Yıldız Technical University
Public University

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As part of the collaboration to sign the Mevlana Exchange Programme Protocol and for the renewal of the MOU the delegation from Hindustan University headed by Chancellor Dr. Elizabeth Verghese visited the Yıldız Technical University at Istanbul, Turkey.

Participants:

Hindustan University:
• Chancellor: Dr. (Mrs.) Elizabeth Verghese
• Director: Mr. Ashok Verghese
• Director: Dr. Aby Sam and
• Dr. David Easow

Yıldız Technical University:
• Rector: Prof. Dr. İsmail YÜKSEK
• Vice-Rector / Academic Affairs: Prof. Dr. Mesut GÜNER
• Mevlana Exchange Programme - Institutional Coordinator: Assist. Prof. Dr. Ahmet GÖKÇE
• Mevlana Exchange Programme - Departmental Coordinator/ Architecture: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayşen ÇİRÃOĞLU
• Mevlana Exchange Programme: Specialist Fatma KARACA
• International Relations Office - Head: Prof. Dr. Ali Riza BÜYÜKUSLU
• International Relations Office - Institutional Coordinator: Assist. Prof. Dr. Alpay ORAL and
• International Relations Office: Specialist Gülseven BEKTAŞ
After the welcome and brief meeting the details of Mevlana Exchange Programme for students and academic staff was presented by Specialist Fatma KARACA.

**Requirement to apply for Students** – Students are selected on the basis of their CGPA and proficiency in English language. CGPA must be at least 2.5 on a 4 point scale and for PG students - CGPA must be at least 3 on a 4 point scale and above 60% marks in English Language

**Scholarship** – Selected students will receive 750 Turkish Lira (TL) as scholarship per month. 70% of the amount will be deposited to his/her account during the execution of the programme, and 30% upon a successful completion of the programme.

Students will have to pay for the personal expenses including accommodation, meal, international round-trip flight and domestic travel expenses, student activities, medical & personal insurance etc.,

**Duration:** One semester

**Requirement to apply for Academic staff**

Faculty is selected on the basis of his/her doctorate study between mutual departments.

Selected faculty will receive the following Remuneration - International round-trip travel expenses, up to 2250 Turkish Lira

**Monthly Wage based on the status:**

- Professor - 1500TL
- Associate Professor - 1400TL
- Assistant Professor - 1350TL
- Lecturer & Instructor - 1200TL
**Work-load:** 6 (six) hours lecture per week, they should deliver the lecture as per the international standard.

Faculty will have to pay for the personal expenses including accommodation, meal, domestic travel expenses, medical & personal insurance etc.,

The expected cost of living for student / faculty per month will be about 1500 Turkish Lira.

Student / Faculty will have to find the accommodation and stay outside the campus. Mevlana Exchange Programme office will help them to find the accommodation.

In case the student / faculty is send back due to any issue he / she will have to reimburse the entire grant paid by Mevlana Exchange Programme.

After the presentation the memorandum was signed by Chancellor of Hindustan University Dr. (Mrs.) Elizabeth Verghese and Prof. Dr. Ismail YUKSE, Rector of Yildiz Technical University for the students and academic staff mobility. A total of 12 academic staff (2 each) from Computer, Civil, Mechanical, Chemical and Mechatronics engineering and Architecture can yearly participate in the Academic Staff Mobility program and a total of 12 students (2 UG and 2 PG) from Computer, Civil and Mechanical engineering can participate in the student exchange program. Same number of academic staff and students will come from YTU to HU, under the Mevlana Exchange Programme funded by the Government of Turkey. Host institution will have to take care of their local needs and expenses.

After the MOU signing, we visited the Yildiz Beşiktaş Campus. Thereafter we also visited the Yildiz Teknopark and Yildiz Davutpaşa Campus.
Photos - Visit to Turkey
At Yildiz Teknopark we visited a big data processing unit and Technology Transfer Office. Yildiz Teknopark is established in 2003 to enable the University – Industry Collaboration, to support technology based entrepreneurship, to strengthen the synergy between companies (platforms, clustering, network structures), to ensure the efficient use of national and international funds for the financing of R&D and innovation processes and to convert YTU’s academic knowledge, experience and research results into economic, cultural and social values by developing effective industry collaborations. More than 300 small, medium and large companies including startup are functioning at Yildiz Teknopark focused on development of high technology products as well as development of technology such as new methods and process to improve the efficiency and to reduce cost. We met Head of Technology Transfer Office Mr. Cem Duran and Project Manager Prof. Dr. Cengiz Kaya. We will be singing an MOU with Yildiz Teknopark for our student's internship and research.
On day 2 we visited the newly established Istanbul Medeniyet University (State University) targeting to recruit 20,000 students by 2020. They have begun to build the institutional structure at two campuses. We met Secretary General Yrd. Dr. Lutfi Arslan, Rector Advisor Prof. Dr. Fahri Ovali and Dr. Erkan Sahinkaya. They have faculty of Aeronautics & Astronautics, Arts, Design & Humanities, Educational Sciences, Engineering & Architecture, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine and Tourism. Their Rector will visit our university to sign the MOU.

On the whole the visit was informative, fruitful in many respects and encouraging.