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## 5TH WORLD NOMAD GAMES STRATEGY MEETING WAS HELD

**The 5th World Nomad Games Strategy Meeting was held as an important step before the event to be held in Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan. The meeting was held at the World Ethnosport Confederation Headquarters and hosted by Confederation President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan.**

Among the prominent figures attending the meeting were Kazakhstan's Deputy Minister of Tourism and Sports Zharasbayev Serik Maratovich, Consul General in Istanbul Nuriddin Amankul and Chairman of the 5th World Nomad Games Organizing Committee Nail Nurov. At this strategic meeting, ways of cooperation in the organization and promotion of the event, which will be held from September 8 to 14, were discussed.

The event aims to keep alive and promote various cultures and traditions from around the world. The meeting focused on media and promotion strategies for the event to reach a wider audience in the international arena. The 5th World Nomad Games will feature a wide range of events, from traditional nomadic sports to music and art performances.

The meeting is considered as an important step taken by Kazakhstan to strengthen its tourism and sports diplomacy in the international arena. The success of the 5th World Nomad Games is seen as an important opportunity to further raise the country's international profile in these areas.



## 6TH ETHNOSPORT FORUM WAS HELD IN ANTALYA

**The 6th Ethnosport Forum, held in Antalya on February 16-18 this year, was held with the theme of "Revival of Traditional Sports" and hosted 200 participants from 60 countries. The Forum started with opening speeches and panels, sessions and various activities were held on the future of traditional sports.**

The Forum took place with the high-level participation of sports ministers and officials from Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Ghana, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Chad, Democratic Congo, Russia, Namibia, Turkey and other countries. A joint declaration was signed for the revival of traditional sports, which was signed by the President of the World Ethnosport Confederation Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan and sports ministers of many countries.

On the first day of the forum, after the opening speeches, a high-level Ministerial Panel was organized and the future of traditional sports was discussed. On the second day, a communication panel was organized and communication strategies of traditional sports were discussed. In addition, a goodwill agreement was signed, which is an important step for the promotion and protection of traditional sports.

The declaration prepared as a result of the panels and sessions held during the forum was announced to the whole world on the second day of the forum. In addition, the World Ethnosport Confederation and Kazakhstan signed a cooperation agreement for the 5th World Nomad Games. Traditional sports awards were also presented at this forum.

## Cooperation for the World Nomad Games

### **The World Ethnosport Confederation and the Kazakhstan Organizing Committee of the World Nomad Games signed a cooperation agreement.**

The agreement aims to combine the resources and efforts of both sides for the successful organization of the 5th World Nomad Games. This agreement will allow for a more comprehensive and impressive organization of the event.

The signing of the agreement was attended by Nail Nurov on behalf of the Kazakhstan Organizing Committee of the World Nomad Games and Abdulhalim Aksu on behalf of the World Ethnosport Confederation.

## Joint Support for Cultural Heritage from Ethnosport Forum

### **The 6th Ethnosport Forum was held in Antalya under the leadership of the World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) to protect and promote traditional sports and cultural heritage. More than 200 participants from 60 countries came together at the forum and a roadmap was determined to shape the future of traditional sports.**

The most remarkable development of the forum was the goodwill agreement signed between WEC and member federations. This agreement aims to strengthen cooperation between cultural communities at the global level by setting common rules and principles for the protection and promotion of traditional sports.

The Ethnosports Forum is considered as an important step for the protection and promotion of cultural heritage around the world. The signed agreement underlines the importance of traditional sports by supporting cultural diversity and the solidarity of cultural communities.



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## WEC DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) provides WEC Doctoral Scholarships to support students pursuing doctoral research in the field of traditional sports and games. The WEC Doctoral Scholarships Selection Committee decided to award scholarships to two new students from Turkey and Russia. So far, four students have graduated with the support of WEC Doctoral Scholarships. Four students are still receiving scholarships.



