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PRESENTATION

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), established in 2003 in the aim of determining the problems and solutions of international local governments, and contributing to their applications, by bringing Turkic Republics and Relative Communities of over 1.150 member municipalities from 29 countries of especially Central Asia, Caucasia and Balkans together to share social, cultural and economical information and experiences on local governments, continues to be a model institution for many international and local governments with its organizations.

Within this context, in 2018, Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) has created 'Sister Cities Platform' for the service of local governments to carry out faster and active sister city relations between the local governments of Balkans, Central Asia and Turkey. In addition to this, supporting educational projects and cultural activities that take place in target geography, TDBB has completed the construction of 'Turkish World Mosque' in Bulan-Sögöttü district of Çolpon-Ata of Kyrgyzstan, which has been contributed cooperatively by TDBB and member municipalities and opened for service in 2018. Besides, within this year, "Glamoc Culture and Youth Center" has been constructed in Glamoc of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the contributions of member municipalities in Turkey cooperatively by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Glamoc Islamic Union; the opening of Martyrdom Monument which has been constructed cooperatively by TDBB and Doboj Istok Municipality, has been made; the lack of technical equipment of schools in Gostivar has been covered upon their request and 2018 financial expenses of Student Dormitory in Srebrenitsa of Bosnia and Herzegovina has been covered. Moreover, a "Garbage Truck" to Studeniçan Municipality of Macedonia and a "Fire Truck" to Skrapar Municipality of Albania have been purchased and delivered cooperatively by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and member municipalities in 2018.

TDBB, in 2018, has conveyed the experience of Turkey in local government area to its member municipalities, by organizing thematic "Expert Training Programs" attended by local government experts coming from member municipalities and "Information and Experience Sharing Programs" attended by 72 Mayors and Local Authorities coming from Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, TRNC, Mongolia and Tatarstan.

In 2018, Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) has created an arena to increase communication and interaction among municipalities and visited Azerbaijan with a delegation consisted of Mayors from Bosnia and Herzegovina to develop cooperation between municipalities; likewise, an official visit to

Bosnia and Herzegovina with a delegation consisted of Mayors from Azerbaijan has been made to contribute to taking important steps in their relations. Furthermore, cooperation protocols between TDBB and Union of Azerbaijan City Municipalities and TDBB and Almetyevsk Municipality of Tatarstan have been signed in 2018.

2018 has also witnessed the support of TDBB to national and international organizations like Alija Izzetbegovic on 15th Year of His Decease Commemoration Program, Commemoration Program of Chinghiz Aitmatov on his 90th Birth Year, Signature Ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding of the Restoration Project of Bishkek Atatürk Park, Completion of Human Rights Cities Project Trainings, 10th Communication with Future Workshop, VII. Altaic Communities Symposium, International Human Rights Cities Conference, III. World Nomad Games, "Turkey and Russia: International Bilateral Relations in International Context" Symposium, TDBB Crotia Meetings and IBAC 2018 Conference, 23rd Commemoration Program of Srebrenitsa Massacre, 508th Ajvatovija Festival, 19th International Golden Saffron Documentary Film Festival and III. Turkish World Documentary Film Festival.

In 2018, 23 Municipalities from Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Palestine, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Somalia and Turkey have become members of TDBB and these memberships have also strengthened our Union.

TDBB, aiming to create a bridge between Turkish World and Turkey with the programs and trainings it organizes, also contributes to our target geographic region with its publications. Within this context in 2018, "Aleppo in Ottoman Archives", "The International Symposium on Baymirza Hayit on the 100th Anniversary of his Birth and Today's Turkestan Studies" proceedings book and "Sister City Activities in Turkey and Around the World" have been added to literary area by Union of Turkish World Municipalities. Besides, in the periodical namely "Local Agenda in Eurasia" prepared as TDBB Activity Bulletin and published in 3 languages, there are organizations and activities that have been supported, carried out and attended by Union of Turkish World Municipalities, also activities of member municipalities in brother and sister countries, especially in Turkish World, and informative contents about our common cultural heritage.

As Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), we will continue our activities for our brother and sister countries with the strength we get from our members. Hereby, we thank our local and international members who have supported us in our organizations and also the institutions that we cooperate.



I. GENERAL INFORMATION



MISSION

To build future prosperous cities in our culture and civilization geography with the power of the sisterhood and solidarity.



VISION

To provide produced values in the member municipalities for the service of the humanity.

FOUNDING PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF TDBB



Presidents of Turkish language and dialect speaking countries have decided that "to develop cooperation between local governments" during Azerbaijan Summit in 2000 according to the Article 6. Union of Turkish World Municipalities was established on 12 December 2003 with the decision of Council of Ministers in order to carry out activities regarding cities and city governance in Turkish language and dialect speaking countries and regions and also countries that has geographic, cultural and historical commonalities with these regions. Our Union conducts its activities within the framework of the Law on the Establishment of International Organizations numbered 3335.

Our Union within the scope of the activities considering the common culture and civilization objectives, with the aim of benefiting from knowledge, good manners and mutual experiences with solidarity and cooperation approach;

a) To protect the rights and interests of local and international municipalities and help them develop in municipalism,

b) To organize training programs for the staff of Union for their necessities,

c) To notify a common opinion on the preparation of laws process regarding local governments and municipalism,

d) To represent municipalities in the level of national and international institutions and organizations,

e) To guide municipalities and local government departments for both local and international members,

f) To encourage relevant institutions in the fields of cooperation, technical and administrative information and experience sharing among national and international local governments and municipalities, to support the extension of good examples' application areas,

g) To follow international developments in the field of municipalities, to conduct activities such as research and development, conferences, seminars, panels, international trainings, technical and vocational trips in regarding topics,

h) To publish printed materials such as books, journals and newsletters with national and international local government units and municipalities within the concept of their activities in scientific, technologic, cultural and economic approaches,

i) To cooperate and carry out joint projects with national and international public institutions which conduct activities on local governments and municipalism, universities, professional organizations working as public institutions and non-governmental organizations,

j) To carry out joint projects with national and international local government units that work on municipal activities, municipalities, public institutions and organizations, universities, local and international local government units, associations and such organizations and also to be in cooperation in order to become a member of such organizations and to represent municipalities in these platforms,

k) To carry out sister city activities in order to boost cooperation and experience of local and international institutions in the implementation of national and international municipality activities and conduct activities and initiatives which contribute to development of local governance and municipalism.



II. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

PHYSICAL STRUCTURE

Merkez Efendi Mansion-Union Headquarters

Merkez Efendi was born in the village of Sarhanlı, Denizli in 1463 (H.868) whose real name was Sheikh Musa Muslihuddin that gave his name to the neighborhood where his social complex is located. After completing his primary education in his hometown, he was educated in medresseh in Bursa and Istanbul in study of tafsir, hadith, fiqh and medical sciences. During his education, his teacher Sheikh Yusuf Sinanüddin Efendi (Sünbül Efendi) asked him this question: "How would you create universe if you were the creator of it?" and Musa Efendi responded that "It is impossible. But if it is possible, I would let everything to be in the 'center'. The universe is on the perfect balance so it cannot be thought to change anything in the system". After his response Sünbül Efendi said "That is a great answer. If you would let everything be in the center, then your name is Merkez Muslihiddin from now on", there the point was the word of 'center' that Sünbül Efendi likes in his answer which means in Turkish language is "Merkez". So this was the story of Merkez Efendi's name.

Merkez Efendi was specifically interested in medicine science and he became the doctor of Manisa Mental Hospital. He found a medicine called 'mesir macunu' by mixing 41 different spices during his researches here in order to heal Yavuz Sultan Selim's wife Ayşe Hafsa Sultan. Afterwards Hafsa Sultan wished to share this medicine to the people after she got rid of the disease, thus traditional 'mesir macunu festival' started. Merkez Efendi spent his life with worships, helping others and good work and died when he was 91 in 1551 (H.959) in Istanbul. Merkez Efendi Tomb is located near Merkez Efendi Mosque.

Merkez Efendi Mansion was used as 'harem' building of Merkez Efendi Lodge. Merkez Efendi Mansion is consisted of two main floors, attic floor and a basement. The mansion was planned like central hall plan type and applied rectangular windows equipped with cages so an excellent architectural design is achieved with such a plan. The wooden mansion which still has the historical architectural features is the part of the Merkez Efendi Lodge. Then, Merkez Efendi Mansion has been ruined for a long time and then restoration project of it was prepared by Zeytinburnu Municipality and applied by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality in 2008-2010. The mansion was devoted to Union of Turkish World Municipalities on 9 March 2010.

TDBB Local Governments and Urbanism Library

The library of Union of Turkish World Municipalities is consisted of 2250 books, 20 different scientific journals (the majority of the back issues), history and literature books and books in foreign languages (in Russian, English, French and other languages), symposium books published by municipalities and materials of Eurasian countries. The books are available for public at Merkezefendi Library.


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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Table 1. TDBB Executive Board

NO	NAME-SURNAME	TITLE	POSITION
1	İbrahim KARAOSMANOĞLU	Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality	President
2	Murat AYDIN	Mayor of Zeytinburnu (Istanbul)	Vice President
3	Burhanettin KOCAMAZ	Mayor of Mersin Metropolitan Municipality	Deputy President
4	Yücel ÇELİKBİLEK	Mayor of Beykoz (Istanbul)	Deputy President
5	Mustafa AK	Mayor of Keçiören (Ankara)	Deputy President
6	Lokman ÇAĞIRICI	Mayor of Bağcılar (Istanbul)	Deputy President
7	Mehmet TAHMAZOĞLU	Mayor of Şahinbey (Gaziantep)	Deputy President
8	Uğur İbrahim ALTAY	Mayor of Selçuklu (Konya)	Deputy President

Table 2. TDBB Administrative Board

NO	NAME-SURNAME	TITLE	POSITION
	İbrahim KARAOSMANOĞLU	Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality	President
1	Tamraz TAĞIYEV	President of the Union of Municipalities of Azerbaijan	Board Member
2	Lokman ÇAĞIRICI	Mayor of Bağcılar (Istanbul)	Board Member
3	Atila AYDINER	Mayor of Bayrampaşa (Istanbul)	Board Member
4	Yücel ÇELİKBİLEK	Mayor of Beykoz (Istanbul)	Board Member
5	Ahmet Misbah DEMİRCAN	Mayor of Beyoğlu (Istanbul)	Board Member
6	Selim YAĞCI	Mayor of Bilecik	Board Member
7	Alaaddin YILMAZ	Mayor of Bolu	Board Member
8	Semir EFENDIC	Mayor of Novi Grad Sarajevo Municipality (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	Board Member
9	Mümin İSKENDER	Mayor of Mineralni Bani Municipality (Bulgaria)	Board Member
10	Osman ZOLAN	Mayor of Denizli Metropolitan Municipality	Board Member
11	Dursun AY	Mayor of Düzce	Board Member
12	Mehmet SEKMEN	Mayor of Erzurum Metropolitan Municipality	Board Member
13	Adnan KÖŞKER	Mayor of Gebze (Kocaeli)	Board Member
14	İrfan PÜSKÜLLÜ	Mayor of Hendek (Sakarya)	Board Member
15	Op. Dr. Altınok ÖZ	Mayor of Kartal (Istanbul)	Board Member
16	Hüseyin ÜZÜLMEZ	Mayor of Kartepe (Kocaeli)	Board Member
17	Tahsin BABAŞ	Mayor of Kastamonu	Board Member

NO	NAME-SURNAME	TITLE	POSITION
18	Krımbek KUŞERBAEV	Governor of Kyzylorda Region (Kazakhstan)	Board Member
19	Mustafa AK	Mayor of Keçiören (Ankara)	Board Member
20	Bakhtyar SALIYEV	President of Local Governments State Agency (Kyrgyzstan)	Board Member
21	Yaşar BAHÇECİ	Mayor of Kırşehir	Board Member
22	Mahmut ÖZÇINAR	Mayor of Güzelyurt Municipality (TRNC)	Board Member
23	Dr. Jovan STOJANOSKİ	Mayor of Ohrid (Macedonia)	Board Member
24	Burhanettin KOCAMAZ	Mayor of Mersin Metropolitan Municipality	Board Member
25	Khaan SHARAVKHAAN	Mayor of Nalaikh (Mongolia)	Board Member
26	Tatiana BADAN	President of Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova (CALM)	Board Member
27	Enver YILMAZ	Mayor of Ordu Metropolitan Municipality	Board Member
28	S. Kenan ŞAHİN	Mayor of Pendik (Istanbul)	Board Member
29	Ayder METŞİN	Mayor of Nizhnekamsk Municipality (Tatarstan/RF)	Board Member
30	İsmail ERDEM	Mayor of Sancaktepe (Istanbul)	Board Member
31	Uğur İbrahim ALTAY	Mayor of Selçuklu (Konya)	Board Member
32	Mehmet TAHMAZOĞLU	Mayor of Şahinbey (Gaziantep)	Board Member
33	Hasan CAN	Mayor of Ümraniye (Istanbul)	Board Member
34	Hilmi TÜRKMEN	Mayor of Üsküdar (Istanbul)	Board Member
35	Murat AYDIN	Mayor of Zeytinburnu (Istanbul)	Board Member

Table 3. TDBB Supervisory Board

NO	NAME-SURNAME	TITLE	POSITION
1	Dr. Metin ORAL	Mayor of Altınova (Yalova)	Board Member
2	Ünal KÖKEN	Mayor of Kandıra (Kocaeli)	Board Member
3	Hasan AKCAN	Mayor of Akyazı (Sakarya)	Board Member

Table 4. TDBB High Advisory Board

NO	NAME-SURNAME	TITLE
1	Nihat ZEYBEKCİ	Republic of Turkey Former Minister of Economy (61., 62., 63., and 65. Governments)
2	Erol KAYA	MP of Istanbul
3	Hüseyin BÜRGE	Former MP of Istanbul (24.-26. Terms)
4	Dr. Özgen KESKİN	Instructor-Author
5	Hüsamettin KOÇAK	Former President of Istanbul General Provincial Council
6	Prof. Dr. Salih AYNURAL	Retired Academic Member of Istanbul University
7	Prof. Dr. R. Deniz ÖZBAY	Academic Member in Marmara University
8	Prof. Dr. Osman HORATA	Academic Member in Hacettepe University
9	Prof. Dr. A. Burçin YERELİ	Academic Member in Hacettepe University
10	Prof. Dr. Adem ESEN	Academic Member in Istanbul University



III. INFORMATION ABOUT ACTIVITIES

PROMINENT EVENTS

TDBB Sister Cities Platform has been Put into Service for the Use of Local Governments

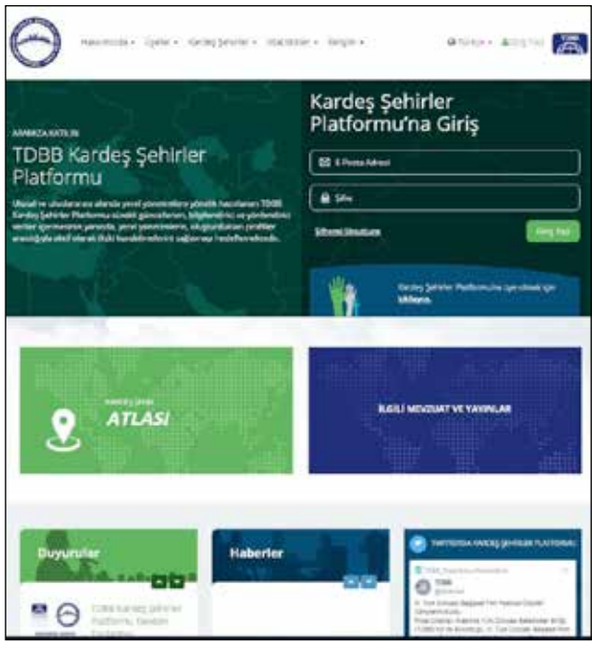
Created by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) for contributing to the establishment of sustainable and functional sister city relations among local governments and constituting international coordination and database, "Sister Cities Platform" (www.kardessehirler.org.tr) has been introduced at a ceremony held in Istanbul on October 5, 2018.

The meeting has been attended by Vice Chairman of TDBB and also Mayor of Zeytinburnu Murat Aydın, Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak, Mayor of Düzce Dursun Ay, Mayor of Tunçbilek Agah Aşkın, Mayor of Güneyyurt Celil Yağız, District Governor and Deputy Mayor of Safranbolu Fatih Ürkmezer and Mayor of Orhaneli İrfan Tatlıoğlu along with municipal officials from İstanbul, Adana, Denizli, Gaziantep, Kocaeli, Konya, Malatya, Mersin, Ordu, Sakarya Metropolitan Municipalities and Bağcılar, Bayrampaşa, Beykoz, Bolu, Döşemealtı, Esenler, Gerede, Göynük, Kandıra, Karesi, Kartepe, Keçiören, Kilis, Küçükçekmece, Maltepe, Pendik, Sancaktepe, Selçuklu, Sultangazi, Talas Taşköprü and Ümraniye Municipalities.

After the speeches the participators have been informed in detail about the Platform. Furthermore, they have expressed their views, evaluations and suggestions about the site. The program has been completed after taking group photo.

About Sister Cities Platform

TDBB Sister Cities Platform has been created upon the problems experienced in sister city activities, on the purpose of satisfying the need for coordination and healthy data base, difficulties detected during the workshop made with related institutions.



The Platform, free of charge, provides active and institutional communication with other members via profiles.

The Members, through TDBB Sister Cities Platform, will continue their communication with their already-present sister cities with the announcements and news they publish on their profiles, and the cities looking for new sister cities will have the opportunity to create new sister city relations. TDBB Sister Cities Platform, including informative and directive data about sister city activities, pro-

vides service in three languages as Turkish, English and Russian. Thus the Platform aims to provide communication in a wider geographical region.

Portal also includes Sister Cities Guide, Sample Protocol, Sister City Search, Sister Cities Map, Sister City Statistics according to various criteria, related Regulations and Publications, Announcements, News and Social Media links.

'Turkish World Mosque' Built by TDBB in Kyrgyzstan has been Inaugurated

Turkish World Mosque, built in Bulan Sögöttü district of Issık-Göl Province of Kyrgyzstan by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) with the contributions of Member municipalities in Turkey, has been inaugurated for worship on 26 May 2018, Friday.

The mosque, having Ottoman architectural features with the capacity of worship for 200 people in Bulan-Sögüttü district of the eastern part of Çolpon-Ata city where World Nomad Games take place and also a vacation center of the country, has been built with the contributions of Bağcılar, Başiskele, Beykoz, Denizli, Gebze, İnegöl, Keçiören, Kocaeli, Mersin, Sancaktepe, Selçuklu ve Zeytinburnu Municipalities, in addition to Union of Turkish World Municipalities.

The opening ceremony of the mosque has been participated by Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak, Advisor of Kyrgyzstan Prime Minister who is in charge of World Nomad Games Ashat Akibayev, District Governor of Issık Göl Danir İmanaliyev, council members and municipal officials of Kocaeli, Selçuklu and Keçiören Municipalities from Turkey, officials from Issık Göl Mufti Office and many inhabitants of the region.

In the opening ceremony which has started with the recitation of Quran, Advisor of Kyrgyzstan Prime Minister Ashat Akibayev has thanked Turkey by saying that with the support of Turkey many projects and mosque constructions are carried out in Kyrgyzstan, and wished that the mosque will be the symbol of brotherhood between two countries.

On the other hand Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak has stated that during the construction



of the mosque, which has been built for 300.000 dollars, more than 10 municipalities from Turkey have contributed in addition to TDBB and thanked them for their contributions. Stating that the name of the mosque has been decided as "Turkish World Mosque" with the suggestions of the inhabitants, Solak has expressed that the mosque is a concrete symbol of the brotherhood and friendship between Turkey and Kyrgyzstan. Informing that Kyrgyzstan is one of the countries which Union of Turkish World Municipalities works closest among 29 countries for cooperative projects on local governments, Solak has pointed out that this mosque has been built upon the request of a mosque with unique architectural features for World Nomad Games. He has thanked to everyone, especially local authorities in Kyrgyzstan for the construction of the mosque.

The first Friday Prayer at the mosque, which has been opened with ribbon cutting ceremony of the officials, has been led by Issık Göl District Mufti Almazbek Sagınbayev.

Martyrdom Monument Constructed in Cooperation of TDBB and Doboj Istok has been opened



'Martyrdom Monument' built by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Doboj Istok Municipality (Bosnia and Herzegovina) that commemorates 340 fallen soldiers of the 109th Brigade and 38 civilian victims has been opened with a ceremony held on July 4, 2018.

The opening ceremony has been attended by the Secretary-General of TDBB Dr. Fahri Solak, Mayor of Doboj Istok Kemal Bratic, relatives of martyrs and veterans, local administrators, NGO representatives and Doboj Istok residents. The ceremony, which has started with the national anthem of Bosnia Herzegovina, has continued with a prayer after reading one by one the names of soldiers and civilian martyrs.

Kemal Bratic, mayor of Doboj Istok and a war veteran himself, has thanked for the efforts of TDBB's President İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu and TDBB's Secretary-General Fahri Solak. On the other hand in his speech, Secretary-General of TDBB Fahri Solak has expressed his satisfaction for carrying out this project.

The ceremony has ended with placing the flowers on martyrdom on behalf of the institutions and sharing the gifts and taking the photos commemorating the day.

Following the opening ceremony, Secretary-General of TDBB Fahri Solak has visited the Youth Houses built in Doboj Istok in cooperation of Emmaus-International Forum of Solidarity with TDBB. He has visited the construction site of the Glamoc Cultural Center in Glamoc whose construction is continuing with TDBB's financial support and received information about the works. As part of Bosnia Herzegovina visit, Solak has separately met with Mufti of Travnik, the Vice-President of Republika Srpska and Mayor of Novi Grad with whom he has exchanged the views on joint projects and new cooperation opportunities.

Garbage Truck from TDBB to Macedonia's Studeniçani Municipality

The garbage truck that has been purchased in cooperation of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and the sister city Altınova Municipality, has been delivered to Municipality of Studeniçani, Macedonia on 21 September 2018.

Before the ceremony, Secretary-General of TDBB Fahri Solak has visited Mayor of Studeniçani Azem Sadiki in his office. TDBB's work and cooperation possibilities have been evaluated. The unit chiefs from Studeniçani Municipality have been present as well.



At the delivery ceremony for the garbage truck, Mayor of Studeniçani, Azem Sadiki, has expressed his gratitude for the assistance and thanked TDBB and sister city Altınova Municipality for their support.

TDBB's Secretary-General Fahri Solak in the speech he has made at the ceremony has said the main objective of TDBB is to develop cooperation in the field of local governments between friendly and brotherly countries. Macedonia is one of the countries in which TDBB is working closely and actively. Solak has also reminded that TDBB is conducting operations with thousand and one hundred member municipalities from 29 different countries; he has also said how they are trying to achieve in the field of local governments the development level that was reached in Turkey's increasingly diplomatic, political and economic relations with friendly and brotherly countries.

Fire Truck from TDBB to Skrapar Municipality of Albania

The fire truck that has been purchased in cooperation of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Bağcılar Municipality has been delivered to Municipality of Skrapar (Albania) with a ceremony held on 12 May 2018.

Major of Bağcılar, Skrapar's sister city, Lokman Çağırıcı, Secretary-General of TDBB Fahri Solak, Mayor of Skrapar Municipality Nesim Spahiu, Parliament Member of Albanian Parliament Nasip Naço and other invited guests have participated at the ceremony.



Mayor of Skrapar Nesim Spahiu, in his speech, has thanked TDBB managers for their efforts and contributions in the delivery of the fire truck while Bağcılar Mayor Lokman Çağırıcı has said that he has been honored to contribute this meaningful project.

The program has been completed with the signing of the delivery protocol between Skrapar Municipality and TDBB, mutual gift-giving and visiting Skrapar canyon.

Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı and Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak who have been in Albania for the delivery ceremony of the fire truck in cooperation of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Sister Municipality of Bağcılar have been accepted by Albanian President Ilir Meta. Along with TDBB delegation, Mayor of Skrapar Nesim Spahiu has been present at the meeting as well.

TDBB's Technical Equipment Support for Gostivar



The technical equipments (16 laptops, 16 projectors and screens) bought by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) have been granted to Gostivar Municipality of Macedonia at the ceremony held on 21 September 2018, for the utilization of the schools in the city.

The ceremony has been attended by Mayor of Gostivar Arben Taravari and Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak, along with the officials of the municipality, principals and teachers of the schools and other guests. The technical equipments have been handed over four schools, including Gostivar Mustafa Kemal Atatürk Secondary School.

During the speech he has made at the ceremony, Mayor of Gostivar Arben Taravari has said that he has felt pleased for the granting of laptops and projectors needed at schools. Thanking TDBB for the purchase of the equipments and Turkish Airlines for the support given for the transfer of the materials to Gostivar, Taravari has wished to continue to cooperate for different future projects.

On the other hand, Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak has stated that TDBB carries out projects on education and culture, in addition to municipalism, and that technical support given to educational institutions in Gostivar is just an example of this. He has also added that city of Gostivar is among the members of Macedonia which has close cooperation with TDBB and also one of the unique cities where Turkish is accepted as one of the official languages.

After the ceremony the schools at the city have been visited, the teachers and the students have met with the guests.

Within the framework of Macedonia visit, Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak has met with Mayor of Dolneni Xhemil Qamili and Mayor of Jelino Blerim Seydi individually. During the meetings, the mayors have been informed about TDBB and its projects and also the opportunities of cooperation have been evaluated.

Culture and Education Center has been Built in Glamoc Bosnia and Herzegovina

Culture and Education Center which has been established cooperatively by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Glamoc Islamic Union in Glamoc city of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the contribution of member municipalities from Turkey has been completed. As soon as the center has become completely furnished, it will be ready to welcome people in Glamoc.

Head of Glamoc Islamic Union Arif Kovaçeviç has expressed that the project is one of the biggest projects held in Glamoc city in the last 20 years and it is important especially for youths and has also asserted that the center will be opened very soon.

Culture Center has been built in city center in a 1,100 square meters area with 5 floors and has a multi-purpose hall, meeting rooms, a library, a



gym, administrative offices, a guest house and a halal restaurant. The project has been completed with the financial support of TDBB, Kocaeli Metropolitan, Beykoz, Gebze, Sancaktepe, Selçuklu and Zeytinburnu Municipalities.

Financial Support from TDBB for Student Dormitory in Srebrenica of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The financial expenses for the year of 2018 of a dormitory in Srebrenica of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which gives free education to primary and secondary school students, have been covered by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and member municipalities.



In December 2017, a meeting has been organized in TDBB Headquarters with the participation of Deputy Mayor of Srebrenica Nermin Alivukovic, Administrative Board Members of Emmaus Association Elmedin Skrebo and Bernis Ademovic and Executive Board Members of TDBB. During the meeting, cooperation areas with Emmaus Association and Srebrenica Municipality have been evaluated and it has been decided to support the dormitory in Srebrenica that offers free education for primary and secondary education by TDBB and member municipalities.

Thus, the financial expenses of the dormitory in Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina that gives free education for primary and secondary school students have been all covered for the year of 2018 in cooperation with TDBB and member municipalities.

TDDB'S ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETINGS

TDBB January Administrative Board Meeting

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) January Administrative Board Meeting has been held in Kocaeli on 17 January 2018 Wednesday, hosted by Kartepe Municipality with the participation of Local Authorities from 7 different countries.

The meeting, under the chairmanship of President of TDBB and also Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu, has been participated by Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak, TDBB Administrative Board Members who are Mayor of Kartepe Hüseyin Üzülmez, President of Union of Azerbaijan Municipalities Temraz Tağıev, Mayor of Nalaikh (Mongolia) Khaan Sharavkhaan, Mayor of Novi Grad (Bosnia and Herzegovina) Semir Efendic, Mayor of Güzelyurt (TRNC) Mahmut Özçınar, Antonio Gavriloski and Igor Bezoski from Ohrid (Macedonia) Municipality, Mayor of Mersin Metropolitan Municipality Burhanettin Kocamaz, Mayor of Bolu Alaaddin Yılmaz, Mayor of Düzce Dursun Ay, Mayor of Bilecik Selim Yağcı, Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı, Mayor of Beykoz Yücel Çelikbilek, Mayor of Şahinbey Mehmet Tahmazoğlu, Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak, Mayor of Sancaktepe İsmail Erdem, Mayor of Ümraniye Hasan Can, Mayor of Gebze Adnan Köşker and Mayor of Hendek İrfan Püsküllü, in addition to Mayor of Doboj Istok (Bosnia and Herzegovina) Kemal Bratic, Tatarstan Republic Representative of Turkey Ayrat Gataullin and Secretary General of Union of Azerbaijan Municipalities Tofig Hasanov.

