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The symposium on "Sustainable Approaches to the Preservation and Restoration of Religious Buildings", organised by the Cyprus Evkaf Administration, the General Directorate of Foundations of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Turkey, and the Faculty of Architecture of the Eastern Mediterranean University, was successfully held at the Cyprus Evkaf Administration. The symposium brought together experts in the field of historical building conservation and restoration.

Prof. Dr. Zeynep Ahunbay delivered the keynote speech on "Restoration and Conservation of Religious Buildings" at the opening of the symposium. The programme continued with presentations on the conservation of religious buildings in Cyprus. In the first session, Ali Tuncay addressed "Sustainable Approaches in Cultural Heritage Technical Committee Projects", while Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba provided information on "The Protection of Cultural Assets in TRNC Law". Prof. Dr. Asu Tozan drew attention with

her presentation titled "Architectural Reading of Religious Structures in Cyprus".

In addition, Assoc. Prof. Ege Uluca Tümer spoke on "The Role of DAU's Conservation and Master's Programme in the Future of Conservation in Northern Cyprus". Asst. Prof. Özlem Şahali discussed "Earthquake-Resistant Masonry Structures: Architectural and Social Responsibility", while Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hacer Başarır Dindioç delivered a presentation titled "Re-purposing as a Tool for Cultural Sustainability."

In the afternoon, Prof. Dr. Gianmarco De Felice delivered an invited lecture on "Earthquake Assessment and Reinforcement of Churches: A General Overview," and Prof. Dr. Mustafa Özder Erdik spoke on "The Earthquake Performance of Hagia Sophia."

In the second session of the symposium, under the title "Conservation Practices: The Example of Selimiye Mosque in Nicosia," experts such as Prof. Dr. Alper İlki, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayşe Esin Kuleli, and

Prof. Dr. Bekir Eskici shared important information about the restoration process of Selimiye Mosque. Additionally, in the session titled "The Resilience of Historical Structures and Earthquakes," Prof. Dr. Hatice Pamir and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mert Nezi Rifaioğlu provided evaluations on the resilience of historical structures using the example of Antakya.

At the end of the symposium, a panel discussion titled "Experience in the Restoration Process of the Selimiye Mosque in Lefkoşa" was held. The panelists, Şengül Koncağül (Director of the Department of Artworks and Construction Works, General Directorate of Foundations of the Republic of Turkey), Esin Serttaş Yaren (Restoration Specialist and Architect), Mustafa Uzun (Civil Engineer), and Soner Uğurlu (Restorer), shared their experiences with the participants.

Additionally, a photo exhibition detailing the restoration process of the Selimiye Mosque was organised during the symposium.

Foundations Wheelchair Basketball Team Players Achieve Historic Success

The Foundations Wheelchair Basketball Team achieved a significant success with two young players from the Turkish National Youth Team. Vedat Küçükyılmaz and Abdülkerim Gökpur represented our country at the IWBF Under-23 Wheelchair Basketball World Championship held in São Paulo, Brazil, from 13 to 21 June 2025.

Our team faced Israel, Canada, Germany, and the host country Brazil in the tournament. They kicked off the tournament with their first match against Israel at the "Centro de Treinamento Paralímpico Brasileiro."



Our U23 Wheelchair Basketball National Team achieved a great success by winning the silver medal at the World Championship. This achievement once again demonstrated the talent and determination of our team on the international stage.

We would like to thank all our athletes and technical staff for this historic achievement and wish them continued success in all the future tournaments.

World Children's Day Celebrated with Colourful Festivities



1st June World Children's Day, was celebrated with great enthusiasm with various events organised by the Cyprus Vakıflar Administration. This special day was filled with activities aimed at highlighting children's happiness and rights.

On the first day of the events, a children's festival was held at Büyük Han with the participation of children from the Lefkoşa Special Education Centre in collaboration with the Yunus Emre Institute. This colourful event featured face painting, games, and various activities, allowing children to enjoy fun-filled moments while their families shared in their

joy.

On the second day of the event, a kite-flying activity was held in the courtyard of the Hz. Ömer Tomb in Girne in collaboration with SEVKAD to draw attention to the genocide taking place in Palestine. During the event, children sent kites they had made themselves into the sky, sending a message of universal peace.

As part of the ongoing activities, a virtual reality gaming event organised for the children at the Child Welfare Institution and was welcomed



with great interest. This event provided the children with unforgettable moments and brought smiles to their faces.



Evkaf Café Officially Opened

The Evkaf Café, which will serve in Closed Marash in cooperation with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) and the Cyprus Vakıflar Administration, was opened with a ceremony.