## ETNO-TIR

**Ethno-Tir events took place in Iznik on February 24 and 25 with more than 400 participants in the Youth Camp area and more than 700 participants in the city square.**

In March, the events started in Zeytinburnu July 15 Square with more than 500 participants on March 16. The Ethno-Truck then visited Sancaktepe National Garden on March 17, Çekmeköy Nature Park on March 18 and Ümraniye Municipality on March 19. On March 23 and 24, it visited a school playground and a city park in Arnavutköy. The event series ended on March 28 at Tuzla Mimar Sinan Primary School. Ethno-Truck activities continued until the end of May.



## ETHNOSPORT AT SCHOOL

Ethnosports Halls were established in 20 schools in Istanbul within the scope of the "Ethnosport at School!" project. Ethnosports Halls were opened to the use of students as of February 14, 2024. The installation of these halls was completed in 20 schools in total. 900 students from schools within the project participated in various activities at the Ethnosports Experience Center. In addition, approximately 200 teachers participating in the project received training on traditional sports and games. The closing ceremony of the project and the opening ceremony of the Ethnosports Halls was held on March 3, 2024 at Tuzla Mimar Sinan Primary School. Istanbul Development Agency representatives also attended the ceremony.



## "INTER-CIVILIZATIONAL CULINARY ARTS FROM ANATOLIA" PROJECT WAS REALIZED IN BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA

The project titled "A3 Mobility (Balkan Eastern Mediterranean Cuisine and Ottoman Influence)" aims to explore and share the rich culinary culture with the slogan "Culinary Arts from Anatolia among Civilizations" for Europe. In this context, the project was held in Bosnia and Herzegovina between May 9-17, 2024. The event, which took place with the participation of Spain, Lithuania, Norway, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Turkey, focused on Balkan and Eastern Mediterranean cuisine and addressed Ottoman influences.



## MEMBERS

The number of institutional members of the World Ethnosport Confederation, which carries out activities to increase the awareness and spread of traditional sports and games, has increased to 30 and these members include federations from 21 different countries. Among the new members are federations from Lithuania, Iran, Azerbaijan and Malaysia.



## 6TH ETHNOSPORT CULTURE FESTIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE HELD

**The press conference of the 6th Ethnosport Culture Festival, which will be organized by the World Ethnosport Confederation on June 6-9 at Atatürk Airport, was held in Istanbul.**

The meeting held at Atatürk Airport was attended by the President of the World Ethnosport Confederation, Mr. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Osman Aşkın Bak, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry. Osman Aşkın Bak, Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. İbrahim Yumaklı, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry. Mr. İbrahim Yumaklı, Ziraat Participation General Manager Mr. Metin Özdemir, Türk Telekom CEO Metin Özdemir, CEO of Türk Telekom, Mr. Ümit Önal and General Manager of Emlak Katılım. Mr. Ümit Önal, CEO of Türk Telekom and Mr. Onur Gök, General Manager of Emlak Katılım. Onur Gök attended. Mr. Osman Aşkın Bak, Minister of Youth and Sports. In his speech at the meeting, Minister of Youth and Sports Osman Aşkın Bak emphasized that the event was very special and said, "The 6th Ethnosport Culture Festival is an important organization that combines tradition and future. Turkey has a huge capacity for sports organizations. The goals set by the World Ethnosport Confederation are important. Culture, art and sports come together at the festival. We support this. Under the leadership of our President, we have made very important investments in sports. We are on our way to becoming a sports country."

**Minister Yumaklı: "There is a risk of forgetting these heritages"**

Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Mr. Mr. İbrahim Yumaklı, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, stated that Atatürk Airport will carry the past to the future and said, "The festival serves as an important bridge to transfer the heritage of our ancestors to future generations. For this reason, I wish this festival to be auspicious. We have ruled over a wide geography on earth. Therefore, we have many cultures within us. There is a risk of forgetting these heritages. Therefore, transferring these heritages to future generations is one of our goals."

