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"WHIRLING WONDERS: KONYA'S SEMA DAZZLES OSAKA EXPO

Konya Metropolitan Municipality introduced the city'sancient culture and historical heritage to the world by organizing a sema program at the Turkish pavilion established at **EXPO 2025**, which is ongoing in Osaka, Japan. The Sema Ceremony performed by the Metropolitan Municipality Turkish Sufi Music andSema Group attracted great attention and participants were invited to Konya. Konya Metropolitan Municipality introduced Konya to the international arena at **EXPO 2025**, hosted by Osaka, Japan, between April 13 and October 13, 2025. Our country's rich culture is being introduced with different events at the Turkish pavilion at EXPO 2025, which was held in Osaka with the participation of 160 countries under thetheme of **"Designing the Future Society for Our Lives".**

SEMA PROGRAM IN THE COLOSEIUM

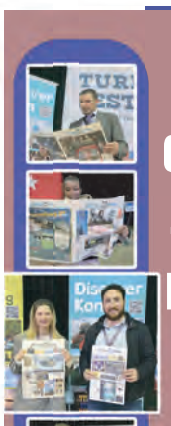
The Sema ceremony was performed in Rome, the capital of Italy, with the organization of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the Embassy of Rome, the Konya Metropolitan Municipality and the Yunus Emre Institute. The program, which was held in an open air, historical setting next to the Colosseum, carried the universal message of Rûmî and Konya to the center of Europe. Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay stated that the event was a great opportunity for the promotion of Konya and said, "It is a great pleasure for us to talk about Konya in Rome."

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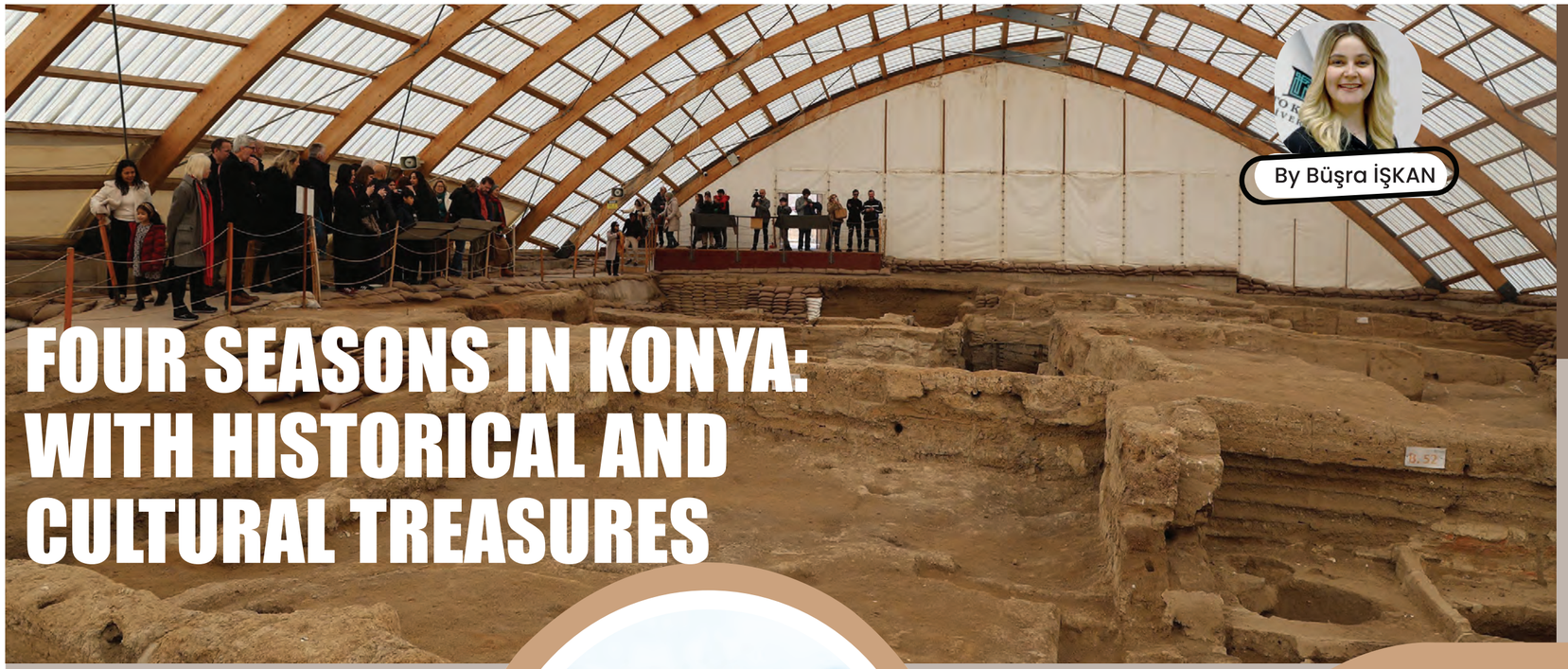
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FOUR SEASONS IN KONYA: WITH HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TREASURES

By Büşra İŞKAN

The museums and promotion centres operating under the Konya Metropolitan Municipality attract great interest from local and foreign visitors. Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay emphasized that Konya, the Seljuk Dârülkmülk with its thousands of years of history, is becoming a city that is visited more and more every day with its historical and cultural riches.





