



The Municipality of Keçiören, Ankara, Turkey

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treasure is our people

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Message from the Prime minister, Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

Today, on May 16th 2011,

I met with Keçiören residents on this joyous day,
and visited our municipality.

As a Keçiören resident, I extend my sincere
wishes for our municipality's successful future.

With warm greetings and love,

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
The Prime minister



A Word from the Mayor

Keçiören is not only one of the largest municipal districts in Turkey, but it is also a leading municipality in terms of development, innovation and progress. Our goal is to offer the best quality and most up-to-date services to our residents. Administratively, we are focused on our residents' needs. Keçiören Municipality manages its challenges in a timely fashion, generating effective and creative solutions with forward movement and an eye on the future, and delivering its services to everyone equally and honestly.

With its location, dedicated green spaces, and many structures that are a focus of interest, Keçiören is a town that possesses numerous areas of interest that will attract anyone's attention. Our greatest dream is to make Keçiören a capital of culture where future scholars, thinkers, artists, and collective hope for a better tomorrow will be nurtured. We carry a dream of a prosperous Keçiören for our youth and children as well. The first steps towards making our dream come true for all of our residents have already been taken: we have multiple cultural and educational centers which serve both children and adults, sports venues and facilities, parks and other green areas, environmental and infrastructural planning, schools, hospitals, and numerous other inventive projects. These tangible resources together with a culture of innovative leadership reassure us that Keçiören is already becoming a city of tomorrow.

Mustafa Ak
The Mayor



Ankara

Ankara is the capital of Turkey and the country's second largest city after Istanbul. The city has a mean elevation of 938 metres (3,077 ft), and as of 2010 the metropolitan area in the entire Ankara Province had a population of 4.4 million.

Centrally located in Anatolia, Ankara is an important commercial and industrial city. It is the center of the Turkish Government, and houses all foreign embassies. It is an important crossroads of trade, strategically located at the centre of Turkey's highway and



railway networks, and serves as the marketing centre for the surrounding agricultural area. The city was famous for its long-haired Angora goat and its prized wool (mohair), a unique breed of cat (Angora cat), white rabbits and their prized wool (Angora wool), pears, honey, and the region's muscat grapes.

The historical center of Ankara is situated upon a rocky hill, which rises 150 m (492 ft) above the plain on the left bank of the Ankara Çayı, a tributary of the Sakarya (Sangarius) river. The city is located

about 450 km (280 mi) to the southeast of Istanbul, the country's largest city. Although situated in one of the driest places of Turkey and surrounded mostly by steppe vegetation except for the forested areas on the southern periphery, Ankara can be considered a green city in terms of green areas per inhabitant, which is 72 m² per head.

The region's history can be traced back to the Bronze Age Hatti civilization, which was succeeded in the 2nd millennium BC by the Hittites, in the 10th century BC by the Phrygians, and later by the Lydians, Persians, Greeks, Galatians, Romans, Byzantines, and Turks (the Seljuq Sultanate of Rûm, the Ottoman Empire and Turkey.)

Following the Ottoman defeat at World War I, the Ottoman capital Istanbul and much of Anatolia were occupied by the Allies, who planned to share these lands, leaving for the Turks the core piece of land in central Anatolia. In response, the leader of the Turkish nationalist movement, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, established the headquarters of his resistance movement in Ankara in 1920. After the War of Independence was won, the Turkish nationalists replaced the Ottoman Empire with the Republic of Turkey on 29 October 1923. A few days earlier, Ankara had officially replaced Istanbul (formerly Constantinople) as the new Turkish capital city, on 13 October 1923.

Economy

Historically, the production of Mohair from the Angora goat; and Angora wool from the Angora rabbit; have been an important part of the city's economy. These fabrics have been exported from Ankara to Europe and other parts of the globe for centuries.

The Central Anatolia Region is one of the primary locations of grape and wine production in Turkey, and Ankara is particularly famous for its Kalecik Karası and Muscat grapes; and its Kavaklıdere wine, which is produced in the Kavaklıdere neighbourhood within the Çankaya district of the city. Ankara is also famous for its pears. Another renowned natural product of Ankara is its indigenous type of honey (Ankara Balı) which is known for its light colour and is mostly produced by the Atatürk Forest Farm and Zoo in the Gazi district, and by other facilities in the Elmadag, Çubuk and Beypazarı districts.

Ankara is the center of the state-owned and private Turkish defence and aerospace companies, where the industrial plants and head-

quarters of numerous firms are located. Exports to foreign countries from these defence and aerospace firms have steadily increased in the past decades.

