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AN IMPORTANT STEP BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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■ “Anadolu MUN (Model United Nations) 2016” Conference, a model United Nations (UN) simulation that focused on the UN Reform related to the Security Council, was held at Hall 2009, Anadolu University Student Center, on May 14, 2016. The participants of the event were Prof. Dr. Naci Gündoğan (Rector of Anadolu University), Prof. Dr. Yücel Güney (Vice Rector of Anadolu University and Dean of the Faculty of Open Education), Prof. Dr. Hasan Durucasu (Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration and Acting Dean of the Faculty of Economics), Prof. Dr. Nejat Doğan (Head of the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Open Education), and forty-five students from fifteen cities. Twenty-two female and twenty-three male participants were invited to the conference, considering the gender distribution of 40% women and 60% men in the United Nations.

Today, universities offering open education carry out a wide range of projects to build closer ties with their students, engender the feeling of belonging in students, and create environments where students have the chance to test their theoretical knowledge. Anadolu MUN 2016 is a scientific research project designed for this purpose. The project is led by Prof. Dr. Nejat Doğan, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elif Toprak and Asst. Prof. Dr. Erhan Akdemir, faculty members of the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Open Education, Anadolu University. It was announced in the conference that similar events would be held for students of the Faculty in coming months. The conference ended with the certificate ceremony on May 15, 2016.

BUILDING STRONGER LINKS WITH THE ALUMNI

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■ In the modern world, student-student and student-faculty interaction after graduation is as important as interaction during the study. Students and alumni have been increasingly building networks with their own efforts in different ways and through different media. In this respect, Anadolu University provides support to these efforts, making use of the best technologies. Producing tens of thousands of graduates every year, Anadolu University builds stronger interaction with the alumni in line with the principle of lifelong learning.

Under the heading of career planning on Alumni Association website (aos.mezun.anadolu.edu.tr), there is broad range of information from admission without entrance examination to e-certificate programs, career tests to CV writing tips, and so on. After signing up, users can find and contact their friends. With “Our Graduates, Our Mentors” project,



volunteering graduates that fulfill certain criteria share their experience with third and fourth year students and play a pioneering role in their lives. Another project related to alumni aims to build a network of communication among graduates in Turkey and abroad under the supervision of the Alumni Association. The website of Alumni Association further presents alumni statistics, success stories, alumni opinions, a form through which alumni deliver recommendations and opinions related to open education programs and the Alumni Association, and links to student clubs.



A FURTHER STEP TOWARDS E-XCELLENCE

■ Asst.Prof.Dr. Didem PAŞAOĞLU



■ We have received an interim report based on the Roadmap for the self-assessment of Anadolu University in cooperation with EADTU (European Association of Distance Teaching Universities). This report includes further activities, timetables and suggestions related to the benchmarks that were actioned in the Roadmap.

Keith Williams, Jon Rosewell and Karen Kear from the Open University of UK, and Angeles Sánchez-Elvira Paniagua from National Distance Education University (UNED) had taken part in the on-site review on April 25-26, 2016.

A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING FROM THE FACULTY OF OPEN EDUCATION: GLOSSARY OF OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING

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■ An online glossary of open and distance learning, developed in the Faculty of Open Education, has been available since May 2016. The glossary is available for public use at auosozluk.anadolu.edu.tr. The glossary was developed particularly to ensure terminology standardization in Turkish in the field of open and distance learning. The glossary will also contribute to avoiding any incomprehensibility or confusion related to terminology in the field. In cases where there is more than one Turkish equivalent for a term in English, subject-matter experts decide on the most appropriate Turkish equivalent, trying to avoid any confusion in the Turkish language.

Looking up a term in the glossary, users can

type it either in Turkish or English. Queries typed in English are directed to Turkish definitions and explanations.

The glossary has a dynamic and flexible structure. Users can suggest terms and definitions. These

terms and definitions are added to the glossary after they are revised by subject-matter experts. The glossary can be improved and updated constantly because of the flexible design of the glossary.

Glossary of open and distance learning (<http://auosozluk.anadolu.edu.tr>)



Prof. Dr. T. Volkan YÜZER

Prof. Dr. T. Volkan YÜZER, Head of the Department of Distance Education, said the following about this glossary: Compiling Turkish terms and their definitions used in open and distance learning and ensuring open access, this glossary is an important contribution to the field. We invite everyone interested

in open and distance learning to go through and makes use of the glossary, and add new terms and definitions.

Prof. Dr. Yücel Güney, Vice Rector for Open Education System and Dean of the Faculty of Open Education, explained his views about this glossary as follows: The glossary of open and distance learning is a pioneering initiative in the field. I believe that this glossary, developed to avoid any confusion related



Prof. Dr. Yücel GÜNEY

to concepts, terms and definitions in open and distance learning, will serve as a model for other fields. I invite anyone interested in open and distance learning to have a look at the dictionary. Users can also add terms and definitions.