"WE EXPECT ALL OUR GUESTS TO COME TO KONYA IN ALL SEASONS"

President Altay stated that they are very happy to host guests from all around the world every year and said, "Our aim is to pass on this strong spiritual and cultural heritage of Konya to future generations. We aim to carry Konya much further in terms of tourism with the work we do. We expect all our guests from home and abroad to come to Konya in all four seasons to discover its historical and cultural treasures."

ÇATALHÖYÜK INTRODUCTION AND VISITOR CENTER

The Çatalhöyük Introduction and Visitor Center, which was established by the Konya Metropolitan Municipality in order to revive Çatalhöyük, which is on the UNESCO World Heritage List, and to effectively welcome visitors, was designed with the aim of welcoming guests, providing information and enriching their cultural experiences. The center also has the distinction of being the largest wooden public building in Türkiye. The center attracts great interest from both local and foreign tourists throughout the year.

DARULKMULK EXHIBITION CENTER



The Darülmülk Exhibition Center, which was built by the Konya Metropolitan Municipality in Kılıçarslan Square, is a unique exhibition area that presents Konya's rich cultural heritage to visitors. This exhibition center houses two important collections, the "Turkish Seljuk Dynasty Exhibition" and the "Turkish Seljuk Coins Exhibition."



TAŞ BİNA DIGITAL INFORMATION CENTER

Completed in 1922 and used as a Girls' Teachers' School for a long time and later used as a rectorate building for many years, the building was taken over by the Konya Metropolitan Municipality and restored. The building, which was put into service under the name Taş Bina, includes a digital center where Konya is introduced, culture and art areas, and a conference hall.



PANORAMA MUSEUM / IRFANIC CIVILIZATION RESEARCH AND CULTURE CENTER

Irfanic Civilization Research Center, which was implemented by Konya Metropolitan Municipality, was built as a social complex in accordance with traditional Turkish Islamic art. The center includes Konya Panorama Museum, which tells the story of 13th century Konya, Semahane, conference hall, workshop and classrooms.

DEPO NO:4

The Old Tekel Building - Depo No: 4, which has undergone a successful restoration process by the Konya Metropolitan Municipality, makes a significant contribution to the cultural and social life of the city. Depo No: 4, a station of the Darülmülk İhya Project that came to life in the heart of the city, serves with its art gallery, cafe and workshop units.

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KONYA'S TOURISM POTENTIAL IS ON THE US' RADAR



By Zeynep UÇAR

In order to promote Turkey's tourism potential and the outstanding values of the city of Konya, Turkish Airlines and Konya Municipality delegations came together with US-based travel agency owners.





Konya's iconic tourism values such as Şeb-i Arus ceremonies, Çatalhöyük, Sema shows, Konya Open Air Museum, Eşrefoğlu Mosque and Nasreddin Hodja Tales, which were one of the focal points of the meeting, were discussed in detail.

At the meeting attended by US-based travel agency owners, comprehensive presentations were made with Turkish Airlines, Konya Metropolitan Municipality and TÜRSAB officials on Turkey's tourism appeal, cultural heritage and Konya's unique touristic values.TÜRSAB Presidential Advisor and Airline Ticket Sales and IATA Specialist Numan Olcar provided information about TÜRSAB's role and activities in the tourism sector and answered participants' questions. While the THY team shared Turkey's historical and cultural heritage, seasonal advantages and important regions on the UNESCO World Heritage List with participants, Konya Metropolitan MunicipalityTourism Branch Manager Coşkun Bilgi introduced the city's tourism capacity, transportation opportunities, historical regions and traditional activities under the title of **"Konya, the City of Rumi".**



SELÇUKLU'S SYMBOLIC PLACES FLOODED WITH VISITORS

Selçuklu's popular places became the favorites of the guests during Eid al-Adha. Tropical Butterfly Garden, Selçuklu Observation Hill, Sille Dam Park and museums attracted great attention from the visitors and hosted 81,455 people. In Selçuklu, the center of tourism, the symbolic places of Selçuklu Municipality became the places visited by visitors during this holiday. The Tropical Butterfly Garden, Selçuklu Seyir Tepesi, Sille Dam Park, Sille Neighborhood and museums, which make significant contributions to Konya and country tourism, hosted visitors who came to Konya for the holiday. Selçuklu hosted approximately 81,455 people during the holiday.