Before the meeting, a cooperation protocol between TDBB and Union of Azerbaijan Municipalities and another protocol between TDBB and Doboj Istok Municipality, concerning the construction of a Martyrdom Monument for those 300 martyrs who died during the Bosnian War, have been signed.

Later on, the meeting has continued with TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak's giving information about the activities and agenda since the last Administrative Board Meeting held on 25 October 2017 and with the discussion on the other issues in the agenda.

Within this framework, it has been decided to supply a fire truck by TDBB and Bağcılar Municipality which has been demanded by Skrapar (Albania) Municipality, to actualize the Project of Mostar Information Center by TDBB and TDBB members which was demanded by Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Education and Science, to support the construction of the dormitory for secondary schools by the Union and its members which is being built by Emmaus Foundation in Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, to make bilateral country visits among the member municipalities consisting Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, TRNC and Tatarstan, to support the restoration project of Bratstvo Migjeni Turkish School by TDBB and its Members which was demanded by our TDBB member Tetovo (Macedonia) Municipality, to actualize the Childens Park Project demanded by

Donji Vakuf (Bosnia and Herzegovina) in collaboration with its sister city Şehzadeler (Manisa) Municipality and TDBB, to organize information and experience sharing programs and expert training programs for Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Mongolia, Serbia-Montenegro and Tatarstan within the agenda of 2018, to organize an expert training program about 'fire prevention and fire fighting' for TRNC member municipalities in 2018 Spring Term, to give participation support to '4th Water Loss Forum' that will be held in Istanbul on 29-31 March 2018, to give participation support to Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality's '10th Kocaeli International Children's Festival' that will be held on 18-24 April 2018, to support the Master thesis of Istanbul University Graduate Student Dinara Kdyrmayeva, to start the necessary process for making sister cities between the appropriate municipalities of TDBB Members in Turkey and Municipalities in Gagauz Autonomous Region, to give participation support to '8th Antalya City Planning and Technologies Fair' which will be organized in collaboration with Mediterranean Union of Municipalities and relevant organizations in Antalya on 28-30 March 2018, to organize a country visit to TRNC in 2018, to give participation support to '2nd International Urban, Environment and Health Congress' which will be held in Cappadocia on 16-20 April 2018, to ensure participation to 'UCLG-MEWA Retreat Meeting' which will be held on 18-19 January 2018 in Istanbul.

Besides in the meeting, the membership requests of Bosaso (Somalia), Vareš (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Bayan Khutag (Mongolia), Bayan-Adarga (Mongolia), Batshireet (Mongolia) and Baruunbayan-Ulaan (Mongolia) Municipalities have been accepted.



TDBB April Administrative Board Meeting

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) April Administrative Board Meeting has been held in Selçuklu on 18 April 2018 Wednesday, hosted by Selçuklu Municipality.

The meeting, under the chairmanship of President of TDBB and also Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu, has been participated by TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak, TDBB Administrative Board Members who are Mayor of Selçuklu Uğur İbrahim Altay, Mayor of Nizhnekamsk (Republic of Tatarstan) Aydar Metshin, Mayor of Güzelyurt (TRNC) Mahmut Özçınar, Mayor of Bolu Alaaddin Yılmaz, Mayor of Zeytinburnu Murat Aydın, Mayor of Düzce Dursun Ay, Mayor of Kartepe Hüseyin Üzülmez, Mayor of Şahinbey Mehmet Tahmazoğlu, Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak, Mayor of Sancaktepe İsmail Erdem, Mayor of Ümraniye Hasan Can and Mayor of New Tisin (Kirkuk, Iraq) Nejdet Şükrü Akkoyunlu.

The meeting has continued with TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak's giving information about the activities and agenda since the last Administrative Board Meeting held on 17 January 2018 and with the discussion on the other issues in the agenda.

Within this framework, it has been decided to supply 16 laptops and projector by TDBB which were demanded for the use of students in high



school level in Gostivar (Macedonia), to carry out probable common projects with TDBB members in Iraq Telafer (Mosul) and New Tisin (Kirkuk) Municipalities, to organize Information and Experience Sharing Programs for members of Kyrgyzstan Local Governments Association and Mongolia Bayan-Ulgii Municipality delegation in 2018, to supply a garbage truck demanded by Studeničani (Macedonia) Municipality in cooperation with TDBB and sister city Altınova (Yalova) Municipality, to give support to "508th Ajvatovica Festival" which will be held in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to give internship opportunity for Kyrgyzstan-Turkey Manas University students in the Summer Term of 2018, to support "4th International Festival of Forgotten Values" in the Macedonian city of Gostivar in August 2018 by our Union which will



be organized by Kartepe Municipality, to give participation support to "10th Communication with Future Workshop' organized by RTUK that will be held in Uzbekistan between 06 and 12 May 2018, to arrange sister city protocols between Sancaktepe Municipality and Balykchy (Kyrgyzstan) Municipality and Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality and Almetyevsk (Tatarstan) Municipality with the coordination of our Union, to open the mosque in Kyrgyzstan Issık Göl region in Ramadan of 2018, which was constructed with the coordination of TDBB and Member Municipalities, for worship, to give participation support to "6th International Smart Grids and Cities Congress and Fair" to be held in Istanbul between 25 and 26 April 2018 and "EIF 2018 – 11th International Energy Congress and Expo" to be held between 08 and 09 November 2018 in Ankara, to give support by our Union to "7th International Altaic Communities Symposium" that will be held on August 6-10, 2018 in Mongolia, to organize a promotion and an exhibition for the book "Aleppo in Ottoman Archieves", printed as a TDBB publication in Gaziantep, to organize Expert Training Program for pre-school educators from Gagauz Autonomous Republic, Moldova, to give participation support to "1st National Early Childhood Development Forum" to be held on 15-16 May 2018 in Kyrgyzstan, to give support by our Union for "III. Turkic World Documentary Film Festival", to collect tender offers from the companies for the construction of "Atatürk Park Renewal Project" in cooperation with Bishkek Metropolitan Municipality, Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality and TDBB.

Besides in the meeting, the membership requests of Taşköprü (Kastamonu), Türkeli (Sinop), Sheberghan (Afghanistan), Gradačac (Bosnia and Herzegovina) Municipalities and Palestine's Al Karmil, Al Nasser, Wadi Gaza, Abasan Al Kabira, Abasan Al Jadida, Um Al Nasser, Beit Lahia, Deir Al Balalh, Al Zahra, Union of Gaza Region Municipalities; Al Moghraka, Al Shuka, Khuza'a, Al Qarara, Al-Buraij, Al Fukhari, Al Musadderc and Almaghazi Municipalities have been accepted.

TDBB July Administrative Board Meeting

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) July Administrative Board Meeting has been held on 18 July 2018, Wednesday, at Akçakoca with the participation of Administrative Board members from Turkey, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, TRNC, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia and Tatarstan, hosted by Düzce Municipality.

The meeting, under the chairmanship of President of TDBB and also Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu, has been participated by TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak and TDBB Administrative Board Members who are Mayor of Düzce Dursun Ay, President of Kyrgyzstan Local Governments State Agency Bahtiyar Saliyev, President of Union of Azerbaijan Municipalities Temraz Tağıyev, Bosnia and Herzegovina Mayor of Novi Grad Semir Efendic, TRNC Mayor of Güzelyurt Mahmut Özçınar, Macedonia Deputy Mayor of Ohrid Dr. Konstantin Georgieski, Tatarstan Deputy Mayors of Nijnekamsk Lenar Ahmetov and Radmir Belyayev, Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı, Mayor of Bayrampaşa Atila Aydıner, Mayor of Beykoz Yücel Çelikbilek, Mayor of Gebze Adnan Köşker, Mayor of Kartepe Hüseyin Üzülmez, Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak, Mayor of Sancaktepe İsmail Erdem, Mayor of Selçuklu Ahmet Pekyatırmacı, Mayor of Şahinbey Mehmet Tahmazoğlu, along with Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality Uğur İbrahim Altay, Albert Yalishev from Tatarstan Istanbul Authorized Representative Office and Mayor of Akçakoca (Düzce) Cüneyt Yemenici.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality Uğur İbrahim Altay has been presented Thanking Plaque for his presence in TDBB Administrative and Executive Boards between 2012 and 2018, and President of TDBB İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu has been given Commendation Medal by Kyrgyzstan Ministry of Local Governments.

Later on, the meeting has started with TDBB Secretary General's briefing on the on-going activities since Administrative Board meeting on 18 April 2018 and also the topics in the agenda.

Within this framework, it has been decided to support "10th World East Turkestani Brotherhood Meeting" that will take place between 23 and 26 July 2018 by East Turkistan Education and Solidarity Association, to participate in Azerbaijan visit of Bosnia Herzegovina delegation organized in the coordination of TDBB between 29 July and 02 August 2018, to purchase the fire truck cooperatively by TDBB and member municipalities, requested by Macedonia Ohrid Municipality, to purchase the fire truck cooperatively by TDBB and member municipalities requested by Bosnia and Herzegovina Doboj-Istok Municipality, to give support to "Bihac Martyrs Monument", planned to be built in Bihac district of Bosnia and Herzegovina, by TDBB and member municipalities, to ensure Kyrgyz and Turkish architects carry out collaborative



work for "Atatürk Park Renewal Project" that will be performed by TDBB, Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality and Bishkek Metropolitan Municipality (Kyrgyzstan), to organize information and experience sharing program for the delegation of Mongolia Dornogobi Governorate and Sainshand Municipality in 2018 cooperatively with its sister city Düzce Municipality, to organize information and experience sharing program for the new member municipalities of TDBB from Palestine in 2018, to participate in "Tatar Historian Shihabetdin Marjani on his 200th Anniversary of Birth" that will take place in Tatarstan between 20 and 22 September 2018, to participate in "2018 China International Friendship Cities Conference" in Wuhan city of China between 14 and 16 November 2018 organized by China International Friendship Cities, to support "19th International Golden Saffron Documentary Film Festival" that will take place between 06 and 08 September 2018 organized by Safranbolu Municipality, to give financial support to "Commemoration Program for 23rd Anniversary of Srebrenitsa Massacre" organized in Bosnia and Herzegovina by Srebrenitsa Municipality, to provide necessary work to create sister city relation between Balaken (Azerbaijan) Municipality and Kartepe (Kocaeli) Municipality and to support "III. Yuntdağı Wrestling" Event, that will take place in Manisa between 21 and 23 September 2018 by Yunusemre Municipality.

Besides in the meeting, TDBB membership requests of Orhaneli (Bursa), Karesi (Balıkesir), Zavidovici (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Banovici (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Tsenkher (Mongolia), Batnorov (Mongolia) and Bor-Undur (Mongolia) Municipalities have been approved.

The meeting has ended with gift presentation and family photo. The Administrative Board Meeting in Düzce Akçakoca has received great attention by national and local press. After the meeting Mayors have visited historical, cultural and touristic places and have been informed by Mayor of Düzce Dursun Ay about the on-going projects.



TDBB October Administrative Board Meeting

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) October Administrative Board Meeting has been held in Kocaeli on 24 October 2018, Wednesday hosted by Gebze Municipality with the participation of local officials from 7 different countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, TRNC, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Mongolia, Tatarstan and Turkey).

The meeting, under the chairmanship of President of TDBB and Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu, has been attended by Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak, TDBB Administrative Board Members who are Mayor of Gebze Adnan Köşker, Mayor of Nalaikh (Mongolia) Khaan Sharavkhaan, Mayor of Novi Grad (Bosnia and Herzegovina) Semir Efendiç, Mayor of Güzelyurt (TRNC) Mahmut Özçınar, Mayor of Ordu Metropolitan Municipality Engin Tekintaş, Mayor of Bolu Alaaddin Yılmaz, Mayor of Düzce Dursun Ay, Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı, Mayor of Bayrampaşa Atila Aydıner, Mayor of Kartepe Hüseyin Üzülmez, Mayor of Selçuklu Ahmet Pekyatırmacı, Mayor of Şahinbey Mehmet Tahmazoğlu, Mayor of Sancaktepe İsmail Erdem, Mayor of Ümraniye Hasan Can, Mayor of Hendek İrfan Püsküllü, along with Mayor of Bihaç Suhret Fazlic, Chief Advisor of Republic of Tatarstan Representative Office of Turkey Hakan Coşkun, Macedonia Ohrid Municipality



Director of Substructure Department Erdin Dalip and Macedonia Ohrid Municipality Advisor of Mayor Ilker Mustafa.

Before the discussion of the meeting's agenda, TDBB and Bihac Municipality of Bosnia and Herzegovina have signed a protocol for the construction of 'Bihac Monument' which will be made in remembrance of Bihac city martyrs in Bosnian War.

After the signing ceremony, the meeting has continued with the briefing of Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak on the ongoing activities since the last Administrative Board Meeting on 18 July 2018 and the discussion of the meeting's agenda.

Within this framework, it has been decided



to organize Information and Experience Sharing Program for the officials of Kyrgyzstan Presidency of Ethnic Relations State Agency between 25 November and 01 December 2018 cooperatively by TDBB and Member Municipalities, to give support to Primary School Repairment Project in Srebrenic city of Bosnia and Herzegovina by TDBB, to carry out Stationery Aid Project for the needy students in Zeytinburnu district cooperatively by TDBB and Zeytinburnu Municipality, to carry out "Alija Izetbegovic Commemoration Program on 15th Year of His Decease" cooperatively with Izzetbegoviç Museum and TDBB on 14 December 2018 at Zeytinburnu Culture and Arts Center, to carry out "Smart Bicycle Renting Project" planned to be implemented by Ohrid (Macedonia) Municipality in cooperation with Zeytinburnu Municipality, to organize information and experience sharing program on Smart City Management for officials and authorities of Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) Metropolitan Municipality, to organize "Chingiz Aitmatov Commemoration Program on 90th Year of His Birth" cooperatively by Istanbul Consul General of Republic of Kyrgyzstan and TDBB on 09 November 2018, to carry out "Fuel Support Project" requested by TDBB Member Beyt Hanun Municipality from Palestine cooperatively with TDBB and its sister city Selçuklu (Konya) Municipality, to carry out "Integration of Romans" of TDBB Member Bijelo Polje from Montenegro cooperatively with TDBB and Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, to organize 'TDBB 5th Ordinary General Meeting' after the local elections on March 2019, to implement the coordination of Sisak (Crotia) Municipality and Zeytinburnu Municipality's anticipated sister city relation by TDBB, and to carry out a work related to 'Çanakkale Martyrdom Monument' project in Sarajevo cooperatively by TDBB, Ümraniye Municipality and Stari Grad (Bosnia and Herzegovina) Municipality.

Besides in the meeting, the membership requests of Jetisay (Kazakhstan) and Governorate of Govisumber (Mongolia) to TDBB have been accepted.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

TDBB February Executive Board Meeting



February Executive Board Meeting of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) has been held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, by the hosting of Beykoz Municipality.

The meeting that has been presided by Ibrahim Karaosmanoğlu, the President of TDBB and Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, has been attended by TDBB Executive Board Members Mayor of Beykoz Yücel Çelikbilek, Mayor of Zeytinburnu Murat Aydın, Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı, Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak, Mayor of Şahinbey Mehmet Tahmazoğlu, Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak and President of Gallipoli Wars and Gallipoli Historical Area İsmail Kaşdemir.

The meeting, which has started with TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak giving information about the activities and agenda between January 17 and February 21, 2018, has continued with the discussions on the agenda items.

In this context it has been decided to support, the organizing of Expert Training Program about 'Women and Family Studies in Local Governments' on March 04-10, 2018 with the cooperation of TDBB and member municipalities; the construction of Turkish Language Classes, that were requested by the different cities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, within the framework of sister city relations in the cooperation of TDBB and the members of the Union; the coordination of TDBB for the visit of TRNC delegation to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Azerbaijan, and Bosnia and Herzegovina delegation to Tatarstan and Azerbaijan; the transportation expenses for the visit of Enver Pozderovic High School of Gorazde to their sister schools Atakent Anadolu High School in Ümraniye, Istanbul; the documentary project that Bashkortostan cinema team plans to shoot in Istanbul between March 24 and April 1, 2018, by our Union; a participation on behalf of our Union to International Turkish Cinema Festival to be held on 21-25 March 2018 in Kazan; the cooperation of TDBB and Bagcilar Municipality in the 'Sister City Ramadan Programs' in 2018; a review visit to Çanakkale in 2018 for the projects that can be carried out in cooperation of Presidency of Gallipoli Wars and Gallipoli Historical Area with TDBB; the participation on behalf of our Union at the '5th International Best Municipal Practices Forum' that will be organized in Bishkek on April 10-12, 2018 by Russian Cities Union; the purchasing of laptop, projector and projector screening by our Union that high schools in Macedonia's Gostivar are in need of; the representation on behalf of our Union at the 'Sustainable Tourism and Local Development Forum' that will be organized by UCLG-MEWA in Şanlıurfa between 13-14 March 2018.

Further, it has been decided with an appropriate consultation to submit the applications of Taşköprü (Kastamonu) and Alkarmil (Palestine) to TDBB membership to Administrative Board.

TDBB March Executive Board and Supervisory Board Meeting

Union of Turkish World Municipalites (TDBB) March Executive Board Meeting and 2018 Supervisory Board Meeting have been held at Union Headquarters in Istanbul on Wednesday, 21 March 2018.

The meeting that has been presided by İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu, Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality and president of TDBB, has also been attended by the members of TDBB Executive Board; Mayor of Zeytinburnu Murat Aydın, Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı, Mayor of Selçuklu Uğur İbrahim Altay, Mayor of Şahinbey Mehmet Tahmazoğlu, Mayor of Beykoz Yücel Çelikbilek, TDBB Secretary-General Fahri Solak and TDBB's Supervisory Board members; Mayor of Akyazı (Sakarya) Hasan Akcan and Mayor of Kandıra (Kocaeli) Unal Köken.

The meeting that has started with the briefing of TDBB Secretary- General Fahri Solak regarding the activities and agenda between February 21st and March 21st, 2018, has continued with the discussions on the agenda items.

In this context, it has been decided to organize a coordination meeting with TDBB's Iraqi members Talafar, Mosul and New Tisin Municipalities, to organize an information and experience sharing program with the members of Kyrgyzstan Local Authorities Union in 2018, to realize the project of purchasing 1 garbage truck requested by Studeniçani Municipality of Macedonian in cooperation of our Union with sister city Altinova (Yalova) Municipality, to give financial support by TDBB to Bosnia and Herzegovina's 508. Ajvatovica Festival, to organize '4th International Festival of Forgotten Values ' in Macedonian city of Gostivar in August 2018, with the cooperation of Kartepe Municipality and TDBB, to support '10th Communication with Future Workshop organized by RTÜK that will be held in Uzbekistan in May 2018, to support 7th International Altaic Communities Symposium that will be held on August 6-10, 2018 in Mongolia, to publish the book titled 'Common Heritage' as a TDBB Publication and organize a promotion and exhibition for the book "Aleppo in Ottoman Documents" printed as TDBB publications, to held in Antalya between 30-31 March 2018 the workshop regarding the Humanitarian Cities Project that is running in cooperation of TDBB and RWI, to start implementation work for Atatürk Park Renovation Project that will be realized by the cooperation of Bishkek Metropolitan Municipality, Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality and TDBB.

Also, it has been decided that the membership applications of Sheberghan municipality (Afghanistan), Gaza Strip Municipality Union (Palestine), and the municipalities of Beit Lahia (Palestine), Um Al Nasser (Palestine), Al Shuka (Palestine), El Nasser (Palestine), Deir El Balalh (Palestine), Khuzaa Palestine), Abasan Al Kabira (Palestine), Abasan Al Jadida (Palestine), Al Qarara (Palestine), Al Zahra (Palestine), Buraij (Palestine), Al Fukhari (Palestine), Al Musadderc (Palestine), Al Moghraka (Palestine), Almaghazi (Palestine) and Wadi Gaza (Palestine) made to our Association will be submitted to the Administrative Board.



TDBB May Executive Board Meeting

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) May Executive Board Meeting has been held on 23 May 2018, Wednesday, at Union Headquarters in Istanbul.

The Meeting, under the Chairmanship of President of TDBB and Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu, has been attended by Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak, TDBB Executive Board Members who are Mayor of Beykoz Yücel Çelikbilek, Mayor of Zeytinburnu Murat Aydin, Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı and Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak.

After Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak has given information about the conducted activities and the agenda between 18 April and 23 May 2018, the meeting has continued with the discussion of the issues from the agenda.



Within this framework, it has been decided to organize an information and experience sharing program planned to be carried out in 2018 for the delegation of Mongolia Dornogovi Governorate and Sainshand Municipality in cooperation with its sister city Düzce Municipality, to organize an information and experience sharing program for the new member municipalities of TDBB from Palestine in 2018, to carry out the project of fire truck purchase requested by Ohrid (Macedonia) Municipality cooperatively by TDBB and member municipalities, to support "Bihac Monument Project" planned to be built in Bihac of Bosnia and Herzegovina cooperatively by TDBB and its members, to give accommodation support to "10. World East Turkestani Brotherhood Meeting" that will take place in Istanbul between 23 and 26 July 2016 organized by East Turkestan Education and Solidarity Association, to participate on behalf of TDBB in "3. International Great Steppe Social Sciences Forum" that will take place in Kazakhstan on 18 June 2018 by International Turkish Academy, to give support to "Saban Toyu" event that will take place in Istanbul on 01 July 2018 by Tatarstan Representative Office in Turkey and to participate on behalf of TDBB in "Tatar Historian Shigabuddin Mercani on His 200th Birth Day" event that will take place in Tatarstan between 20 and 22 September 2018 organized by Tatarstan History Institute.

Besides, it has been decided to present the membership requests of Orhaneli (Bursa) Municipality and Zavidovici (Bosnia and Herzegovina) Municipality to the decision of Administrative Board.

TDBB June Executive Board Meeting

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) June Executive Board Meeting has been held on 20 June 2018, Wednesday, at Union Headquarters in Istanbul.

The Meeting, under the Chairmanship of President of TDBB and Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu, has been attended by Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak, TDBB Executive Board Members who are Mayor of Beykoz Yücel Çelikbilek, Mayor of Zeytinburnu Murat Aydin, Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı and Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak.

After Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak has given information about the conducted activities and the agenda between 23 May and 20 June 2018, the meeting has continued with the discussion of the issues from the agenda.

Within this framework, it has been decided to participate on behalf of TDBB in "2018 China International Sister Cities Conference" that will take place in Wuhan city of China between 14 and 16 November 2018 by China International Sister Cities Union, to support publication, exhibition and publicity meetings of Bosnia and Herzegovina Aliya Izetbegovic Museum Directorate, to give support to "19. International Golden Saffron Documentary Film Festival" that will take place between 6 and 8 September 2018 by Safranbolu Municipality, to give participation support to "3. International Water and Health Congress" that will take place in Antalya between 21 and 25 January 2019 by Ministry of Health Directorate of Public, to give financial support to 23rd Commemoration Ceremony of Srebrenitsa Genocide" that will take place in Bosnia and Herzegovina by Srebrenitsa Municipality.

Besides, it has been decided to present the membership request of Karesi (Balıkesir) Municipality to the decision of Administrative Board.

TDBB August Executive Board Meeting

Executive Board Meeting of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) has been held at the Headquarters of Union in Istanbul on Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

TDBB President and Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu, TDBB Secretary-General Fahri Solak, TDBB Executive Board Members, Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı, Mayor of Beykoz Yücel Çelikbilek, Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak and Mayor of Zeytinburnu Murat Aydin have joined the meeting.

After Secretary-General of TDBB Fahri Solak has given information about the conducted activities and the agenda since the last meeting of the Executive Board on July 18, 2018, the meeting has continued with the discussion of the issues from the agenda.

In this context, it has been decided to purchase a garbage truck that was requested by Municipality of Skrapar (Albania) in cooperation of our Union with its members and the sister cities of Municipality of Skrapar, to participate by representing our Union at the "3rd World Nomad Games" that will be held between 2 and 8 September in Kyrgyzstan, to organize expert training program in 2018 for the staff from Metropolitan Municipality of Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), to conduct in cooperation with Zeytinburnu "2018 Year Stationery Help" for the students from Zeytinburnu who are in need, to implement in cooperation with Zeytinburnu Municipality "Smart Bike Rental Project" in Ohrid Municipality, to finance the accommodation expenses in Istanbul of the member of Union Doboj-Istok Municipality (Bosnia and Herzegovina) during their visit to Turkey, to give participation support to "ATRAX 2019 that will be held in Istanbul on 14-16 February 2019 and to inform Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality about "Mongol Naadam: Sport and Culture Center Project" that was planned to be organized by Ulaanbator Municipality.

TDBB September Executive Board Meeting

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) September Executive Board Meeting has been held at TDBB Headquarters in Istanbul on 19 September 2018, Wednesday.

The meeting, under the chairmanship of Deputy President of TDBB and also Mayor of Zeytinburnu Murat Aydın, has been participated by Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak and TDBB Executive Board Members who are Mayor of Mersin Metropolitan Municipality Burhanettin Kocamaz, Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı, Mayor of Beykoz Yücel Çelikbilek, Mayor of Selçuklu Ahmet Pekyatırmacı and Mayor of Şahinbey Mehmet Tahmazoğlu.

After Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak has given information about the conducted activities and the agenda since the last meeting of Executive Board on August 15, 2018, the meeting has continued with the discussion of the issues from the agenda.

Within this framework, it has been decided to organize TDBB's "Sister Cities Web Platform" Publicity Meeting on 05 October 2018 in Istanbul, to support "4th International Yunus Emre Days" organized by Yunusemre Municipality between 17 and 20 October 2018, to participate in "IBAC 2018- 8th International Balkan Conference" on behalf of TDBB in Croatia between 26 and 29 September 2018, to participate in "Istanbul



Water Congress and Fair" organized by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality at Haliç Congress Hall between 11 and 13 October 2018, to participate in "13th Silk Road Mayors Forum" organized by Antalya Metropolitan Municipality in Antalya between 20 and 23 October 2018, to participate in "Invest Gagauzia 360 Forum" in Moldova Gagauz Autonomous Region between 03 and 04 November 2018, to give participation support to "7th International Istanbul Smart Grid and Cities Congress and Fair" in Haliç Congress Hall between 25 and 26 April 2019, to organize second workshop of "Human Rights Cities Project" cooperatively by TDBB and RWI between 19 and 21 September 2018 in Istanbul, to participate in "World Human Rights Cities Forum" on behalf of TDBB in South Korea between 18 and 21 October 2018, to publish "Sister City Activities within Turkey and around World" book as TDBB Publications, to organize Tatarstan Member Municipalities Information and Experience Sharing Program between 14 and 20 October 2018, to give accommodation support to 'Turkey-Russia: Symposium on Dual Relations in International Context' organized by Istanbul University Historical Research Center between 19 and 20 October 2018 in Moscow and to give participation support to '3rd International Social Sciences Congress' in Uzbekistan between 17 and 21 October 2018.

TDBB November Executive Board Meeting

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) November Executive Board Meeting has been held on 21 November 2018, Wednesday, at Union Headquarters in Istanbul.

The meeting, under the chairmanship of President of TDBB and Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu, has been attended by Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak, TDBB Executive Board Members who are Mayor of Beykoz Yücel Çelikbilek, Mayor of Zeytinburnu Murat Aydın, Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı, Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak, Mayor of Selçuklu Ahmet Pekyatırmacı and TDBB Administrative Board Member Mayor of Sarajevo Novi Grad Semir Efendic.

After Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak has given information about the conducted activities and the agenda since the last meeting of Administrative Board on October 24, 2018, the meeting has continued with the discussion of the issues from the agenda.

Within this framework, it has been decided to carry out the visit of TDBB Azerbaijan Member Municipalities delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina between 16 and 20 December 2018 for the empowerment of cooperation among local governments, to carry out 'Bosnia and Herzegovina Srebrenitsa Monumental Cemetery Complex Roof Renovation' Project cooperatively by TDBB and sister cities, to support the expenditure of the dormitory by TDBB which is being built in Srebrenitsa by Bosnia and Herzegovina Emmaus Association, to organize experience sharing program for the educators who are coming to Turkey from Kyrgyzstan within the framework of "Village Nursery Schools Project" in cooperation with Roza Otunbaeva Foundation, to support "Bosnia and Herzegovina National Day' event that will take place in Ankara on 12 December 2018 organized by Bosnia and Herzegovina Embassy in Ankara, to support "Bosnia and Herzegovina National Day" event that will take place on 25 November 2018 in Istanbul organized by Association of Young Bosnians, to evaluate the support request of Jabaliyah Al Nazlh Municipality of Palestine in cooperation with Ümraniye Municipality within the framework of sister city relations, and to ensure participation by TDBB in 5th Arab Water Week Conference and Fair that will take place in Jordan between 03 and 07 March 2019.



Besides, it has been decided to present the membership request of Bogovinje Municipality of Macedonia to the decision of Administrative Board.



TDBB December Executive Board Meeting

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) December Executive Board Meeting has been held on 12 December 2018, Wednesday, at Union Headquarters in Istanbul.

The Meeting, under the Chairmanship of President of TDBB and Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu, has been attended by Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak, TDBB Executive Board Members who are Mayor of Beykoz Yücel Çelikbilek, Mayor of Zeytinburnu Murat Aydin, Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı and Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak.

After Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak has given information about the conducted activities and the agenda between 21 November and 12 December 2018, the meeting has continued with the discussion of the issues from the agenda.

Within this framework, it has been decided to carry out project to develop sister relations between the member municipalities of Union of Dannieh Municipalities and TDBB members, to support "transport vehicle purchase" project that has been requested by Islamic Union Student Center within Bosnia and Herzegovina Islamic Union to cover the daily needs and transfer of the students and to give participation support for "11. Kocaeli International Kids Festival" that will take place between 18 and 23 April 2019 by Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality. Besides, it has been decided to present the membership request of Ferizaj (Kosovo) Municipality to the decision of Administrative Board.

TDBB 2018 HIGH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Evaluation Meeting of High Advisory Board of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) has been made in Union Headquarters on 21 November 2018, Wednesday.

The Meeting has been attended by High Advisory Board Members; Prof. Salih Aynural (Retired Academic Member of Istanbul University) Prof. Osman Horata (Hacettepe University Faculty Member), Prof. A. Burçin Yereli (Hacettepe University Faculty Member), Prof. Adem Esen (İstanbul University Faculty Member), Prof. Rahmi Deniz Özbay (Marmara University Faculty Member), Özgen Keskin (Instructor and Author) and Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak.

The Meeting has started with the presentation of the activities that took place in 2018 and continued with the discussion of the topics on the agenda. In the meeting, the pleasure for TDBB's reputation for its international works in international stage and its gradual institutionalization has been stated and the evaluation of activities of the year 2018 has been made.

In the meeting, expert training programs, information and experience sharing programs, sister city meetings, educational activities, infrastructure and equipment assistances, abroad and domestic visits, organized or supported social, cultural events and fairs, new memberships, member municipality summits, new publications and periodicals of TDBB have been expressed in the presentation to High Advisory Board Members.

In the meeting, the candidates that applied on TDBB support program for graduate students who are in master or doctorate programs in Turkish universities and in thesis writing process have explained their thesis works to the High Advisory Board. It has been decided to present to TDBB Administrative Board for the continuation of the scholarships of the researchers over the year of 2019.



INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE SHARING & EXPERT TRAINING PROGRAMS

Kyrgyzstan Pre-School Educators Turkey Program

(Istanbul, 11-17 February 2018)



Kyrgyzstan Pre-School Educators Turkey Program", organized by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) in cooperation with Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), Istanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education, Bağcılar, Bayrampaşa, Esenler, Kartal and Pendik Municipalities for 12 educators coming from different regions of Kyrgyzstan, has been completed in Istanbul between 11-17 February 2018 with the presentations and site visits.

The program has been attended by Arabaev State University Head of Department in Pedagogy Prof. Toktobubu Orusbaeva, Project Manager of Roza Otunbayeva Foundation Arstanbek Sagyntai Uulu, Manager of Naryn Kazbekk Nursery Gulaiym Moldakunova, Manager of Celal-Abad State University Pedagogy College Barisa Turdubaeva, Manager of Naryn Komsomol Nursery Perizat Bagyshova, Manager of Osh Murdash Nursery Nazira Sakenova, Deputy Manager of Bishkek Metropolitan Municipality Department of Education Natalia Nikiforova, Manager of Bishkek Nursery Number of 186 Dilnara Maigulakova, Manager of Middle School Number of 86 Salamat Kolbaeva, Bishkek Head of Department of Society Sciences Baktygul Toktorbaeva, Talas Nursery Teacher Kanyshai Kaparova and Editor of 'Kut Bilim' Education Newspaper Gulnara Alybaeva.

On the first day of the program, on 12 February 2018 Monday, the delegation has visited Bayrampaşa Municipality, taken a presentation about municipality's education services and has had a site visit. On the same day, the delegation has visited TDBB. In TDBB Headquarters, delegation has met with TDBB Secretary General Dr. Fahri Solak and has been informed about the general framework of the program and TDBB's activities. After TDBB visit, the group has visited Panorama 1453 Museum and Topkapı Turkic World Culture Houses.



On the second day of the program, the participants have visited Pendik Municipality's 'Meraklı Minikler (Curious Kids) Education Center' and they have made a site visit in 'Anne Çocuk Eğitim Merkezi' (AÇEM) (Mother and Child Education Center). During the site visit, manager of AÇEM İlhami Coşkunsu has accompanied the group. On the same day in the afternoon Kartal Municipality Nursery Directorate has been visited. During the visit, Deputy Mayor of Kartal Mustafa Fehmi Okay and Nursery Manager Enif Dipşar have been with the group and pre-school activities and services of Kartal Municipality have been examined. Afterwards, Fairy Tale Museum and Child Development Center have been visited.

On the third and fourth days of the Program, Kağıthane Hamidiye Nursery, Küçükçekmece Municipality Nursery, Büyükçekmece Şehit Mehmet Şefik Şefkatlioğlu Nursery, Bakırköy Adalet Nursery, Küçükçekmece Papatya Nursery, which are based on Istanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education, have been visited and the delegation has been informed about the nurseries' activities.

On the fifth day of the program, the delegation has visited Esenler Municipality' Esma Biltacı Mother and Child Education Center' and Esenler 'Grandfather and Grandchild Life Center'. Esenler Municipality Social Affairs Manager Özcan Hamza has accompanied the delegation during the visit. In the afternoon, Bağcılar Municipality Child Care Center and Bağcılar Disability Center have been visited.

On the fifth day of the program, Closing Dinner and Certificate Ceremony have been held with the hosting of Bağcılar Municipality in Bağcılar Osmanlı Konağı Social Facilities. The ceremony has been attended by Kyrgyz delegation, TDBB Secretary General Dr. Fahri Solak, Bağcılar Deputy Mayor Kenan Gültürk, Bağcılar Municipality and TDBB officials.





Bağcılar Deputy Mayor Kenan Gültürk during his speech in closing dinner has underlined the brotherhood between Turkish and Kyrgyz nations. He has said that there is a dependency between Kyrgyz and Turkish nations' strength and Kyrgyzstan's strength is based on Turkey's strength and Turkey's strength is based on Kyrgyzstan's.



On behalf of Kyrgyz delegation, Kirov State University Head of Pedagogy Toktobubu Orusbaeva has said that they have observed that schools they have visited have really good classes and they have small numbers of students in classes and that they thank TDBB to organize the program. After the speech, the participation certificates have been given to the delegation. The program has been concluded with participants' return to Kyrgyzstan after Istanbul city tour held on 17 February 2018, Saturday.



"Woman and Family Activities in Local Governments" Expert Training Program

(Istanbul-Kocaeli, 04-10 March 2018)



Woman and Family Activities In Local Governments Expert Training Program, organized by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) in cooperation with Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IBB), Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, Bağcılar Municipality, Fatih Municipality, Gaziosmanpaşa Municipality, Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR), ISMEK and Kültür Inc. between 04 and 10 March 2018 with the participation of 16 female local government experts from 7 different countries, has been completed with presentations, examinations and site visits in Istanbul and Kocaeli.

Participants of the program have been Sabina Abdullayeva Manager of Social Affairs and Ecology Commission from Azerbaijan Xatai Municipality, Sima Chalabi Specialist on Ecology and Environmental Protection Commission from Azerbaijan Yasamal Municipality, Aida Efendic Assistant in Federal Ministry of Physical Planning from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Nejra Dzanko Member of Municipal Council from Bosnia and Herzegovina Novi Grad Sarajevo Municipality, Samra Omerbasic Coordinator at Culture Center from Bosnia and Herzegovina Novi Grad Sarajevo Municipality, Ainur Bekzhanova Deputy Mayor from Kazakhstan Almaly Municipality, Gulzat Janabergenova Chief Inspector from Kazakhstan Kyzylorda Municipality, Arnagul Pashkenova Chief Inspector from Kazakhstan Kyzylorda Municipality, Zhivka Angeloska Head of City Council from Macedonia Ohrid Municipality, Violeta Tunteva Tourism Coordinator from Macedonia Ohrid Municipality, Bolormaa Lkhamtseren Head of Department from Mongolia Bagakhangai Municipality, Narmandakh Lkhamsuren Specialist from Mongolia Nalaikh Municipality, Violeta Crudu Mayor of Cruzesti from Moldova, Ludmila Malai Legal Adviser from Moldova CALM, Elena Sabakaeva Member of Parliament from Tatarstan and Svetlana Loginova Manager in Budget Management Department from Tatarstan Nijnekamsk Municipality.



On the first day of the program on 5 March 2018, the delegation has visited ISMEK and listened presentation on Employment Activities in Local Governments, and then they have made a site visit. During ISMEK visit, IBB Manager of Lifelong Learning Center Ali Koca has accompanied the group. On the same day, the delegation has visited TDBB Headquarters and met with Secretary General Fahri Solak. Solak has informed the group about the program and TDBB activities. After the meeting in TDBB Headquarters, the delegation has visited Panorama History Museum and Turkish World Culture Houses.





On the second day of the program, the delegation has visited Kocaeli to examine Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality's works on women and family issues. There, Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality Manager of Women and Family Affairs Nagehan Malkoç has welcomed the group. After the presentation about women and family activities of the municipality, the delegation has visited Municipality's Sport Facilities, KOMEK and Diriliş Youth Camp.

On the third day of the program, the delegation has visited Gaziosmanpaşa Municipality. Women and Family Activities of Gaziosmanpaşa Municipality have been told to the delegation and Manager of Women and Family Services Süeda Tuğcu has made a presentation about it. After the presentation, Mayor of Gaziosmanpaşa Hasan Tahsin Usta has come together with the delegation and answered the questions of the group. On the same day afternoon, the delegation has visited Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Woman Coordination Center, taken a presentation and has made a site visit.





On the fourth day of the program, the delegation has visited Fatih Municipality. Fatih Municipality Deputy Director of Press and Public Relations Sema Art Özçelik has made a presentation on Fatih Municipality's Activities for Family and Women and then the group has had a site visit. On the same day, the delegation has visited Bağcılar Municipality and come together with Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı. Mayor Çağırıcı has answered the questions of the delegation. Then the group has attended to Bağcılar Municipality's Women's Day organization and visited Women and Family Culture and Art Center with Deputy Mayor of Bağcılar Kenan Gültürk.

On the last day of the program, the participants have visited ISKUR Directorate of Beyoğlu District and they have had a presentation about "Woman Employment Activities" from Manager of ISKUR Directorate of Beyoğlu Zeynep Kıratlı, then they have had a site visit. Then, the participants have made a historical Istanbul city tour.

On 9 March 2018, Friday evening, closing dinner and certification ceremony have been organized. Apart from the delegation the ceremony has



been attended by TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak, Deputy Mayor of Zeytinburnu Gönül Demirel and TDBB specialists. During the dinner, participants have indicated that the program was very beneficial for them and they have had an opportunity to have different experiences and knowledge about women and family activities from almost all municipalities and institutions that they visited.

Lastly, participation certifications have been presented to the delegation.

Program has ended on 10 March 2018 after Istanbul city tour and participants have returned to their home countries.

TRNC "Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting" Training Program

(Istanbul-Kocaeli, 18-22 March 2018)

Expert Training Program on "Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting" held for the members from Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) has been organized by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) in cooperation with Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IBB), Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality and AFAD. At the program 10 firemen from Lefkoşa (Nicosia), Güzelyurt, Iskele, Gazimagusa, and Girne have participated. The program has ended with the presentation and field trips that have been held between 18-22 March 2018 in Istanbul and Kocaeli.

Nicosia Police Department Fire Brigade Officer Bender Kadı, Nicosia Police Department Fire Brigade Officer Niyazi İncirlili, Güzelyurt Police Department Fire Brigade Officer Erkal Sayım, Güzelyurt Police Department Fire Brigade Officer Selim Divarcı, Iskele Police Department Fire Brigade Officer Eser Solmaz, İskele Police Department Fire Brigade Officer Hasan Bozkurt, Famagusta Police Department Fire Brigade Officer Mehmet Aydener, Famagusta Police Department Fire Brigade Officer Mehmet Huseyin Sertum, Girne Police Department Fire Brigade Officer Murat Kansu and Police General Office Fire Brigade Officer Murat Ecersoy have attended the program.

On the first day of the program, the delegation has visited AFAD Istanbul on Monday, March 19, 2018, and made a field trip after the presentation on "Disaster and Emergency Search and Rescue Works". On the same day, the delegation has visited TDBB and met with Secretary-General Fahri Solak at Unions' Headquarters where they have been informed about the program and the activities of TDBB. After the meeting in TDBB, the participants have visited Panorama Museum and Topkapi Turkish World Culture Houses.

On the second day of the program, the delegation has visited Istanbul Fire Station Başakşehir Resneli Education Center and made a field trip after the presentation on "Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting".

The third and fourth days of the program have been held on 21-22 March 2018. Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality Fire Department has given training to the delegation and held field trips on subjects of "Fire Intervention Techniques", "Progress in Closed and Smoky Spaces", Survivors and Fire Source Search ", "Thermal Camera Usage" and "Traffic Accident Rescue".

The program has been completed with the introduction of gifts and the Participation Certificates.




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TDBB Azerbaijan Member Municipalities Information and Experience Sharing Program

(Ankara-Istanbul, 29 April-05 May 2018)



Azerbaijan Member Municipalities Information and Experience Sharing Program, organized by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) in cooperation with Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Bayrampaşa, Beykoz, Keçiören and Pendik Municipalities and Republic of Turkey Ministry of Culture and Tourism, has been completed with the participation of 11 Mayors, after the presentations and site visits made in Ankara and Istanbul between 29 April and 5 May 2018.

The program has been attended by Mayor of Nerimanov and also President of Union of Azerbaijan City Municipalities Tamraz Taghiyev, Vice President of Union of Azerbaijan City Municipalities and also Mayor of Gence Şehri Nizami Goshgar Mammadov, Secretary General of Union of Azerbaijan City Municipalities Tofıg Hasanov, Mayor of Balaken Afgan Safarov, Mayor of Berde Sadıg Khalilov, Mayor of Yevlax Elmı Safaraliyev, Mayor of Şirvan Kurdoghlu Muradov, Mayor of Şemkir Vugar Hasanov, Deputy Mayor of Sumgayit Musa Hasanov, Head of Department of Law in Sumgayit Municipality Zaur Shahbalayev and Advisor of the Parliament Member of National Parliamentary Regional Affairs Committee and also Head of District Committee of Yasamal Municipality Mammad Mammadli.

On the first day of the program Monday, 30 April 2018, the delegation has visited Keçiören Municipality and after meeting with Mayor Mustafa Ak, the presentations on "Strategic Planning and Sustainable Development in Municipalities" and "Park and Garden Arrangement Services" have been made, then the group has observed the applications on site. On the second day of the program, the group has listened to "Social Municipalism Activities" presentation at Keçiören Municipality and made a site visit. The delegation has had a city tour in Ankara at the same day.



On the third day of the program Thursday, 2nd of May, the delegation has visited Spor Istanbul in Istanbul part of the program. During the visit in Spor Istanbul, the presentation on "Sports Activities and Services in Municipalities" has been listened and then site visit has been made. At the same day, the program has continued with the visit to Istanbul District Directorate of Culture and Tourism. The delegation has listened to the presentation on "Tourism Activities in Istanbul" in Sübyan Mektebi (Primary School) inside Hagia Sophia Museum, then visited the museum and made site visit.





On the fourth day of the program, Thursday 3rd of May, the delegation has visited Mayor of Pendik Kenan Şahin. After the visit the delegation has listened to the presentation on "Financial Management in Municipalities" and made a site visit at Pendik Municipality Waste Sorting Plant.

In the afternoon of the fourth day of the program, the participants have visited Mayor of Beykoz Yücel Çelikbilek. The delegation has been presented "Property Tax and Title Deed Transactions". Mayor Çelikbilek has also accompanied the delegation at dinner.

On the fifth day of the program, Friday 4th of May, the delegation has visited Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality's European Directorate of Parks and Gardens and listened to the presentation on "Green Area Management in Municipalities", and then made site visit. On the afternoon of the same day, the delegation has visited Bayrampaşa Municipality and listened to the presentation on "Municipal Activities in Turkey".

Same day afternoon, a closing dinner and certificate ceremony has been organized with the hosting of Bayrampaşa Municipality. In addition to the delegation, the ceremony has been attended by Mayor of Bayrampaşa Atila Aydıner, Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak and Consulate of Republic of Azerbaijan in Istanbul Yadullah Paşayev. After the dinner organization, the delegation has been presented their participation certificates.

The program has been completed with the departure of the delegation to Azerbaijan, after having Istanbul tour on 5 May 2018, Saturday.



TDBB Mongolia Bayan-Ulgii Delegation Information and Experience Sharing Program

(Istanbul, 07-14 May 2018)



TDBB Mongolia Bayan-Ulgii Delegation Information and Experience Sharing Program, organized by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) in cooperation with Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Bağcılar, Sancaktepe, Zeytinburnu Municipalities and Turkey Travel Agencies Association (TURSAB) has been completed after the presentations and site visits made in Istanbul between 7 and 14 May 2018.

The program has been attended by President of City Council Bauirjan Dalyel, Deputy Governor Kameliyat Akhmedia, Councilmen Byerdmurat Khajnabi, Tulyeubyek Bikhumar, Bakhit Saudabai, Byekbolat Shaikhan, Deputy Manager of State Hospital Manchuk Khavdyrash, Manager of 4. State High School Khairat Khajyekbyer, Doctor–Manager of Private Beis Şifa Hospital Byeisyen Bulan, Manager of Suat Company Adalbyek Jusren, President of State Bank Januzakh Khuan, Accountant of State Hospital Uuganbaatar Bolat, Manager of Ak Dam Company Amantai Shamshii, Manager of Sum Dundin Hospital Guljan Dalyelkhan, Councilman Yerbol Jylkhyshybai, Head of Internal Inspection and Evaluation Department Taukye Mauit, Head of Social Insurance Department Usyerkhan Tulkibai, Manager of Tsagannuur Village Yesbolat Daut, Manager of Shinbulak Company Ailanysh Khakhtan, Accountant of City Council Siyezd Khibat, Senior Official of City Council Barshagul Myerzyet,





Vice President of City Council –Translator Guljamila Mankyei, Ulgii Metropolitan Municipality Councilman – Translator Yertai Oral and Deputy Manager of Town Planning Department Arai Myeiram.

On the first day of the program, Monday on 8 May, the delegation has visited Sancaktepe Municipality and met with Mayor İsmail Erdem. Then, the group has seen the presentation on "Urban Transformation Projects" and made a site visit. On the same day, the program has continued with the 'Leather Sector Visit in Zeytinburnu'. The delegation has observed leather sector's activities in Istanbul during the site visit.

On the second day of the program, May 9, the group has visited to IBB Directorate of European Side Parks and Gardens Visit and delegation has listened presentation about "Green Area Management in Municipalities" and then made a site visit. On the same day afternoon, they have visited TURSAB and seen a presentation on "Tourism Industry and Cooperation Opportunities in Turkey" from Deputy President of TURSAB Hasan Erdem.

On the third day of the program, on 10th of May, the delegation has visited Zeytinburnu Municipality. Deputy Mayor of Zeytinburnu Zafer Alsaç has informed Zeytinburnu Municipality's activities to the delegation, and then the group has listened presentation about "Medical Plants Garden" and made a site visit. On the same day afternoon, the delegation has visited TDBB Headquarters. There, the delegation has met with TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak, then got informed about TDBB





activities and presented participation certificates. After the ceremony, delegation has visited Miniaturk, Panorama History Museum and Turkish World Culture Houses.

On the fourth day of the program, the delegation has visited ISTAC and seen a presentation about "Waste Management in Municipalities" and then made a site visit. On the same day afternoon, the participants have had a presentation on "Separation and Disposal of Packaging Waste" and made a site visit in Bağcılar Municipality, and then met with Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı. Later on, the closing ceremony has been held with the hosting of Bağcılar Municipality with a dinner and Deputy Mayors Kenan Gültürk and Cemil Şahin have accompanied with the group.

On the fifth day of the program, on 12 May Saturday, the delegation has made Istanbul city tour. Program has ended with the departure of the delegation to their home country on 13 May 2018.



Azerbaijani Women in Local Governments Information and Experience Sharing Program

(Kocaeli-Istanbul, 22-28 July 2018)



'Information and Experience Sharing Program' for Azerbaijani Women in Local Governments organized by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) in cooperation with Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IBB), Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, Başakşehir Municipality, Beylikdüzü Municipality, Küçükçekmece Municipality, Zeytinburnu Municipality and Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR), has been completed between 22 and 28 July 2018 with presentations and site visits in Istanbul and Kocaeli.

The program has been attended by Chairwoman of the Women for Development of Municipalities Association of Azerbaijan and Deputy Mayor





of Garachukhur Municipality Lyudmila Khalilova, Mayor of Göranboy Fahralı Sevda Valiyeva, Mayor of Terter İrevanlı Natella Ibrahimova, Deputy Mayor of Mehdiabad (Abşeron) Afet Aslanova, Mayor of Ramana (Baku) İntizar Rzayeva, Mayor of Binegedi (Baku) Aytaç Aliyeva, Deputy Mayor of Keşle (Baku) İrada Hasanova, Adviser of Azerbaijan City Municipalities Bahar Hamidova, Head of Neighborhood Committee of Garachukhur (Baku) Municipality Laman Khalilova, Branch Manager of Azerbaijan Town Municipalities Sevil Hajiyeva, Head of Neighborhood Committee of Yasamal (Baku) Municipality Bika Akbarli and Branch Manager of Sumgayit Municipality Ramila Gambarova.

On the first day of the program, 23 July 2018 Monday, delegation has visited ISMEK and listened presentation on "Employment Activities in Local Governments", and then they have made a site visit. On the same day, the group has visited Mayor of Başakşehir Yasin Kartoğlu. After the visit, the delegation has listened presentation on "Woman and Family Activities in Local Governments" and made a site visit.

On the second day, the program has continued with ISKUR and IBB Sport Istanbul visits. In ISKUR visit, the delegation has listened presentation about "Woman Employment Activities" and then made a site visit. After that, the participants have visited Sport Istanbul and have had a presentation on "Sport Activities for Women" and made a site visit as well.





On the third day of the program on 25 July 2018, Wednesday, the delegation has visited Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality Directorate of Woman and Family Affairs and KOMEK, and then presentation and site visits have been made.

On the fourth day, the program has continued with Beylükdüzü Municipality's "Social Equality Unit" and "Women Solidarity Center" visits. There, the delegation has listened presentations and made site visits. On the same day afternoon, the participants have gone to Küçükçekmece Municipality and have had a presentation on "Social Municipalism Activities" and made a site visit.

The program has continued with delegation's TDBB visit on 27 July 2018 Friday. In TDBB Headquarters, the participants have met with TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak and the delegation has been informed about TDBB activities. On the same day afternoon, the group has visited Zeytinburnu Municipality and "Family, Woman Support and Disabled People Center" (AKDEM) and they have been informed about AKDEM activities and had a site visit. Closing ceremony of the program and certification ceremony has been held in Zeytinburnu Belgradkapı Social Facilities with the hosting of Zeytinburnu Municipality. Certification Ceremony has been attended by TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak and also Zeytinburnu Municipality Director of Social Affairs Sami Ünlü and Psychologist of AKDEM Bihter Erdendoğdu.

The program has ended with participants' return to their home country after Istanbul city tour held on 28 July 2018 Saturday.



TDBB Tatarstan Member Municipalities Information and Experience Sharing Program

(Bursa-Istanbul, 13-21 October 2018)



Information and Experience Sharing Program 'TDBB Tatarstan Member Municipalities' organized in cooperation of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), Presidency of Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Municipalities of Beykoz, Beyoglu, Eyupsultan, Osmangazi, İSKİ, Kiptaş, İstanbul Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism and Culture A.Ş. has been completed with presentations and field trips in Bursa and Istanbul between 13-21 October 2018.

Vladimir Kozonkov, Vice-President of the Municipalities of the Republic of Tatarstan Deputy Mayor of Alkeyev Rashit Bilalov, Deputy Mayor of Municipality of Laishev Tatiana Burganova, Deputy Mayor of Sarmanov Municipality Guzel Garaeva, Deputy Mayor of Buin Municipality Ildar Eremeev, Deputy Mayor of Kukmor Raviia Karımullina, Deputy Mayor of Tetyushi Municipality Evgenii Kurkov, Deputy Mayor of Bugulma Municipality Fanis Mukhametov, Deputy Mayor of Menzelin Kamil Nazmiev, Deputy Mayor of Baltasin Municipality Nail Sabirzanov, Deputy Mayor of Leninogorod Sergei Timakov, Deputy Mayor of Spasski Sergei Tiunev, Deputy Mayor of Tyulyachi Municipality Airat Fatkhullin, Deputy Mayor of Kaybis Ramis Khayaliev and Deputy Mayor of Visokogorsii Municipality Anas Shakirov have attended the program.





On the first day of the program, the delegation has visited Osmangazi Municipality on Monday, October 15, 2018, and met with Mayor Mustafa Dündar. The delegation has then listened to a presentation on "Activities for Domestic and Foreign Tourists" and "Activities for Conservation of Cultural Heritage in Municipalities" after which field trips have been made.

On the second day of the program, participants have met with İsmet Yıldırım at their visit to KİPTAŞ. They have listened to a presentation about "Housing Production and Urban Transformation Projects in Municipalities" after which field visits have been conducted. In the afternoon the same day, the participants have visited TDBB Headquarters. The delegation that has met with Secretary-General Fahri Solak, has been informed about the activities of TDBB. After leaving TDBB the delegation has paid a visit to Panorama 1453 Museum and the Turkish World Cultural Houses.

On the third day of the program, the delegation has visited Beykoz Municipality and met with Mayor Yücel Çelikbilek. Then they have watched a presentation about "Finance and Budget Management in Municipalities" and made a field trip afterwards. On the same day in the afternoon, the delegation has visited Beyoğlu Municipality and met with Vice President Yasin Balcı. The delegation has watched the presentation about "Coordination of Touristic Activities in Beyoğlu".

On the fourth day of the program, the participants have visited İSKİ and listened to the presentation on "Water and Waste Water Management in Municipalities" and made field visits afterward. The program has continued with the visit to Eyüpsultan Municipality. The delegation has met with Mayor of Eyüpsultan Remzi Aydın and watched the presentation about "Faith and Culture Tourism" and conducted a field visit.