**"Our festival will be a festival where children laugh and play games"**

Mr. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, President of the World Ethnosport Confederation Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan stated that the Ethnosport Culture Festival is the world's most widely participated organization within the scope of traditional sports and games, and said: "The festival, which welcomes more than 1 million visitors every year, takes its guests on a journey full of enjoyment with traces of traditional sports and cultures that are about to be forgotten. Hundreds of athletes representing different countries participate in the festival where traditional sports, traditional arts, universal tastes and beautiful children's games of different countries are performed." Stating that the most beautiful part of the festival is the children, Mr. Erdoğan said: "Thousands of children find the opportunity to discover their own traditions at this festival. Children play traditional games, enjoy shooting arrows and riding horses. This year, we will have special activities for our children in our festival area. While having fun with traditional games, children will also be able to participate in beautiful activities in art workshops specially prepared for them. We approach this festival with the sensitivity of 'Every child has the right to play'. We advocate that every child has the right to play wherever they are in the world. Israel's massacres of children from Gaza to Rafah since October 7 are never acceptable. The Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989 and entered into force on September 2, 1990, was signed within the framework of children's right to life and development. Israel has violated this convention many times by committing massacres, disregarding the lives of hundreds of thousands of innocent people, disregarding all kinds of rules and most importantly all humanity. We will continue to defend a world where children laugh and play to the fullest. Our festival will be a festival where children laugh and play games."



## 6TH ETHNOSPORT CULTURE FESTIVAL WAS HELD ON JUNE 6-9

**The 6th Ethnosport Culture Festival organized by the World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) ended with an award ceremony and Kır a  concert. The festival, which hosted different events between June 6-9, was the center of attention of the national and international public.**

The 6th Ethnosport Culture Festival, which took place at Atat rk Airport between June 6-9, hosted nearly 1 and a half million visitors. In the festival, which attracted the intense interest of people of all ages, especially children, young people and families, beautiful events met with visitors for 4 days. The festival, which has a rich content from traditional sports to games, from traditional arts to universal flavors, gave its visitors unforgettable moments.

Speaking to the press at the closing of the 6th Ethnosport Culture Festival, one of the largest cultural festivals in the world, Mr. Dr. Hakan Kazancı, Vice President of the World Ethnosport Confederation, said. Dr. Hakan Kazancı said, "We left behind a full 4 days. We are extremely pleased to meet our people here. We hope that the interest in the Festival will continue exponentially next year."

## **Free Experience Opportunities**

Throughout the festival, activities appealing to visitors of all ages were offered. Traditional sports and games such as arrow shooting and horse riding accompanied by professionals were offered free of charge to visitors.

## **Special Events for Children and Disadvantaged Groups**

Ethnosport Culture Festival hosted special events for children. Children had fun with traditional sports and games with their families.

Special events, competitions and stage performances for disadvantaged groups added color to the festival. Accessible opportunities were offered to disadvantaged groups with hippotherapy, visually impaired mangala tournament, workshops and events where disabled artists performed.

In the Solidarity Obası, which was established in the festival area, attention was drawn to the February 6 Kahramanmaraş earthquake, while awareness raising activities were carried out on the massacre committed by Israel in Palestine since October 7.

## **Hundreds of Stage Performances**

During the 4-day festival, dozens of performances were staged and many teams such as Turkish World Music and Dance Ensemble, Azerbaijan Cultural Center Folk Dance Ensemble, Uzbek Culture Group took part. Also within the scope of the Festival, famous names such as Serkan Çağrı, Sedat Anar, Mazhar Alanson and Kırac met with their fans.

## **World Cultures Introduced**

The World Ethnosport Confederation offered various experiences to the visitors, while flavors from the world cuisine under the leadership of TİKA took their place in the area. In addition, visitors had the opportunity to taste coffees from different cultures with YTB's World Coffees stand. Karabakh Horses, which attracted attention with their unique shows, also gave visitors unforgettable moments.

The 6th Ethnosport Culture Festival, where different cities of Turkey were introduced, oba life was revived in tents, handicraft workshops and many shows took place, ended with Kırac concert.