VISITORS WITNESS EXTRAORDINARY LIFE CYCLE AT THE TROPICAL BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Guests who came to the Konya Tropical Butterfly Garden, which hosts the most visitors after the Mevlana Museum in Konya, during the Eid al-Adha holiday had the opportunity to witness the extraordinary life cycle of butterflies. The garden, which offers a natural habitat for many types of butterflies, also has thousands of different plants, and 12,710 visitors who came to the garden during the holiday witnessed these unforgettable moments. The Seljuk Flower Garden located in the Butterfly Valley Park provided enjoyable moments to 1,875 guests with its colorful appearance.



ALL COLORS OF NATURE AT SILLE DAM PARK

Sille Dam Park, which hosts all colors and atmospheres of nature in Selçuklu, also hosted many visitors during the holiday. Sille Dam Park, which offers its guests a breath of fresh air in nature, was again the most preferred place during the holiday with 33,328 visitors. Seyir Tepesi, another favorite place of visitors, was also visited by 30,000 people. Sille Neighborhood, which has a history of thousands of years, and the Aya Elenia, Sille and Zaman Museums located here are also among the most visited places and hosted 3,542 guests.

THE HEART OF TECHNOLOGY BEATS IN SELÇUKLU

TEKNOSEL 2025

ENDS WITH THE AWARD CEREMONY

The TEKNOSEL 2025 Technology and Robot Competition, organized in cooperation with Selçuklu Municipality, Selçuklu District National Education Directorate and KOP Regional Development Administration, ended with an award ceremony.Selçuklu Mayor Ahmet Pekyatırmacı said, "We will build the Turkish Century together with our youth under the leadership of our President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan."



The TEKNOSEL 2025 Technology and Robot Competition, which was held in Selçuklu Municipality International Sports Hall with the cooperation of Selçuklu Municipality, Selçuklu District National Education Directorate and KOP Regional Development Administration, ended with the award ceremony and closing program. Organized with the aim of increasing young people's interest in technology and encouraging the development of future technology leaders, TEKNOSEL 2025 was filled with enthusiasm and excitement for three days.



By Doğa İŞKAN

In this exciting organization where 1,060 students and 337 consultants from 99 schools competed with 567 robots they developed in the field of robotics, the students transformed their knowledge into skills and awards were given to their owners in 8 different categories: Basic Level Line Follower, Advanced Level Line Follower, Maze Master, Mini Sumo, UAV-Mini Drone, Design and Run, Egg Collector and Free category.



INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED:

8 COMPANIES FROM KONYA ARE ON THE LIST!



By Ezgi ULU

ISO's Türkiye's Top 500 Industrial Enterprises 2024 Research has been published. Accordingly, TÜPRAŞ is the largest industrial enterprise with 651.6 billion liras in sales from production. In addition, 8 companies from Konya are among the Top 500 Industrial Enterprises. Here are those companies in Konya on the list...



According to ISO's Türkiye's 500 Largest Industrial Enterprises 2024 Research, 8 companies from Konya are included in the list. Here are those companies in Konya that are included in the list...

KONYA'S LARGEST INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS

57-) Konya Şeker San. ve Tic. A.Ş.

171-) AYD Otomotiv Endüstri San. Ve Tic. A.Ş.

198-) Eti Alüminyum A.Ş.

239-) Panagro Tarım Hayvancılık Gıda San. Ve Tic. A.Ş.

388-) Tümosan Motor ve Traktör Sanayi A.Ş.

401-) Vaden Otomotiv San. Ve Tic. A.Ş.

492-) Enka Süt ve Gıda Mamülleri San. Ve Tic. A.Ş

499-) RTM Tarım Kimya San. Ve Tic. A.Ş.

HOW TO GET TO KONYA

Settled on the silk-smooth plains of Central Anatolia, Konya is brilliantly connected—whether you land, roll or ride into town. Here's a quick primer for planning your journey.



By Air

Konya Airport (KYA) sits just 15 km north-east of the Mevlana Museum. Turkish Airlines and Pegasus operate 4-5 daily non-stop flights from Istanbul (IST & SAW), whisking you here in about 1 h 25 m. There are also year-round hops from Ankara (50 m) and Izmir (1 h 10 m). A taxi or H-2 airport bus reaches the city centre in roughly 25 minutes.

By High-Speed Train (YHT)



Konya is on Türkiye's high-speed spine.
• Ankara - Konya: nine departures daily, 1 h 40 m city-centre to city-centre.
• Istanbul (Pendik) - Konya: four trains daily via Eskişehir, just under 5 h—faster than driving and Wi-Fi all the way.
Selçuklu and Konya YHT stations sit a tram-ride from the historic core, so you can drop your bag and be sipping Turkish coffee in minutes.



By Intercity Coach

Turkey's "otobüs" network is legendary: reclining seats, on-board tea and hourly departures. Sample times: Ankara 3 h / 260 km, Antalya 4 h / 305 km, Istanbul 8-9 h / 700 km. Coaches arrive at the ultra-modern Konya Bus Terminal (Otogar) where tram line 1 rolls straight downtown.