A large percentage of the employment in Ankara is provided by the state institutions; such as the ministries, undersecretariats, and other administrative bodies of the Turkish government. There are also many foreign citizens working as diplomats or clerks in the embassies of their respective countries.

Climate

Ankara has a continental climate, with cold, snowy winters due to its elevation and inland location, and hot, dry summers. Rainfall occurs mostly during the spring and autumn. Ankara's annual average precipitation is fairly low at 415 millimetres (16 in), nevertheless precipitation can be observed throughout the year. Monthly mean temperatures range from 0.1 °C (32.2 °F) in January to 22.9 °C (73.2 °F) in July, with an annual mean of 11.7 °C (53.1 °F).

Population

Year	Population
2012	4,890,893
2010	4,431,719
2007	3,901,201
2000	3,703,362
1990	2,583,963
1985	2,251,533
1970	1,209,000
1965	906,000
1960	646,000
1955	453,000
1950	287,000
1927	75,000

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ankara>

Why Keçiören?

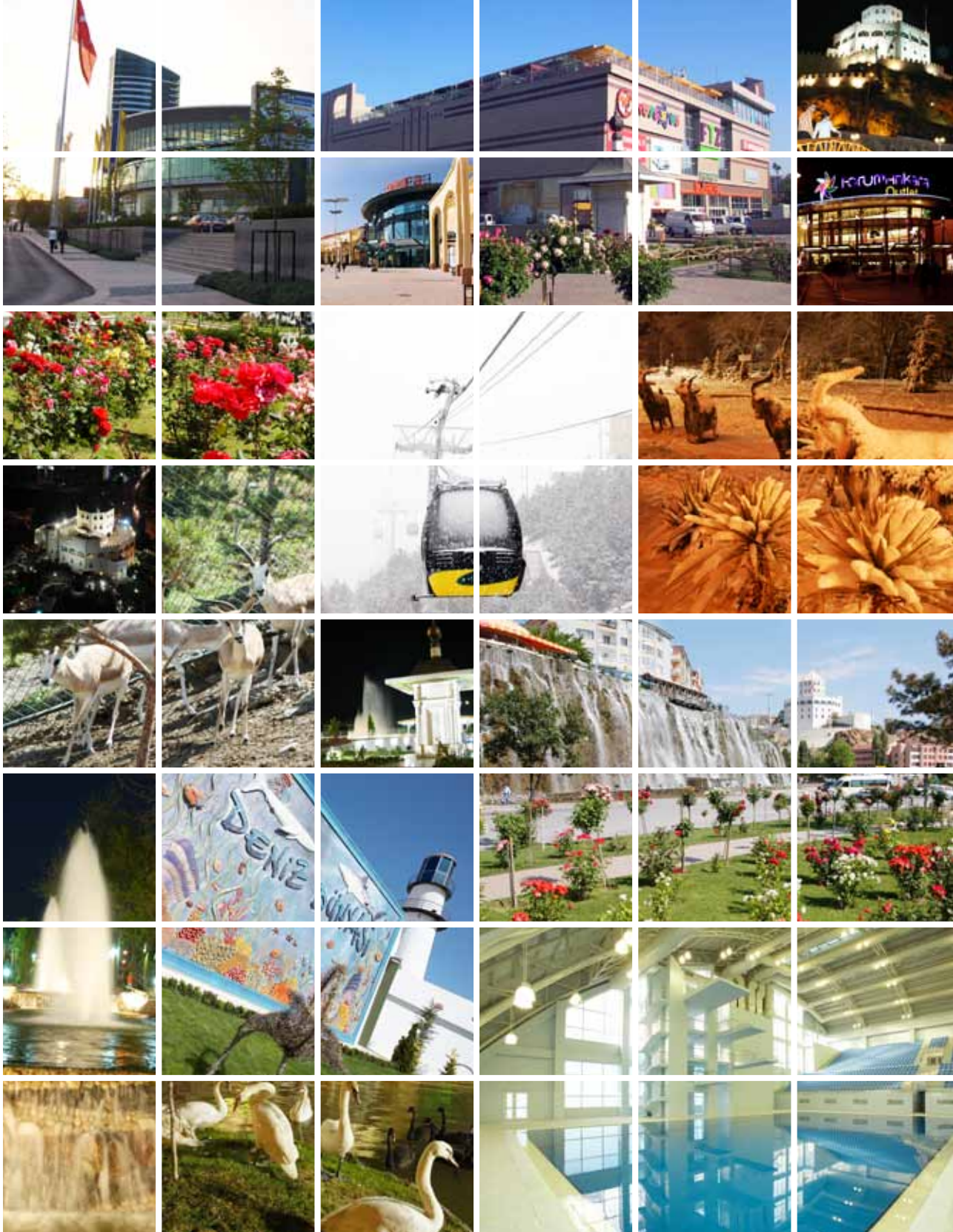
If one asks what it is that makes Keçiören so special among other places in Ankara, three things come to mind: the blended Turkish ethnic diversity here which results in people being unusually warm, our green spaces and the interesting things to see and do.