The opening ceremony was conducted by TİKA President Serkan Kayalar and Cyprus Evkaf Administration General Director

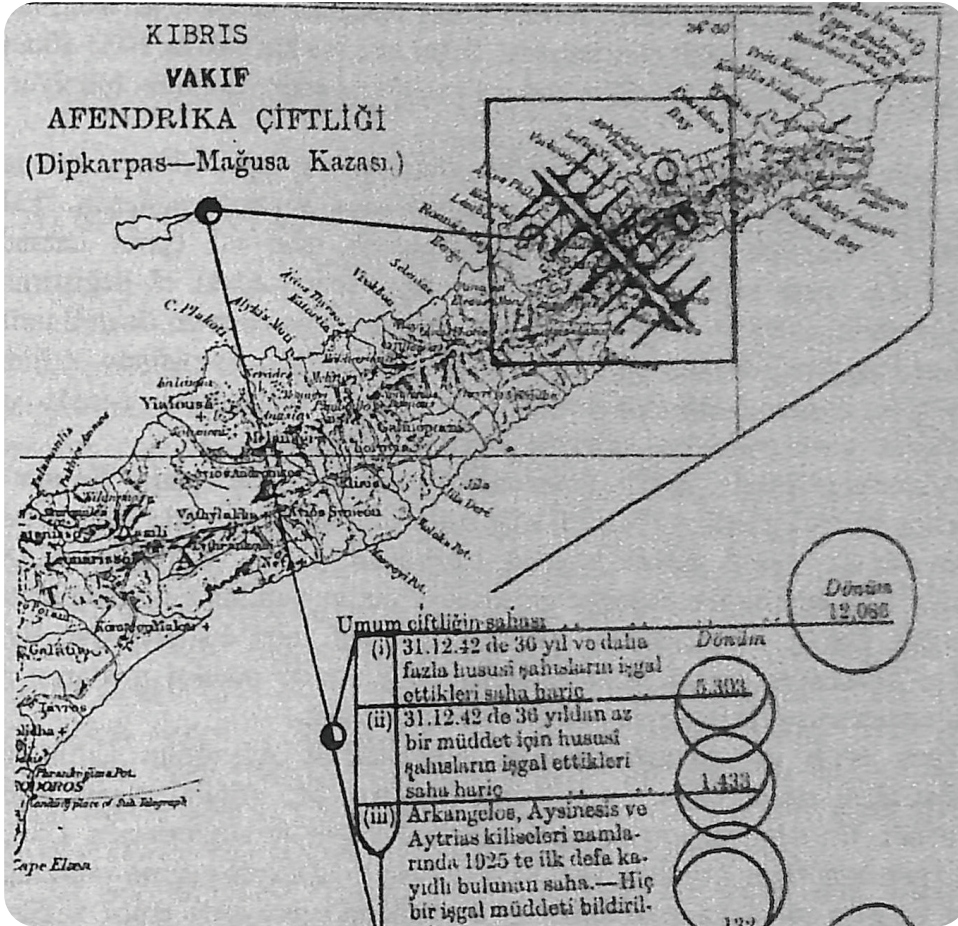
for Gazimağusa Faruk Seçkin.

Speaking at the opening, Cyprus Evkaf Administration General Director Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer stated that the Evkaf Café had been made ready for service with the support of TİKA. Tümer emphasised that Bilal Ağa was one of the symbolic figures of the Closed Marash region, noting that according to research, 99% of the region belongs to the Abdullah Pasha Foundation, Lala Mustafa Pasha Foundation, and Bilal Ağa Foundation. Tümer expressed his gratitude to TİKA President Serkan Kayalar for his contributions.



Afendrika (Efendi) Farm

Afendriga Farm is an important endowed property located in the Karpaz peninsula of Cyprus, in the area known today as Dipkarpaz. This farm was endowed by Kara Mustafa Pasha, the Conqueror of Cyprus, on 16 May 1881. The endowment record is documented in the Kara Kaplı Vakfiye Defteri, with page number 114 and ruling number 57. Afendriga Farm is affiliated with the Ümmü'l-Harâm Tekkesi, and this record clearly establishes the farm's historical and legal status.



Land Location and Boundaries

Afendriga Farm is located around Afendrika Monastery. The total length of the land is approximately a two-hour walk, and the width is one hour's walk. The boundaries of the land are defined as follows:

- **West:** Extends to the river line near known place names.
- **North:** Extends to the place called Fenkarka Burtonto.
- **East:** Bordered by Kokokya Cape on the coast.
- **South:** Extends to the road called "Fila".

Land and Assets

According to records dated 1881, the assets owned by Afendriga Farm are as follows:

- Uncultivated land: 719 acres
- Uncultivated land: 1.827 acres
- Olive trees: 1.184
- Carob trees: 234
- Mill (¼ share): 1
- Horses, mules, etc: 27
- Small livestock: 160

Goods and Property

- Silver incense burners: 2
- Silver rosewater sprinklers: 2
- Silver oil lamps: 18
- Silver oil lamps: 6
- Shops: 12
- Land: 1
- Residential property (house): 1

Afendriga Farm is one of the large and strategic estates endowed during the Ottoman period following the conquest of Cyprus. This record in the 1881 Kara Kaplı Vakfiye Defteri clearly states that the farm belonged to the Ümmü'l-Harâm Tekke; its boundaries, agricultural land characteristics, tree inventory, livestock, mill share, and other properties affiliated with the tekke are documented in detail.

This historical record demonstrates that the farm's waqf status is registered and of a permanent nature. Therefore, Afendriga Farm is both one of the

strongest representations of waqf culture in Cyprus and an important historical asset that attracts attention in local and international research.

Afendrika (or Efendi) Farm is managed by the Cyprus Vakıflar Administration (Evkaf) and covers a total area of 12,500 acres. However, only 2,000 acres of this land are leased to the public for agricultural purposes. This situation enhances the farm's importance both historically and economically.



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