On the fifth day of the program, on Friday, October 19, 2018, the delegation has visited IBB European Park Gardens Directorate, watched the presentation about "Green Space Management in Municipalities" and conducted a field visit afterward. On the afternoon of the same day, the program has continued with the visit to Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism, where presentation titled "Tourism Activities in Istanbul" has been presented, which has been followed by the visits to Basilica Cistern and the historical texture.

The closing dinner and certificate ceremony of the program has been held at Belgradkapı Facilities of Zeytinburnu Municipality. In addition to Tatar delegation, the ceremony has also been attended by Vice Chairman and TDBB Zeytinburnu Mayor Murat Aydın and Secretary-General of TDBB Fahri Solak, as well as Tatarstan Turkey Representative Ayrat Gataullina.

The delegation has visited Istanbul's historical and touristic places on Saturday, October 20, 2018. The program has been completed on Sunday, October 21, 2018, with the delegation's returning to their country.

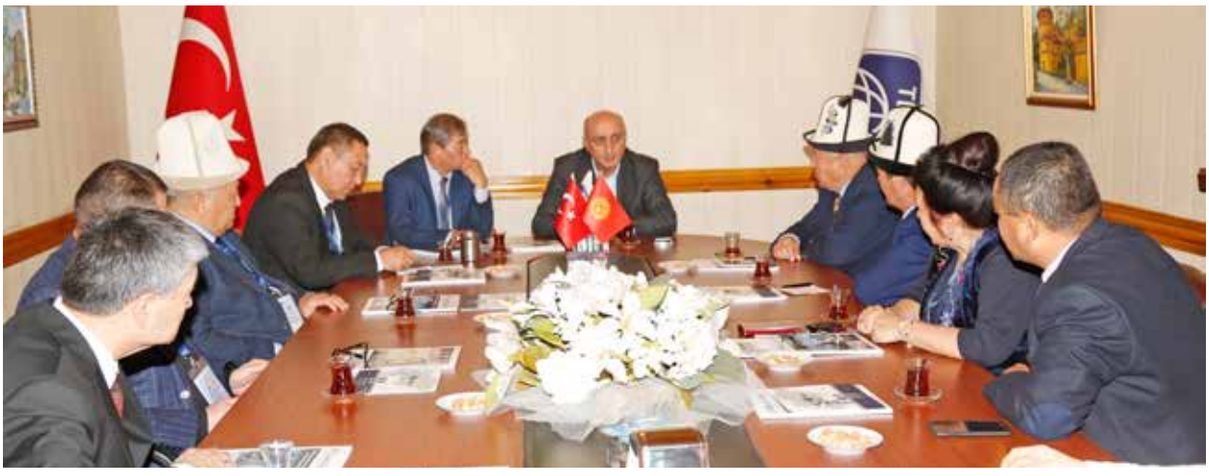


Kyrgyzstan Presidency of Ethnic Relations State Agency Information and Experience Sharing Program

(Gaziantep-Istanbul, 25 November-01 December 2018)







Kyrgyzstan Presidency of Ethnic Relations State Agency Information and Experience Sharing Program, organized by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) in cooperation with Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA), Bağcılar, Sultanbeyli, Şahinbey, Zeytinburnu Municipalities, AFAD, Red Crescent, Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Migration and Istanbul University Department of Sociology has been completed between 25 November and 01 December 2018 after the presentations and site visits made in Gaziantep and Istanbul.

The program has been participated by Nookat Municipality Secretary General Zakhidzhan Abidzhanov, Karasu Municipality Secretary General Danakhan Bektasheva, Uzgen Municipality Secretary General Zhalal Aliev, Oş Municipality Secretary General Municipality Uraimzhan Tashiev, Leylek Municipality Secretary General Nurgazy Abalov, Suzak Municipality Secretary General Turdukul Karaev, Alamudun Municipality Secretary General Aidar Kadyraliev, Issyk-Kul Municipality Secretary General Zhumadil Turdubekov and Governance of Batken Representative of State Agency Absalam Abdiraiimov.

On the first day of the program on 26 November 2018, Monday, the delegation has visited Mayor of Şahinbey Mehmet Tahmazoğlu. Then the group has listened Şahinbey Municipality's presentation on "Living Together and Harmonization Process of Different Ethnic Groups" and made a site visit.

On the second day of the program, participants have visited Migration Research Center of Istanbul University's Sociology Department. On the same day afternoon, the delegation has visited TDBB. In TDBB Headquarters, the delegation has met with TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak and has been





informed about the program and TDBB activities. After that, the delegation has visited Panorama 1453 History Museum and Topkapı Turkish World Cultural Houses.

The third day of the program has continued with Red Crescent and AFAD visits. The delegation has listened presentations on "Migration Integration and Adaptation" in Red Crescent and "Migration Management" in AFAD.

On the fourth day of the program, the participants have visited Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Migration and listened presentation on "Migration Management and Integration Processes". On the same day, the delegation has visited Sultanbeyli Municipality and met with Mayor Hüseyin Keskin. There, the group has seen Sultanbeyli's activities towards migration and listened presentation on "Bir Umut, Bir Ufuk Project" (One Hope, One Inspiration).





On the fifth day of the program on 30 November 2018 on Friday, the delegation has visited Zeytinburnu Municipality and met with Deputy Mayor of Zeytinburnu Erdem İskenderoğlu. Afterwards, the group has listened presentation titled "Cultural and Spatial Integration". On the same day afternoon the participants have visited Bağcılar Municipality and listened presentation on "International Migration and Living Together" and then made the site visit.

Closing dinner and certification ceremony of the program has been held with the hosting of Bağcılar Municipality. The ceremony has been attended by the Kyrgyz delegation and also TDBB Administration Board Member and Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı, TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak and Deputy Mayor of Bağcılar Kenan Gültürk.

After the dinner Mayor Lokman Çağırıcı, TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak and Deputy Mayor Kenan Gültürk have presented the participation certificates to the delegation. Program has ended after gift presentation and photo shooting.



SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

1- Protocol for Martyr's Memorial has been Signed between Municipality of Doboj Istok and TDBB



A protocol for the construction of martyr's memorial for 315 killed soldiers has been signed between Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Municipality of Doboj Istok from Bosnia and Herzegovina on October 17, 2018, in Kartepe.

In addition to President of TDBB and Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu and Mayor of Doboj Istok Kemal Bratic, members of TDBB's Administrative Board have been present at the signing ceremony that was held before the Meeting of TDBB's Administrative Board.



2- Nawruz Festival Celebrations in Istanbul

Istanbul Nawruz Festival, organized cooperatively by Governorate of Istanbul, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IMM), Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), Zeytinburnu Municipality, Culture Co. and Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism, has been celebrated on 21 March 2018, Wednesday at Topkapı Cultural Park.

The celebration program has been attended by Governor of Istanbul Vasip Şahin, Mayor of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Mevlüt Uysal, Mayor of Zeytinburnu Murat Aydın, Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak, Istanbul Provincial Director of Culture and Tourism Coşkun Yılmaz, Istanbul Consul Generals of Turkic Republics, guests and many citizens.

After the speech of Istanbul Provincial Director of Culture and Tourism Coşkun Yılmaz, the rituals of iron forging and egg tapping have been performed in the festival and the guests have jumped over Nawruz fire to celebrate Nawruz Festival. In the event, which has been attended by many guests from Turkish World, Turkish folk dances,

Caucasian folk dances and Caucasian and Uyghur music performances have created a visual feast.

The ceremony has ended with the visit of the protocol members to the booths of Turkic Republics and Turkestan associations in the ceremony area.

3- Human Rights Cities Project Workshop

Human Rights City Project Workshop, organized cooperatively by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI) and carried out with the member municipalities, has been held between 30 and 31 March 2018 in Antalya with the participation of member municipalities, non-governmental organizations and academics hosted by Muratpaşa Municipality.

The meeting has been attended by Mayor of Muratpaşa Ümit Uysal, TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak, Counselor of Raoul Wallenberg Institute Turkey Program İlhami Alkan Olsson, official personals from Mersin Metropolitan Municipality, Altındağ Municipality, Zeytinburnu Municipality, Maltepe Municipality, Muratpaşa and Çankaya Municipality, faculty members Prof. Dr. Gülay Günlük Şenesen from Istanbul University, Dr. Sevgi Usta from Özyeğin University, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yelda Yücel from Bilgi University, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özgür Arun from Akdeniz University and city planner M. Sinan Özden.

The meeting has started with an opening speech of Mayor of Muratpaşa Ümit Uysal. Uysal has stated that he is pleased to host the Human Rights Cities Project Workshop which he thinks is necessary as well as precious in the aspect of feelings, thoughts and actions. Uysal has also pointed out that the quality of cities is measured with the lower class's condition and he has expressed that while assessing local governments, the base of necessities should be taken into consideration. Mayor Uysal has thanked all participants, especially TDBB.

Opening speeches have continued with TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak's speech. Solak has firstly informed about the activities of TDBB. Moreover, he has told about how RWI and TDBB set up their collaboration and then he has informed about how the project has developed. Fahri Solak has lastly thanked to RWI and Muratpaşa Municipality and he has added that he has hoped the workshop would end with beneficial results.

Counselor of Raoul Wallenberg Institute Turkey Program İlhami Alkan Olsson has also informed about RWI activities. Alkan has said that he hopes Human Rights Cities Project would be carried out with the aim of developing cities concerning woman, children, elderly, disabled and refugees' rights perspectives and thinks that this project can make an international influence as well. Alkan has also posited that this project's another aim is to make municipalities work cooperatively with non-governmental organizations and universities. Finally,





Alkan has thanked TDBB for its contributions to the project and the participant municipalities for their participation.

Workshop has continued with thematic presentations after the opening session. In this session, presentations have been made on children, woman, elderly, disabled and refugees themes which are the project's working areas, with moderator Prof. Dr. Gülay Günlük Şenesen from Istanbul University, and the panelists have been faculty members who are Dr. Sevgi Usta from Özyeğin University, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yelda Yücel from Bilgi University, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özgür Arun from Akdeniz University and city planner M. Sinan Özden. In the afternoon sessions, participant municipalities Altındağ, Çankaya, Maltepe, Mersin Metropolitan, Muratpaşa and Zeytinburnu Municipalities have made their presentations about their working areas within the project.

Workshop's second day has continued with a group work. Five working groups have been created from the five themes of the project – children, women, elderly, disabled and refugees and then, firstly the general problems about each theme have been determined. Then, possible solutions have been proposed and expectations from the project have been expressed. Workshop has ended with evaluation of the program at the end of the second day and with the discussion of the steps to be taken at the next stages.

4- Bashkir National Cultural Center 'Ak Tirma' Group Turkey Program

Bashkir National Cultural Center 'Ak Tirma' Group conducting activities in order to keep and promote the Bashkir culture which came to Istanbul as a guest of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), has participated in a range of cultural events for the celebration of the Nawruz Festival and taken videos in Istanbul in memory of historian, turcologist and the leader of independent movement of Bashkir Zeki Velidi Togan.

Bashkortostan 'Ak Tirma' group has taken videos to Bashkir folk song named "Ancestors' Song" in a memory of Zeki Velidi Togan and for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of Bashkortostan, and Bashkirs' folk song "Baça baça". Video filming has taken place in Istanbul coasts, Bosphorus and historical places of Istanbul. Moreover, the group has visited daughter of Zeki Velidi Togan Prof. Dr. Isenbike Togan in Istanbul University, they have put flowers on the bust of Togan and made a video.

'Ak Tirma' group has also visited Union of Turkish World Municipalities Headquarters and made a mini performance there to show their appreciation to TDBB. The program has been attended by TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak, President of Idil (Volga) – Ural Turks Culture and Solidarity Association Gülten Urallı, Bashkir and Tatar students who are studying in Turkey and several citizens.

In addition, 'Ak Tirma' group dancers have participated in Nawruz activities within Turkey program organized in Kastamonu Municipality which has became Cultural Capital of Turkic World 2018, Keçiören Municipality and Bayrampaşa Municipality by attending concerts with their traditional costumes and presented figures from Bashkir folklore.

5- Turkey Park has been opened in Kazakliya District in the Gagauz Autonomous Region

Turkey Park which has been built in Kazakliya District, Moldova, Gagauz Autonomous Region with the support of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and the Municipalities of Altindağ, Büyükçekmece, Gölbaşı (Ankara), Isparta, Karatay (Konya), Keçiören, Ortahisar (Nevsehir), Osmangazi (Bursa) has been opened with a ceremony held on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

The opening ceremony has been attended by President of Moldova Igor Dodon, President of the Gagauz Autonomous Region Irina Vlah, Minister of Education and Culture of Moldova Monika Babuk, Secretary-General of TDBB Fahri Solak, representatives of Turkish embassy in Moldova, MP's, TIKA Coordinator in Moldova, Chairman of Turkey-Moldova Friendship Association Rafet Koksal, municipality mayors from Gagauzia, mayors from local authorities in Turkey, NGO representatives, and Gagauz people holding the Gagauz and Turkish flags in their hands.

Irina Vlah, President of Gagauz Autonomous Region, has thanked those who have participated in the construction of the park and made their contributions and in his speech at the opening ceremony, Secretary-General of TDBB Fahri Solak has said how the Republic of Moldova and Gagauz Autonomous Region are among the member states with whom the Union has the most intensive cooperation and many joint projects carried out together. The opening of the Turkey Park is one of the concrete examples of this cooperation. Solak has also thanked Turkish municipalities that have contributed to the construction of the park and congratulated Moldovan's Hıdırellez festival.

President of Moldova Igor Dodon has spoken at the opening of the park, saying that he is very happy to be at the opening of the park, that this cooperation shows how strong the ties and relations between the two countries are, and he has thanked Turkish colleagues who have made their contributions and President of Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan who supports the country in all aspects. The opening of Turkey Park has been closely



followed by the Moldovan and Gagauz press.

In addition, Hıdrellez Festival held in Çadır Lunga Municipality, a member of the Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) from Autonomous Gagauz Region, has been held at the Horse farm on May 6, 2018, and participated by more than 5 thousand visitors from Turkey, Russia, Ukraine, and Romania.

Celebrations, visited by approximately 200 visitors from Turkey, have been also attended by the President of Moldova Igor Dodon, Minister of Education and Culture of Moldova Monika Babuk, President of Gagauz Autonomous Region Irina Vlah, Secretary-General of TDBB Fahri Solak, mayors from Gagauz Autonomous Region, representatives from the Turkish Embassy in Moldova and other guests.

6- 10th Communication with Future Workshop

Organized by Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTUK) and supported by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), 10th Communication with Future Workshop has been held in Tashkent, Bukhara and Samarkand between 7 and 12 May 2018.

Communication with Future Workshop has been attended by students of Turkish origin from Balkan countries, which are Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Moldova, Serbia and Greece. 30 students from 15 countries, who are having their graduate education in communication departments of different universities of Turkey, have participated in the workshop.

10th Communication with Future Workshop has taken place with the cooperation of such institutions like RTUK, TIKA (Turkish Coordination and Cooperation Agency), BYEGM (Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry Directorate General of Press and Information), TDBB (Union of Turkish World Municipalities), TRT (Turkish Radio and Television) Avaz, Anadolu Agency, Uzbekistan World Languages University and Uzbekistan International Press Club.



In the Workshop participant students have discussed and made 30 presentations under the titles like "Reflection of Culture by Advertisements: Uzbekistan and Bosnia and Herzegovina Samples", "The Importance of Bukhara and Samarkand for Muslims of Bulgaria", "The Cry of Great Turkestan: Uzbek Folk Music", "Drawn Sword of Turkestan: The Heritage of Timur and Renaissance of Timurids", "Baybars: Kipczak Commander who saved Quds Sharif from Mongol Loot", "Samarkand, Capital City of Timur", "Ulug Bey Observatory in the development of astronomy in Turkestan", "Cotton as the White Gold of Transaxonia and Art of Weaving in Uzbekistan" and "Ibn-i Sina known as Avicenna in the West".

On 7th and 8th of May, the site presentations have started in Kasrı Arifan in Bukhara city of Uzbekistan. Later on, the program has continued in Samaniler Visiting House and Koş Madrasah. On 9th May, the participants have gone to Samarkand and visited the tomb of Qusem bin Abbas, Registan Square, Görü Emir, the tomb of Imam Maturidi, Ulug Bey Observatory and tomb of Imam al-Buhari.

The workshop in Taskent, which has started on May 7 in Bukhara city of Uzbekistan and continued in Samarkand, has been opened with a ceremony in Taskent with the participation of President of RTUK Prof. Dr. İlhan Yerlikaya, Ambassador of Tashkent Ahmet Başar Şen, Rector of Uzbekistan World Languages University Prof. Dr. Ganişer Rahimov, TIKA Program Coordinator of Tashkent Dr. Ali İhsan Çağlar, academicians, workshop delegation and many other guests.

Talking at the opening ceremony, Yerlikaya has stated that creating a basis for global and regional relations in visual and audio media services is among the duties of RTUK, that the workshops have been started to be organized 10 years ago within this framework every year and that the main aim

of the workshop is to make students coming from brother countries to communicate between themselves and through media. Yerlikaya has continued by saying that the program has brought students coming from a wide range of cultural area like from Sarajevo to Dakka, from Sanaa to Astana to this ancient geographical region and added that in the workshop, where the main theme is discussed under the title of 'Media's role in presenting cultural values: Uzbekistan Sample', the contribution of media in the convergence of Turkish-Islamic geographical region and the development of experience sharing opportunities are discussed.

On the other hand, Ambassador of Tashkent Ahmet Başar Şen has underlined the fact that many academicians and students coming from different countries have had great opportunity to know mainland Uzbekistan and its ancient cultural values. Stating that this geographical region has been the ancient main land for Turks and source of culture for Turkish culture, Şen has said that this event is an opportunity to understand how the cultural wealth of the brother folks are close to each other.

Rector of Uzbekistan World Languages University Prof. Dr. Ganişer Rahimov has thanked the administration of RTUK for organizing this program in Uzbekistan and expressed his gladness for meeting with the representatives of the brother countries and exchanging opinions as a result of the event. Rahimov has pointed out that they are ready to develop mutual cooperation with their partners from Turkey in education and media sectors and remarked that this event has been the first step taken and they would do their best to transform this into full-capacity cooperation. Furthermore, he has added that they have wanted to benefit from the great experience of Turkey in media sector.

Within the framework of the workshop, books and brochures "Olive Branch to Afrin from Turkey" and "Don't fall into trap!" published in Uzbek language by Directorate General of Press and Information have been presented to the participants.

Besides, the participants have visited the photography exhibition organized by young communicators.



7- Participation Support from TDBB to Bishkek National Children Forum

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) has given participation support to the 1st National Children Forum organized in Kyrgyzstan's capital city, Bishkek on 15-16 May 2018 themed as children's early development by Roza Otunbayeva International Foundation. Participators have come to the Forum not only from Turkey, but also from USA, Austria, England and also experts from UNICEF.

With the support of TDBB, Director of Küçükçekmece Papatya Nursery Bülent Demir and Director of Kağıthane Çağdaş Yaşam Eşref ve Sadullah Kıray Nursery Erdoğan Ergin have participated in the Forum. Turkish experts have made presentations on development of Pre-school Education and activities held in Turkey. Moreover, questions from the other participators have been answered about Turkey's pre-school education by the Turkish experts.

Turkish education experts who have attended to the Forum, upon the invitation from Kyrgyzstan Pre-school managers who have attended the "Kyrgyzstan Pre-School Educators Turkey Program" which was organized by TDBB on 11-17 February 2018, have visited nurseries in Kyrgyzstan. Physical structures of the schools and education systems of them have been discussed and informed one another in detail to have a better education.



8- Memorandum of Understanding of the Restoration Project of Bishkek Atatürk Park has been Signed

Memorandum of understanding between Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Bishkek Metropolitan Municipality has been signed in Bishkek on 24 May 2018 by TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak and Deputy Mayor of Bishkek Erkinbek Isakov within the framework of the restoration Project of Bishkek Atatürk Park.

The memorandum contains the main principles of reconstruction of some parts of Atatürk Park in cooperation with Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality and obligations of the parties within the project.

Within the framework of the project, technical delegation from TDBB and Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality has examined in Atatürk Park earlier, and after the preparation process of the restoration project, it has been delivered to Mayor of Bishkek Metropolitan Municipality Albek Ibrahimov. From now on, it is planned to start construction work after Bishkek Metropolitan Municipality's filling the local legal process regarding the project.

9- 100th Anniversary of Establishment of Republic of Azerbaijan has been celebrated with a Ceremony



100th anniversary of establishment of the Republic of Azerbaijan which was founded on 28 May 1918 has been celebrated particularly in Turkey and Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Hungary with various activities.

President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev has attended to the ceremony held in front of the Republic Monument. Aliyev has laid a wreath to the monument during the ceremony which has started with Azerbaijan's national anthem. Within the framework of the celebration, several political parties and non-governmental organizations have made a march in Baku. The march has started in Icerisehir which is an old city of Azerbaijan and continued to the Republic Monument.

Besides, a conference has been organized in Baku for the 100th anniversary of establishment of Azerbaijan. The event has been attended by Turkey's ambassador to Baku Erkan Özoral, representative of TRNC Ufuk Turganer, Azerbaijani MPs, representatives of NGOs and several guests.

There has been several celebration ceremonies organized in Turkey particularly in Ankara and Istanbul. 100th anniversary reception which has been organized by Consulate General of Azerbaijan in Istanbul has been participated by TDBB Foreign Relations Expert Zuleyha Gurbetova. In addition, many politicians from Turkey have shared messages to congratulate.





10- Applications to "TDBB Support Program for Graduate Students" for 2018 have been made

Applications to Support Program for Master and PhD Dissertations of Union of Turkish World Municipalities for year 2018 have been made. In this context, master or doctorate students who passed thesis stage and registered to a university in Turkey and whose thesis subject is on "Local Government and City Researches in Turkic Republics and Relative Communities" have applied to the program according to the guideline until 29 June 2018 via email of Union, info@tdbb.org.tr.



11- Support to 508th Ajvatovica Festival from TDBB

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) has provided financial support for the 508th Ajvatovica Festival held in Bosnia and Herzegovina between 17 June and 01 July 2018.

Besides tourists, local governors, politicians, non-governmental organizations from Turkey the festival has been attended by Bosniak member at the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina Bakir Izetbegović, Prime Minister of BiH Denis Zvizdić, Vice President of the House of Representatives Sefik Dzaferovic, Grand Mufti of Bosnia and Herzegovina Husejin Kavazovic and other citizens.

In order to participate in the longest-running program in the country, more than 300 horsemen who came from different cities have arrived before the noon to the area where the program has been held. Despite the heavy rain, thousands of people who have occupied the area since the early hours of the morning have greeted horsemen who have arrived to the spot with the traditional costumes.

Husejin Kavazovic, the Grand Mufti of the Islamic Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina, has said in his speech that beside Muslims from the region Muslims living in the European countries and the United States have attended the festival as well.

508th Ajvatovica festival has ended with the prayer performed by Ahmed Adilovic, the Mufti of Travnik that has been followed by the Islamic noon prayer.

For one month, 90 different events such as scientific forums, conferences, book introductions, artistic exhibitions, religious music concerts, sports events, traditional horse riding, folk dances have been performed. Festival has been organized by 13 different municipalities and Muftiates of (Travnik, Bugojno, Jajce, Busovača, Donji Vakuf, Novi Travnik, Vitez, Livno, Duvno, Prnjavor, Zenica, and Prusac).

Because of the request from Bosnian member Municipality of Travnik Ajvatovica Festival is financially supported by TDBB since 2015.

12- Ramadan Food Packages from TDBB to Palestine

In Ramadan 2018, Ramadan food packets have been distributed to 1.000 families to the region of Jabalia Al Nazlh (Gaza Strip) which is a Palestine Member Municipality by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB).

1.036 aid boxes of basic foodstuff, which have been sponsored by TDBB and supplied from local sources by Turkish Red Crescent, have been distributed to the unfortunate families who live in the Gaza Strip, Jabalia region. The aid has reached to 5.180 people in need.





13- Support from TDBB for the 23rd Commemoration Ceremony of Srebrenica Genocide

Victims of Srebrenica Genocide in Bosnia-Herzegovina have been commemorated at the 23rd anniversary with the ceremony held in Potocari on 11 July 2018. Thirty-five people identified after the exhumation have been buried at the Potocari Memorial Center, thus the total number of buried victims has increased to 6 thousand 610 people. The youngest among the victims buried this year is 16 years old Vesib Ibric, while the oldest victim is 71 years old Sahin Halilovic. Thousands of guests from different countries have participated at the burial ceremony held at Potocari Memorial Center. Turkey has been represented by the Minister of Justice Abdulhamit Gul. 'Silent jump' from the Mostar Bridge for the victims of Srebrenica Genocide has been symbolically performed at 11:07.

TDBB has financially supported the ceremony after the request from Municipality of Srebrenica.

14- Human Rights Cities Project Education Programs have been Completed

Organized cooperatively by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI), "Human Rights Cities Project" Education Programs for the project's member municipalities have been completed. The programs have taken place in two stages; first program has been held on 18-20 July 2018 and the second has been held on 19-21 September 2018 in Istanbul.



The managers of the related units from the member municipalities of the project which are Mersin Metropolitan Municipality, Altındağ, Çankaya, Maltepe, Muratpaşa, Şahinbey and Zeytinburnu Municipalities have participated in the education programs.

The main aim of the education programs has been to raise awareness of the municipalities' activities in the areas of children, disabled, refugees, women and elderly. During the education program, human rights have been discussed in a conceptual point of view and expected human rights practices to be carried out by the municipalities have been taught by the academics and trainers of Yereliz Association (Association of Local Monitoring Researching and Practicing).

In the first stage of the program in July, the conceptual framework of human rights, international conventions on human rights, and women, children, elderly, disabled and refugee rights which are five themes of the project have been explained for three days. In the second stage of the program in September, the strategic and action plans of municipalities, preparation process of these plans and how the five themes of the project can be implemented in the action and strategic plans of the municipalities have been clarified. In addition, participants from the member municipalities have conducted a group work on the basic indicators to be a human right city and after the discussion of the sets of indicators the program has been completed.

15- TDBB 2018 Summer Term Internship Program

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) Internship Program in cooperation with Kyrgyzstan-Turkey Manas University has been held on 2-29 July 2018 as the fourth internship program of TDBB that has been organizing for four years.

The internship program which has been held in TDBB Headquarters has been attended by International Relations students of Kyrgyzstan-Turkey



Manas University; Aygerim Almazbekova, Meerim Egemberdieva, Janylai Markisova ve Symbat Toksombaeva.

The students have been trained in different units of TDBB and taught international local government relations principles, international correspondence procedures, sister city relations and sister city establishment procedure and TDBB activities.

Students have also attended to TDBB's Information and Experience Sharing Program for Azerbaijani Women in Local Governments which has been held in Istanbul and Kocaeli on 22-28 July 2018, thus interns have had an opportunity to observe the organization process of Information and Experience Sharing Program.

The internship program has been completed after students' taking the attendance certifications with a ceremony on 29 July 2018.

16- 7th International Altaic Communities Symposium has been held in Mongolia

'The seventh of the International Altaic Communities Symposium, with a theme of 'Traditions, Customs, Morals and Law' organized every two years to provide a better understanding of the civilization structure and cultural values of the Altaic communities has been held in Ulaanbaatar, capital of Mongolia, on 6-10 August 2018.



The Symposium has been organized in Mongolian Academia of Sciences and Mongolian University of Science and Technology with the support of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), TIKA, TURKSOY, Bağcılar, Beyoğlu, Kırşehir and Küçükçekmece Municipalities, Istanbul 29 Mayıs University, Meiji University (Japan), Istanbul Union of Chambers of Tradesmen and Artisans.

The symposium has been held in 40 sessions on several subjects and issues such as naming, burying traditions in Altaic communities, values of communities' judicial system, their daily routines, similarities, differences and interactions among the communities. The symposium has been held with the participation of more than 150 scientists, particularly from Turkey and Mongolia, Azerbaijan, China, South Korea, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Russia, the United States and several European countries.

The participants have also visited ancient Turkish monuments and cultural sites in Mongolia.