By Car

Prefer the open road?
Dual-carriageway highways put Konya within easy reach of:

• Cappadocia (Göreme) – 230 km / ≈2 h 30 m
• Ankara – 260 km / ≈3 h
• Antalya – 305 km / ≈4 h
• Istanbul – 700 km / ≈7 h
Motorways O-21 and D-330 are well-signed, with panoramic pit-stops for picnic--style gözleme.

Quick Tips

• KonyaKart smart cards work on trams & buses—pick one up at kiosks outside the station.

• Travelling onwards? High-speed trains link seamlessly to Cappadocia shuttles and overnight services east.

• Booking trains: lise "Yolcu360" app or kiosks—tickets drop 15 days out and sell fast on Fridays.
Whichever track you choose, getting to Konya is as smooth as a whirling dervish spin—see you on the plateau!



By Emine Deniz ULUSOY

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By Sıla İŞKAN

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Konya Cuisine has created a unique cuisine, and an incredibly rich culinary culture related to this cuisine with its kitchen architecture, tools, food varieties, cooking methods, table arrangements, serving methods, and foods prepared for the winter. It would be enough to state the magnificence of Konya Cuisine to say that in Seljuk palaces, meals were arranged on golden trays and pans in accordance with the Oghuz image; that the first teamwork in the kitchen began in the Mevlevi Cuisine; and that the first chef in the world to have a monumental tomb built in his name was probably in Konya.

The consumption of desserts, as in all parts of Anatolia, during all transitional periods including birth and marriage, the tradition of distributing snacks to children on holy days called 'şivlilik', which is only seen in Konya, and the consumption of seven foods with the letter 'S' on Nevruz, one of the joyful days, are examples of the countless riches of Konya Cuisine.The most interesting feature of Konya Cuisine is the regular invitation meals. Wedding pilaf called **"Aşçı Takım"**, the most beautiful invitation meal "kara yemek takımı" consist of certain dishes and it is certain which dishes will be eaten when you go to these invitations. Neighbour meetings, çetnevir, Cold meal tables, banquet table meals called "çebiç" prepared by hanging a whole lamb in a tandoor, night guest tables where "Arabaşı" and "peşmani" are served also generally consist of well-known dishes.



There are three delicious foods that stand out in Konya as food to eat outside. Fırın Kebabı, etli ekmek (bread with meat), and cheese pita. In recent years, mixed pita prepared with cheese and meat filling has been added to these. These three foods are foods that attract the attention of foreigners as much as the people of Konya. Konya Cuisine, which no one is aware of, started to become the centre of attention of foreigners after the First International Food Congress of the Konya Tourism Association in 1986. The famous authority Alan Davidson, who visited the tomb of Ateş Baz-ı Veli, stated that they were 'pilgrims' here and repeated this in his article in PPS.

In the Examples of Konya Food exhibition prepared by us, experts who know Konya and Seljuk food emphasized that Konya could be an important food centre. Holly Chase and some of the experts who wrote articles full of praise about Konya food organized trips to Konya for food. Konya Cuisine will be the second important thing after the Mevlana Museum in terms of culture and tourism in the very near future.

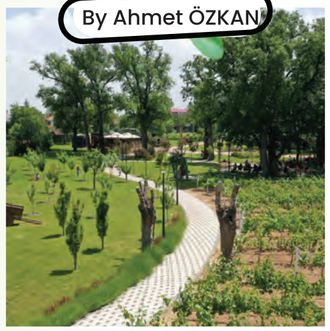


SUMMER STARTS IN MERAM; MERAM VINEYARD AND HISTORICAL CAFÉ GARDEN OPENS THE SEASON

Meram Vineyard and Meram Historical Café Garden, where history and nature intertwine and bring the beauty of the past to the present in Konya, have reopened their doors for the 2025 summer season. These two special projects of Meram Municipality, which embrace people with nature, history and peace, invite the people of Konya and guests from out of town to a fascinating journey again.



By Ahmet ÖZKAN



MERAM VINEYARD : The door opening to the district's Magnificent past and the hearth of nature

With approximately 200 fruit trees bearing the unique colours of nature on an area of 18.000 m², Meram Vineyard brings its visitors together with nature and takes them to the district's magnificent past. Apples, cherries, quinces, plums, apricots and jujubes flourish not only with the soil but also with the memories of visitors. In this special place where people drink tea by the Gedavet Wind under the shade of trees where squirrels play on their branches, guests share their most special moments with their loved ones. heart of Meram as flavours that keep the traditions of the past alive. A stone house bearing traces of the ancient Konya civilization also rises in the vineyard. This historical structure invites both nostalgia and aesthetics.

HISTORICAL FAMILY CAFE GARDEN: A little nostalgia with the breezed of Gedavet But a lot of chat

Located right next to the Meram Bridge and just below the Tavusbaba Tomb, the Historical Meram Family Café Garden has regained its former liveliness with the arrangements made by the Meram Municipality. With the cordon extending to the edge of the stream, its shaded terrace floors and its lively atmosphere, this area has once again become one of the places where Meram's social and cultural pulse beats, as it once was. The taste of tea drunk in the summer café garden accompanied by the winds of Gedavet leaves a completely different taste in the mouths. Here, guests experience nostalgia on the one hand and have the opportunity to spend unique time with their loved ones on the other.