## 6TH ETHNOSPORT CULTURE FESTIVAL PHOTO CONTEST

The World Ethnosport Confederation called for a photo contest for the 6th Ethnosport Culture Festival, which took place at Atatürk Airport between June 6-9. The World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC), which aims to revive traditional sports and games, organized a photography contest within the scope of the 6th Ethnosport Culture Festival in cooperation with the Turkish Federation of Photographic Arts (TFSF).

The festival offered activities that appealed to visitors of all ages. They had the opportunity to experience many traditional sports and games. At the same time, the workshops in the area provided the opportunity to experience traditional arts. All the activities that took place in the festival area were the subject of the photo contest.



## MEANINGFUL AWARD FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN

The Japanese Government presented the "Order of Golden Lights, Rising Sun and Badge" to Mr. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, President of the World Ethnosport Confederation, for his contributions to the popularization of traditional sports and games. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan was presented with the "Order of Golden Lights, Rising Sun and Badge".

The Government of Japan presented Mr. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, President of the World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC). Mr. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, President of the World Ethnosports Confederation (WEC), was presented with the 'Order of the Golden Lights, Rising Sun and Badge'. This prestigious award was presented to Mr. Erdoğan at a ceremony held at the Embassy of Japan in Ankara. Mr. Erdoğan at a ceremony held at the Embassy of Japan in Ankara.

The ceremony was hosted by Mr. Takahiko Katsumata, Ambassador of Japan to Ankara. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan and his family, Minister of Justice Yılmaz Tunç, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Burhanettin Duran, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan Iijima Isao, Ambassador of Japan to Ankara Katsumata Takahiko, former Turkish Ambassadors to Tokyo and many other guests attended the ceremony. In his speech at the ceremony, Ambassador Katsumata said. In his speech at the ceremony, Ambassador Katsumata emphasized the contributions of Mr. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan in promoting and popularizing traditional sports around the world. He also emphasized that Mr. He also underlined Mr. Erdoğan's efforts to strengthen international cultural ties.

Ambassador Takahiko Katsumata thanked Mr. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan for his activities in raising awareness of Yabusame. While congratulating Mr. Necmeddin Bilal Erdogan for his activities to raise awareness of the Yabusame, she said, "Mr. Erdogan's determination and leadership in raising international public interest in Japanese Culture is very important. He expressed his deepest respect for Mr. Erdogan's commitment and leadership in raising international public interest in Japanese Culture".

WEC President Mr. Mr. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan started his speech by greeting the audience in Japanese: "All nations of the world should be given the opportunity to keep their own cultures alive and present them with confidence. I think that Turkey and Japan are the countries and nations that advocate this philosophy" and underlined the meaning and importance of the day. Also, Mr. Mr. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan made history as the first person under the age of fifty to be awarded the "Golden Lights, Rising Sun Order and Badge".



## **INTER-CIVILIZATIONAL CULINARY ARTS PROJECT WAS REALIZED IN BOSNIA AND ISTANBUL**

The A3 mobility of the KA152 Inter-Civilizational Culinary Arts project was successfully held in Bosnia between 9-17 May 2024. Participants from Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lithuania and Norway met each day at a cultural evening of one country, giving presentations about the food and culinary culture of their respective countries. During these events, participants had the opportunity to experience the food and beverages of different countries and learn about their cultural and traditional rituals. They also attended seminars and workshops on cultural heritage, culinary traditions and zero waste. On the last days of the mobility, the historical and cultural richness of Bosnia was explored with a city tour. In order to evaluate the project, videos were shot and a survey was conducted among the participants.

The A4 mobility of the project was held in Istanbul on June 1-11, 2024. Participants from Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lithuania and Norway participated in seminars and workshops, as in Bosnia, giving presentations about the food and culinary culture of their countries. Participants also organized cultural evenings of their respective countries, creating a platform for intercultural learning. At the 6th Ethnosport Culture Festival, participants had the opportunity to participate in many workshops such as marbling, recycling and wood burning, and had the chance to watch traditional athletes from Turkey and around the world.



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