17- 3rd World Nomad Games have been held in Kyrgyzstan

3rd World Nomad Games have been held in Çolpon-Ata city of Kyrgyzstan Issık Göl Region between September 2nd and 8th, 2018. Within the framework of the event, whose mascot was decided as snow leopard of Tian Shan, ethno-sports games, ethno-cultural activities and scientific conferences have been organized.

3rd World Nomad Games Opening Ceremony, which has been made in Çolpon-Ata city on September 2nd with the hosting of President of Kyrgyzstan Sooronbay Ceenbekov, has been attended by President of Kyrgyzstan Sooronbay Ceenbekov,



President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of Tatarstan Rüstem Minnihanov, Prime Minister of Hungary Viktor Orban, along with President of TDBB İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu, TDBB Administrative Board Member Mustafa Ak and Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak.

The sports games, which have taken place in hippodrome, sports and health centers, Eurasia Hotel and Kırçın plateau of Çolpon-Ata city in north of Kyrgyzstan, have been attended by 1.986 sportsmen from 74 countries in 37 traditional sports categories like Kökbörü, Mangala, bone-throwing, arrow shooting, hunting with eagle and hawk, mas and wrist wrestling.

The closing ceremony held at the hippodrome where the competitions have taken place has been attended by Deputy Minister of Republic of Turkey Ministry of Youth and Sports, Hamza Yerlikaya. Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan Muhammedkalıy Abılgaziyev has given the cup filled with glacier water and the flag to Yerlikaya on behalf of Turkey, where the competitions will be organized in 2020.

18- Bishkek Atatürk Park Restoration Project Working Visit

The working group of "Atatürk Park Restoration Project" carrying out in cooperation with Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality and Bishkek Metropolitan Municipality has paid a visit to Kocaeli and Istanbul on 16-20 September 2018 in order to discuss technical issues about the Project. Kyrgyzstan Bishkek Metropolitan Municipality Head of Department of City Restoration and Landscaping Baktygul Sarymsakova and Landscape Architects Chylabayev Chyngyz and Abdyrasulov Izat have attended the visit.

During Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality visit, meetings have been held among technical units associated with Atatürk Park Restoration Project and then stone wall in Yeniköy Cemetery site and general cemetery area arrangement have been examined. The delegation has been also informed about Başiskele coastal arrangements. Moreover, another green area Kocaeli Natural Life Park (Ormanya) has been visited and the group has been informed about the area. Furthermore, Darıca Coastal Area arrangement and construction area of Kumcağız A type Picnic Area have been examined. Tatlıkuyu Valley Observation Deck, Kandıra beaches, blue flag beaches and Seka Park which is the Turkey's Largest Industrial Area Transformation Project have been examined. Atatürk Park Renovation Project which has been drawn by the architects of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality evaluation meeting has been held after all technical trips.

The group has paid a visit to TDBB on 20 September 2018, apart from Kyrgyz delegation, the Project Manager of the Department of Park and Green Areas of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality Halil Kesikbaş and Landscape Architect Esma Eraslan have come together with TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak in TDBB Headquarters. In the meeting, stages of the Bishkek Atatürk Park Restoration Project process have been determined.

After TDBB visit, the delegation has visited Panorama 1453 History Museum, Turkish World Culture Houses. Miniaturk and Manas Sculpture in Sütlüce Park have also been visited.





19- TDBB Croatia Meetings and 2018 IBAC Conference

The International Balkan Annual Conference (IBAC), organized every year in a Balkan country, has been held on 26-28 September 2018 in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. Within the framework of his visit to Croatia, TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak has held a series of meetings in Croatia.

The conference organized in cooperation of Istanbul University and University of Zagreb, and supported by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), the member municipalities, the Turkish Historical Society and TIKA has been hosted by the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Zagreb.

In addition to Turkey's Ambassador to Croatia Mustafa Babur Hızlan, the opening session of the conference has been attended by Secretary-General of TDBB Fahri Solak, Rector of Istanbul University Prof. Dr. Mahmut Ak, academics from Turkey and Balkan countries as well as Britain, Poland, Germany, and Romania.

In the conference titled as ''Crossing the Borders of Anatolia – Balkans – Central Europe: The Complex Relationship between History, Art, Economy and Law'', evaluations have been made in the fields of art, economy and law and mutual history and culture of the region. Migration, trade, cultural interaction and Ottoman legacy in the region have been among the topics discussed in the event. In the conference, where 70 scientists from the country and abroad have been present, 15 sessions have been held simultaneously for 2 days.

As a part of the conference, the exhibition named ''Croatia in the Ottoman Documents'' has been opened to the visitors by State Archives of the Republic of Turkey.

In the framework of the visit to Croatia by Secretary-General of TDBB Fahri Solak, information about the works of TDBB has been provided and cooperation opportunities have been evaluated in the meetings with Mayor of Sisak, Kristina Ikic Banicek, President of Zagreb Chamber of Commerce Mirza Sabic, Chief Mufti of Croatia Aziz ef. Hasanovic, TIKA's Coordinator for Croatia Hasim Koc, Head of the Foreign Relations Department at the Zagreb Metropolitan Municipality Renata Arar and Sister Cities Department Manager Antonela M. Ivankovic, President of the Halal Certificate Association Aldin Dugonjic, President of the Legal Unit of Croatia's Islamic Society Bermin Meskic.

20- III. Turkish World Documentary Film Festival Awards

III. Turkish World Documentary Film Festival Awards, where Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) is a project partner, have been given to their owners on Saturday, October 6, 2018, in Istanbul.

At the award ceremony held in Istanbul University Cemil Bilsel Conference Hall, in the professional category the movie 'I Didn't Forget You' by Ali Hamrayev, a participant from Uzbekistan, has won the first place. The second place in professional category has gone to "Men Turkmenem Men Begem" directed by Didem Şahin from Iraq, while the third place has gone to director Kaan Atilla from Turkey for the movie "Single Grannies of the Black Sea".

In the student movies category the first place



has gone to movie "Frog Hunters" directed by Kurt Batuhan from Turkey, while the second place has gone to movie "Saksak: A Tobacco Documentary" directed by Turan Kubulay. In the same category, Cibek Abdullabaeva from Kyrgyzstan has won the third place for the movie "Woman World".

The jury's special awards have also been delivered during the ceremony. Alihan Erbaş and Harun Köybaşı have received Turkish Council Silk Road Special Award for the movie "Are You a Man", while Turkish Culture and Jury Special Award has been given to Tilek Murataliev from Kyrgyzstan who has participated in the contest with his movie "Can 1916 National Struggle Survive". The Turkish World Cengiz Aytmatov Special Award has been given to Azerbaijani director Najiba Abbasova for movie "2 Languages 1 Harmony". The Turkish World Documentary Film Festival's Lifetime Honor Award has been given to actor Serdar Gökhan.

21- International Eurasia Migration Symposium

"International Eurasia Migration Symposium", which is also organized by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), has taken place in Turkestan city of Kazakhstan between 9 and 13 October 2018, hosted by Ahmet Yesevi University.

During the symposium, it has been pointed out that today the concept of migration which has created important results both in Turkish history and World history, has turned into hurting problems like being refugee. While it has been stated that the phenomenon of migration is a concept which directly influences the lives of people and includes many problems, it has been also emphasized that handling the problems of people who are victims of migration is a duty of humanity, beyond a scientific mission.



In the symposium, where the concept of migration has been handled from historical, economical, political, cultural, literary and legal dimensions, the population movements which influence the structures of the societies deeply like internal and external migrations notably labor migration, education migration, brain drain, population exchange and being refugee have been examined. In the course of the symposium, which has brought scholars from various disciplines like history, philosophy, sociology, literature, psychology, education and anthropology together, the migration stories reflected in literary works and great migration events happened in Eurasia region as an important migration route have been evaluated. The symposium has given wide coverage to forced migration phenomenon which has caused tragic atmosphere today, and topics like Syrian refugees, human trafficking, adaptation and alienation have also been discussed. Cultural diversity and social dynamism as a result of migrations have been among the topics handled in the symposium.

The symposium which aims to discuss the complex migration phenomenon, that has historical, economical, social and political reasons and results, in historical, economical, political cultural, literary and artistic dimensions on a scientific background has taken place with the cooperation of institutions like Ahmet Yesevi University, Istanbul Medeniyet University, Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), TTK and TIKA.

22- Introductory Meeting of 'Aleppo in Ottoman Archives' Book and Opening of the Exhibition have been held in Gaziantep

The introductory meeting of 'Aleppo in Ottoman Archives' published by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and the exhibition opening have been conducted in Gaziantep with the hosting of Şahinbey Municipality on 12 October 2018.

The introductory meeting and the opening of the exhibition which have been held in Şahin-



bey National Struggle for Independence Museum have been attended by Mayor of Şahinbey Mehmet Tahmazoğlu, TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak, member of parliaments of Gaziantep Derya Bakbak, Müslüm Yüksel and Mehmet Sait Kirazoğlu, creator of the Exhibition Süreyya Atilla Sağlamçubukçu and many guests.

In the opening speeches, TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak has first informed about TDBB activities and he has stated that in addition to the number of projects that they are carrying out, they publish prestigious books related to the member countries since their establishment which is now for 15 years. The book of 'Aleppo in Ottoman Achieves' is telling about many things such as social activities, administrative and management issues in Ottoman government structure and also in this book, it has been shown many important documents from the Ottoman archives. All these sources can also be contributed to the renewing and reconstructing from architectural and cultural aspects of the city of Aleppo. Furthermore, population statistics, place names on the maps and the city plan of Aleppo which have been published in the book and many significant documents about the city are included in the book.

Member of TDBB Executive Board, Mayor of Şahinbey Mehmet Tahmazoğlu in his speech has stated that Gaziantep and Halep have been integral parts of a whole and he has added that he is very glad to host the introductory meeting of such an important book and the opening of the exhibition and that he is grateful for the participation of all the guests.

After the opening speeches, participants have visited the exhibition with the guidance of Süreyya A. Sağlamçubukçu. The exhibition has been open between 12 and 19 October 2018.

23- "8th World Human Right Cities" Forum

The 8th "World Human Right Cities Forum"has taken place in Gwangju, South Korea on 18-21 October 2018 with the hosting of Gwangju Metropolitan City.

The forum has been participated by the team of Human Rights Cities Project carried out in cooperation with Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI); TDBB Foreign Relations Specialist Hatice Biner, RWI Project Coordinator Bahar Özden, Gülay Günlük Şenesen from Istanbul University and Zelal Yalçın from Yereliz.

The forum has been organized cooperatively by Korean Association of Human Rights Studies (KAHRS), Asia Development Alliance (ADA), the Asia Democracy Network (ADN), the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Right (CSIPDH, HR Committee) and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

The forum this year has delved into the issue of community by asking the question "Whom Do We Live With?" and approached this question with subtopics of diversity, inclusiveness and peace in mind. The program has aimed to raise an awareness of our diverse neighbor can be the starting point of building a peaceful urban community which recognizes the multiple identities of its citizens in the current global context.

The opening ceremony of the forum, which has lasted four days, has been attended by Chairper-



son of National Human Rights Commision of Korea Choi Yeongae, Mayor of Gwangju Metropolitan City Lee Yongseop, Vice Minister of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea Lee Taeho, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations Kate Gilmore and Sweden Director of Raoul Wallenberg Institute Morten Kjaerum.

On the first day of the forum, city and human rights based international solidarity, Vienna city of human rights, action plan for peace, Guatemala – the long historical way for the recognition of the human rights, building peace: local government commitments to the human right city and localizing sustainable development goals and human right cities issues have been discussed from the speakers from all over the world.

On the second day of the program, the topics like City and Environment, City and Economy, City and Women Rights, City and Children have been examined. In addition, there has been organized a special session for Turkey's Human Rights Cities Project carried out cooperatively by TDBB. Furthermore, City and Elderly, Human Rights in South Korea and International Human Rights Networking Session have been held during the second day of the forum.

The sessions of the forum on the third day have focused on multiculturalism issue. Moreover, refugee issue, xenophobia, disability and human rights and gender equality issues have been discussed. After the closing session the forum has ended.

24- "Russia and Turkey: International Bilateral Relations in International Context" Symposium

"Russia and Turkey: International Bilateral Relations in International Context" Symposium cooperated with Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Istanbul University Faculty of Arts History Research Center has been held on 19-20 October 2018, hosted by Russia Lomonosov Moscow State University, Department of Public Administration in Moscow.

Symposium has been attended by academicians from history, political science and international relations departments from Turkey and Russia. In the symposium for two days, Turkish and Russian political scientists have evaluated relations between Turkey and Russia from past to today in international context. During the symposium, 23 academic papers have been presented; Turkish political scientists have explained Russia's political status in international area, Russia's geopolitics from Turkish perspective. This perception has been evaluated in bilateral relations of these two countries in the articles.

Additionally, England's role in relations between Turkey and Russia during 19th century has been evaluated by Prof. Dr. Mahir Aydın and Prof. Dr. A. A. Ulunyan. Russian political scientist Dr. E. V. Bahrevskiy has explained Turkey's image in Russia and Russians living in Turkey. Bahrevskiy has also emphasized the cultural similarities between two countries. Professor Dr. P. V. Shlykov has underlined the cooperation and competition areas in Turkey-Russia relations. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gültekin Yıldız has evaluated Russia's role in Turkey's strategic culture by explaining the historical reasons. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hayri Çapraz has told about the strategic importance of the straits for both countries. Dr. Mustafa Tanrıverdi has explained the role of the Ottoman's envoys in St. Petersburg and its effects for the bilateral relations of Turkey and Russia.

Cultural relations between Turkey and Russia



have been evaluated in the articles of Prof. Dr. Namık Sinan Turan, Dr. Şamil Mutlu, Prof. Dr. O. Yu. Petrunina, Prof. Dr. A. Yu. Polunov. In the articles, it has been explained the intersections and breaking points in cultural relations have been presented from 19th century to the present. Other articles which have been presented at the symposium have discussed economic, political and social relations of Turkey and Russia.

In the closing and evaluation session, it has been stated that this symposium is very important because it has been the first organized one. Moreover, it has been discussed that this symposium will be a good step in an academic cooperation between Turkey and Russia with the guidance of one of the oldest universities of Turkey and Russia; Istanbul University and Moscow State University. Then it has been decided to publish the articles presented during the symposium as a book.

25- Chinghiz Aitmatov has been Commemorated in Istanbul on his 90th Birth Year

Commemoration Program of "Chinghiz Aitmatov on his 90th Birth Year" has been organized on 9 November 2018 in Istanbul cooperatively by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), Istanbul Consulate General of Kyrgyzstan, Kyrgyzstan Culture and Friendship Association with the hosting of Istanbul Aydın University.

The program has been attended by Kyrgyz Republic member of parliaments Aaly Karashev and Kanybek Imanaliyev, Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to Ankara Ibragim Cunusov, Kyrgyzstan Consul General of Istanbul Erkin Sopokov, Rector of Aydın University Prof. Dr. Yadigâr Izmirli, academic members from Aydın University Prof. Dr. Türkay Bulut, Dr. Kâzım Yetiş, Prof. Dr. Şuayip Karakaş and Dr. Osmanakun Ibrayimov from Kyrgyz-Turk Manas University. The speakers have talked about Chinghiz Aitmatov's life and works.

After the speeches, a documentary film about Chingiz Aitmatov has been watched and then Kyrgyz music and dance groups have made their performances.

Program has ended with Kyrgyzstan Consul General of Istanbul Erkin Sopokov's closing speech and



presentation of plaques of appreciation. After the program, participants have visited the painting exhibition.

26- International Human Right Cities Conference

"International Human Right Cities Conference" organized within the concept of "Human Rights Cities Project" carried out in cooperation with Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI) has taken place in Istanbul on 22-23 November 2018.

In the conference that lasted two days, national and international academicians working on human rights, international human rights experts



and representatives of human rights cities have participated as key speakers. Human Right Cities Project member municipalities, universities, non-governmental organizations and students have joined the conference as participants.

On the first day after the opening speeches, the conference has started with Martha Davis's talk who is a faculty member from Northeastern University on "Localizing Human Rights and Human Rights City Concept". In the following session, concept of "Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals" has been discussed by Dr. Johanna Alkan Olsson from Lund University and Dr. İlhami Alkan Olsson. In the afternoon sessions, Sylvia Ivanova from European Council Democracy and Good Governance Department and Gülfem Keleş who is the Manager of Foreign Affairs Department of Union of Municipalities of Turkey have made a discussion on "Human Rights and International Mechanisms". In the last session of the first day, the representatives of Vienna and York cities have made their speeches with the concept of "Good Practice Examples of Human Right Cities". In the evening, academicians and city representatives have met at the dinner with the participation of TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak.

On the second day of the conference, "Human Rights Cities Project" carried out cooperatively by TDBB and RWI has been presented to the participants. Then, Prof. Dr. Gülay Günlük Şenesen from Istanbul University and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yelda Yücel from Bilgi University have shared the indicators of human rights cities which have been prepared for the project. In the afternoon session, a workshop has been held in which indicators of human right cities and localizing of the indicators have been discussed with the participants; after that the conference has ended.

27- Bosnia and Herzegovina Armed Forces Day

The 13th anniversary of the establishment of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina organized by Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Turkey and supported by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) has been celebrated on December 12, 2018, in Ankara.

The ceremony hosted by Bakir Sadovic, Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina, has been attended by the Minister of National Defense Hulusi Akar, Chief of General Staff Gen. Yaşar Güler, Commander of the Land Forces Gen. Ümit Dündar, mission chiefs at the capital, military officials, business people, academicians and the members of the press.

The reception has ended after the speeches and cutting the celebration cake.





28- Alija Izzetbegovic has been Commemorated in Istanbul on 15th Year of His Decease

The first President of Bosnia and Herzegovina Alija Izzetbegovic has been commemorated in Istanbul on 15th year of his decease, with the program named as "A Close Look to Alija Izzetbegovic", organized on 14 December 2018 cooperatively by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), Zeytinburnu Municipality and Alija Izzetbegovic Museum.

The program, organized in Zeytinburnu Culture and Arts Center, has been attended by Mayor of Zeytinburnu Murat Aydın, Ankara Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina Bakir Sadovic, Secretary General of TDBB Dr. Fahri Solak, Director of Alija Izzetbegovic Museum Adnan Zişko and many other guests.

Within the framework of the program, the Exhibition of unknown photos of Alija Izzetbegovic has been opened and the documentary of his life has been watched by the participators. Besides, the unknown sides of the Wise King Izzetbegovic have been examined in detail in a panel, organized in addition to the exhibition and the documentary projection.

In the panel, under the moderatorship of Secretary General of TDBB Dr. Fahri Solak, Ankara Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina Bakir Sadoviç and Director of Alija Izzetbegovic Museum Adnan Zişko have been present as speakers.

Alija Izzetbegovic Photograph Exhibition has continued between 14 and 20 December 2018 at Zeytinburnu Culture and Arts Center.

29- Epic of Dede Korkut Added to UNESCO World Heritage List

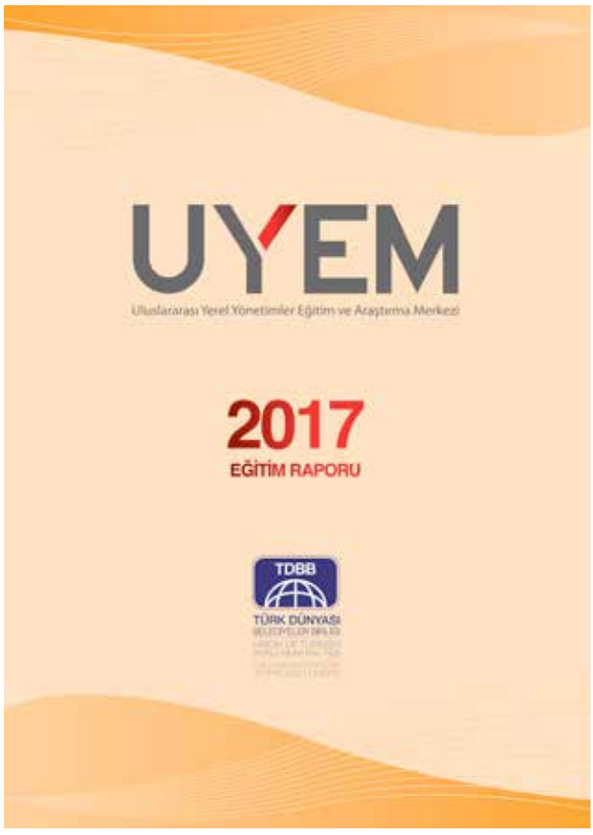
Heritage of Dede Qorqud/Korkyt Ata/Dede Korkut: epic culture, folk tales and music that is a common value of Turkish world, sent as a multinational case to UNESCO on last March has been added Turkey's cultural heritage on the representative list of the Intangible Cultural Heritage as 17th element.

Heritage of Dede Korkut has become an intangible cultural heritage during the 13th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage held in Port Louis, the capital of Mauritius. Turkey has maintained its place among the top 5 countries that registered the most representative list of elements with this decision.

Ministry of Culture and Tourism has also announced that Epic of Dede Korkut has been added to UNESCO's Representative List of World Intangible Cultural Heritage with unanimity.



PRINTED PUBLICATIONS





TDBB 'Information and Experience Sharing and Expert Training Programs 2017 Report'

UYEM (International Local Governments Training and Research Center) 2017 Report including the activities of Information and Experience Sharing and Expert Training Programs that have been made in 2017 by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) has been published. The report shows the programs on Information and Experience Sharing, Expert Training and Practical Trainings, and also visual materials in addition to the detailed information.

Here is the list of the titles of the programs which have taken place in 2017 with the support of supporting institutions: Kosovo Member Municipalities Information and Experience Sharing Program, Albania Member Municipalities Information and Experience Sharing Program, Kyrgyz Republic Presidential Administration Department Managers Information and Experience Sharing Program, Bosnia and Herzegovina Member Municipalities Information and Experience Sharing Program, Kyrgyzstan Member Municipalities Information and Experience Sharing Program, Moldova Gagauz Municipalities Information and Experience Sharing Program and 'Smart Municipalism and Cyber Security' Expert Training Program.

Besides, the report has been published also in English in addition to Turkish, so that the activities of the Union will reach to a wider audience in the international arena.

TDBB 2017 Activity Report



Union of Turkish World Municipalities' (TDBB) 2017 organizations and activities have been published as 'TDBB 2017 Activity Report' in 2018.

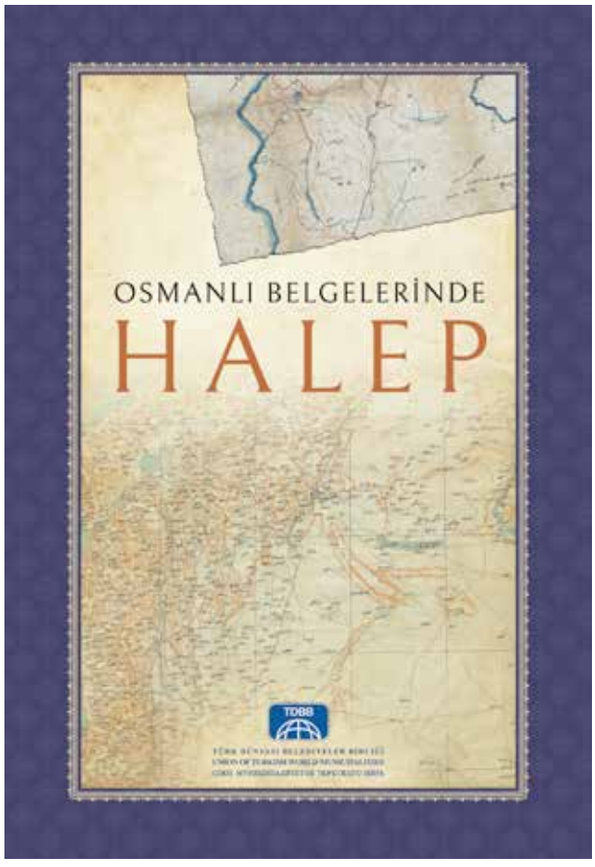
In 2017 Activity Report, where annual organizations and activities of TDBB in addition to institutional information are accessible, Moldova visit and official contacts of TDBB delegation in May accompanied by Prime Minister Yıldırım, opening of more than 20 Turkish Language Classes in different cities of Bosnia and Herzegovina cooperatively by TDBB and Member Municipalities in Turkey, TDBB's receiving the Award of "The most successful Municipal Union" of 2017, Support Program for Master and Doctorate Dissertations and internship program for students who have Turkish education abroad are among other outstanding titles.

Besides, subjects like the start of the constructions of "Doboj Istok Kids and Youth Center TDBB Cultural Houses" in Bosnia and Herzegovina and "Glamoc Youth and Cultural Center" and "Issık-Göl Bulan Söğüttü Mosque" in Kyrgyzstan cooperatively by the member municipalities, TDBB "Sister City Activities" Meeting and "Executive Assistants Meeting" also take place in 2017.

In 2017 Activity Report, where local government experts from the countries of member municipalities have attended "Expert Training Programs" and 90 Mayors and municipal officials from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kyrgyzstan, Kosovo and Moldova Gagauz Autonomous Region have participated in "Information and Experience Sharing Programs" within the framework of Information and Experience Sharing and Training Programs also take place, there are other titles like administrative meetings of Union, programs organized with cooperation and support, 'printed publications', participated international events, official representations and visits, 'financial analysis', 'member municipalities of 2017', 'TDBB Members' Activities in Turkish World' and 'TDBB in press'.

"Aleppo in Ottoman Archives"

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), which has published many academic, historical and prestige works up to the present time, has introduced another important work to the literature,



as a result of devoted research and examination of expert academicians in the field: "Aleppo in Ottoman Archives".

The work, whose project coordination has been carried out by Marmara University Faculty Member Ass. Prof. Dr. Fahri Solak, has been prepared by academicians and experts who are Prof. Dr. Mustafa Öztürk, Prof. Dr. Ali Yılmaz, Ass. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Topal, Ass. Prof. Dr. Dündar Alikılıç, Nuran Koltuk, Expert Erdinç Şahin and Atilla Sağlamçubukcu.

Created after a long and detailed examination by choosing among ten thousand of records, 'Aleppo in Ottoman Archives' book includes important documents on culture of living together in Ottomans, toleration perception, social events, zoning, administration and the ethnographic structure of the region.

In the book, the 34-page Introduction part written by Prof. Dr. Mustafa Öztürk (Fırat University) discusses the History of Aleppo, its Administrative Structure, Demographic Development and Economic Condition, while 183 records, maps, plan and etc. are included under 3 main titles as Social Events, Zoning and Administration.

Prestige size book, also an important source for Ottoman History, is 586 pages. The reader can have access to the original images of the chosen records, summaries and one-to-one transcriptions. There is also an Index part at the end of the book, prepared for the easy access of the reader of the text.

"Sister City Activities in Turkey and Around the World"

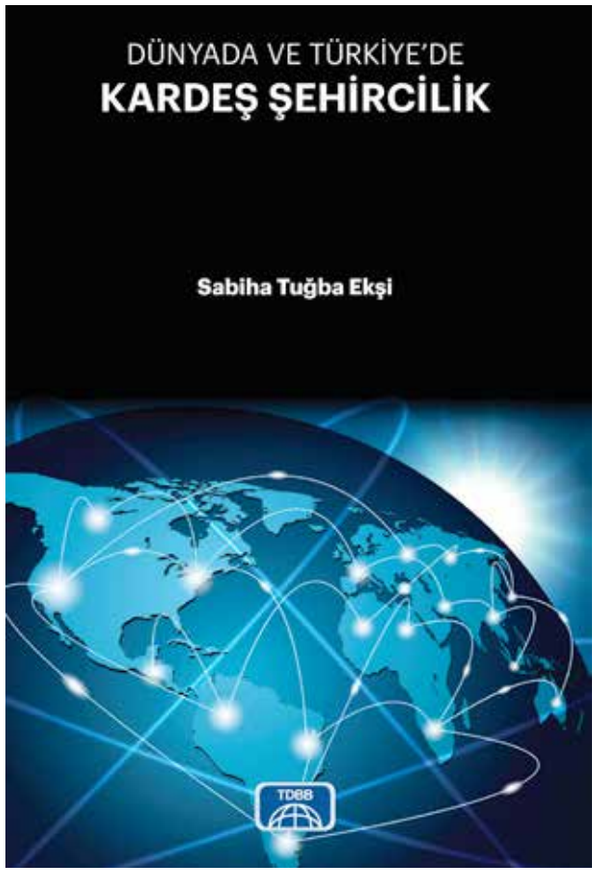
Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), which has brought many academic, cultural and important works together with readers until now, has presented "Sister City Activities in Turkey and Around the World" to the audience, as the first work published in academic world about the sister city relations of local governments in Turkey.

