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We visited “Pembe Köşk”

We paid a visit to the historical Pembe Köşk Museum House, the oldest villa in Ankara, where İsmet İnönü, the second President of the Republic of Turkey lived with his family between 1925 and 1973.

We were privileged to be accompanied by President İnönü's daughter, Mrs. Özden İnönü Toker during the museum tour.

Through Mrs. Toker's vivid accounts, our guests had the opportunity to learn about the cultural and historical importance of the house during the early years of the Turkish Republic. It was also a pleasure to hear about Mrs. Toker's childhood memories with Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.

Welcome

We wish a very warm welcome to the spouses of the Ambassadors who have recently assumed their duties in Ankara.

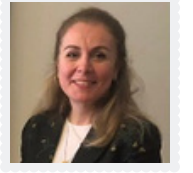
The Republic of Cuba: Mrs. Damiana Perera Calzadilla

The Republic of Kazakhstan: Mrs. Diana Sapiyev

The Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Mrs. Nguyen Thi Thanh Huong



Message from the Chairperson



Dear Friends of DMEDD,

In our summer bulletin, you will find a colorful summary of the projects we completed and various cultural activities we organized in the last three months.

Among those that made us the most proud come the projects that our association completed in order to support the education of children across different regions of our country.

We are happy to announce that we made the official opening of 'Science Technologies Classroom' completed at the Belenobasi Middle School in Manavgat-Antalya. As you will remember, Manavgat was among the regions most impacted by the forest fires last year. Our project school provides education to children of 6 villages surrounding Manavgat. During our visit, we had the opportunity to see many successful works that the School Principal and all teachers put forth with dedication to overcome the trauma of wildfires. We felt pride with them and with each of the bright students they are raising.

Moreover, we are pleased in contributing to the 'No School Without a Library' project run by the Ministry of National Education through the thousands of books we donated to schools in Ağrı, Mardin, Van, Bolu, Bitlis and Şırnak provinces, and also in supporting schools in Çorum and Gaziantep with fun mind games and robotics coding sets.

Our most comprehensive project of the year and one, which we especially value for being a first for our Association, is the "DMEDD Certificate Program", aimed at training chefs and service personnel qualified to serve in our foreign missions. Our training program is expected to start as of October and will be thought by the famous chefs to high school and university students studying in the culinary fields. You will find the further details in our next Bulletin!

In addition to the aforementioned projects, we work to create collaborations and joint activities with significant institutions and agencies carrying out valuable work in various social, cultural and educational areas. Ankara State Conservatory, Nation's Library, Çankaya Municipality and different Museums are among some of them, that you will find in this issue. We hope all these activities help you all to know more about the important institutions in Ankara. Thank you all for participating.

While we continue to work to add new ones to all these activities over the summer months, we extend a warm "Welcome" to all the new members of Foreign Missions in Ankara who are posted to Türkiye.

Furthermore, we would like to say 'Goodbye' to all our friends who completed their tenure in Ankara. It was a great pleasure knowing them. We wish them all the best in their new lives and new destinations.

HAPPY SUMMER

Simay Gümrükçü

Supporting the Education of Children Across Our Country

Official Opening of DMEDD's Science Technologies Classroom at Belenobası Middle School

We made the official opening of "Science Technologies Classroom" we completed last year at the Belenobası Primary and Middle School in Manavgat, Antalya. Our project included purchasing computers and the necessary furniture and equipments in order to help provide the students with a comprehensive science education.



We were greeted by the folkdance, music and rhythm shows of the students and pleased to meet with the visionary principal of the school together with his team of brilliant teachers. Manavgat was among those areas most affected by the forest fires of last summer therefore we hope our contribution serves well to the children of the trauma-stricken region.

DMEDD's Contribution to "No School Without a Library" Project

We have purchased thousands of new books and donated them to various schools from different regions of Türkiye.

