



Photography Competition for Open Education Students

The photographs of open education students enrolled in programs abroad were exhibited in Atatürk Culture and Arts Center of Anadolu University. An award was granted to students whose photographs were at the top three in the project titled “The Effect of a Photography Competition on the Exchange of Values”, supervised by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Halit Turgay Ünalın in the Faculty of Open Education. Students that ranked among the top three in the competition, Elif Özdoğan from Germany, and Müşerref Kasım and Vakkass Shtin from Macedonia, received their awards from Prof. Dr. Nabi Avcı, MP for Eskişehir.

“Around 10 thousand students are currently enrolled in Anadolu University’s open education programs abroad. We now offer programs in Saudi Arabia in addition to the programs in the Western Europe, Balkans, and North America. We held a photography competition to enable students abroad to express their belonging and attachment to the Turkish culture, and exhibit here a collection of photographs sent to the competition. The works of three students were worthy of award. These students came to

Eskişehir from their countries to receive their awards. I would like to extend my thanks to all students that participated in the exhibition,” said Prof. Dr. Naci Gündoğan, Anadolu University’s Rector.

The competition was held for open education students of programs in Albania, Azerbaijan, Western Europe, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Kosovo, North America, and Macedonia. The photographs of three award-winners, as well as 53 selected photographs of other participants, were included in the exhibition.

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Turkish Language Opens up to the World with “Ana-Dil Türkçe”

Herkes tarafından kullanılabilecek sade ve basit bir “Ana-Dil Türkçe”, designed to offer open course materials for teaching Turkish as a foreign language, has a simple and user-friendly interface.

Defining “Ana-Dil Türkçe” as an environment enriched with a wide range of learning materials for foreigners, Prof. Dr. Yücel Güney, Anadolu University’s Vice Rector for Open Education, noted that the system also offers course materials that educators can use in teaching Turkish at A1/A2 level.

Users learn at their own pace and time

“Ana-Dil Türkçe” allows users to gain Turkish language skills at A1 level, i.e. they learn how to greet others, introduce themselves, ask after someone, talk about professions, spell out numbers, order food and drinks, do shopping, or get healthcare. At A2 level, users improve language skills for a wide range of purposes including distinguishing family relations, getting familiar with sports terminology, defining leisure and free time activities, and communicating with friends and colleagues. Prof. Dr. Yücel Güney noted that various learning materials, including

e-lessons, videos, audio files and texts, and games, were developed to support learning. The system was designed to allow users to learn at their own pace and time, requiring no advanced computer skills. Among the target audiences of the project are about 90 thousand foreign nationals studying in Turkey, about 3.1 million refugees in Turkey, and anyone aspiring to get familiar with the Turkish culture and language. The platform allows learners to study at their own pace independent of time and place by means of modern learning technologies. Users can access “Ana-Dil Türkçe” at turkce.anadolu.edu.tr.

“Different languages will be integrated into the system”

“Ana-Dil Türkçe” was introduced to participants of the general meeting of the Turkic World Foundation. In this meeting, “We would like to share with you the excitement and joy of our project ‘Ana-Dil Türkçe’, on which we have worked for two years. Unfortunately, we have difficulty in teaching Turkish to foreigners. We thought thoroughly what we could



do to overcome this difficulty, and started working on a program that teaches Turkish by means of distance education. We have already completed course materials to teach Turkish at A1 and A2 level, and plan to complete the materials for B1 level in a couple of months. Our aim for 2018 is to make B1 learning materials available. Following completion

of these materials, our University will be offering an open foreign language portal for everyone, particularly our foreign national students. "Ana-Dil Türkçe" can be used online and offline. We further plan to integrate other languages to the system," said Prof. Dr. Naci Gündoğan, Rector of Anadolu University.

Inst. Serap UĞUR





Anadolu University Open Education System Participates in GIS Fair

Anadolu University's Open Education System participated in the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day Symposium and Fair, held by the Ministry of Environment and Urban Planning at Congressum Ankara on 30 November-1 December 2017.

The symposium and fair were organized on the occasion of the World GIS Day celebrated in November at the global scale

to increase awareness of GIS. In the fair, the personnel of local bureaus in Aydınlikevler, Anittepe, Cebeci and Sincan informed visitors about open education programs, especially the Associate Degree Program in Geographic Information Systems, on behalf of Anadolu University.

In the event where the main theme was "Smart Cities: Living Spaces of Information Society", participants

exchanged international legislation, standards and best practices related to "Current Practices and Developments with regard to Smart City Technologies in the World and Turkey", "GIS-Aided Smart City Applications", "Information Technologies", "Cyber Cities", "Big Data and Data Security", "Sustainability and Livable Cities", and "Smart Cities and Governance".

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