In the book, a typology has been created upon the examination of occurrence of sister city relations and its development around the world through various applications, and the sister city relations in Turkey have been probed in this context. The literature and the related applications have been examined for the study and a detailed inference has been obtained about sister city relations in Turkey after searching for the historical development and statistical data specific to Turkey and carrying on field studies, observations and thoroughly-made interviews.

Besides in the work, local and national dimensions of sister city activities in Turkey have been analyzed. Within this framework, abovementioned activities have been both examined comparatively with international literature and interpreted according to the historical development in Turkey and obtained data.

This book aims to present a framework to the individuals that are academically and professionally interested in the topic for comparison of global applications with Turkey's and to increase the effectiveness of sister city activities creating a perspective where sister city relations can be classified.

At the end of the book there is a detailed Bibliography which is prepared for the use of the reader.



'LOCAL AGENDA IN EURASIA'

Union of Turkish World Municipalities' (TDBB) bulletin 'Local Agenda in Eurasia', prepared every three months as Activity Bulletin, has been published as four issues in 2018.

Cover topics of the ninth issue (Winter 2018) are; Information and Experience Sharing Program for the members of TDBB from Autonomous Region of Gagauzia and Kyrgyzstan, Support for the Student Dormitory in Bosnia-Herzegovina's Srebrenica, and granting a firetruck to Macedonia's Centar Zupa Municipality.

Among the other topics that are found in this issue are Coordination Meeting of Bosnian members of TDBB held in Sarajevo's Novi Grad Municipality, Meeting of students from Turkic Republics that study in Istanbul hosted by TDBB, Commemoration programs 'Cengiz Aytmatov at 89th Anniversary of His Birth' and 'Muhtar Avezov at 120th Anniversary of His Birth', Bosnian-Herzegovina Armed Forces Day and Independence Day celebrations, 'The Most Successful Municipality Union Award' received by TDBB, 'Human Cities Project' Cooperation Protocol between TDBB and RWI, 'Smart Municipalism and Cyber Security' Expert Training Program, Construction of Bulan Sögüttü Mosque in Kyrgyzstan's Issık-Göl and 9th Communication with the Future Workshop that was held in Romania and Moldova.

In this issue of the bulletin subject of travel writing is Thessaloniki, a city of 2300 years long history. This beautiful city is explained by TDBB's Foreign Relations Expert Zuleyha Gurbetova.

Cover topics of the tenth bulletin (Spring 2018) are as follows; publication of Aleppo in Ottoman Archieves by TDBB which was prepared by well-equipped academics, Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting organized for the TRNC member municipalities and Woman and Family Activities in Local Governments Expert Training Programs.

In addition to these topics, signing Cooperation Protocol between TDBB and Almetyevsk (Tatarstan) Municipality, Applications to TDBB Support Program for Graduate Students for 2018, TDBB Delegations Kyrgyzstan Visit, Appreciation Plaque for TDBB from Bosnia and Herzegovina's EMMAUS Association, Bashkir National Cultural Center Ak Tirma Group's Turkey Program, Human Rights Cities Project Workshop, Nawruz festival Celebration in Istanbul, Kyrgyzstan Pre-School Educators Turkey Program, TURKPA Secretary General Altynbek Mamayusupov and Mayor of Gostivar (Macedonia)s TDBB Visits, Palestine-Turkey Parliamentary Friendship Groups TDBB Visit, Protocol for Martyrs Memorial between Doboj Istok Municipality and TDBB and Cooperation Protocol between TDBB and Union of Azerbaijan Municipalities take place in this issue.





Cover topics of the eleventh bulletin (Summer 2018) are as follows; Turkish World Mosque established by TDBB in Kyrgyzstan, Martyrdom Monument constructed in cooperation of TDBB and Doboj Istok Municipality and fire truck given to Skrapar Municipality of Albania from TDBB.

Among the other topics that are found in this issue are Information and Experience Sharing Programs of Azerbaijani Women in Local Governments, TDBB Mongolia Bayan-Ulgii Delegation and TDBB Azerbaijan Member Municipalities, TDBB 2018 Summer Term Internship Program, support for the 23rd Commemoration Ceremony of Srebrenica Genocide and 508th Ajvatovica Festival from TDBB, TDBB 2017 Activity Report, TDBB Information and Experience Sharing and Expert Training Programs 2017 Report and publishing of the book "Baymirza Hayit in the 100th Anniversary of his Birth and History of Turkestan Today", Palestine Ramadan food packages aid, giving participation support to Bishkek National Children Forum from TDBB, signing Memorandum of Understanding of the Restoration Project of Bishkek Atatürk Park, 10th Communication with Future Workshop in Uzbekistan and opening of Turkey Park in Kazakliya District in the Gagauz Autonomous Region.

The cover topics of the twelfth issue of the Bulletin (Fall 2018) are as follows; TDBB Sister Cities Platform, TDBB Tatarstan Member Municipalities Information and Experience Sharing Program and Delivery of Garbage Truck from TDBB to Studeniçan Municipality of Macedonia.

Other topics that are found in the Bulletin are 'Sister City Relations in Turkey and Around the World' book, Technical support to the schools in Gostivar, Azerbaijan Visit of TDBB Bosnia and Herzegovina Delegation, Publicity Meeting and Exhibition of 'Aleppo in Ottoman Archives', TDBB Croatia Meetings and IBAC 2018 Conference, Turkey and Russia: Bilateral Relations in International Context Symposium, 7th Altaic Communities Symposium, TDBB Visit of Mayor of Srebrenik of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the accompanying delegation, International Eurasia Migration Symposium, TDBB Visit of Governor of Mongolia Govisumber Gombodorj Batsuuri, TDBB Visit of Secretary General of ACWUA Khaldon H. Khashman, 3rd Turkish World Documentary Film Festival Award Ceremony, Human Rights Cities Project Training Programs and 8th World Human Rights Cities Forum, Working Visit on Bishkek Atatürk Park Renewal Project, TDBB Visit of Ankara Ambassador of Mongolia Ravdan Bold, and 3rd World Nomad Games made in Kyrgyzstan.

Besides in the Bulletins, where supported and conducted activities in cooperation, TDBB Administrative and Executive Meetings and news from Members take place, English and Russian summaries of the news for our members and readers abroad can be also found.





INTERNATIONAL VISITS AND REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS

Cooperation Protocol Signed between TDBB and Union of Azerbaijan Municipalities



Cooperation protocol between Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Union of Azerbaijan Municipalities (AŞBMA) has been signed in Kartepe on 17 January 2018.

The signing ceremony, organized before TDBB Administrative Board Meeting, has been participated by President of TDBB and also Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu and President of Union of Azerbaijan Municipalities Temraz Tağıev, in addition to TDBB Administrative Board Members, Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak and Secretary General of Union of Azerbaijan Municipalities Tofıg Hasanov.

Palestine-Turkey Parliamentary Friendship Group's TDBB Visit

President of Turkey – Palestinian Parliamentary Friendship Group and its members have visited Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) on 24 January 2018, Thursday.

Deputy President of TDBB and Mayor of Zeytinburnu Murat Aydın, Istanbul MP and President of Turkish – Palestinian Parliamentary Friendship Group Hasan Turan, TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak, Member of the Palestinian Legislative Assembly and Chairman of the Delegation Mohammad Allaham, in addition to Palestine Legislative Assembly Members; Fadwa Bargouthi, Jehad Abu Zniad, Seham Thabet, Mohammed Hejazi, Mohammad İbrahim Abu Ali, Najat Al Astal, Protocol Manager Rabe Bargouthi, Public Relations Manager İbrahim Azzem, Press Manager Amani Al Sharif and officer in the Palestinian Legislative Assembly Jamal Alkhatib have attended the meeting.

The visit has ended with the mutual giving and receiving gifts and taking a family photo.



Mayor of Gostivar's Visit to TDBB and Akhisar Municipality



Mayor of TDBB Member Gostivar (Macedonia) Municipality and the delegation with him have visited TDBB Headquarters and its sister city Akhisar Municipality. Mayor of Gostivar Dr. Arben Taravari, Director of Gostivar Municipality Economic Growth and Development Office Besim Doğani, Gzim Hacı Eyüp from Public Affairs Office and businessman Hajber Taravari have been in the group.

During the delegation's Akhisar visit, they have met with Mayor of Akhisar Salih Hızlı and other officials. In the meeting, Mayor Hızlı has underlined the importance they give to Gostivar and congratulated Mayor Dr. Arben Taravari who has been recently elected as Mayor of Gostivar. He has also added that they can join in projects with Gostivar within the possibilities of the municipality.

The delegation from Gostivar has also visited TDBB Headquarters in Istanbul and met with Secretary General Fahri Solak. In the meeting, possible cooperation areas and projects have been evaluated. Within this framework, it has been decided to organize Information and Experience Sharing Program for Macedonian member municipalities and to activate the sister city relations between two countries in 2018 Work Plan.

TURKPA Secretary General Altynbek Mamaiusupov's Visit to TDBB

Secretary General of Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic Speaking Countries (TURKPA) Altynbek Mamaiusupov has visited Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) on 16 February 2018.

Altynbek Mamaiusupov has met with TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak in TDBB Headquarters and stated his willingness for strengthening and improving TURKPA's cooperation with TDBB. Mamaiusupov has posited that TDBB has a large scale network and as TURKPA, they would like to benefit this network and transfer the knowledge and experiences of TDBB.

TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak has congratulated Mamaiusupov for his new position at TURKPA and informed him about TDBB activities.

The visit has been concluded with the mutual giving and receiving gifts and taking a family photo.





Appreciation Plaque for TDBB from Bosnia and Herzegovina's EMMAUS Association



International Solidarity Forum – Emmaus Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina has celebrated its 19th anniversary with a ceremony held on April 7, 2018, in Doboj Istok. Plaques of appreciation have been presented at the ceremony to international organizations that supported the projects carried out by the association in 2017. Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) has been among the first to receive a plaque of appreciation.

The ceremony has been attended by the Association's managers, member of the Administrative Board of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Mayor of Novi Grad Semir Efendic, Mayor of Doboj Istok, a member of TDBB, Kemal Bratic, Minister of Labor, Refugees and Social Policy of Tuzla Canton Sandra Memic, and a large number of volunteers that have contributed to the works of EMMAUS.

Mayor of Novi Grad Semir Efendic, acting on behalf of TDBB, has been awarded a Plaque of Appreciation for the support of TDBB to EMMAUS. TDBB has supported many projects in the cooperation with EMMAUS Association such as Doboj Istok youth center, Doboj Istok bungalow houses and financial support for Srebrenica student dormitory.

A presentation about the activities of the Association in 2017 has been presented to the participants of the program. It has been announced that the Association has delivered help to more than 12 thousand people in 2017 and thanked everyone for the support. In this context, the Chairman of EMMAUS's Administrative Board, Aziz Smajlovic, has presented prizes to 41 people. At the same time, awards for 'the most successful volunteer' and 'the most successful employee' of EMMAUS have been presented.

The event has also included a theater piece 'Stubbornly success' and Bosnia's famous Sevdalinka concert. The program has ended with a dinner in music accompaniment.

TDBB Delegation's Visits in Kyrgyzstan

Member of Administrative Board of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) Mayor of Şahinbey Mehmet Tahmazoğlu and TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak have attended to "5th International Best Municipal Applications Forum"organized cooperatively by Union of Russian Municipalities and Bishkek Metropolitan Municipality in the dates of 11-15 April 2018 in Kyrgyzstan. Moreover, within the framework of Kyrgyzstan visit, they have



held meetings and talks with Kyrgyzstan's Minister of Local Governments, Mayor of Bishkek Metropolitan Municipality, Deputy Governor of Issık-Köl, General Manager of Roza Otunbaeva Foundation and sister city of Şahinbey Tokmok Municipality.

After the end of the forum, Tahmazoğlu and Solak have gone to sister city of Şahinbey, Tokmok, and met with Mayor of Tokmok Daniyar Amangeldiyev. During the meeting, Tokmok Municipality's activities have been presented and they have evaluated what can be done regarding sister city relationship. After Tokmok city tour, they have made a visit to Burana archeological site which was established by the Karakhanids.

Within the framework of Kyrgyzstan meetings, TDBB delegation has also visited Mayor of Bishkek Metropolitan Municipality Albek Ibraimov and discussed the restoration project of Atatürk Park. Restoration project of the park has been presented which was designed by Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality to Mayor Ibrahimov and it has been stated that process of the project will start right after the signing of memorandum of understanding.

Furthermore, TDBB delegation has met with member of Administrative Board of TDBB, Kyrgyzstan's Minister of Local Governments Bahtiyar Saliev, and discussed the common projects and cooperation opportunities.

In addition, Secretary General Fahri Solak has gone to Issık-Göl and examined the construction of Bulan Sögüttü Mosque which is cooperatively built by TDBB and member municipalities for World Nomad Games; Deputy Governor of Issık Köl Daniyar Imanaliev has also attended to the meeting. There, it has been posited that the construction of the mosque which is about to be completed will be ready for 2018 Ramadan term.

Cooperation Protocol has been Signed between TDBB and Almetyevsk Municipality

Cooperation Protocol has been signed between Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Almetyevsk Municipality from Republic of Tatarstan on 27 April 2018 during Turkey-Tatarstan Business Forum.

The signing ceremony has been attended by TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak, Mayor of Almetyevsk Ayrat Khayrullin and also President of Republic of Tatarstan Rustam Minnihanov and Deputy Minister of Economy Fatih Metin.

Within Turkey visit program, Mayor of Almetyevsk Ayrat Khayrullin has paid a visit to TDBB Headquarters; there Khayrullin has met with TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak and discussed about the cooperation areas. Moreover, Mayor of Almetyevsk Ayrat Khayrullin has visited Kocaeli and there, a sister city protocol between Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality and Almtyevsk Municipality has been signed.

Turkey-Tatarstan Business Forum which has been organized in order to develop economic and trade relations between Turkey and Tatarstan has been carried out on 27 April 2018 by the participation of President of Tatarstan Rustam Minnihanov, Turkmenistan's Minister of Economy Farid Abdulganiev, Turkey's Deputy Minister of Economy Fatih Metin, President of DEIK Nail Opak and Chairman of Turkey-Russia Business Council Tuncay Özilhan and also several businessmen and representatives of companies.



TDBB Bosnia and Herzegovina Delegation's Visit to Azerbaijan

"TDBB Bosnia and Herzegovina Delegation's visit to Azerbaijan Program" organized by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) in the context of a program initiated to develop cooperation between the member states has been held between July 29 and August 2, 2018.

The program has been attended by Fahri Solak, Secretary General of TDBB, Semir Efendic, TDBB Administrative Board Member and Mayor of Novi Grad-Sarajevo, Đemal Memagic Mayor of Olovo, Mirela Bubalo Executive Assistant at Novi Grad Municipality, Vedad Halilovic Export Manager of AS Holding, Huso Cesir General Manager of Bosnaplast, Muamer Cesir Deputy General Director of Bosnaplast, Erhad Trhulj Director of T3 Consulting Team Company, Mustafa Galijatovic Director of Sarajevostan, Midhat Hubijar Tourism Director Sarajevo Canton and Zuleyha Gurbetova Foreign Relations Expert at TDBB.

On the first day of the visit to Azerbaijan, the Baku Turkish Cemetery, the Martyrs' Citadel and the Municipality of Nerimanov have been visited. Within the scope of the visit, Azerbaijani City Municipalities Union and Bosnian delegation have held a meeting. At the meeting, Mayor of Azerbaijani City Municipalities Union and Narimanov District Mayor Temraz Tagiyev have said that they had joint works with TDBB.

Administrative Board Member of TDBB and Mayor of Novi Grad-Sarajevo Semir Efendic has said that the relations between two countries are developing on daily basis. Bosnia and Herzegovina has cooperation with Azerbaijan in many areas, including tourism.

TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak has stated that TDBB has 1,150 member municipalities from 29 different countries and that 11 countries are represented at Administrative Board. Azerbaijan and Bosnia and Herzegovina are present at the management of TDBB. He has stated that they want to improve the mutual cooperation between Union's member countries and that visit to Azerbaijan by the delegation from Bosnia and Herzegovina is one of the best examples of this.



On the second day of the program, the delegation has visited Yasamal Municipality and Sebail Municipality. During the visits, cooperation possibilities have been evaluated. On the same day, the delegation has visited Azerbaijan Export and Investment Agency (AzPromo) and evaluated the cooperation opportunities.

On the third day of the visit, the delegation has visited Binegadi Municipality and Sumgayit Municipality. During the visit to Sumgayit Municipality, a meeting has been held where the opportunities of cooperation have been evaluated. At the meeting, the parties have discussed opportunities to develop inter-municipal relations and the cooperation in the field of sharing information and experience. Sumgayit Mayor Sultan Asadov has explained the renovation works of the municipality in recent years and the projects they have carried out. Asadov has stated that the city has been completely renovated, especially in the last three years, that large infrastructure projects have been conducted and how Sumgayit has became an attractive and modern city for foreign investors.

The delegation has also visited Bileceri and Binegedi districts within the scope of the program. Meetings have been also held with Azerbaijan Town Municipality Union and Azerbaijan City Municipality Union.

Besides the program, Bosnian delegation has visited the historical and tourist sites of Azerbaijan, like Haydar Aliyev Mausoleum, 20 Yanvar Martyr's Graveyard, Haydar Aliyev Center, the Xalça (Carpet) Museum, Haydar Masjid, Atesgah Temple, Fevvareler Square and Waterfront National Park.

The program has ended on Thursday, August 2, 2018, when the delegation has returned to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mongolian Ambassador of Turkey's Visit to TDBB

Mongolian Ambassador to Turkey Ravdan Bold has visited Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) on September 19, 2018, Wednesday.

Mongolian Ambassador to Turkey Ravdan Bold who has met with Deputy Chairman of TDBB Murat Aydın and TDBB General-Secretary Fahri Solak at Union's Headquarters has stated that they would like to deepen and develop the existing cooperation with TDBB.

The visit has ended with shooting a family photo after mutual gift delivery.





ACWUA Secretary General Khaldon H. Khashman's Visit to TDBB

Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA) Secretary General Khaldon H. Khashman which is based in Amman, Jordan has visited Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) on 10 October 2018.

Secretary General Khaldon H. Khashman of ACWUA which is an organization that works on water management and utilities in the Arab region has paid a visit to TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak in order to discuss cooperation opportunities with Turkey and TDBB's cooperation area and also carry out joint projects with them.

Secretary General Khashman has stated that ACWUA is carrying out projects in 18 different Arab countries with 160 water administrations and 50 firms since its establishment of 2009 and he has also informed TDBB about the working fields of his association. Additionally, Khashman has invited TDBB and TDBB members to Arab Water Week Conference held on March 2019 in Jordan organizing for the tenth anniversary of establishment of ACWUA. Furthermore, Khashman has posited that the participation of this forum by TDBB members would strengthen the cooperation between Arab and Turkish World.

TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak has stated his pleasure of the visit and pointed out that it has been organizing expert and information and experience sharing programs about water management and he has also said that cooperation and experience sharing can be made regarding these areas.

Governor of Mongolia Govisumber Gombodorj Batsuuri's Visit to TDBB

Governor of Mongolia Govisumber Gombodorj Batsuuri and accompanying delegation have visited Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) on 11 October 2018. During the visit the membership process of Govisumber Province to TDBB and cooperation opportunities have been evaluated.

During the meeting, Governor of Mongolia Govisumber Gombodorj Batsuuri has stated that Turkey and Mongolia have common historical culture and as a result they have made a membership application to TDBB. On the other hand Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak has expressed his gratitude for hosting the delegation and pointed out that Mongolia and Turkey are states that have common historical culture. The visit has ended after gift presentation and photo shooting.



Mayor of Srebrenik of Bosnia and Accompanying Delegation's Visit to TDBB

Nihat Ömeroviç, Mayor of Srebrenik as one of Bosnia and Herzegovina Members of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and the delegation accompanying him have visited TDBB on 17 October 2018, Wednesday.

The meeting with Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak at Union's Headquarters has been attended by Mayor of Srebrenik Nihat Ömeroviç, Deputy Mayor of Srebrenik Adnan Bjehiç, Director of Srebrenik Secondary School Zehrudin Muhedinoviç and Member of Islamic Union Mustafa Şabiç.

During the visit in TDBB, the ongoing joint projects and cooperation opportunities have been discussed. Within this framework, Mayor of Srebrenik Nihat Ömeroviç has stated that they wanted to open a "Turkish Language Class" in secondary school with 450 students. Ömeroviç has stated the fact that this is the only school in Srebrenik where Turkish is taught. He has added that a village school 6 km far from Srebrenik needed repairment and requested support from TDBB and its members for Turkish Language Class and repairment of the village school.

Besides, Ömeroviç has expressed that they had problems about garbage as municipality, and because they lack of equipment and the garbage dump is far from Srebrenik, this causes heavy cost for them. He has added that they wanted to cooperate and share experience with Fatih Municipality and demanded the support of TDBB in this issue.



On the other hand during the meeting, Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak has stated that Turkish language class in Srebrenik will be opened in cooperation with Konya Metropolitan Municipality and the issue of repairment of the village school will be evaluated in TDBB Administrative Board Meeting.

Touching on the requests of Srebrenik delegation on garbage issue, Solak has pointed out that TDBB can contribute to the work that will be done cooperatively with Fatih Municipality about the issue and that the Union can coordinate the experience sharing and the training of the related staff.

TDBB Azerbaijan Delegation's Visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Program of Visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina by TDBB-Azerbaijan Delegation that has been started by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) in order to boost the cooperation between the member states has been organized between 15 and 19 December 2018.

The program has been attended by Secretary-General of TDBB Fahri Solak, TDBB Administrative Board Member and President of Union of Azerbaijan City Municipalities and Mayor of Nerimanov Temraz Tağıyev, Mayor of Yasamal Municipality of Azerbaijan Zakir Cafarov, Mayor of Binegedi Salman Umudov, Mayor of Nizami Vügar Guliyev, Director of 'Konstruktor' LTD Etibar Hasanov.

On the first day of the visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the delegation has attended the opening ceremony of Ice Skating Ground organized by Municipality of Novi Grad, after which historical sites in Sarajevo have been visited.

The second day of the program has been held on 17 December 2018 Monday when the delegation has visited Konjic and met with the Mayor of Konjic Emir Bubalo, after which Marshall Tito's Bunker in the city has been visited. On the same day, the delegation has attended the 41st Anniversary of the foundation of TDBB's member municipality Novi Grad. The ceremony has been



attended by Bosniak Member of the Presidential Council of BiH, Sefik Dzaferovic, Former President of Bosnia and Herzegovina Stjepan Kljujic, Ambassador of Turkey to Bosnia and Herzegovina Haldun Koç, members of TDBB-Azerbaijan Delegation and many other guests.

On the second day of the program, a protocol of 'Potocari Memorial Center Renewal Project', which would be operated by Administration of Potocari Memorial Center, has been signed.

On the third day of the program, on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, the delegation has visited Mayor of Novi Grad Municipality Semir Efendic at his office and evaluated the possibilities of cooperation. In this context, it has been decided to mutually start the procedure for Municipality of Yasamal of Azerbaijan and Municipality of Novi Grad to become sister cities. After the meeting delegation has visited Novi Grad Martyrdom Memorial.

On the same day, TDBB Azerbaijan delegation has gone to Olovo to visit Mayor of the city Dzemal Memagic. During the visit, the works with Olovo Municipality have been evaluated and future cooperation opportunities have been discussed. The possibilities of Olovo Municipality to become a sister city with a municipality from Azerbaijan have been discussed. After the visit to Mayor's office, the delegation has paid a visit to several investments in Olovo and visited the construction site of Olovo Ahi Evran-ı Veli Mosque that is constructed in the center of the city by TDBB's member Kirşehir Municipality.

In the evening of the third day of the program, TDBB Azerbaijan delegation has met with Mayor of Sarajevo Metropolitan Municipality Abdullah Skaka and the local administrators. The possibilities of cooperation between Sarajevo Metropolitan Municipality and TDBB have been discussed and Union's works in Bosnia and Herzegovina have been presented.

The last day of the "Program of Visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina of TDBB-Azerbaijan Delegation" initiated by TDBB in order to improve the cooperation between the member states has been completed on 19 December 2018 Wednesday with a visit to Hocali-Srebrenica Friendship Park and the visit to the Museum of Alija Izetbegovic and the leader's grave.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (01.01.2018 -31.12.2018)

TOTAL REVENUES:
3.494.727, 76 TL

Dues Incomes
1.823.584, 06 TL

Conditional Donations
521.037, 12 TL

Interest Incomes
1.116.273, 95 TL

Other Extraordinary Revenues and Profits
33.280, 25 TL

Exchange Profit
552.38 TL

TOTAL EXPENSES:
6.085.482, 67 TL

Expenses for Staff and General Administrative:
1.608.842, 65 TL

Expenses for Domestic and International Events:
1.392.397, 64 TL

Activities Carried out Cooperatively:
3.084.242,38 TL

2018 EXPENSE SURPLUS: 2.590.754, 91 TL

NEW MEMBERS IN 2018

NO	MUNICIPALITY	NO	MUNICIPALITY
1	MUNICIPALITY OF BOSASO (SOMALIA)	20	MUNICIPALITY OF AL ZAHRA (PALESTINE)
2	MUNICIPALITY OF VAREŞ (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA)	21	UNION OF GAZA MUNICIPALITIES (PALESTINE)
3	MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAN-KHUTAG (MONGOLIA)	22	MUNICIPALITY OF AL MOGHRAKA (PALESTINE)
4	MUNICIPALITY OF BERKH (MONGOLIA)	23	MUNICIPALITY OF AL SHUKA (PALESTINE)
5	MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAN-ADARGA (MONGOLIA)	24	MUNICIPALITY OF KHUZA'A (PALESTINE)
6	MUNICIPALITY OF BATSHIREET (MONGOLIA)	25	MUNICIPALITY OF AL QARARA (PALESTINE)
7	MUNICIPALITY OF BARUUNBAYAN-ULAAN (MONGOLIA)	26	MUNICIPALITY OF AL BURAIJ (PALESTINE)
8	MUNICIPALITY OF TAŞKÖPRÜ (KASTAMONU)	27	MUNICIPALITY OF AL FUKHARI (PALESTINE)
9	MUNICIPALITY OF TÜRKELI (SINOP)	28	MUNICIPALITY OF AL MUSADDERC (PALESTINE)
10	MUNICIPALITY OF SHEBERGHAN (AFGHANISTAN)	29	MUNICIPALITY OF ALMAGHAZI (PALESTINE)
11	MUNICIPALITY OF GRADACAC (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA)	30	MUNICIPALITY OF ORHANELI (BURSA)
12	MUNICIPALITY OF AL KARMIL (PALESTINE)	31	MUNICIPALITY OF KARESI (BALIKESIR)
13	MUNICIPALITY OF AL NASSER (PALESTINE)	32	MUNICIPALITY OF ZAVIDOVICI (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA)
14	MUNICIPALITY OF WADI GAZA (PALESTINE)	33	MUNICIPALITY OF BANOVICI (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA)
15	MUNICIPALITY OF ABASAN AL KABIRA (PALESTINE)	34	MUNICIPALITY OF TSENKHER (MONGOLIA)
16	MUNICIPALITY OF ABASAN AL JADIDA (PALESTINE)	35	MUNICIPALITY OF BATNOROV (MONGOLIA)
17	MUNICIPALITY OF UM AL-NASSER (PALESTINE)	36	MUNICIPALITY OF BOR-UNDUR (MONGOLIA)
18	MUNICIPALITY OF BEIT LAHIA (PALESTINE)	37	MUNICIPALITY OF JETISAY (KAZAKHSTAN)
19	MUNICIPALITY OF DEIR AL BALALH (PALESTINE)	38	GOVERNORATE OF GOVISUMBER (MONGOLIA)



IV. MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES ON TURKISH WORLD*

* The activities of the municipalities are listed in alphabetical order by municipality name.