One may find people from all Turkey's cultural and ethnic backgrounds in Keçiören due to rural - urban migration of Turkish people from all regions, which makes this municipality a very rich and diverse culture; it is almost an exact replica of Turkey at large. This variety of coexisting differences, as well as the general hospitality of Turkish people, is the main reason for harmonious and friendly ambience in Keçiören. No matter where our guests come from, we will accommodate them as if they were our family and make them feel at home. Even though Keçiören is a part of the capital city of Ankara, the warmth of our people makes it feel like a small town home coming.

A beautifully preserved environment with natural settings, eye catching as you enter the city, is yet another reason to visit Keçiören. Ankara, being both a diplomatic city and hub of employment, has a more noticeable formal presentation. Therefore, Keçiören with its green spaces, beautiful surrounding villages and fresh air, suggests a retreat from the big city.

Apart from the natural wealth, Keçiören has much to offer with its touristic places as well. "Estergon" Castle with an ethnographic museum, a sky lift that extends over the city, aqua parks, a zoo, sports complexes, waterfalls, parks and recreation areas, shopping malls, and many other engaging places make Keçiören attractive to tourists.

On the front of the municipality building is the saying, "The best of people are those who are helpful to others". In this city we are guided by this thought in all we do for both our residents and our guests. Turn the pages here! We hope to open the doors to all that Keçiören is comprised of and persuade you, our dear guests and partners, to establish permanent relations with our municipality.



Keçiören: The Story

The journey of the Municipality of Keçiören dates back to 1983, when it became a separate municipal constituency. It comprises 51 precincts and covers the area of 190 km² in the northern part of Ankara, the capital city of the Republic of Turkey. The Municipality of Keçiören is situated about 13 km from the city center with the altitude of 1075 m above sea level. It is a beautiful green area surrounded by hills and mountains.

More than one version of the story about the origin of the name 'Keçiören' exists. One version states that it literally means „keçilerin ören yeri“ or „the goats' town“, because this area was used for pasturing the famous goats of Ankara. By merging the word “keçi” – a goat, with the word “ören” which means a historical settlement, the name “Keçiören” was derived.

The second version involves Herodotus, the ancient Greek historian, who talks about the the Persian Royal Road that stretched out into the ancient region of Anatolia during the 6th century A.D., from the East through Ankara and over the contemporary region of Keçiören. The local residents with their regional accent would call this East to West route the “geçivermek”, which would later change to “geçiveren”, with the name reaching us today as Keçiören.

Yet another version states that the word Keçiören stemmed from the phrase “geçveren” or “that which ripens late”, which referred to Ankara's grape varieties which had long ripening periods. The historical city of Ankara was famous for grape growing with more than thirty different grape varieties. The vast vine fields would give a beautiful emerald-green color to the surrounding hills.

Today, Keçiören is the largest municipality in Ankara with over 800,000 residents. Numerous projects in sustainable development, environment, business and economy, education, culture and arts, science and technology, urban development, and tourism have especially flourished in the last ten years, earning Keçiören the title of one of the most developed areas in Turkey.

History and Heritage

The first settlements in Keçiören started to appear around 1955. With its clean air and famous vineyards, Keçiören was nothing short of a resort, thus becoming a frequent vacationing place for middle-class and wealthy Ankara residents. Their houses had lovely gardens with a wide variety of fruit trees, coops, ponds and wells allowing people to grow fruits and vegetables. Water was supplied from the wells. Families would gather around ovens and bake bread in amounts that would meet their ten-day necessities. Keçiören's vineyards, grapes and pears were exquisitely famous.

The non-Muslim merchants, who owned most of the trade businesses in Ankara, also lived in Keçiören. They were exceptionally wealthy, hence they lived in lovely neighborhoods with very clean and well maintained houses and gardens. Later, merchants would gradually sell their houses one by one and move out from Keçiören.

