

# Bi-Weekly News for KU's International Community

*The latest news, views and announcements*

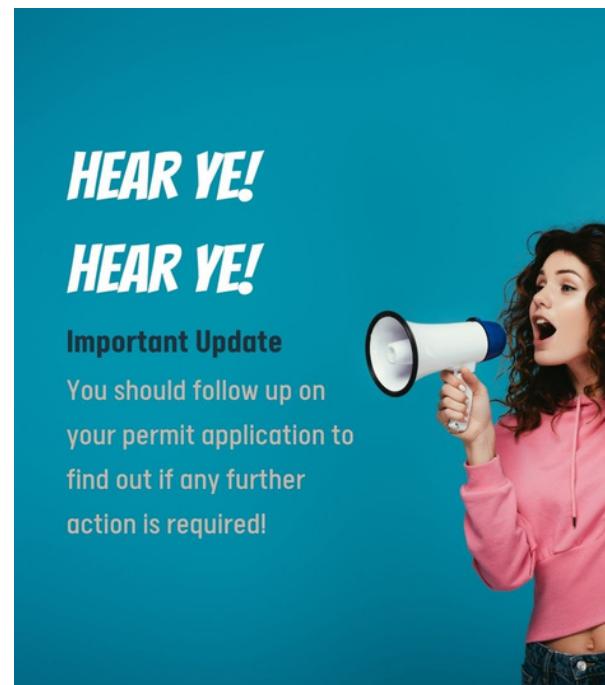
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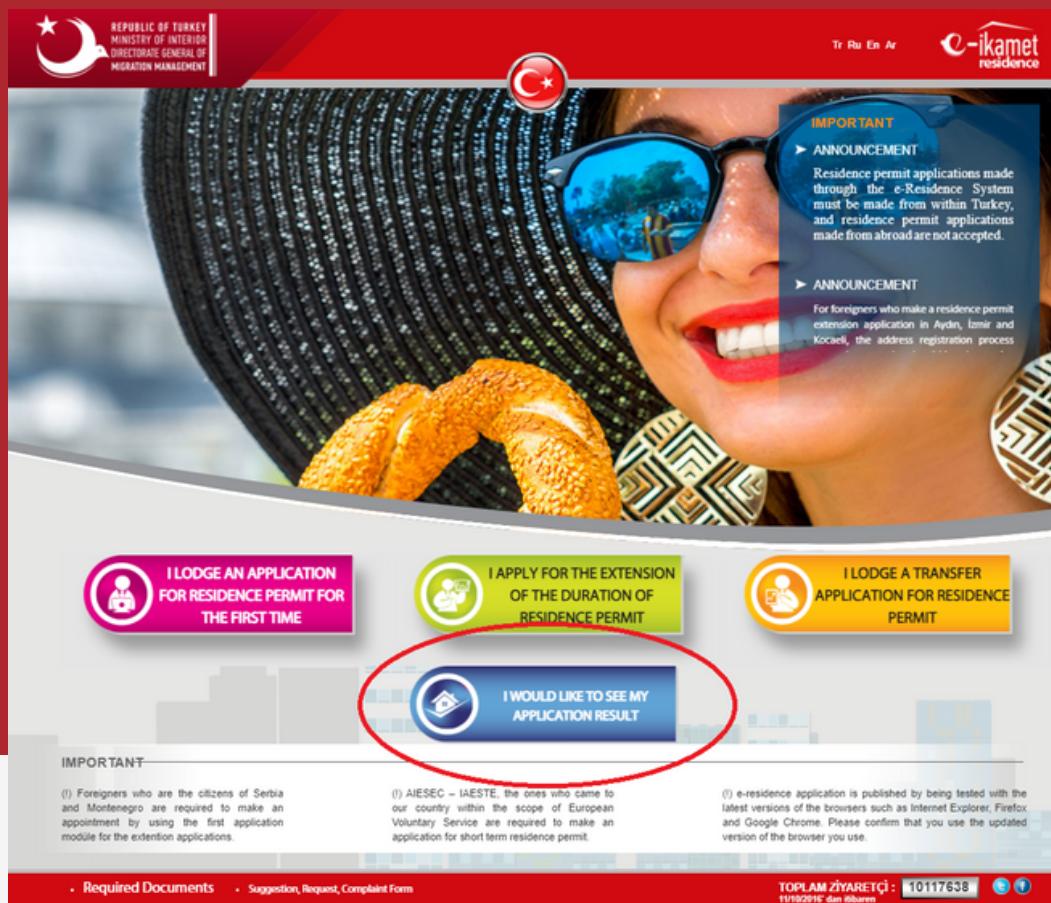
# Important Update on Residence Permit Applications

There had been a very important procedure change in the residence permit applications' follow-up method last week. The KU international students have already been informed about the update, yet, we wanted to remind the issue here as well.

Previously, the Immigration Directorate used to inform universities in Istanbul directly in case of any missing documents or issues with the students' residence permit applications, and it was the universities notifying students about the issue(s).

According to the latest announcement from the authorities, universities are no longer in this information flow. **The students are required to check up on their application status and issues by themselves.**

In this regard, please make sure you frequently check the status of your application through the e-ikamet system (<https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr/>), "**I would like to see my application result**" button.



# Important Update on Residence Permit Applications



In case of any issues with your application, the system will provide you with its instructions. Please make sure you follow the instructions on time. If the instructions you receive through the platform are not clear, you can dial **157** and request further details.

Note that missing documents must be collected and submitted to the authorities **within 30 days** starting from the date it is indicated in the e-ikamet system. **Missing this deadline means rejection of your application.** In that case, you need to make a new application from scratch if you have a remaining visa or permission to stay without a visa period. If you do not have, you will be obliged to depart from Turkey and re-enter in order to make a new application.