Altındağ Municipality





Quds Park has been Opened in Altındağ

"Quds Park" has been opened in Altındağ Municipality's Başpınar Neighborhood which is a historical town of Ankara and member of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) on 4 July 2018 Wednesday with a ceremony.

The opening ceremony has been attended by former Education Minister İsmet Yılmaz, Mayor of Altındağ Veysel Tiryaki, Palestinian Ambassador to Ankara Faed Mustafa, NGO representatives and several guests.

Mayor of Altındağ Veysel Tiryaki, in his speech, has emphasized that Quds Park has been built on an area of 50 acres and made by demolishing the slums in the region. On the other hand, Palestinian Ambassador to Ankara Faed Mustafa has thanked Mayor of Altındağ Tiryaki for meaningful name of the park. Mustafa has stated that the identity of Quds will be kept forever as it is, in spite of all cruelties to be held in Quds, and highlighted that Quds' Muslim identity will remain as in the old days of it.

Quds Park has two playgrounds with 600 and 700 square meters of areas. Moreover, two separate sports equipment areas with 250 square meters of each have been established in the park. Furthermore, a 950 meter long jogging path has been planned for those who want to walk and run. 985 trees and 7 thousand bushes are planted.



Culture House and Youth Center to Gagauzia by Altındağ Municipality

Culture House and Youth Center established in Gagauz Autonomous Region, Moldova by the member of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) Altındağ Municipality has been opened within President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's visit to Moldova on 18 October 2018 with a ceremony.

The opening ceremony has been attended by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Emine Erdoğan, President of Moldova Igor Dodon, President of Gagauz Autonomous Region Irina Vlah, Minister of National Defense Hulusi Akar, Minister of Youth and Sports Mehmet Kasapoğlu, Mayor of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality Fatma Şahin, Mayor of Altındağ Veysel Tiryaki, Mayor of Comrat Serghei Anastasov and many citizens.

Following the joint press conference, President Erdogan, Mayor Tiryaki and delegation members



have cut the opening ribbon of the Culture Center which has been renewed by Altındağ Municipality. President Erdogan has also announced that Turkey will continue to invest in Gagauz Autonomous Region.

Veysel Tiryaki has stated that they have established a culture center for youth and a nursing home for elderly and also taken over the restoration of a culture center in Gagauz Autonomous Region.

Antalya Metropolitan Municipality



13. Silk Road Mayors Forum

13. Silk Road Mayors Forum has been held in Antalya between 20 and 23 October 2018 cooperatively by World Citizens Organization and Antalya Metropolitan Municipality. The forum has been attended by Secretary General Fahri Solak on behalf of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB).

The forum, organized in Tashkent, Lanzhau, Almaty, Shiraz, Gaziantep, Yeosu, Urumchi, Bursa and Kabul previously and carried out for the 13th time this year, has been attended by Minister of Culture and Tourism Nuri Ersoy, President of World Citizens Organization (WCO) and Union of Silkroad Young Hoon Kwaak, President of Union of Municipalities in Turkey and Mayor of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality Fatma Şahin, Secretary General of TDBB Dr. Fahri Solak, Governor of Antalya Münir Karaloğlu and Mayor of Antalya Metropolitan Municipality Menderes Türel, along with 42 mayors from 67 cities of 32 countries, 2 governors and almost 200 guests.

At the opening speech of the forum Minister of Culture and Tourism Mehmet Nuri Ersoy has said that it is possible to create new poles in monopolar universalized economy through eager efforts of organizations like Silk Road Mayors Forum.

On the other hand Mayor of Antalya Metropolitan Municipality Mendres Türel has stated that the forum addresses 6 "E" topics which are economy, education, environment, ethics, engineering and entertainment and added that the cooperation among municipalities is a complementary element for the diplomacy between countries.

13. Silk Road Mayors Forum has ended after a high level of participation and meetings. Within the framework of the forum, the delegations have made meetings on the services of the municipalities for cities, intercity diplomacy and 6 "E" topics (Economy, Education, Environment, Ethics, Engineering, Entertainment). At the forum, which has been made in two main sessions, the common view has been "human-centered development moves of the cities with sustainable economy without losing environment consciousness". In addition, the marble monument which symbolizes Silk Road has been inaugurated in Antalya in the memory of the forum. Besides, Mayor of Antalya Metropolitan Municipality Menderes Türel and Mayor of Kotor (Montenegro) Vladimir Jokic have signed cooperation protocol for tourism, culture and artistic sectors.

At the end of the forum, 14. Silk Road Forum has been decided to be organized in Islamabad city of Pakistan in October, 2019.

Opening of Azerbaijan Friendship Park and Khojaly Memorial

Azerbaijan Friendship Park built by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality in Bağcılar and Khojaly Massacre Memorial which is located in the park built by Bağcılar Municipality have been opened with a ceremony on 25 February 2018.

Assistant of President of Azerbaijan Ali Hasanov, Azerbaijani Deputy Diaspora Minister Valeh Haciyev, Consul General of Azerbaijan in Istanbul Mesim Haciyev, Governor of Istanbul Vasip Şahin, Mayor of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Mevlüt Uysal, Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı, TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak and several visitors from Azerbaijan and Turkey have attended to the opening ceremony.

After the speeches, Khojaly Massacre Memorial has been opened by Protocol members in memory of 613 people who died in Khojaly in 1992.

The Park which has been constructed on an area of 33 acres has children's playgrounds, pergolas, pond, wooden panoramic view terrace, green amphitheater, ornamental pools, picnic areas, cafes, gymnasium, football and basketball fields. Additionally, there are three-floored underground parking lot, 3 fire stairs, 1 disabled lift, disabled car parking lot for 26 cars and 2 electric vehicles.





Bağcılar Municipality







Turkish Language Class from Bağcılar Municipality to Buzim and Travnik of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The opening ceremony of Turkish Language classes in two primary schools in cities of Travnik and Buzim, Bosnia and Herzegovina organized in cooperation of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) with Bağcılar Municipality within the context of Yunus Emre Institute's "My Choice is Turkish Project" has been held on 25 and 27 March 2018.

Mayor of Buzim Zikrija Durakovic, Mayor of Bağcılar Lokman Çağırıcı, Education Minister of Una-Sana Canton Muhamed Ramić and school principal have attended the opening ceremony held on 25 March 2018 in Buzim Primary School. In addition to Mayor Çağırıcı, the ceremony held on 27 March 2018 at Travnik Elementary School has been attended by President of Srednjobosanski Canton Tahir Lendo, Mayor of Travnik Admir Hadziemric, Education Consultant at the Embassy of Republic of Turkey in Bosnia and Herzegovina Vasi Ete, Director of Yunus Emre Institute in Sarajevo Mehmet Akif Yaman, teachers, parents and students.





Bereket Convoy has reached to 8 Balkan Countries on its 14th Year

The Bereket Convoy, which was founded 13 years ago by Bayrampaşa Municipality, an Administrative Board Member of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), for the first time with the slogan 'Brotherhood does not have limits' has brought together about 100 thousand Muslims in 8 countries and 19 cities in Balkans in 2018 at iftar meals.

Bereket Convoy of Bayrampaşa Municipality has completed its trip in 2018 by gathering people in iftar and cultural meals visiting country by country city by city in Balkans for the 14th time during Ramadan. The Convoy has organized its first iftar program on 17 May 2018 in Arriana of Rhodope in Greece and the last organization made by the Convoy has been on 14 June 2018 in Kardzhali of Bulgaria. The Convoy with its 12 vehicles has got ground for 6.000 km.

The Convoy, which has gathered almost 100.000 people in different cities of Greece, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo, Albania, Macedonia and Bulgaria, has had the interest of Muslims living in Balkan geography. The iftar organizations in Balkans have been participated especially by Mayor of Bayrampaşa Atila Aydıner and also President of Bosnia and Herzegovina Bakir Izetbegovic, politicians, bureaucrats, religious officials, artists, representatives of NGOs and many other guests.

In the brotherhood iftar programs organized in Balkans, Quran has been recited, religious hymns have been sung and folk dances have been performed. In addition to the iftar menu, the guests have been also treated with "lokma" desert and Ottoman paste. Besides, various plays have been staged for children. With the iftar programs organized by Bayrampaşa Municipality, young and old alike, all people living in Balkan region have gone back to the old Ramadan days.

Bolu Municipality

Turkish Language Class to Bosnia and Herzegovina's Tesanj from Bolu Municipality

Cooperatively by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Bolu Municipality within the framework of Yunus Emre Institute's "Elective Turkish Courses" Project, Turkish language class established in 9 Eylül Primary School in Tesanj of Bosnia and Herzegovina has been inaugurated on 15 March 2018.

The opening ceremony has been attended by Minister of Education of Zenica-Doboj Canton Mensur Sinanovic, Mayor of Bolu Alaaddin Yılmaz, Director of Sarajevo Yunus Emre Institute Mehmet Akif Yaman, Education Counselor of Sarajevo Embassy of Turkey Vasi Ete and teachers and students.

During the speech he has made, Minister of Education of Zenica-Doboj Canton Mensur Sinanovic has said that 25 schools in Zenica-Doboj Canton have sister schools in Turkey and thanked Bolu Municipality for the preparation of the class they opened that day.

On the other hand, Mayor of Bolu Alaaddin Yılmaz has said Bosnia and Herzegovina is a brother country for Turkey. He has said that Bosnia and Herzegovina has common things with Bolu and added that all the municipalities in Turkey have cooperation with Balkan countries and they have also other joint projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in addition to this new language class.

Besides, Director of Sarajevo Yunus Emre Institute Mehmet Akif Yaman has stated that "Elective Turkish Courses" Project continues since 2011 in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Yaman has said that there are 8.241 students in 150 schools and 22nd Turkish Class in Bosnia and Herzegovina has been opened in cooperation with TDBB. He has added that the Institute aims to open Turkish classes in all schools where Turkish is taught continually.

After the speeches, the ceremony has finished after the performance prepared by the students.





6th International Köroğlu Festival

"Brand City Bolu and 6th International Köroğlu Festival", which has been organized by Bolu Municipality as one of the member of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and also supported by TDBB, has been held in Bolu in the dates of 14 – 16 September 2018.

Within the festival, hundreds of artists from 16 different countries like Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, TRNC, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan have made their performances in streets of Bolu with their traditional costumes during three days.

The festival which has hosted hundreds of guests from Turkey and all over the world has started with firing up the festival fire in front of Köroğlu Statue in Democracy Square by Governor of Bolu Aydın Baruş, Mayor of Bolu Alaaddin Yılmaz, Ambassador of Turkmenistan to Ankara Işankul Amanliyev, Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to Ankara İbrahim Cunusov, Counsellor of Macedonian Embassy in Ankara Ramazan Serpetova, Cultural Attache of Uzbekistan Babür Tagaev and several guests. On the same day, an interview themed 'Turkish Cinema and Köroğlu' and an exhibition named "4 Seasons Bolu" have been held within the framework of the festival.

In the opening speeches, Mayor of Bolu Alaaddin Yılmaz has stated that they work very hard to make Bolu a better city and the festival has been organized within this context. Yılmaz has also said that Köroğlu is a common value of Turkey and the other Turkish countries; therefore the festival has been organized internationally.

During the festival which has been very rich with cultural, art and sport activities, Köroğlu Cup amateur sports competitions, international folk dances, theater plays, call-and-response-duets (aşık atışması), concerts and interviews have been organized.

Within the concept of activities of "Brand City Bolu and 6th International Köroğlu Festival", the award ceremony of painting contest themed 'Köroğlu and Bolu' which has been organized in two categories; for students of Fine Arts High Schools and international artists, and opening of the exhibition have been held.



Bursa Metropolitan Municipality





3rd Turkish World Ancestors Sports Festival

"3rd Turkish World Ancestors Sports Festival", organized to introduce the values of Turkish culture to next generations and also to strengthen the unity of Turkish communities with the hosting of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB)'s member Bursa Metropolitan Municipality cooperatively by TIKA, Governorate of Bursa and Bursa Union of Culture Tourism Information, has been held between 21 and 22 July 2018 at Bursa Atatürk Stadium Square and Keles Kocayayla.

In the festival, which has been participated by artists and sportsmen from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, and also students from East Turkestan and many other Turkic countries, ancestor sports known as cultural heritage have been brought to the present.

Within the framework of the festival sports, battle and strategy games like kökbörü (catching goat), pars and belt wrestling, horse race, mangala, archery on horse, wrestling on horse, greasy wrestling, archery, javelin, amble and truncheon battle have been played.

While the program has been attended by 309 sportsmen and artists over 150, folk dances show, concerts, artistic activities and cultural rituals have been offered to the citizens within the concept of event.



Opening of Hodjalı Park and Memorial in Sakarya Erenler

Hodjalı Park and Memorial have been opened with a ceremony by Erenler Municipality in memory of Azerbaijan Turks who lost their life during the genocide by Armenians held in Hodjalı town of Karabakh, Azerbaijan in 1992.

Governor of Sakarya İrfan Balkanlıoğlu, Mayor of Sakarya Metropolitan Municipality Zeki Toçoğlu, Mayor of Erenler Cavit Öztürk, Members of Parliament of Sakarya Mustafa İsen and Ayhan Sefer Üstün, Members of Parliament in Azerbaijan Ganire Pashayeva and Sona Aliyeva, Mayor of Serdivan Yusuf Alemdar, Mayor of Arifiye İsmail Karakullukçu, Mayor of Söğütlü Hüseyin Genç, Mayor of Geyve Murat Kaya, Mayor of Kaynarca Zeynur Özel, Mayor of Taraklı Tacettin Özkaraman, Deputy Governor of Erenler Salih Karabulut and several guests have attended to the opening ceremony held on 9 February 2018.

During the opening speech, Mayor of Erenler Cavit Öztürk has thanked all participants who have come to the opening ceremony.

Members of Parliament of Azerbaijan have said that the two countries have needed a stronger cooperation and they have thanked Erenler Municipality and people in Sakarya who have not forgotten the people who lost their life during the Hodjalı genocide.

Protocol members, who have attended to the program while they were expressing their feelings and thoughts, have underlined the hundred years of friendship and brotherhood between Azerbaijan and Turkey.

After the speeches, protocol members have visited and examined the park.

Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality



Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality's Visit to Montenegro

Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality and Union of Municipalities of Turkey have had visits in Montenegro. A cooperation protocol has been signed between the union of municipalities of both countries and also meetings on development of sister city relations have taken place.

With the cooperation protocol signed between Secretary General Hayrettin Güngör, on behalf of President of Union of Municipalities of Turkey and also Mayor of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality Fatma Şahin, and Union of Montenegro Municipalities Veselin Grboviç, two Unions will exchange experience and many projects will be carried out by developing training programs.

The signing ceremony has been attended by Montenegro Minister of Public Administration Suzana Pribiloviç, Podgorica Embassy Undersecretary Bleda Kaçar, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) Podgorica Program Office Coordinator Enver Resuloğulları and Deputy Mayor of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality Latif Karadağ.

After the meetings in capital city Podgorica of Montenegro, Deputy Mayor of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality Latif Karadağ has made official visits to sister cities Çetinje and Kotor.

Güzelyurt Municipality's Book Cafe has been Opened with a Ceremony

Member of Administrative Board of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) Güzelyurt Municipality has made the ground breaking ceremony of the new municipality building on 9 April 2018, Monday and opening ceremony of Book Cafe (in historical Children School), Kapouti Municipality Building, City Museum and Exhibition Saloon have been held on 12 April 2018, Thursday.

The ground breaking and opening ceremonies have been attended by the third President of TRNC Derviş Eroğlu, Turkish Ambassador to Nicosia Derya Kanbay, Mayor of Güzelyurt Mahmut Özçınar, Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak, TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak, District Governor of Güzelyurt Tevfik Direnç, leader of National Unity Party (Northern Cyprus) Hüseyin Özgürgün, members of parliament and other guests.

Mayor of Güzelyurt Mahmut Özçınar referring to the importance of Book Cafe has emphasized that it is important to protect the works as well as revealing them; he has added that they are trying to make some places for university students considering that Güzelyurt Municipality has university in it and Book Cafe Project can be taken as a very good example of this aim. Özçınar has also stated that the city is developing and in order to carry on the necessities of it they have opened a new municipality building in Kapouti. Moreover, Özçınar has said that they are also working on culture centre, city park and other projects and he has underlined his aim about developing the city at all time.

With the coordination of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), members of TDBB Balıkesir, Hatay, İstanbul, Kocaeli, Malatya, Mersin, Sakarya Metropolitan Municipalities and Isparta, Kilis, Kütahya, Rize, Yalova, Bağcılar, Beykoz, Çayırova, Çekmeköy, Çınarcık, Derince, Esenler, Hacılar, Hendek, Kartal, Keçiören, Kozan, Meram, Pendik, Ortahisar, Selçuklu, Şile, Tarsus, Tavşanlı, Zeytinburnu Municipalities, Ministry of Culture and Tourism and Union of Turkish World Municipalities have contributed to Book Café with many books.

The ceremony has ended with presenting of plaques of appreciation to the people, institutions, companies and artists who have contributed to Book Cafe.



Kartepe Municipality

Kartepe Municipality has Organized "Festival of Forgotten Values" in Macedonia

"4th International Festival of Forgotten Values" organized by Kartepe Municipality with the support of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, has been held in Gostivar, Macedonia on 4-5 August 2018.

The festival has been attended by Mayor of Kartepe Hüseyin Üzülmez, Mayor of Gostivar, Macedonia Dr. Arben Taravari, Counselor at the Turkish Embassy in Macedonia Gürkan Gezer and many other invited guests.

Mayor of Kartepe Hüseyin Üzülmez has visited Mayor of Gostivar Dr. Arben Taravari in his office before the festival.

The festival has started with the show of Kartepe Municipality's Children Janissary Team in Gostivar Square.

After the speeches, the opening ribbon of the festival has been cut off. Mayor of Kartepe Hüseyin Üzülmez and Mayor of Gostivar Arben Taravari have visited the stands that were set and received information from the authorities.

While arts such as wire breaking, ebru art, glass blowing, line art, tile making, ceramics, calligraphy, wood carving, patchwork, miniature painting, and paperwork have been introduced, a lot of traditions that are exposed to extinction like folk poets, matrak, traditional Turkish archery and Hacivat Karagöz games have been brought to the light.







Kastamonu and City of Kyrgyzstan Naryn have become "Sister Cities"

Sister City Protocol has been signed between the Members of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) Naryn Municipality from Kyrgyzstan and Kastamonu Municipality on 5 February 2018.

The meeting, which has been organized in Kastamonu, has been attended by Mayor of Kastamonu Tahsin Babaş, Mayor of Naryn Emilbek Alymkulov, Rector of Naryn State University Prof. Dr. Damira Omuraliyeva, Head of City Council of Naryn Municipality Jyrgalbek Botokanov, Protocol Director of Governorate of Naryn Nurbek Satarov, Deputy Director of Kyrgyzstan Contemplation Foundation Maksat Acykan Uulu and other visitors.

After the protocol speeches, Mayor of Naryn Emilbek Alymkulov has presented Certificate of Appreciation from Governor of Naryn to Mayor Babaş. After signing of protocol, the ceremony has ended with the mutual giving and receiving gifts and taking a family photo.





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Brother Countries have Celebrated Nawruz Festival in Keçiören

Organized cooperatively by Republic of Turkey Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Keçiören Municipality and TURKSOY, Nawruz Festival which is accepted as a start of spring season, has been celebrated in Keçiören with the concert performances of singers from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kosovo, Gagauzia, Bashkortostan, Republic of Sakha-Yakutia, Tatarstan, Tyva Republic, Dagestan and Kabardino Balkaria.

Nawruz Festival Program which has taken place in Necip Fazıl Theatre Scene has been attended by Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak, Turkmenistan's Ambassador to Turkey Ishankuli Amanlyev, TURKSOY Secretary General Dusen Kaseinov, Governor of Keçiören Uğur Bulut and several guests.

Mayor Ak and protocol members have jumped over the Nawruz fire which was lit before the program and forged iron as special rituals of Nawruz.

The opening speeches have made after presenting samani in small pots to the protocol members which is green sprouting wheat, corn, peas and other grains representing Nawruz. In the program, there have been also folkloric dance and music performances from Turkic World. Finally, carnations and miniature tents have been distributed to the guests.

Monument of Kazakh Poet Mağcan Cumabayev has been opened in Keçiören

The monument made by Keçiören Municipality on the 125th anniversary of the birth of the famous Kazakh Poet Mağcan Cumabayev has been opened with a ceremony held on February 19, 2018.



In Botanical Park where only Mağcan Cumabayev monument in Turkey is located, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Turkey Abzal Saparbekuly, Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak, Secretary General of TURKSOY Dusen Kaseinov and invited guests have attended the ceremony.

The program has ended with the opening of the monument and the carnation of the monument of Cumabayev.

23rd Commemoration Anniversary for Srebrenica Genocide Victims in Keçiören

8 thousand 372 martyrs who suffered genocide in the Bosnian city of Srebrenica in July 1995 have been commemorated with the ceremony organized by Keçiören Municipality at the 23rd anniversary of the genocide.

Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak and Ambassador of Bosnia Herzegovina in Turkey Bakir Sadovic, as well as local administrators, Members of the Assembly, NGO representatives and citizens, have attended the ceremony in front of Srebrenitsa Monument found in Keçiören's Alija Izetbegovic Park.

After the protocol speeches, the delegation has laid a wreath on the memorial and white balloons symbolizing martyrs of Srebrenica have been released into the sky.



Turkic and Islamic World have met at Keçiören Ramadan Program

Keçiören Municipality, the Board Member of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), has hosted 9th International Ramadan Program between May 17 and June 14, 2018, under the principle of brotherhood beyond borders. Twenty countries have participated in the program.

Twenty countries from Turkey's close geography have been hosted at the 9th International Ramadan Program. The program has been attended by TDBB member states like Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Moldova, Gagauzia, Macedonia, TRNC, Iraq, Palestine, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia, as well as by the delegations from Sudan, Indonesia, Iran,



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Uzbekistan, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Western Thrace and Uighur Turks.

The opening program that has been held at Kalaba City Square has been hosted by Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak. It has been attended by MPs, officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ambassadors, foreign missions representatives, and administrators of the brother municipalities, NGO representatives and citizens.

Since the first day, Holy Qur'an has been recited, the religious songs have been sung in the presence of the chorus, prays have been performed, concerts consisting of masterpieces from Anatolian and Turkic cultures have been performed, local Turkish folk songs have been sung in the area arranged at Kalaba City Square. The Culture Houses of the countries have been opened. Local folk dances performed from other countries have added an extra color to the 9th International Ramadan Program.

Nakba's 70th Anniversary Program has been Held in Keçiören

At the program organized by Keçiören Municipality together with the Palestinian Embassy under the slogan of "The right of return will not be lost ever" as a part of the 70th Anniversary of Nakba program, the decision of USA has been condemned with the emphasis on "Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine".

The program at Yunus Emre Cultural Center has been attended by Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak, Palestinian Ambassador in Turkey Faed Mustafa, Libyan Ambassador in Turkey Abdurrazaq Mukhtar Abdulqader, President of AFAD Dr. Mehmet Güllüoğlu, Embassy representatives, Palestinian guests and a large number of other guests. The program has started with Quran recitation. Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak has stated that by



moving American Embassy to Jerusalem a dynamite has been brought again to the peace in the Middle East.

At the program, Palestinian Ambassador Faed Mustafa has said that today his grandchildren are being exposed to the persecution and suffering that his grandparents passed through 70 years ago.

Libyan Ambassador Abdurrazaq Mukhtar Abdulqade has stated that the Palestinian case is the largest case of systematic occupation seen in the human history that has happened with the support of great powers.

At the program, the photo exhibition and a documentary film about Nakba have been shown, and the prays for free Palestine and martyrs have been performed.

Keçiören Municipality has visited its Sister Municipalities in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan

Mustafa Ak, Mayor of Keçiören Municipality which is an Administrative Board Member of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), and the delegation accompanying him have paid official visits to their sister municipalities in Kazakhstan between 29 and 31 August 2018, and in Kyrgyzstan between 1 and 2 September 2018.

During the official visits in Kazakhstan, the delegation of Keçiören has attended the introductory meeting of the works of Kazakhstan's famous authors who are Berdibek Sokpakbayev (My Name is Elderly), Tayır Jomartbayuli (Let's See the Girl), Sultanmaxmut Torayğırulı (Beautiful Moon), Sıpandiyar Köbeyuli (Hat), Mirjaqip Duwlatuli'nin (Unlucky Camal) held at Almaty National Library, whom they have made contributions for Turkish translation.

Later on, Ak and the accompanying delegation have attended the opening ceremony of Keçiören Street in Jambıl Uzunağaç and placed a wreath on Jambıl Jabayev monument with Mayor of Jambıl Bağdat Aliyev and other protocol members. They have also visited the museums and monuments of Jambıl Jabayev and Süyinbay Aronulı and also attended Kazakhstan's Traditional Horse Race Ceremonies.

Later on the delegation has gone to Kyrgyzstan and visited Keçiören's sister city, Karakol of Issık Göl. Here Ak has met with Governor of Issıkgöl Osmonaliev Akylbek and Mayor of Karakol Daniiar Arpachiev and stated that mutual cooperation and experience sharing will continue. After the official visits, the delegation of Keçiören Municipality has attended 3rd World Nomad Games' Opening Ceremony, which has also been participated by President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Kyrgyzstan Sooronbay Ceenbekov, President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev and President of Tatarstan Rüstem Minnihanov.





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Commemoration Event for Khojaly Massacre Victims

613 Azerbaijani victims massacred by Armenians in Khojaly town of Upper Karabağ region of Azerbaijan on 26 February 1992 have been commemorated with a ceremony organized in front of Khojaly Monument in Keçiören.

"Commemoration Program of Khojaly Massacre and its Victims on its 26th Anniversary", organized cooperatively by Keçiören Municipality and Ankara Embassy of Azerbaijan, has been attended by Azerbaijani soldiers in Turkish Military Academy, Grand National Assembly of Turkey (TBMM) Former President and also MP of Ankara Cemil Çiçek, President of Turkey-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Friendship Group and also MP of Adana Necdet Ünüvar, and other MPs Emrullah İşler, Ahmet Gündoğdu and Nurettin Aras, Republic of Azerbaijan Ambassador of Ankara Hazar Ibrahim, Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak, MP of Azerbaijan Elman Mamadov, Vice Principal Consultant of President of Azerbaijan Bahruz Hasanov, District Governor of Keçiören Uğur Bulut, District Director of National Education Ayhan Işık, veterans of Khojaly and citizens.

Chinghiz Aitmatov Commemoration Events

The opening of "Heroes of Steppe" exhibition composed by the works of Painter Asan Tursunkulov, organized cooperatively by Keçiören Municipality and Republic of Kyrgyzstan Embassy of Ankara for 90th anniversary of Chinghiz Aitmatov, has taken place in Antares AVM.

Besides, "Anatolia between East and West-Chinghiz Aitmatov" Commemoration Program has been organized with the support of Presidency, cooperatively by Keçiören Municipality, Republic of Kyrgyzstan Embassy of Ankara and Kaf production.

The program has been attended by Principal



Consultant of Presidency Şükrü Karatepe, Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism Nadir Alpaslan, Former Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sami Güçlü, Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak, Mayor of Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality Zekai Kafaoğlu, Mayor of Bursa Metropolitan Municipality Alinur Aktaş, Mayor of Şanlıurfa Metropolitan Municipality Nihat Çiftçi, Ankara Ambassador of Republic of Kyrgyzstan Ibrahim Yunusov, faculty members and representatives of many NGOs.