The Hacı Kadın (a Pilgrim Woman) stream used to flow through Dutluk, Duvarıdibi, Kuyubaşı, Ahmet Çavuş and Mecidiye districts, and it stayed clear and unpolluted until 1955. Dutluk, named after large mulberry (dut) trees that abounded in the area, was a regular public picnic spot, and a promenade for the members of foreign embassies that were located in Ankara. Çubuk Creek was used for washing carpets and rugs but also for swimming at locations where the current was not strong. During the years of National Struggle and at the beginning of the Republic, famous people lived in Keçiören. They used to commute on horses from Keçiören to Ulus, where they would tie their horses at Taşhan. Keçiören has always been thought of as a hotel-town.

Although Keçiören is situated in the northern part of Ankara, it gazes towards the South, and throughout history, Keçiören has been famous for its fertile vineyards and gardens. Due to this fact, Sultan Abdulhamid II established Ankara's first School of Agriculture on these lands in 1905. Later, this building was used by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk as the first military headquarters in Ankara during the War of Liberation (1919-1922). Today, it is a home for the General Directorate of Meteorology.



The most prominent Ankara residents built their summer and vineyard houses in Keçiören. Annual migrations to the vineyards in May and from the vineyards back to the city after finishing with the preparation of winter provisions in September evolved into real ceremonies.

It wasn't long, however, before Keçiören was affected by rapid population growth and migrations, and in 1956-1957 first permanent houses and buildings started to appear. From that point on, the quality of Keçiören's unpolluted, fresh air started to deteriorate. Initially, there was no urban planning, and neighborhoods were formed by "squatter house" which randomly began to appear. Later on, urban planning was implemented, preventing the building of houses without permit. Municipal services started to function in 1984 and the town gained a much neater appearance.

Today, the development plans in Keçiören have almost been completed. With its wider roads, regulated settlement, convenient public transportation, electrical, water and waste networks, and expansive green areas, Keçiören takes pride in being an exemplary municipal district.



Bağlum



Bağlum is one of Keçiören's districts which is famous for its nature, fresh air, vineyards and winter pears. Being situated about 13 km from the city center and surrounded by villages, it is known as a beautiful retreat from the busy, crowded city. Agriculture and livestock used to be the livelihood of the village however they have gradually lost their importance as sources of income for Bağlum residents; thus, today it is known mostly for its inviting picnic spots, especially around the Kösrelilik Lake.



One of Bağlum's most attractive spots for recreation and relaxation is "Özbek Horse Ranch". With its natural beauty, proximity to Ankara and numerous activities, it is a desirable place for spending a stress-free day with family or friends, enjoying the natural life in the company of horses, poultry, sheep and lambs, various fruit trees and vineyards, away from the city noise. Tatar cuisine delicacies are served at the restaurant. In addition to breakfast, lunch and dinner organizations, the ranch is suitable for having business lunches and meetings, school trips, family reunions, weddings, birthday parties, engagement, and circumcision ceremonies, with a 500-seat capacity during summer. The ranch is especially appealing to horse lovers of all ages with English and Arabian horses, as well as ponies. Private horse riding lessons and tours in the village, and Phaeton Lake tours are organized and supervised by professional horse riders.





Another Bağlum destination is the Bağlum Sports Club, which includes a futbol team and is the largest sports club in Keçiören. It was founded in 1963, and since then it has won Ankara city championships several times at various levels, and also achieved numerous championship titles such as Turkey regional teams and amateur clubs championships. It currently operates in 24 sports branches, with the goal of educating successful and reputable athletes and members of the community who will contribute to the overall moral values, respect, love and solidarity, as well as the development of sports within the society.



Bağlum is also known as “the land of saints”, because Bağlum Cemetery is a resting place for some of the most prominent Turkish scholars and mystics such as Asım Köksal, the mentor of Ahmet Necip Fazıl Kısakürek - a famous Turkish poet, novelist, playwright, philosopher and activist, and Sayyid Abdulhakim-i Arwasi. Sayyid Abdulhakim-i Arwasi was the greatest muslim scholar during the reign of the last Khalifat-ul-Muslimin Sultan Muhammad Wahid ad-din Khan. He was born in the town of Baskal'a in the East near Van in 1865 and passed away in Ankara in 1943. He gave many lectures and sermons and wrote books, especially concentrating on education of the youth. His efforts, however, were 'rewarded' by terrible difficulties, suffering and oppression.