Among those were:

- Mardin Dargeçit Altıyol Primary and Middle School
- Van Özalp Regional Boarding School
- Bolu Yeniçağa Borsa İstanbul İmam Hatip School
- Bitlis Kazımpaşa Primary School
- Şırnak Silopi Sekvan Tayşun Primary School
- Ağrı Yukarı Ağadeve Primary School

**1.569
New Books
for 6 Schools**

Thus we are proud to contribute to the "No School Without a Library" project run by the Ministry of National Education. We moreover supported schools in Çorum and Gaziantep with mind games and robotics coding sets.



"DMEDD Exclusive Performance" by Ankara State Conservatory

"DMEDD Exclusive Performance", a very special art event dear to our hearts was held at the Ankara State Conservatory's recently opened building at Hacettepe University's Beytepe premises.



The programme featured a series of student performances with a rich repertoire prepared by different departments of the Conservatory. It was indeed a special night because for the first time all 6 departments of the Conservatory performed on the same stage one after each other at the same programme.

It was our great privilege to witness the earliest performances of tomorrow's famous artists. We thank to the director and professors of Ankara State Conservatory and their brilliant students who put together such a beautiful programme for our association and for the members of the diplomatic missions in Ankara.

SHOM Spring Tea



Traditional SHOM Spring Tea was hosted by the spouse of the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic, Mrs. Hala Hraiz Alam on May 12th. Following the speeches of Mrs. Alam and SHOM's president Mrs. Sarah Mutiwazuka, DMEDD's president Mrs. Simay Gümrükçü addressed the guests as well. We would like to thank SHOM for their kind invitation.

Exploring Rural Anatolia via Anatolian Open Air Museum Tour

We have organized a cultural tour to Anatolian Open Air Museum, also known as “The Living Village”, in the picturesque town of Beypazarı.



It is an actual village by size and scope and provides first hand experience to its visitors about the culture and traditions of Anatolian rural life.



Together with our guests we explored the Living Village:



We learned about historic architecture and even built an adobe wall ourselves, observed ancient laundry methods, drilled water from traditional suction pumps and watered trees, experienced ‘lead pouring’, made linden prints and played ancestral Anatolian games among other things.



The museum programme ended with a gourmet lunch and our guests had the chance to taste delicious regional food made with local produce. We would like to thank the museum staff for their hospitality.



Trees For The Future



Together with SHOM’s Green Group, we planted trees at the Bademlidere City Forest, an event organized by Çankaya Municipality. Thanks to this meaningful campaign, we had the chance to contribute to the afforestation of Ankara.

Presentation of Turkish Language Certificates

Our Turkish Language Classes Coordinator Mrs. Ayla Kahyaoğlu presented Participation Certificates to the foreign mission members who successfully completed DMEDD’s 2021-2022 Turkish Classes. Congratulations to all our participants!



Meeting with Our Scholarship Students

On the occasion of May 19th, Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day, we came together with our scholarship holders. Our goal was to create fruitful network between our current bursaries and our alumni.



At the meeting our board member Mrs. Şeyda Erciyes who is a Business Development and Project Manager, made a presentation about career orientation and career self-management which we assume will guide our students through their journey after graduation.

Two of our former scholarship holders, Seda Buse Can and Mert Kocaoğlu shared their experiences and recommendations about self-development, job application process and the current job market.

Cupcake Workshop for Kids



On the occasion of April 23rd, National Sovereignty and Children's Day, we organized a cupcake workshop for children aged 8 to 12 at the Çankaya Municipality's Zübeyde Hanım House. Our children learned how to make cupcakes from chefs and had fun preparing them.

DMEDD-LÖSEV Collaboration for Ramadan



We collaborated with LÖSEV during the holy month of Ramadan and helped them prepare Ramadan aid packages for children with leucemia and their families. We contributed to LÖSEV's campaign together with our scholarship holders who found the opportunity to learn more about LÖSEV campaigns and social responsibility projects.

The Nation's Library Tour

We organized a guided tour to the Nation's library of the Presidency which is the largest library of Turkey.

In addition to having information about different collections, our guests also had the opportunity to see various exhibitions held at the Library.



*Wishing a very happy and peaceful Eid al-Adha
to all those who celebrate!*