Celebrations for 20th Anniversary of Astana's Being Capital City

Within the framework of 9. International Ramadan Events organized cooperatively by Republic of Kazakhstan Embassy of Ankara and Keçiören Municipality, the introductory meeting of Turkish translation of "My Name is Old" book by Kazakh author Berdibek Sokpakbayev and the movie of "My Name is Old" with Turkish subtitles has taken place in Necip Fazlı Hall of Keçiören Municipality.

Within the framework of celebrations of 20th Anniversary, events have been organized at the park built in the name of Kazakh Poet Suyinbay Aronulı with the participations of artists and folk dance dancers coming from Kazakhstan. The events have been attended by Mayor of Keçiören Mustafa Ak, Ankara Embassy of Republic of Kazakhstan Abzal Saparbekuly, Deputy Governor of Aktöbe City Kuandyk Kasymov, Governor of Karasu Town of Jambıl City of Almaty Province Ashat Ötepov, Council Secretary of Jambıl City of Almaty Province Sayat Zhuryn, President of Cambıl Association Manarbek İzbasar, President of Turkish World Authors and Artists Association Yahya Akengin, citizens and politicians, academicians, artists coming from Kazakhstan.

On the other hand, the workshop specifically organized for 20th Anniversary of Astana's being Capital city in Ihlamur Kasrı, has been attended by the protocol guests coming from Kazakhstan and also President of Kazakhstan Friendship Group and MP of Amasya Haluk İpek, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ahmet Yesevi University Musa Yıldız, Chairman of Ekoavrasya Hikmet Eren. At the end of the workshop Mayor Ak and Deputy Governor of Aktöbe City Kuandyk Kasymov has signed a cooperation protocol.



Union of Cyprus Turkish Municipality



General Meeting of Union of Cyprus Turkish Municipalities has been held

65th General Meeting of Union of Cyprus Turkish Municipalities has been held on 3 July 2018, Tuesday with the participation of 28 mayors. After the establishment of the Presidency Council, Activity Report of the Union has been announced.

After the announcing of Activity Report, Executive Board of Union has been elected. Mayor of Güzelyurt Mahmut Özçınar, Mayor of Lefkosa Turkish Municipality Mehmet Harmancı, Mayor of Gazimağusa İsmail Arter, Mayor of Girne Nidai Güngördü, Mayor of Iskele Hasan Sadıkoğlu, Mayor of Çatalköy Mehmet Hulusioğlu, Mayor of Beyarmudu İlker Edip, Mayor of Paşaköy Habil Tülücü, Mayor of Büyükkonuk Ahmet Sennaroğlu have been elected as the members of the Executive Board.

After the election, in the first Executive Board Meeting, member of Administrative Board of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) Mayor of Güzelyurt (TRNC) Mahmut Özçınar has been elected as President of Union of Cyprus Turkish Municipalities and Mayor of Lefkosa Turkish Municipality Mehmet Harmancı has been elected as Deputy Chairman.

Kilis and Gostivar have become Sister Cities

Members of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), Municipality of Kilis (Turkey) and Municipality of Gostivar (Macedonia) have signed a 'Sister City' protocol, on November 26, 2018, in a ceremony held in Gostivar.

Mayor of Kilis Hasan Kara and his delegation have visited the city of Gostivar and met with Mayor Arben Taravari. In the meeting where cooperation between the two cities has been evaluated, a protocol making Kilis and Gostivar sister cities has been signed.



Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality



Kocaeli and Almetyevsk have become Sister Cities

Sister city protocol has been signed between Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality which is a member of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Almetyevsk Municipality from Republic of Tatarstan, with a ceremony on 26 April 2018.

The ceremony has been participated by President of TDBB and also Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality İbrahim Karaosmanoğlu, Mayor of Almetyevsk from Republic of Tatarstan Ayrat Hayrullin, officials from Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality and Almetyevsk Municipality.

After the protocol speeches, the sister city protocol has been signed. Within the framework of the protocol, it has been decided that organizing an experience sharing and expert training programs and various projects by following a roadmap on economic, social and transportation areas. In the project making process, services will be sustained in cooperation with public institutions, local organizations, non-governmental organizations, chambers of commerce and industry, educational institutions, international organizations and other related organizations.





Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality



April 23 International Kids and Science Festival

Organized by Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality for the 10th time and supported by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), "April 23 International Kids and Science Festival" has taken place in Kocaeli between 18 and 24 April 2018 with the participation of one thousand children from 41 countries.

April 23 International Kids and Science Festival, which has been supported by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) in the means of covering the international transfer expenses of the children, has hosted many activities prepared for children. The children have had fun in 30 entertaining workshops, 22 science workshops, 9 different exhibitions and 6 paper workshops in International Fair Center. After the events that have taken place between 21 and 23 April, a gala ceremony has been made in fair center. In the gala program where 1000 children from 41 different countries have participated, April 23 children have performed shows from their mother countries.

Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality

V. International Hıdırellez Festival has been celebrated in Kocaeli

The International Hıdırellez Festival has been held in Kocaeli on 5-6 May 2018 in cooperation with Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, Balkan Turks Culture and Solidarity Association (BAL-TÜRK) and Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB).

In 2018's Hıdırellez Festival, which is the fifth held until then, folklore teams from Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria and Macedonia have performed folklore shows and sang the Balkan folk songs together.

On the first day of the V. International Hıdırellez Festival, a tradition of milking the animals has been carried out in Karatepe Village. Then, folklore teams from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Macedonia and Turkey have performed their show. The show that has been liked by the guests and the villagers has been accompanied by the ordinary citizens as well.

On the second day of Hıdırellez Festival, after the harvesting and hanging on the doors willow



branches in the Seka Culture area, the animal sacrifice in Karatepe Village and the ritual of shepherd shift change have been made. On the same day, in the evening at the Balkan Culture House in the Sekapark Cultural Area, a copper bucket buried the day before has been taken out. With the dinner, folklore performances and local concerts at the Balkan Culture House garden, Hıdırellez Festival has ended. Mutual gifts have been presented after the program.

The program has ended on, Monday 7 May 2018, with the return of participants from the Balkans to their home country.



Küçükçekmece Municipality

Balkan Caravan Project

Balkan Caravan Project, carried out with the support of Ministry of Culture and Tourism for the promotion of Turkish culture by the organization of Küçükçekmece Municipality, has had great attention in Balkan countries. Within the framework of the Project carried out cooperatively by Yunus Emre Institute (YEE) and Trakya University, after the opening ceremony held with the representatives of Balkan Associations in Küçükçekmece, 8 shows in 2 hours for each country and city of Balkans which are Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sarajevo, Mostar), Montenegro (Budva), Albania (Tiran), Macedonia (Ohrid, Gostivar), and Kosovo (Pristina, Mamusha) have taken place.

Within the framework of Küçükçekmece Municipality Balkan Caravan Project, various folk dances of our country, Hacivat Karagöz puppet show, Whirling Darwish Show, Marbling Art, Glass Painting and Calligraphy art have shown in the countries visited in Balkan geography.



Maltepe Municipality

Republic of Azerbaijan 100th Year Park has been opened in Maltepe

Within the concept of 100th anniversary of establishment of Azerbaijan, a park has been named in Maltepe as "Republic of Azerbaijan 100th Year Park" by Maltepe Municipality.

The inauguration of the park in Maltepe Başıbüyük Neighborhood has been attended by Mayor of Maltepe Ali Kılıç, Azerbaijani Deputy Diaspora Minister Valeh Haciyev, Ambassador of Azerbaijan in Ankara Hazar Ibrahim, Consul General of Azerbaijan in Istanbul Mesim Haciyev, members of parliament from Azerbaijan Adil Aliyev, Nazim Cafarov, Musa Gasimli and Azerbaijani artists who live in Turkey and many citizens.

After the inauguration of the Park, a painting exhibition of the works of Azerbaijani painters who live in Turkey has been opened in Prof. Dr. Türkan Saylan Culture Centre.







10th Tomato Festival has been organized in Kosovo's Mamusha

The 10th Tomato Festival has been held in Mamusha, member of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and Kosovo's only Turkish-majority municipality, on July 24, 2018.

The Festival has been attended by Minister of Public Administration of Kosovo and Chairman of Turkish Democratic Party of Kosovo (KDTP) Mahir Yağcilar, Ambassador of Republic of Turkey in Kosovo Kıvılcım Kılıç, Secretary General of TDBB Fahri Solak, Mayor of Mamusha Abdülhadi Krasniç, Consul General of Turkey in Prizren Eylem Altunyan, TIKA Coordinator for Kosovo Hasan Burak Ceren, former Mayor of Bursa Metropolitan Municipality Recep Altepe and many other guests.

The festival has started with the visit to Martyr's Cemetery in Mamusha. After the opening speeches, the festival has continued with the performance of folklore groups from Kosovo and Turkey at Mamusha square and ended with the introduction of Thank you Plaques.

Mersin Metropolitan Municipality

4th Turkic World Theatre Days have been held in Mersin

4th Turkic World Theatre Days organized in Mersin by Mersin Metropolitan Municipality have been held on 24-30 April 2018.

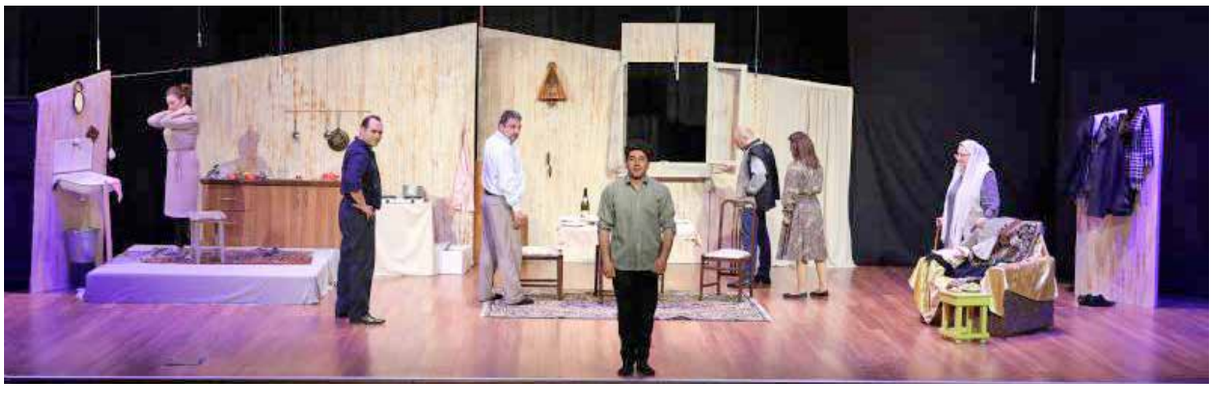
The opening ceremony of 4th Turkic World Theatre Days which have been held in Mersin Metropolitan Municipality Congress and Exhibition Centre, has been attended by Mayor of Mersin Metropolitan Municipality Burhanettin Kocamaz, TRNC Education and Cultural Attache Yusuf İnanıroğlu, Former Governor of Mersin Akif Tığ, Regional Representative of Turkish World Research Foundation Seyfettin Sindar and many citizens.

During the Theatre Days organized by Mersin Metropolitan Municipality for four years, theatre groups from different countries have performed their plays. In Turkic World Theatre Days, which aimed to transfer different cultures and languages by melting them in the theater, to the people of Mersin, theatre groups from Azerbaijan, Gagauzia, Iraq, Iran, Cyprus, Kyrgyzstan, Tatarstan, Turkmenistan and Syria have performed their theatrical performances and carried their cultures and languages to Mersin.

Fourth Turkic World Theatre Days have begun with Azerbaijan Sumgayit Drama Theater's play "Ocak". After the game, Mayor Kocamaz has made a speech on the stage and underlined that their target is to unify and integrate people with theatre which helps people to connect and expressed that they will carry on these kinds of art and cultural activities in order to share cultural values with next generations. Mayor Kocamaz has also put forward that their primary intention has been to help young generations to live Turkish identity and Turkish language with a unity and solidarity and he has highlighted the importance of young generations' education in order to improve their national identity.

In the Theatre Days held in Congress and Exhibition Centre in the dates of 24-30 April, Azerbaijan Sumgayit Drama Theatre, Turkmenistan Maktumkulu Folk Musical Drama Theatre, TRNC Güzelyurt Municipality City Theatre, Gagauzia Komrat Municipality S. Kesya Music and Drama Theatre, Tatarstan Cultural Institution Buinsky Drama Theatre, Iranian Turkish Theatre, Republic of Kyrgyzstan Youth Theatre of Uchur, Mersin Metropolitan Municipality City Theatres and Iraq Kirkuk Turkmen Gardaşlık Ocağı Theatre Group have been played on the stage.







Novi Grad Municipality has celebrated 41st Anniversary of Its Establishment

Member of Administrative Board of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and one of the municipalities of Bosnia and Herzegovina's capital city Sarajevo, Municipality Novi Grad-Sarajevo has celebrated 41st anniversary of its establishment with a ceremony held on December 17, 2018.

The celebration ceremony has been attended by the Member of the Presidential Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina Sefik Dzaferovic, former President of Bosnia and Herzegovina Stjepan Kljujic, Ambassador of Republic of Turkey to BiH Haldun Koc, Secretary-General of TDBB Fahri Solak, Azerbaijani delegation represented by the President of the Union of City Municipalities of Azerbaijan and Mayor of Nerimanov Temraz Tagiyev, Mayor of Yasamal Zakir Caferov, Mayor of Binegadi Salman Umudov, Mayor of Nizami Vuqar Quliyev, Chairman of the Committee of the Union of Municipal Employees Muharrem Xalilov and many other guests.

'Safet Hadzic Award' has been delivered to the war veterans of the Bosnian War who have participated in the program. The ceremony has ended with the folklore group dancing and the performance of tasawwuf music.

Ohrid Municipality

Saint Clement of Ohrid Day has been Celebrated in Ohrid of Macedonia

The saint of Macedonian Orthodox Church and the protector of Ohrid city Saint Clement of Ohrid Day has been celebrated with the hosting of Ohrid Municipality in the dates of 5-8 December 2018.

The celebration ceremony held in Ohrid has been attended by Mayor of Ohrid Jovan Stojanoski, TDBB Secretary General Fahri Solak, member of parliaments of Macedonia, diplomatic representatives of many other countries, political party leaders and several guests.

Within the framework of the celebration ceremony of Saint Clement of Ohrid Day which has taken place four days, bunch of flowers has been left to the statue of Saint Clement. There has been organized a big sacrament in the temple of Plaoshnik. In Robevci Museum, a new book named "Literacy in Ohrid" by Professor Dimitar Pandev has been introduced. A photograph exhibition titled 'Traces of Saints Cyril and Metodius' has been opened in Urania-Manu House. Concert performances have been held and talks about Saint Clement have been made.

Moreover, the anthology of the Ohrid songs has been introduced during the celebrations. Anthology of poetry named "Come Ohrid" composed by Professor Dimitar Pandev has been published by poet Slave Gjorgjo Dimoski and Ohrid Municipality.





Osh has been chosen as Cultural Capital of Turkic World 2019

City of Osh, member of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) has been designated as "Cultural Capital of Turkic World 2019". Osh has been declared as Cultural Capital of Turkic World 2019 at 36th Term Meeting of Permanent Council of Ministers of Turkish Culture Organization held in Kastamonu Historical Kurşunlu Han on 18 December 2018.

Minister of Culture and Tourism Mehmet Nuri Ersoy, has stated in his speech at the closing session of 36th Term Meeting of Culture Ministers Permanent Council that coordination duty has been delivered to Kyrgyzstan.

At the end of the program, attendance plaques have been presented to the representatives of Turkish World who have participated the program with Minister Ersoy.



Pendik Municipality







International Meeting of Folk Artists has been held in Pendik

The 14th International Meeting of Folk Artists organized by Pendik Municipality, member of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), has been held between 9-15 July 2018 in Pendik Coast Square with the participation of 62 artists from 22 countries.

Opening ceremony of the International Meeting of Folk Artists organized in cooperation with International Council of Organizations of Folklore Festivals and Folk Arts (CIOFF) has been attended by Mayor of Pendik Municipality Kenan Şahin, Consul General of Panama in Turkey Andreas Gregorio Nunez, Cultural Attaché at the General Consulate of Iran in Turkey Abdurriza Rashid, Secretary General of CIOFF Turkey Muammer Arslan, Mayor of Iznik Municipality Osman Sargın and other invited guests.

In 2018's ceremony, the main theme has been "tile". In addition to the handicrafts of the artists from Turkey, handicrafts of the artists from Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, TRNC, Montenegro, Moldova, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Belarus, China, Estonia, South Korea, Iran, Spain, Italy, Costa Rica, Malaysia, Panama, Portugal and Jordan have been exhibited at the 14th International Meeting of Folk Artists.

Tile feast has been presented to the visitors during the six-day program. Turkish artists Ismail Yiğit, Gülseren Öztuğcu, Azerbaijani Naghi Naghiyev, and Chinese Ruopeng Sun have exhibited to the visitors their unique pieces that they have prepared specifically for the meeting.



March 21 Travnik Municipalities' Day

Pendik Municipality has been represented among the local governments invited from all over the world for Municipalities' Day organized annually in Travnik of Sarajevo. During the program hosted by Mayor of Travnik, opinion exchange and cooperation issues have been discussed.



Seminar for Teenagers

A Seminar for Kosovan and Albanian teenagers who are having education in Turkey has been organized on international relations, the historical bonds of both countries and strategic commonalities.

Iskele Municipality "3rd Cultural Amalgamation" Event

Organized for the 3rd time in 2018, "Cultural



Amalgamation Event" has been attended by many countries, especially Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Republic of Turkey, in more than 100 booths. The event, organized by Iskele Municipality as the sister city of Pendik Municipality, has been attended by the trainers of marbling art and felt art of Pendik Municipality.



Visit of Mayor of Jenin (Palestine) Municipality and the Accompanying Delegation

During the visit, the sister city protocol signed previously between Jenin (Palestine) Municipality and Pendik Municipality has been updated and opinion exchange has been made for further joint projects. The delegation has also visited recycling facilities in the activity area of Pendik Municipality and Waste Water Treatment Facility in Tuzla.

Safranbolu Municipality

19th Golden Saffron Documentary Film Festival has been held in Safranbolu

"19th International Golden Saffron Documentary Film Festival" Awards, supported also by Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) and organized by Safranbolu Municipality between 6 and 8 September 2018, with the theme of "Cultural Heritage and Protectionism" including a sub-theme as Neighborhood Culture, have been presented to the winners at the ceremony organized in Safranbolu on 8 September 2018.

The award ceremony at Karabük University Safranbolu Fine Arts Faculty Conference Hall on September 8 has been attended by MPs Cumhur Ünal, Niyazi Güneş and Hüseyin Avni Aksoy, District Governor and Mayor of Safranbolu Fatih Ürkmezer and many other well-known guests from documentary film world.

In the Professional Documentary Film branch, the documentary film namely 'Anadolu Kadınları Teşkilatı: Baciyan-ı Rum' (The Organization of Anatolian Women: Baciyan-ı Rum) directed by Tayfun Tanju Kara has received the first prize while 'Sürünün Zor Yolculuğu' (The Hard Journey of Flock) directed by Deniz Girgin Koç Nazik has got the second prize and 'Kıymetli Bir Bina Öyküsü' (Story of a Valuable Building) directed by Neslihan Semerci has had the third prize.

On the other hand in Amateur Documentary Film branch, 'Dişe Diş, Söze Söz' (Eye For An Eye And A Word For A Word) directed by Sezer Ağgez has received the first prize while 'Nakavt' (Knock-out) by Hasan Akıncı and 'Peki Şimdi Nereye?'(Now, where to Go?) by Zeynep Südinç have had the second and third prizes.

'Lifetime Honorary Award' has been given to Yalçın Yelence and Hilal Saral, while Zeki Koyuncu has had Süha Arın Special Award.

After the speeches, the ceremony has ended with the awards' presentation to the ranking winners.



Sultanbeyli Municipality

Poets of Turkish World have met in Sultanbeyli Poetry Festival

Organized by Sultanbeyli Municipality, member of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), 6th International Istanbulensis Poetry Festival has been held in Istanbul between 2 and 5 May 2018, with the participation of 38 poets from 17 countries. The theme of the festival for 2018 has been decided as Turkish World Poetry.

In addition to Turkey, the Poetry Festival has been attended by poets from Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kosovo, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Macedonia, Moldova Gagauz Autonomous Region, Uzbekistan, Romania, Tajikistan, Tatarstan, Turkmenistan and Greece.



At the closing ceremony poets Adem Turan, Cemalettin Latiç (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Aykut Nasip Kelebek, Gülten Abdula (Romania), Ercan İriş, Habibe Ahmatova (Bulgaria), Hatice Çay, Hasanboy Gayubov (Tajikistan), Kadir Ünal, Mihail Kürkçü (Gagauz Autonomous Region), Sıddık Ertaş, Ramis Aymed (Tatarstan) ve Şakir Kurtulmuş have read their poems. The program has ended with the concert of Murat Kekilli.



Şehzadeler Municipality







Children's Park from Şehzadeler Municipality to its Sister City Donji Vakuf

Children's Park built by Şehzadeler Municipality (Manisa), member of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), in Donji Vakuf, Bosnia and Herzegovina, has been opened with a ceremony held on September 13, 2018.

Active Children's Park offers possibility both for children to play as well as for adults to practice and is the first and the only park of this kind in Donji Vakuf.

Mayor of Manisa Municipality Omer Faruk Çelik, Mayor of Donji Vakuf Huso Susic, MPs from Manisa İsmail Bilen, Nihat Öztürk, invitees and children have joined the opening of the park.

After the protocol speeches, the opening of the Şehzadeler Park has been held and the park has been toured together with the guests.

32nd International Culture and Garlic Festival

The 32nd of International Culture and Garlic Festival organized by Municipality of Taşköprü, a member of Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB), has been held in Taşköprü district of Kastamonu between 16 and 19 August 2018.

At the festival, which has started with the cortege march in Taşköprü Square, members of the protocol who have visited the country stands and agriculture fair have gone to Cumhuriyet Square where the opening ceremony has been held. Kastamonu Deputies Metin Çelik and Hasan Baltacı, Mayor of Kastamonu Tahsin Babaş, Mayor of Taşköprü Hüseyin Arslan, President of International Festivals Union Atilla İpek, institution representatives and a large number of citizens have attended the ceremony.

Festival events have included horse racing, panels, beauty contests, the best garlic and calf breeder competition, and various events. Also, folk dance teams from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Colombia, Peru and Turkey have performed folklore shows. Famous artists have created joyful moments by participating in the festival.





Tavşanlı Municipality

Doboj Istok Municipality has visited its Sister City Tavşanlı

A delegation from Doboj Istok, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the sister city of Tavşanlı Municipality, has visited Tavşanlı on 3-4 September 2018. Besides, the delegation has also participated in the 96th Anniversary of Tavşanlı's liberation from enemy occupation and Chickpea and Coal Festival.

Mayor of Doboj Istok Kemal Bratic, Deputy Mayor Damir Sasic, and Municipality Council Member Izet Hodzic from Bosnia-Herzegovina have been among the guests of Mayor of Tavşanlı Mustafa Güler.

An official ceremony has been held on the Republic Square for the anniversary of Tavşanlı's liberation from the enemy invasion of 3rd of September, and various activities have been organized due to the day of liberation. Mayor of Doboj Istok Kemal Bratic and the accompanying delegation have also attended the ceremony.

In the scope of salvation day activities prepared by Tavşanlı Municipality, oil wrestling has also been performed in Şaban Dede Promenade area. Mehmet Nuri Ersoy, Minister of Culture and Tourism, Ahmet Hamdi Nayir Governor of Kütahya, MPs from Kütahya Ahmet Tan, Ceyda Cetin Erenler and Ahmet Erbaş, Yüksel Kara District Governor of Tavşanlı, Mayor Mustafa Güler and many other guests have attended the wrestling fights in which 29 wrestlers have shown performance.

After the visit to Tavşanlı, Mayor of Doboj Istok Kemal Bratic and his delegation have visited Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB) on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. At the Union Headquarters, joint projects and opportunities for cooperation have been evaluated at a meeting held with TDBB external relations expert.



South Kazakhstan Province's Name has been changed as Turkestan Province

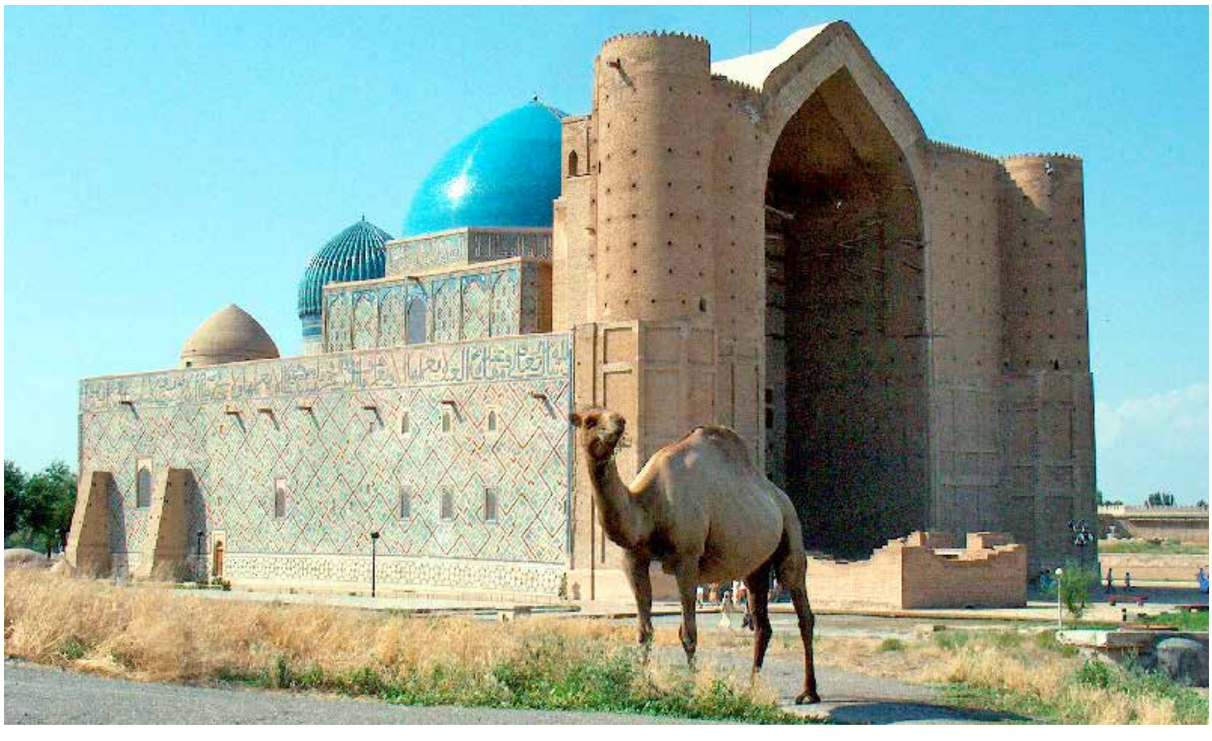
Kazakhstan's South Kazakhstan Province's name has been changed as Turkestan Province and Shymkent has gained the status of being Metropolitan City.

President of Kazakhstan Nazarbayev has signed the decree related to "some of the governmental and regional structural issues of Kazakhstan" issued to give Symkent, the province center of South Kazakhstan, the status of being metropolitan city, to change the name of the province as Turkestan and to move the province center to Turkestan city.

With the decree signed on 19 June 2018, the name of South Turkestan province has been changed as Turkestan and the administrative center of the province has been moved from Shymkent city to Turkestan city. Upon the latest changes, the cities of Sayram, Kentau, Arys, Shardara, Jetisay, Saryagash and Lenger have been annexed to Turkestan province.









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TDBB, Alija Izzetbegovic on 15th Year of His Decease Commemoration Program



Alija Izzetbegovic on 15th Year of His Decease Commemoration Program (tvnet)



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TDBB Bosnia and Herzegovina Delegation's Visit to Azerbaijan



Doboj Istok Martyrdom Monument Opening Ceremony (in Bosnian)



Opening Ceremony of Martyrdom Monument built cooperatively by TDBB and Doboj Istok Municipality



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