Sayyid 'Abdulhakim Effendi was profound with his religious knowledge. University members, scientists and statesmen would come to ask difficult questions that they thought to be unanswerable, but would leave contented due to answers found for questions he would address before they could completely form their



sentences. This often would occur within only an hour of meeting together with him. People who won his attention and love would see innumerable miracles. He was extremely modest and unpretentious. Although he was an expert, no one had ever heard him say, "I personally...". Instead, he would say, "We...". Yusuf Ziya' Akisik, one of his intimate friends, said, "I kissed the palm of 'Abdulahkim Effendi in a dream and went to his house at Ayyub Sultan to tell him about my dream the following day. I bowed to kiss his hand as we always did when we met with him. He stretched forward his blessed hand, the palm facing upward, and said, 'Kiss it the way you did last night,' and, as an act of kindness, he explained many things."

When visiting Keçiören, allow enough time for the drive out to Bağlum with the hills rising and land opening up before you, enough time to observe the village life which lives a little closer to the earth, enough time to appreciate the graves of the spiritual giants who lay resting peacefully at Bağlum Cemetary and then come share a meal with your Turkish hosts at Özbek Horse Ranch before moving on to the next destination.



Vehbi Koç Foundation Ankara Orchard House



The Ankara Orchard House, which was donated to the Vehbi Koç Foundation by Semahat Arsel, President of the Board of Directors of the Vehbi Koç Foundation, was opened to public in 2007.

The orchard house is also called the “Gedikoğlu Orchard” and is one of the last orchard houses of Keçiören. Ali Gedikoğlu, one of the notable persons of Ankara and the husband of Vehbi Koç’s aunt, had it built at the beginning of the 1900s. The orchard house has the status of a “First Degree Cultural Asset that Should be Preserved”. Its restoration was completed by in 2007 and constitutes a unique example of Turkish culture and art, both with its architecture and with the attributes of the furnishing of its rooms. The Vehbi Koç Foundation aims to preserve with care and to transfer to the future generations the Orchard life at the “Ankara Orchard House”, which is a part of the former life-style of Ankara.

The Vehbi Koç Foundation (Vehbi Koç Vakfı) was first endowed in 1969. It’s establishment made it the first major private foundation of the Turkish Republic and brought about a revival of the age-



old tradition of the Vakıf – philanthropic endowments for the public good. The Foundation has since then carried out a great number of activities in the fields of education, healthcare and culture. Its founder, the late Vehbi Koç, was not only one of Turkey's most successful businessmen, but also a true philanthropist who believed that everyone had a personal responsibility to contribute towards problematic social solutions.

In essence, this project aims to keep alive the Orchard house tradition that is an indispensable element of the cultural heritage and that was realized as a contribution from Ankara to the Anatolian culture. The contribution made is of even greater importance when it is taken into consideration that the living areas are shrinking every day, especially due to the crowded concrete construction created along with unsound urbanization. There is the orchard house tradition at the foundation of living intermingled with nature for the residents of Ankara and this tradition is an "Ankara" value that should be kept alive.



The experts from the Sadberk Hanım Museum (SHM) have designed and furnished the upper story with a perception that reflects the Orchard house life of the transition period from the Ottoman period to the Republican period. The placement forms of the furniture and accessories in different styles in the rooms represents the fact that the traditional lifestyle could exist together with the modern lifestyle. Sedirs (large, low couches with no back/ends) have been placed end to end in front of the windows of the sofa, which is a living room and gathering area. The living room is the place where the family members gathered and spent time in daily life. At the same time, it was set aside as an area where traditional music was performed and where old 78 rpm records were listened to on a gramophone. The main furnishings in the bedroom are a brass bedstead, a wooden towel rack on a stand, a cradle and a dressing table.

The Orchard house and garden are open for business meetings and private parties. If desired the special pide (pita bread) varieties of the Orchard house are baked in the oven in the garden and menu choices from the meals unique to Ankara are served. Presentation topics, which include Ankara's history, culture and commercial life, are prepared upon request and are held between the hours when the meal activities are requested. The Ankara Orchard House can be toured every day except Tuesday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



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Mission Statement of Keçiören Municipality

Mission

To provide our residents with comfortable, peaceful, safe and healthy environment, as well as up to date and innovative municipal services with experienced, enthusiastic and qualified staff, using the latest technology available.

Vision

To become a leading municipality in terms of direct engagement with our society, innovation, high-quality life, and services that adhere to world standards.

