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14TH INTERNATIONAL MARMI FESTIVAL WAS HELD

Organized by World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) Member Al Gannas Association, the 14th International Marmi Festival was held in Doha, the capital of Qatar.

Organized by WEC Member the Qatari Al Gannas Association, events and competitions were held at the International Falconry Festival in Doha until January 28.

Carried out by WEC Member the Qatari Al Gannas Association, the Marmi Festival aims to keep alive and promote falconry, a sport that is on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity list.

The festival includes many Gulf nations in addition to Qatar and aims to contribute to preserving cultural heritage. The Marmi Festival is recognized as one of the largest in the region to specialize in falconry.

Emphasizing their satisfaction with the Gulf countries' intense participation in the event, President of the International Marmi Festival Organization Board and Al Gannas Association Ali bin Khatem Al Mehshadi and Vice President of Al Gannas Association Mohammed bin Abdullatif Al Misnad also informed the visitors about important events and rules at the festival.

Officials from the Qatari Al Gannas Association, a WEC member, conveyed their thanks to WEC for contributing to carrying out events and helping traditional sports and cultures survive.



SETTING UP SOLIDARITY OBAS IN THE EARTHQUAKE ZONE

The World Ethnosport Confederation implemented the Solidarity Oba Project to meet the shelter needs of our earthquake victims after the earthquake disaster in Kahramanmaraş, the epicenter, that affected many provinces.

As the first stage of the Solidarity Oba Project, the tent set-up phase started under the coordination of AFAD together with the Republics of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan and completed with the support of aid volunteers from Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. In addition to meeting the shelter needs of earthquake victims, the Solidarity Oba Project envisions supporting children and adults in terms of pedagogical and psychological aspects within the scope of the Psychosocial Assistance to Children for Post-Disaster Families Project.



The Solidarity Oba Project aims to meet children's social needs and also includes educational functions.

Establishing Activity Areas for Children

The social areas established within the Solidarity Oba Project have not only changed how children gather but also help them take the first steps of a planned rehabilitation process. Based on this purpose, the project also has tents for concept areas where children can socialize playing games, get motivated listening to music, and have fun watching cartoons, in addition to tents where children can get support from field experts such as preschool teachers, child development specialists, and psychological counselors.



Post-Disaster Child Mobilization

The Psychosocial Assistance for Children for Post-Disaster Families Project aims to support the earthquake victims psychologically and pedagogically after the Kahramanmaraş earthquake that occurred and affected many provinces and within its scope received expert opinions from many people working in the fields of child development, psychiatry, and psychology. The interviews with experts involved the importance of secondary aid activities as well as methods for psychosocial support activities.

Informative and instructive publications were made on the following subjects withing the scope of the project.

Disaster and Our Children's Mental Structure

- Assoc. Dr. Mehmet Kaya
- Dr. Ayşe Kaya Göktepe

Psychosocial Assistance to Children for Families Post-Disaster

- Lect. Mehmet Hanefi Akyüz
- Lect. Mine Kazancı
- Lect. Sümeyra Özdemir



THE TRACES OF TRADITION TALKS CONTINUE

The World Ethnosport Confederation continues to follow the historical and sociological traces of the concept of tradition, as well as studies on traditional sports and games. The project brings people together possessing the educational and instructive aspects regarding the concept of tradition and serves to attest to its effects in fields such as literature, art, cinema, and sports through the Traces of Traditions Talks. The publications made in this regard discuss the world of meaning and projected traces of the concept of tradition.

Informative and instructive broadcasts have been made on the following subjects within the scope of the series published on YouTube.

- Beşir Ayvazoğlu - Tradition and Art
- Assoc. Dr. Ahmet Murat Özel - Tradition and Beauty
- Mehmet Teber - Tradition and the Child



THE TRACES OF TRADITION SERIES HAS BEGUN

Continuing its YouTube projects for the revival and awareness of traditional sports and games, WEC has added a new one. With a focus on the supranational structure of the concept of tradition, the program gives room to the relations of educated individuals who are interested in traditions that exist around the world and who wonder how the future will be shaped by this heritage while taking into account their fields of expertise. The publications detailed below that have been held in this manner discuss the relationships the concept of tradition, traditional sports, and different geographies have with tradition.

Informative and instructive broadcasts have been made on the following subjects within the scope of the series published on YouTube.

- Dr. Axel Würz - A Life in Pursuit of Traditional Sports
- Dr. Kayyim Naoki Yamamoto - Looking at Traditions from Japan



UZBEKISTAN'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE WORLD ETHNOSPORT CONFEDERATION

The Minister of Youth Policy and Sports of the Republic of Uzbekistan Prof. Dr. Adkham Ikramov visited WEC. WEC Board of Directors Member and Central Asia Committee Member Fatih Kalender was present at the meeting, during which consultations were held regarding possible collaborations within the framework of promoting and increasing awareness of traditional sports and games among countries. The visitation ended with the exchange of gifts being presented.