TURKISH CUISINE WEEK IN Konya





Turkish Cuisine Week was celebrated with great enthusiasm hosted by Meram Municipality City and Life Culture Museum, Museum Meram. As part of the week celebrated under the auspices of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's wife Emine Erdoğan, unforgettable moments that appealed to both mouths and hearts were experienced in Meram.During the events, visitors had the opportunity to taste traditional Konya dishes and rare flavours of Turkish cuisine. Etliekmek (bread with meat), traditional Konya wedding pilaf, tandoori pastry, Konya sherbets and okra soup served to the guests attracted great attention.



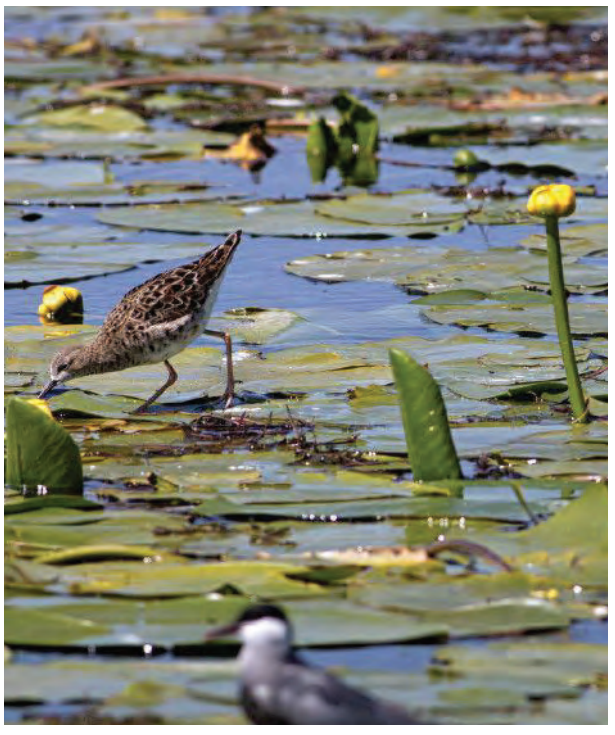
Hundreds of citizens took a journey into the past by trying the Konya flavours served at the stands set up. The guests who attended the event also had the opportunity to visit and get to know the Museum Meram, which reflects and tells the culture of Konya and Meram in the best way.During the celebrations,
traditional barana culture was once again exhibited at the Museum Meram. The shows and folk dances accompanied by folk songs were remarkable. The concert, where Konya folk songs were echoed with live performances, gave the audience nostalgic moments.



KONYA TOURISM MASTER PLAN WORKSHOP WAS HELD

In the interactive workshop held at the Selçuklu Congress Center; Konya's tourism potential, destination diversity and sustainable policies were discussed. Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay said that “the 2025-2030 Konya Tourism Master Plan Workshop, which they prepared together with Cappadocia University, is an example for other provinces”.





"WHAT WE WILL DO IS TO CREATE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES FOR PEOPLE"

Mayor Altay said that Konya is geographically located on the transportation axes and many people come to visit Konya, “Of course, Mevlana is at the forefront of this. People want to come here. What we will do is to create various alternatives for them. To ensure that they experience Konya when they come. In addition, we have strong brands. What makes Mevlana here is that this place is a dar-ülmülk. We have a journey that started with Çatalhöyük.

There are not many cities in the world that have continued urban life for 10 thousand years. Cities have come to the forefront in certain periods but have either lost their importance or have been erased from the stage of history. Konya is lucky in this sense. It has a structure that conveys its culture and gastronomy. Therefore, we need to explain this well.”

"OUR MINISTRY DOES NOT LEAVE US ALONE IN THIS JOURNEY"



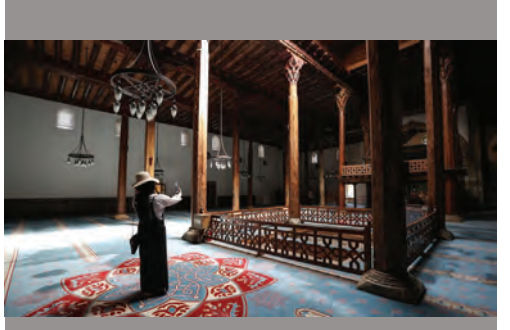
Emphasizing that another opportunity for Konya is its geographical size, Mayor Altay said, "When it comes to tourism, we focus on the centre a little bit, but we also have districts and places outside the centre that can create important brands. I also think that we have not used the UNESCO issue sufficiently. Especially our sema programs are on the intangible cultural heritage list. Again, the inclusion of Eşrefoğlu Mosque on the list together with Çatalhöyük has also created a tourism movement. Therefore, I think that we should also handle the UNESCO issue. Of course, our ministry has very intense support in these works. A study is being carried out to bring Konya to the forefront in tourism. I would like to thank all the ministry personnel in the person of our Minister of Culture and Tourism."