Our Values

Transparency:	All municipal work and procedures will be transparent.
Accessibility:	We will take necessary measures to ensure the accessibility of information, services and the management to all our residents and employees.
Productivity:	We will keep productivity in the forefront of all our activities and services.
Participation:	We will create a mechanism to ensure the participation of our residents in decision processes.
Ecological Awareness:	We will conduct all our activities and services with keeping the safety and health of our environment in mind.
Honesty:	We will serve all our residents honestly and equally.
Innovative Approach:	We will strive to bring innovative services to our residents.

The Keçiören Municipality's Foreign Relations



Ankara, the capital city of the Republic of Turkey, is a progressive city which has a vibrant social and cultural environment. Situated about 13 km from the city center, Keçiören is the largest municipal constituency in Ankara with approximately one million residents.

Within our municipality offices, a foreign relations department exists which is unique in Turkish Municipalities. Extending a warm hand of friendship, our goal is to build mutual interest and understanding between cultures. Several international delegations pass through our door on a yearly basis with whom we share information, a good meal and laughter with the strong hope that we will be able to work together in the future.



Our trademark event is the annual Ramadan Festival. Each year we designate a parcel of land to build a replica of a small village. Each "home" represents a Turkish city and an international country that will come visit us and present its culture for the evening festivities in music, food, talks and dance. We have Muslim and non-Muslim friends from all over the world coming together and visiting long to eat, talk and learn of each other's cultures.

Through an alliance with other cities, we hope to achieve mutually rewarding relationships which will support and encourage work on issues in the fields of economy, trade, science and technology, arts and culture, environmental protection, tourism, education and exchanges, health, construction and general municipal support.

Following is a list of our current sister cities:

Fairfax County, Virginia, USA
Ufa, the Republic of Bashkortostan, Russia
Sumgait, Azerbaijan
Goražde, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Župa, Macedonia
Mamuša, Kosovo
Mehmetcik, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus
Jabalia Nazlah, Palestine
Güzelyurt, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

Keçiören earned the title of one of the most developed areas in Turkey. With its focus on people, its wider roads, regulated settlement, convenient public transportation, and electrical, water and waste networks, Keçiören takes pride in being an exemplary municipal district within the country of Turkey. Consequently, we are looking for partners with whom we can exchange ideas, experiences and expertise as well as projects.

Mister Mayor,

The Urban County of Fairfax, Virginia is pleased and honored to enter into a Sister Jurisdiction partnership with the City of Keçiören.

...This trip has helped me to personally experience the warmth and friendship of the Turkish community and see firsthand your rich history. This partnership will also allow both of us to share information, practices and approaches to solving our shared local government challenges - in the areas of education, public works, energy efficiency, human services, transportation and economic development.

Most of all, the personal friendships and relationships that will result from this partnership will prove valuable in ways we can't predict. [...]

Sharon Bulova
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
Fairfax County, Virginia, USA



**Interview with the Macedonian
Ambassador in Ankara,**

Mr. Goran Taskovski



1. Could you please introduce yourself shortly?

- ▶ I am the Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia. My name is Goran Taskovski. I have been the ambassador now for nearly a year. I come from the city of Atatürk in Macedonia - Bitola, or known in Turkey as Manastır. I want to say that my city in Macedonia has a lot of people that are from Turkish origin, so that is why Turkey is nothing new to me, and I felt at home from the first time I came to Ankara and Turkey. I felt like I was at home and I felt that the Turkish people are very generous, very open with me, and that made me feel very welcome. I am here today, and I think I will be here for a very long time in order to make relations between Macedonia and Turkey even stronger.

2. When did you come to Turkey?

- ▶ I came to Turkey on the 10th January 2011, so it's been nearly a year, and from then until now we have had a lot of activities, and one of the best



activities we had was actually in the municipality of Keçiören. It was one of the municipalities that I visited first, and I was very happy that I did that, because I saw how a municipality should be and function, and what kind of activities and projects should take place in one very special municipality.

3. What is your opinion about Turkey now, as opposed to, say, ten years ago?

- Well, as I said, I come from a city in Macedonia where Turkish influence is very profound. You can find Turkish origins, history and heritage everywhere in my city in Macedonia. That is why I knew quite a lot about Turkey before I came here, and now having experienced one year of Turkey, I can say that Turkey is growing very rapidly in every possible field, especially in the field of economy. As you know, international institutions rank Turkey as the number one country in economic growth in the world. And that is very good for Turkey, but it is also very good for Macedonia, because, as you know, Macedonia and Turkey are very tight together. And Turkey helps Macedonia in every way in order for Macedonia to go forward in the world. I would also want to point out that, apart from economic situation, Turkey is becoming a world leader in politics. So, Turkey is trying to help every situation in the world or in the region, trying to bring peace where there are problems, and trying to fix everything in a calm and good manner.

