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## 5<sup>TH</sup> ETHNOSPORT CULTURE FESTIVAL POSTPONED

Organized by the World Ethnosport Confederation with the aim of promoting and making traditional sports and cultures sustainable and planned for the 5th time this year as one of the world's most richly attended events, the Ethnosport Culture Festival has been postponed to a later date with the emphasis on acting in solidarity.

Successive disasters this year have made it essential to postpone to a later date the Ethnosport Culture Festival, whose purpose is to act in solidarity. We cannot remain indifferent to the suffering disasters have caused; we state that we will be a part of the strong solidarity that all the institutions and organizations of our country show by joining hands with our nation.

With these thoughts and feelings, we are announcing that we will organize activities in schools aimed at support and motivation in the regions damaged as a result of the flooding and forest fire disasters. We believe that our students will adapt to the new era of education and training with great motivation through activities formed from traditional sports and games.

In these challenging times, we declare our support to the public with the belief that the spirit of togetherness will be exhibited at the 5th Ethnosport Culture Festival and will be the hope for our future by carrying over to the solidarity-based activities that will be held in the disaster areas.



## **WEC CENTRAL ASIAN ETHNOSPORTS COMMITTEE (CAEC) MEETING WAS HELD ONLINE**

**WEC Central Asian Ethnosport Committee (CAEC) Meeting was held online on September 8, 2021 with World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan in attendance. The meeting proceeded with the agenda items of “The Uzbekistan experience on developing and popularizing national and traditional equestrian sports” and the presentation of the magazine Ethnosport.**

Beginning with the opening speech from WEC President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, the meeting was the scene for many promising developments in traditional sports and games.

Starting his speech by thanking the attendees, Mr. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğān noted that the Ethnosport Forum offers an important opportunity for achieving the short-, medium-, and long-term goals of traditional sports and games while talking about the activities that are being planned and carried out in line with WEC's vision and mission. Alongside this, he shared good news about the 2nd Stage of the Mas-Wrestling World Cup that will be hosted by WEC in Istanbul on September 18-19, which will be carried out under the leadership of the Erasmus Project, which will take place soon in Istanbul with the International Belt Wrestling Federation, and of the Association of National Sports and Games of the People of Yakutia.

Talking about the distance that had been covered with the adoption of the President of Uzbekistan's "On the Creation of Equestrian Schools" Decree, Mr. Erdoğān lastly declared that the developments experienced in Uzbekistan would contribute not only to the development of traditional sports and games in the country but also in Central Asia. Mr. Erdoğān finished his speech by thanking Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev and the officials from all the associations and federations operating in the field of traditional sports and games in Uzbekistan and those involved in the Central Asian Ethnosport Committee for their efforts.



## THE HEART OF MAS-WRESTLING BEATS IN ISTANBUL

Organized by the International Mas-Wrestling Federation and hosted by the World Ethnosport Confederation, the second leg of the 2021 Mas-Wrestling World Cup has been completed in Istanbul. The recipients received their awards at the event, in which 150 athletes from 12 countries participated.

### 150 Athletes Competed in 14 Categories

The second leg of the Mas-Wrestling World Cup was held in Istanbul with the participation of 150 athletes from 12 countries. The athletes, 5 women and 9 men, were awarded at the Bahçelievler Şehit Mustafa Özel Sports Complex for their success resulting from fierce competitions in 14 different categories. The winners will represent their countries in the third leg of the championship to be held in Moscow.

## **WEC President Erdoğan: Our Support for Developing Mas-Wrestling Will Continue**

Addressing the participants on the last day of the Mas-Wrestling World Cup, World Ethnosport Confederation President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan said, “I would like to thank the International Mas-Wrestling Federation for their efforts in the Mas-Wrestling World Cup that was held for the first time in Turkey. At the same time, I would like to express my gratitude to our guests for the interest they showed following this championship. I want to specify here that we will provide all kinds of support for the sake of developing and having Mas-Wrestling become more popular in the world. I congratulate our athletes who won the gold, silver, and bronze medals at the conclusion of the championship.”

## **Families and Youths Gathered at the Activity Areas**

The activity areas prepared for the participants attracted great interest alongside the Mas-Wrestling Championship. Participants had a great time at the championship, which hosted traditional sports and social activities. Visiting the activity areas, WEC President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan thanked the participants for their interest in traditional sports and games.

## **Thanks to the World Ethnosport Confederation**

Conveying his thanks to the World Ethnosport Confederation for hosting the Turkish leg of the Mas-Wrestling World Cup, Sakha Republic (Yakutia) Center of National Sports Director Gavrill Mokhnachevskaya said, “For two days, 150 of our athletes from 12 countries have competed with chivalry. On behalf of WEC President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, I would like to thank all the members of the federation for the support they’ve given to such an important event. The hospitality we’ve seen in Turkey and the international event that was held has once again renewed our hopes for Mas-Wrestling.”



## THE SINADE HELD FOR THE SECOND TIME BY MEXICO'S NATIONAL COMMISSION OF PHYSICAL CULTURE AND SPORT (CONADE)

Mexico's National Commission of Physical Culture and Sport (CONADE) held the 2nd SINADE event with the participation of all Mexican sports federations prior to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games that had been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will be held this year.

The event started with the opening speeches from CONADE Director Ana Gabriela Guevara Espinoza and the regional Governor Carlos Manuel Joaquin Gonzalez. The agenda of traditional sports and games was also included in the program with the recommendations and contributions from the Mexican Traditional and Autochthonous Games and Sports Federation, a World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) member.

WEC President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan delivered a speech on WEC's vision and activities within the framework of this agenda. Emphasizing in his speech the importance of keeping alive Mexico's ancient traditional sportive and cultural values through popularization, WEC President Erdoğan pointed out how ethnosports play an important role in remembering and playing all sports that have been forgotten or lost their presence around the world, through the bridges of international friendship and competition.

WEC's President also talked about how having all youths remember their own sports and culture and be engaged in these sports will help raise generations that are more self-confident and self-aware. After showing the short film introducing Mexican culture at the end of the program, Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan thanked CONADE Director Ana Gabriela Guevara Espinoza for her hospitality in hosting the event.



## OFFICIAL VISITS TO WEC

Hungarian Consul General in Istanbul László KELLER visited WEC Headquarters. 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.



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The Minister of Youth and Sports of Mali, Mossa AG ATTAHER, visited the World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC).

Increasing relations in the international arena with each passing day and giving importance to mutual visits in order to be able to provide coordination, WEC has finally hosted Mossa AG ATTAHER, the Malian Minister of Youth and Sports. International activities and intercultural interactions were discussed with the Republic of Mali during the meeting