COME TO KONYA, BOTH YOUR HEART AND YOUR MOUTH WILL BE PLEASED

Mayor Altay emphasized the need to highlight Konya's gastronomy. “Gastronomy has also become one of the most important pillars of tourism. Of course, it is difficult for Konya to focus only on gastronomy. Because when there is Mevlana and the Seljuk dar-ülmülk, it is not enough to talk only about food, but when you come to Konya, not only your heart but also your body will be satisfied.

Because Konya's gastronomy is developing day by day. The new facilities built by our municipalities, the facilities opened by investors, the improvement of the venues, their hygiene and quality are also important opportunities for Konya gastronomy.”



"KONYA HAS NOW BECOME SOMETHING THAT CAN BE PROUDLY SHOWN TO THOSE COMING FROM ABROAD"

Mayor Altay drew attention to the fact that Turkish Airlines has recently made a huge move regarding Konya. Altay said “We are especially showing a very intense participation in the American continent. Accordingly, we need to increase our capacity. This has created a new opportunity for us. Because Turkish Airlines is the flag carrier of our country and one of our most important brands in tourism.”





Exclusive tastes of the palace cuisine are on your table with their essence.



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(A dish of lamb's shank and ground wheat)



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(Boiled dumplings seved with walnuts and butter)

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TURKISH RESTAURANT IN DUBAI

CHEF FROM KONYA CHASES MICHELIN STAR IN DUBAI

He was only 12 years old when he decided to become a chef. What impressed him the most was that different foods produced in his village every season. Alkan says, "Our village was like a gastronomy paradise, different flavours were prepared every season." Here is the difficult journey of Fatih Alkan from Konya to Dubai.

HE DECIDED TO BECOME A CHEF AT THE AGE OF 12

Chef Alkan said that "This friendly atmosphere in our home and village was literally preparing the foundations of my future professional journey. In the 6th grade, I continued my dream of becoming a chef, which I decided to do when I was 12, in the Department of Food and Beverage Services Cooking at Antalya Kemer Tourism Hotel Management and Vocational High School. We were trained in military discipline in our high school, which was a boarding school. The discipline and education I received there helped me a lot in coming to this day. I continued my education at Göynük Culinary Arts Vocational School, which was the first thematic culinary arts vocational school in Turkey, which opened in 2015."

HE ADMIRED HIS BROTHER'S KNIVES

From a young age, he examined his brothers' knives and cookery books with great admiration. With his brother encouraging and supporting Fatih's excitement, he decided to become a chef. Chef Fatih Alkan, who mentioned that the thing that excites him the most in the kitchen is its dynamic atmosphere and intense pace. Alkan said, "The kitchen is a therapy area for me, this is where I feel the happiest and most peaceful. Feeding both my soul and my eyes with new flavours every day is among the elements that always motivate me."

'MY BIGGEST DREAM CAME TRUE AT THE END OF 2017'

Chef Fatih explained his Dubai adventure, which was a turning point in his life, with the following words:
"My Dubai dream started during my high school years. At that time, the heart of the gastronomy and hotel industry was beating in Dubai. I was also interested in the fact that many successful chefs were gaining experience here. During this process, I had the opportunity to meet with many hotels and restaurants, but the process did not progress as quickly and efficiently as I wanted. Still, I never gave up on my dream and by the end of 2017, my biggest dream came true; I was now in Dubai. I started my career in a small Turkish restaurant in Dubai and this was a great opportunity for me."

'I WANT TO REPRESENT TURKISH GASTRONOMY IN THE BEST WAY'

Chef Fatih Alkan stated that "My interest in Asian cuisine started when I met Chef/Owner Akira Back in Dubai. We have been working together for about 5 years and during this process, thanks to him, I had the opportunity to delve into the subtleties and depths of Asian cuisine."

The Power of Women in the Seljuk

In the Turkish state tradition, the relationship between the kagan and the khatun was also reflected in the social structure. When the kagan became the head of the state, the "khatun" would ascend to the throne with him and would have a "kut". The harmony of the kagan and the khatun duo in the Turkish tradition set an example for the families that formed the society.







"When the blue sky above and the dark earth below were created, mankind was created between them. In order for the Turkish nation not to perish and to become one nation, God raised my father Ilterish Kagan and my mother İl-Bilge Hatun above them (exalted them)." The expression "shows that having a kut is valid for the khagan as well as the khagan." The Tengri-Kagan and Umay-Khatun relationship emphasizes divinity; the khagan is likened to the Umay goddess, and the khagan to the Sky God. Among the Uyghur Turks, the khagan provided all kinds of assistance to the khagan; in the 8th century, Ulugh Khatun resolved disputes, heard lawsuits, and determined the appropriate punishment for the crime. The khagan and the khatun personally participated in Böğü Kagan's expedition to China.