4. What is the extent of your relations with the Keçiören Municipality in Ankara? How would you describe its foreign relations policy in general and the relations with your country in particular?

- ▶ When I first came to Ankara, one of the things that I heard was that there was a municipality that was very fascinating; the name was Keçiören. What I wanted to do was to visit that municipality. So, we set up a meeting with the mayor. I visited the municipality, and I was very honored and pleased to have visited Keçiören. And straight away, from the first time I visited the municipality, I knew that it was a friendship being born in some way. And what I want to say first and foremost is that I don't look at the municipality of Keçiören as a political means of communication. Primarily the mayor, Mr. Mustafa Ak, and I also want to mention Mr. Mustafa Araç, the director of the Foreign Relations Department, they are my personal friends, and that is how I look at them at the moment. Everything else comes second. First of all, we are all friends, and everything else comes second. I would also like to point out that when I first visited and took a look at how Keçiören is being managed and what is taking place in Keçiören, it was a breathtaking experience. With all of those special projects and programs, with the waterfalls, and many other projects that are taking place in Keçiören at the moment and that will take place in the future. I also felt warmth and positive atmosphere. I felt that the municipality is working from its heart to make the municipality an even better place for all of the citizens; an open place, where everyone can visit and look at the beauty of the successful story of the Keçiören Municipality.

5. How would you describe numerous projects, services and activities that are carried out by the Keçiören Municipality in the areas of environmental awareness, social progress, education, economy, tourism, etc.?

- ▶ As I have already said, the mayor and everyone that works in the municipality of Keçiören are doing their best to improve the services in all of these fields. I saw that, while I visited Keçiören, and I visited Keçiören on my own a few times as well, that Keçiören is a role model for every other municipality not only in Turkey, but also a role model for the municipalities in Macedonia as well. I would like to say that this is the result of all things being managed in an appropriate way; in a way that makes all citizens of Keçiören happy, where they can receive all necessary services and gain all necessary information in a very quick and efficient way.

6. Would you suggest our municipality as an exemplary partner-city for international relations?

- ▶ I can say that any city in the world would be honored to be in a sisterhood with the municipality of Keçiören. We have started the negotiations like this with my city, with Manastır - Bitola. As you may know, the mayor Mr. Mustafa Ak and Mr. Mustafa Araç were our guests in Macedonia and in

my city as well. I was very pleased that they accepted our invitation. They stayed for three or four days, I think, and they saw what my city has to offer, and I think that we are on a very good path towards establishing this partnership between the municipality of Keçiören and the municipality of Bitola. So, hopefully, in the future this project will be completed very quickly. And I would like to say that if all the municipalities not only in Turkey, but also in Macedonia were dedicated and worked in a manner like the municipality of Keçiören works, then I think any municipality or city would want to be in a partnership with that municipality.

7. Is there anything that you would like to add?

- ▶ Well, what I would like to add is that I am very happy that I have friends in Turkey like the mayor Mr. Mustafa Ak, and especially Mr. Mustafa Araç. We are very pleased to be a part of International Ramadan Festival in the municipality of Keçiören, where Macedonia had a promotional house and was very privileged to be there. And there was also a special program where we as an embassy shared what Macedonia has to offer in every field, including food, culture, and friendship. And I just want to mention that this festival will always be in my heart and it will always be in everyone's heart that was a part of our embassy in Ankara, and also everyone in Macedonia because it was promoted on our national television in Macedonia as well, live from Keçiören. And I just want to add that if the municipality of Keçiören continues to work in this way in the future, and I know it will, then I think that not only the Republic of Macedonia, but every country that wants to establish partnership relations with Turkey, would be honored to be a partner city with the municipality of Keçiören which always strives to find the way to improve situation and everything that could possibly be a positive thing for both sides.



