

Bi-Weekly News for KU's International Community

The latest news, views and announcements

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Residence Permit Document Submission

ICO will be accepting the residence permit (RP) application documents **on Tuesday, July 27th, between 1-3 PM.**

If you are planning to submit RP application documents, please notify us at ico@ku.edu.tr. We will list the visitors and inform the security office so that they can enter the main campus. ICO is in the Student Center, lower 3rd floor, room B398.

RESIDENCE PERMIT DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

Date: Tuesday, July 27th
Time: Between 1- 3 PM (Sharp)

Important notes:

- We have a [special WhatsApp group for July applicants](#) to make it convenient for everyone during the pandemic. Please join the group following the group link here or on our website. (PLEASE ONLY JOIN IF YOU WILL MAKE AN RP APPLICATION IN JULY)
- You can [renew your RP](#) if there is 60 days or less time to the expiration of your RP
- **Late submissions will not be accepted.** Please mind the time. Missing 3 PM means waiting for the August document submission date.
- **Applications with missing documents or data will not be accepted.** Please make sure you double-check the list of required documents. Having a missing paper will cause you to wait until next month's document submission day. If your visa or permission to stay without a visa period expires, this delay may result in a fine that you will need to pay. So, this is very important to make sure your documents are complete.
- It is mandatory to use **biometric (in ICAO standards) photographs** in the residence permit applications. The headshot you upload to your online permit application form must be in the ICAO standards, too. You can find [the ICAO standards](#) on our website, in the list of required documents on the relevant pages.
- Please make sure you **have a stamp on your permit card fee payment receipt** if you make the payment through one of the given government banks.
- You should stay in Turkey until your application gets evaluated. If you depart before, your application will get rejected automatically.
- If you are making a late application, please make sure that you write and attach a **letter of excuse**.
- HES code is a must to enter campus. Please click [here](#) to learn how to obtain one

Kurban Bayramı (Sacrifice Feast) is Approaching

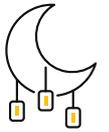
Kurban Bayramı in Turkey is known as the Sacrifice Feast and is a major event in the Islamic calendar. The significance relates to the occasion in the Quran when Abraham was ready to sacrifice his own son at the command of God. God interrupted the act and Abraham used a sheep instead. However, the celebration occurs to show the dedication of Abraham and his acknowledgment that God is everything.

It will start on Tuesday, July 20th, and end on Friday, July 23rd. The afternoon of the Sacrifice Feast Eve, Monday the 19th, is an official holiday in Turkey. Administration buildings, schools, and post offices are usually closed, although shops and

supermarkets generally stay open. Public transport schedules may vary. Traffic congestion on highways may occur because many people travel to other cities during the Sacrifice Feast Eve. Overall, the Kurban Bayramı brings a 4.5 days-long public holiday.



Gazete Vatan, May 2021



What Do People Do?



Traditionally, on the first day of the Kurban Bayramı in Turkey, men of each family go to a mosque for a special morning prayer. Then the sacrifice ritual begins. In some regions in Turkey, people paint the sacrificial animal with henna and adorn it with ribbons. The butcher reads a prayer before slaughtering the animal. Families share about two-thirds of the animal's meat with relatives

and neighbors, and they traditionally give about one-third to the poor.

In recent years, some Turkish people started making donations to charity organizations instead of sacrificing animals. Many people in Turkey take special care to help the poor during the Sacrifice Feast.

For more information, please click [here](#).

ICO Invites You to Share Your Culture!

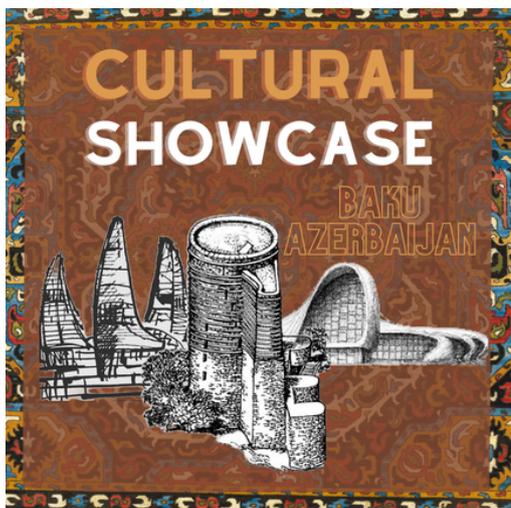
As you might already know, we have launched an Instagram project for the KU international community to get to know each other and to enrich the community spirit.

You are warmly invited to use this opportunity and share your heritage, culture, traditions, daily routines, or hometown in your own words.

If you are interested in taking part in this project, feel free to email us your material at ico@ku.edu.tr. For more information, please click [here](#).



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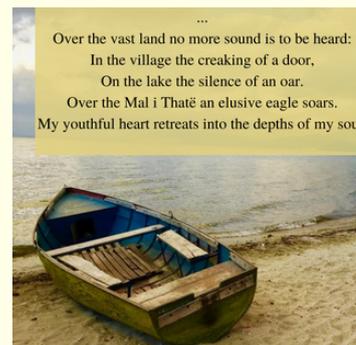
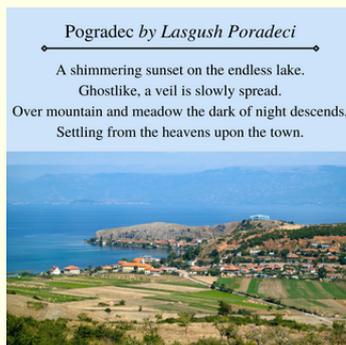
BAKU, AZERBAIJAN



Full post [here](#)



POGRADEC, ALBANIA



Full post [here](#)

New App to Make Life Easier for Istanbul's Stray Animals



Endorsed by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IBB), the app SemtPati has an ambitious goal: to map all the stray cats and dogs roaming the city's streets. Developed by Koç Sistem, a leading IT company, the app recruits volunteer animal lovers to enter stray animals from every neighborhood of Turkey's most populated city into its database.

The app will create a database for each animal in every neighborhood, information on people feeding and caring for them as well as veterinarians operating in the area. Each animal will have a profile with photos and physical descriptions. Their information will regularly be updated in an attempt to promote their adoption.

For more information, please click [here](#).

Family Tours Turkey in a Caravan



"We decided to live in a trailer to be free and live in nature. We were working full time, and now we are done with our jobs. This was our biggest dream."

A couple has been touring Turkey in a caravan while photographing and documenting their journey by taking advantage of the extraordinary conditions caused by the pandemic. Murat and Melike Cansu from the Mediterranean province of Antalya started living in a travel trailer, deciding to turn their dream of traveling freely into reality last month. After quitting their jobs, the duo loaded equipment that they will use during their journey into the trailer and left the rest of their belongings to their families. Taking their dog, Lilith, along with them, the family hit the roads with their caravan they called "Tosbavan" to discover the spots of Anatolia.

For more information, please click [here](#).

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Please contact us if you have any questions.

We are working from home Mon-Fri 8:30 AM- 5:30 PM.

We keep our advising hours (between 3- 5 PM) for online advising during each workweek. If you would like to have a live meeting with us, please make an appointment in advance by sending an email to ico@ku.edu.tr. Each meeting will be limited to 15 minutes.

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