ROLES OF DYNASTY WOMEN IN STATE ADMINISTRATION

In the Turkish state tradition, the relationship between the Khatun and Khagan resonated with the figure of the mother and father, as loyalty, tolerance and cooperation. Turkish women played an effective role in state administration with the title of "Khatun", acting as the wife, assistant and advisor of the ruler. While these roles "contributed to the preservation of state order", they also sometimes had negative consequences that would shake the state. Khagans continued the tradition of hosting ambassadors and guests together with the Khagan, increased the reputation of the ruler by interceding, and tried to establish a balance between power and mercy. Neighboring rulers who knew their influence tried to impress the ruler's wives first with gifts and visits.







During the Seljuk period, women directed the state administration, participated in power struggles with their means and organizations, and governed the state by taking over as guardians or regents. According to Islamic law, women had the authority to depose as well as to participate in consultation and public services; women belonging to the dynasty benefited from these rights. Women took on diplomatic roles on their own initiative; the wife of Kavurd Bey (1083-84) went to Isfahan to have her son made sultan and appeared before Sultan Melikşah, thus fulfilling her ambassadorial duty.

In Turkish epics and stories, "women are always guiding." In contrast, in Nizam al-Mulk's Siyasetname, women's intervention was criticized with the words, "When the sultan's wives become decree givers... corruption arises," and Ravendi expressed similar concerns by saying, "If women rule over a ruler's thoughts, the rule of his enemies prevails in his country." The conflicts between Terken Hatun, a powerful political figure, and the vizier were influential behind these harsh statements.

As a result; in the Seljuk period, which was an important period in Turkish history, women, despite undergoing some changes with the acceptance of Islam, played an active role in military, political, legal, social, economic, cultural and religious life, and used the rights they had before Islam and continued to take an active role. In historiography, women's intervention in power was called "women's sultanate" in the Ottoman state with similar expressions. Nevertheless, it is striking that women and men had a say in power together during the periods when states were strong; this relationship remains an important topic for future research.

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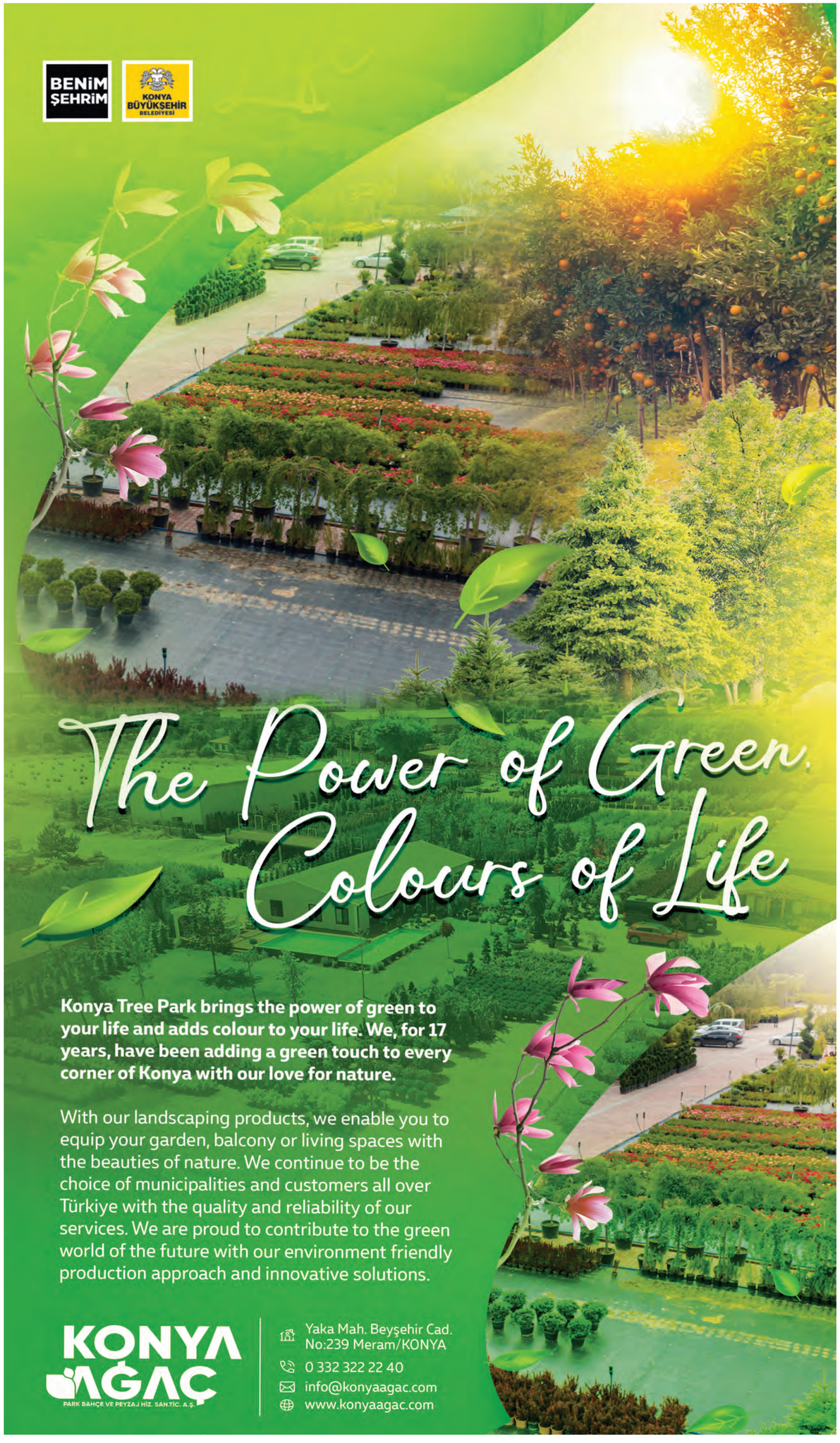
The Konya News, the first and only English newspaper of Konya, took its place at the "Chicago World Tourism Expo 2025" held in Chicago, United States, where the heart of world tourism beats.Successfully representing the cultural and touristic richness of Konya on the international platform, The Konya News has become the centre of attention of visitors.

