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THE ETHNOSPORT CULTURE FESTIVAL'S SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY IS CHERISHED IN DISASTER REGIONS

The World Ethnosport Confederation has implemented a special project for the children in areas hit by flooding. The events were organized to motivate children to engage with traditional sports and games and took place in Kastamonu's Bozkurt, Çatalzeytin, and Abana Districts and Küre Sinop's Ayancık and Türkeli Districts.

Activities at 84 Different Schools in 23 Days

Having been postponed to a later date with an emphasis on solidarity, the 5th Ethnosports Culture Festival signed on to various activities for boosting the morale of students in the regions affected by flooding. A series of activities were organized in regions that had quickly entered the recovery process after the disasters that were experienced in order to contribute to students beginning their new education and academic semester with high motivation.

Areas Established in School Playgrounds

Maintaining its efforts for increasing and spreading awareness of traditional sports and games, WEC offered students in the flood zones the opportunity to experience traditional archery, mas-wrestling, the game of Mangala, arrow wars, stick games, and pressing Linden tree flowers in the areas that had been set up in the school playground.

They Rode Horses and Shot Arrows

The children had fun at the stations in the event area and additionally held an equestrian event. The students discovered arrow shooting, horse riding, and traditional children's games and competed fiercely with one another in the arrow wars game. Thousands of children in the region had the opportunity to discover the rich world of traditional sports and games in the activities conducted in 8 different areas over 8 days. After the activities, the World Ethnosport Confederation provided the relevant schools with traditional sports and game equipment in order to make the activities the students experienced sustainable.

Support Will Continue

The World Ethnosport Confederation explained, stating, "During this difficult period, we believe the spirit of unity that will be exhibited at the 5th Ethnosport Culture Festival will be the hope of our future by being carried to the 'solidarity'-focused activities that will be held in disaster areas." In line with this, the motivational activities organized for the students in the disaster areas will continue in the province and districts of the region.



SENEGAL HOSTED THE AFRICAN WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The 9th edition of the ECOWAS African Wrestling Tournament was attended by wrestlers from 10 member countries from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and took place in Senegal's capital of Dakar.

First launched in 2001 and unable to be held in 2020 due to the global pandemic, the 9th edition of the ECOWAS African wrestling tournament began with the official ceremonies. Following the opening ceremony attended by Senegal's Sports Minister Matar Ba and ECOWAS Commission Social Affairs Officer Sigi Fatima Jagne, two days of information and training sessions were held with the participation of the Senegalese National Wrestling community, referees, and technical officials

Organized to promote regional integration and development through sports and to promote African values and the development of regional sports through their promotion, the wrestling matches were the scene of colorful struggles.

Participating in the wrestling in Dakar within the framework of this agenda, World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) Board Member Kemal Haydar Öztürk and World Ethnosport Confederation General Secretary Abdulhalim Aksu held talks with the Senegalese Ministry of Sports officials and ECOWAS representatives about WEC's vision and activities. Emphasizing the importance of keeping African's ancient traditional sportive and cultural values alive by popularizing them, the WEC Delegation pointed out how the World Ethnosport Confederation is seen to play an important role in having all the sports that have been forgotten or become less known around the world remembered again with the bridges of international friendship and cooperation.

The WEC Delegation emphasized that no youth should forget their own sports and culture and that engaging in these sports will help them raise more self-confident and conscious generations. Following the award ceremony presented at the end of the program, the WEC delegation thanked the Senegalese Ministry of Sports officials and ECOWAS representatives who hosted the event for their hospitality.

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HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL JOINT-STATEMENT ON DEVELOPING TRADITIONAL SPORTS AND GAMES WAS SIGNED

High-Level Ministerial Joint-Statement on Developing Traditional Sports and Games was signed between the World Ethnosport Confederation and the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

World Ethnosport Confederation President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan and Uzbekistan Deputy Prime Minister and Tourism and Sports Minister Aziz Abdukhakimov signed the agreement.

Signed in Tashkent, the agreement aims to provide a framework toward collaborations between the parties for the purpose of keeping traditional sports and games alive.

In conjunction with this agreement, the World Ethnosport Confederation also signed a collaboration agreement with 13 countries.



WEC PRESIDENT NECMEDDIN BILAL ERDOĞAN ATTENDED THE OPENING OF THE ETHNOSPORT ASSOCIATION OF UZBEKISTAN

The Ethnosport Association of Uzbekistan was established in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The inauguration of the Association, which will conduct activities with the aim of keeping traditional sports and games alive in Uzbekistan, was held with the participation of World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan. The program started with local Uzbek folk dance performances and continued with the arranged conference.