Please be cautious, check the status of your application regularly not to miss any notification, and take necessary actions on time.

Remember that following up on your permit application is your responsibility.

# Residence Permit Document Submission

ICO will be accepting the residence permit (RP) application documents between 3-5 PM on weekdays until Tuesday the 19th, 4:30 PM.

Document submission is in person to our office. ICO is in the Student Center, lower 3rd floor, room B398.

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## Important notes:

- We have a special WhatsApp group for October 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 OCTOBER)
- 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 document submission time slots on weekdays, and the deadline. Missing the deadline means waiting for the November 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.
- 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**.
- Please mind the campus entry regulations to enter campus.



# Online Turkish Practice Hours (TPH) Resumes for the New Semester

We, the International Community Services Office (ICO), are happy to announce that our Online Turkish Practice Hours (TPH) resumes for the new semester!

The TPH is a platform where the KU affiliates and their family members who learn Turkish can practice their Turkish conversational skills with native Turkish-speaking volunteers.

The meetings will be kept online this semester too and led by the volunteer KU members (Student, faculty, administrative staff). The sessions are very joyful, and we cover various topics with role-playing activities, games, conversations, and more.

Our volunteers are eager to welcome the new participants with a more effective schedule.

We will keep meeting twice a week on fixed days and times: one session for beginners and one for intermediate/ above level participants each week. Each session will last one hour.

In this regard, we want to know which group you want to be included (Beginners or intermediate/above) and the date and time preferences. To do so, we created a form for you to fill out. Please do fill out the form if you are interested in participating in TPH sessions this semester.

Click [HERE](#) to submit your group, date, and time preferences.

Visit [ico.ku.edu.tr/get-involved/learn-practice-turkish/](http://ico.ku.edu.tr/get-involved/learn-practice-turkish/) for more information.

Looking forward to seeing all Turkish learners of the KU international community members there!

# ICO Invites You to Share Your Culture!

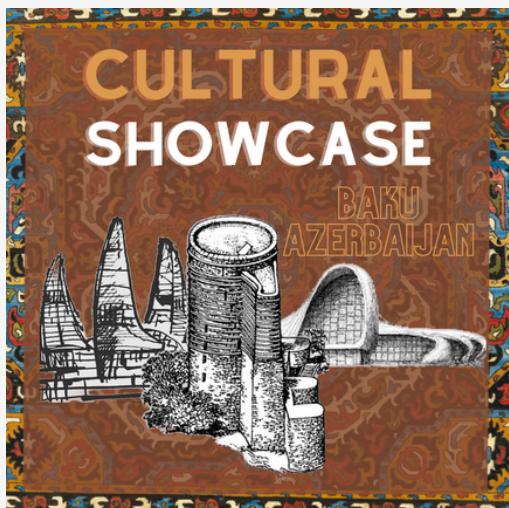
As you might already know, we have launched an Instagram project for the KU international community to get to know each other and to enrich the community spirit.

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](mailto:ico@ku.edu.tr). For more information, please click [here](#).



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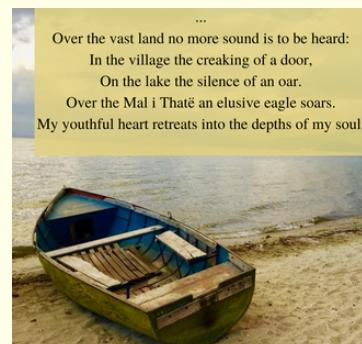
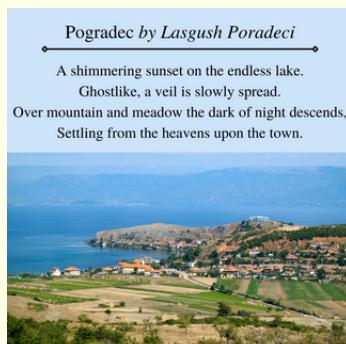
### BAKU, AZERBAIJAN



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### POGRADEC, ALBANIA



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# Marmaray Suburban Rail Digs Reveal 8,500 Years of Istanbul History



The excavations prompted by the Marmaray project, the subsea railway tunnel connecting the Asian and European sides of Istanbul under the Bosphorus, have stood out as a major step for documenting the area's long history. The digs have unearthed the 8,500-year-old history of Istanbul and have ensured that the legacy of past civilizations will be passed on to future generations.

The research, which has revealed new historical aspects of Istanbul, concluded in 2013. The findings have thrilled the world of archeology since the pickaxe first struck.

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

## Ancient Mass Grave, WWII Bunker among New Finds in Istanbul's Haydarpaşa Dig



*The ongoing archaeological excavation on the premises of Istanbul's iconic Haydarpaşa Train Station entered a new phase with the recent removal of concrete platforms, with ancient mass graves, a mausoleum, and a bunker used during World War II joining a long list of artifacts retrieved from the area.*

Precious historical artifacts dating back to the fifth century B.C. have been uncovered in the excavations that have been ongoing for the past three years in the 30-hectare (74-acre) facility housing platforms, maintenance wards, depots, parking lines, and maneuver areas. These artifacts shed light on the history of the 15-million megapolis and the Asian district of Kadıköy, where the ancient city of Chalcedon once stood.

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

# Continue to Reach Us

Please contact us if you have any questions.

We are back on campus and working Mon-Fri 8:30 AM- 5:30 PM.

Even though we are on campus, to maintain social distance, we prefer providing online advising (virtual meeting) between 3- 5 PM 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](mailto:ico@ku.edu.tr). Each meeting will be limited to 15 minutes.



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