municipality team, represented our country in the championship and in 57 kg she won bronze medal, by being the 3rd in the world. She made Konya and Meram full of proud.



CONGRATULATIONS FROM MAYOR KAVUŞ

Mustafa Kavuş, the Mayor of Meram Municipality, highlighted that this is a great success and he also expressed that "the sportmen and sportwomen of Meram Municiplaity team are going on making us proud both nationally and internationally. Our member Selma Canlı came back from Iran with a medal and it made us realize the importance of the support for sport once again. I congratulate her and her family. I also congratulate her coaches as they have great contributions in this success. We will continue to support our sportmen and sportwomen as usual."



Konya Sport Club President Fatih Özgökçen; We made a challenging team..!

Fatih Özgökçen, İttifak Holding Konya Sport Club President, expressed that they are currently situated second in the Super League and they believe that they are going to finish the league on one of the top levels. He also stated that we are one of the teams which have a team-play in Super League. I hope, if we are able to continue this performance in 38 matches, we will have a successful end. Of course we would like to be the first at the end but this is a long marathon of 38 matches. I believe that Konya Sport will be really successful in the league if we insist on our efforts."

Fatih Özgökçen, İttifak Holding Konya Sport Club President, stated that when they were setting the team up they gave importance the power to struggle and we've managed in this way. Özgökçen also said that ''while we were setting the team up we gave importance the power to struggle. We were able to guess that this team would be really successful when we watched the workouts done. It was possible to observe the friendship and the harmony in the team. Today we are talking about a team which is currently situated second in the Super League. But here not being second but playing well is more important."