Speaking at the conference on the Future of Ethnosports in Uzbekistan, WEC President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan expressed the satisfaction he felt from the founding of the Ethnosport Association of Uzbekistan, saying,

“We Believe in the Importance of Corporate Structuring”

“As an important center of ancient Turk culture, the establishment of the Ethnosport Association of Uzbekistan pleases us greatly. We believe corporate structuring to be important in terms of the sustainability of the traditional sports that contain the cultural values of every nation. On the occasion of the Ethnosport Association of Uzbekistan’s establishment, the youths of Uzbekistan will have the chance to identify more with the traditional games of their own country and perform these sports and games more.”

“We Will Have Increased Contact with Uzbekistan in the Field of Traditional Sports and Games”

“The World Ethnosport Confederation has had an ongoing relationship with the Republic of Uzbekistan for three years. Our hope with the opening of the Ethnosport Association of Uzbekistan is that our collaborations involving traditional sports and games will increase even more.”

“Uzbekistan Has Approximately 5,000 Traditional Sports and Games”

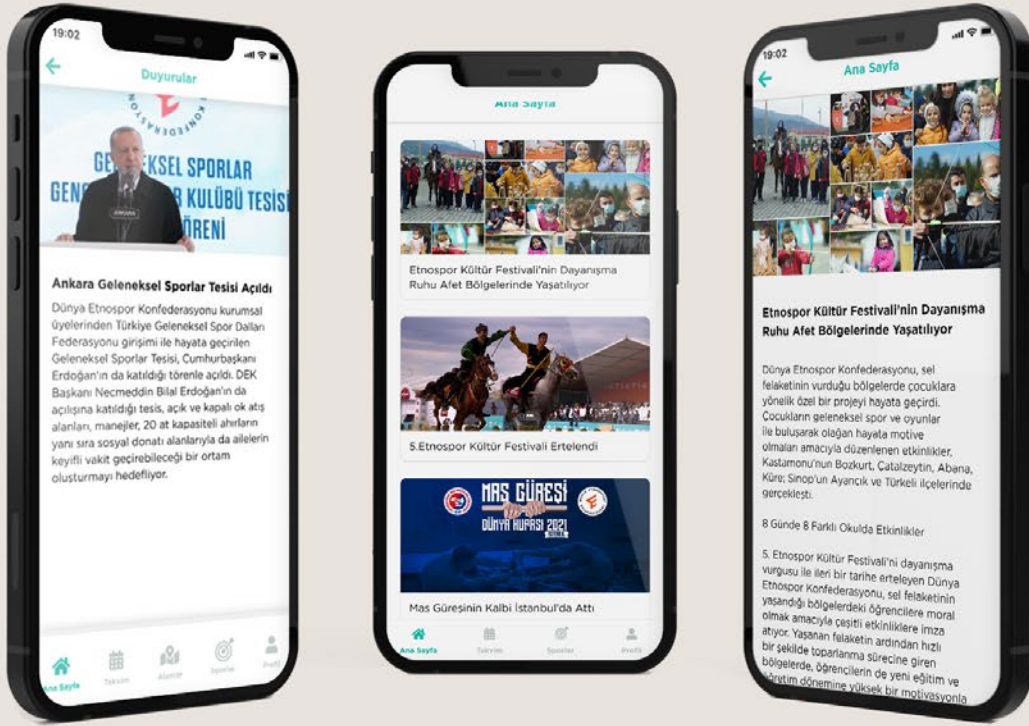
Republic of Uzbekistan Deputy Prime Minister and Tourism and Sports Minister Aziz Abdukhakimov stated that, because the approximately 3-5 thousand traditional sports and games have begun to be forgotten in Uzbekistan, these sports and games need to be brought back to the Uzbek culture using new corporate solutions. He said that all the activities of the Ethnosport Association of Uzbekistan that are in line with these aims are important and all these efforts will be supported by the Ministry.



OFFICIAL VISITS TO WEC

The Hungarian Turan Foundation President Zsolt András Bíró paid a visit to World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan at WEC Headquarters in Istanbul.

Consultations were held at the meeting on possible collaborations between the countries within the framework of promoting and increasing awareness of traditional sports and games. Immediately after, efforts were mentioned that had also been made on the topic of traditional sports and games in the Hungarian region.



THE ETHNOSPORT MOBILE APPLICATION HAS BEEN RELEASED

The World Ethnosport Confederation has created the Ethnosport Mobile App, which makes accessing information about traditional sports and games possible as well as about events and activities such as the Ethnosport Cultural Festival, the Ethnosport Forum, and the Traditional Sports Awards.

The mobile app includes photos of traditional sports and games and offers opportunities such as earning points for eventual rewards using QR codes.