"The Konya News Captivates Tourism Professionals"

The Konya News took the wind at the "Chicago World Tourism Expo 2025", one of the most prestigious meetings that brings together thousands of participants and tourism professionals from around the world and takes the pulse of the sector. Continuing its publication life with the mission of "the window that brings Konya together with the world", The Konya News becomes the centre of attention with its publications reflecting the city's history, culture, gastronomy and modern face. While visitors felt the mystical atmosphere of Konya between the pages, they appreciated the newspaper that contributed to the promotion of the city.

"The Konya News Tells the Whole Story of Konya's Ancient Civilization"

Stating that they are taking firm steps towards bringing the universal values of Konya to wider audiences as the Konya News family, Editor-in-Chief Kerem İşkan said; "It is a source of pride to represent Konya at the World Tourism Fair. The Konya News tells the whole story of the ancient Konya civilization in all its aspects."



KONYASPOR'S NEW PRESIDENT
ÖMER ATİKER



THE ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS HELD IN KONYASPOR. AS A RESULT OF THE CONGRESS, ÖMER ATIKER HAS BECOME THE NEW PRESIDENT OF KONYASPOR.

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YUNUS DEREBAĞ
YUSUF KÜÇÜKBAKIRCI

In his vote of thanks, the new president Ömer Atiker said, "Konyaspor is not just a football club, it is a value that represents the spirit, faith, unity and solidarity of Konya. We are the trustees of this great club. We must have the vision, determination and complete integration with our fans in our city to carry this trust. First of all, we will conduct meticulous work to make Konyaspor's financial structure sustainable. We will adopt a transparent and accountable management approach that provides a balance of income and expenses and reduces the debt burden. We will use our resources correctly and appropriately by avoiding unnecessary expenses. We will build Konyaspor's future not with save the day policies, but with solid and rational economic steps."

ATHLETES FROM TURKEY AND THE WORLD MEET AT THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL KONYA HALF MARATHON







The "International Konya Half Marathon" organized by the Konya Metropolitan Municipality for the 4th time this year and witnessing great excitement, was run with the participation of thousands of athletes from 37 countries and 65 cities. Konya Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay, who gave the start of the 21-kilometer Half Marathon and 10-kilometer race, stated that Konya was experiencing another historical day and said, "We have a very intense number of participants from 37 countries and 65 cities. It grows and develops every year. We are very pleased to organize such a beautiful event on the ancient streets of Konya. I wish success to all athletes and thank everyone who contributed."Konya Governor İbrahim Akın, who participated in the public run, said, "We are trying to explain to all our citizens why sports are important for health. We thank all our friends, especially our Metropolitan Municipality Mayor. We wish all our fellow citizens healthy, sports-filled days." Athletes participating in the marathon from various countries and different cities of Turkey also expressed their great pleasure in participating in the event and expressed their thanks.



Names Rank among Top Three

In the 21-kilometer men's race, Kenyan athlete Elijah Tirop Serem came in first with a time of 01:04:28; Ramazan Baştuğ from Turkey came in second with a time of 01:04:46; and Laban Kipkemboi, also from Kenya, came in third with a time of 01:05:05.
In the 21-kilometer women's race, Kenyan athlete Eunita Chepchumba took first place on the podium with a time of 01:16:54; Dilek Öztürk from Turkey came in second with a time of 01:17:14; and Meseret Yrdaw from Ethiopia came in third with a time of 01:17:37.
In the 10-kilometer men's race; Ersin Tekal came in first with a time of 00:31:54, İbrahim Karateker came in second with a time of 00:32:07, and Serhat Damar came in third with a time of 00:32:14.
In the 10-kilometer women's race; Burcu Subatan Belir came in first with a time of 00:35:35, Sümeyye Erol came in second with a time of 00:35:47, and Yonca Kutluk came in third with a time of 00:35:52.