Martha Young
Senior English Language Fellow
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Bureau of Cultural Affairs

As a Senior English Language Fellow from the United States Department of State, Bureau of Cultural Affairs I was invited to come spend two years with Keçiören Municipality to work on English language education projects. While I came to freely share the enthusiasm of English language learning and teaching, I was met with equal enthusiasm and friendship from the people within the municipality. Doors have been opened wide in hospitality with much tea sharing not only in the municipality offices, but across the city itself as I have worked in the community centers and gone into homes throughout my time here. Genuine curiosity of each other's culture has led to some of the most touching and interesting conversations I have had to date. Discussions have commendably led to not only what we have in common but have comfort-



ably explored differences in our cultures and their origins. I have found the Turkish people of Keçiören open, warm and humorous. I have found the leadership of Keçiören very focused on the well being of the people and the city with profound elements of forethought and compassion running through decisions being made. The Municipality has made my time here unforgettable, not because of the excellent classroom hours logged in for language and teaching methodology but because of the laughter shared, the deep connections made and the friendships forged that have transcended gender and culture. I will always find in Keçiören a home away from my American home. I am filled with gratitude for Mustafa Ak's vision for these projects and invitation to the municipality and for the love, work, and ideas shared during my time here.

Keçiören International
Activities and Programs



International Ramadan Festival

Ramadan is a month of tranquility and reflection, during which we pull ourselves away from the life's sorrows and turmoil, and reflect on what we did and did not do in the past year. Our contemplation extends to our homeland, families and friends; but it also crosses borders and reaches people around the world. We think about the poor, those affected by wars and disasters, and the ill, because Ramadan is a month of reckoning.

With a motto of "Borderless Brotherhood", every year in the month of Ramadan, the municipality of Keçiören organizes international activities that cross borders, reach our brothers and sisters from around the world, and promote feelings of unity and solidarity among different nations. Each year, 30 different countries participate at this event, by presenting their cultural heritage.

The International Ramadan Activities' aim is to bring together and blend different cultures, and strengthen unity and solidarity between communities.





Each day, a different country introduces its culture; but at the same time, the culture and tradition of one Turkish region is presented, enabling two cultures to mingle and get acquainted with each other. Everyone looks forwards to this event, and the daily number of visitors exceeds 10,000 people.

International Day of Nowruz

The International Day of Nowruz is a spring festival of Persian origin celebrated on 21 March, the day of the vernal equinox, by more than 300 million people worldwide as the beginning of the new year. Nowruz, which means new day, has been celebrated for over 3,000 years in the Balkans, the Black Sea Basin, the Caucasus, Central Asia, the Middle East and other regions. In order to encourage multicultural dialogue and understanding in the spirit of Nowruz, the Keçiören Municipality helps to organize annual international commemoration events that celebrate the holiday, its history and traditions.





Participating in Festivals

The Keçiören Municipality attends numerous cultural festivals that are organized by our sister cities, other cities and countries, and takes active part in those events with its cultural programs with folklore groups, displaying various handcrafts exhibitions, etc. An example is the Festival of Friendship, organized annually by Goražde, our sister city from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Another important event was Anatolian Cultural Week organized in Denmark in 2011, which brought together regional culture from all around Turkey and presented it to the Danish people. Our municipality participated with a traditional Turkish handcraft team from our educational centers KEÇMEK with our exhibition receiving the most attention and interest among all other presenters.

Commemoration of Khojaly massacre

The Khojaly Massacre or Khojaly Tragedy was the killing of 613 ethnic Azerbaijani civilians, including 106 women and 83 children, from the town of Khojaly on 25–26 February 1992 during the Nagorno-Karabakh War . Keçiören Municipality organizes annual international events that commemorate the victims of the massacre.

American Thanksgiving

For two years Keçiören Municipality has been hosting a Senior English Language Fellow from the U.S. Embassy who has worked on English education projects for the municipality. Both years in late November, Foreign Relations has cooked and held a traditional American Thanksgiving meal for municipality and embassy guests to experience the cross cultural celebration.

Welcoming Delegations, Exchange Students and Other Guests

The Keçiören Municipality takes great pride in welcoming its foreign guests from around the world, whether they are official delegations, exchange students, seminar participants or tourists on excursion. In 2011, we welcomed Kentucky State Senator Ms. Kathy Dean Stein and other Kentucky State and Virginia State representatives. The delegation members were so pleased with what they saw in Keçiören, that future partnership relations between the Fairfax County, Virginia, and the Keçiören Municipality were discussed.

Occasionally, we also welcome guests that participate at international seminars organized in Keçiören. In 2011, the seminar on Advanced Media Training was held in the Cultural Center “Estergon”. We provided our guests from 14 different countries with necessary equipment and comfortable environment where they conducted their activities.

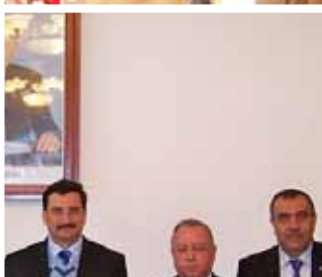
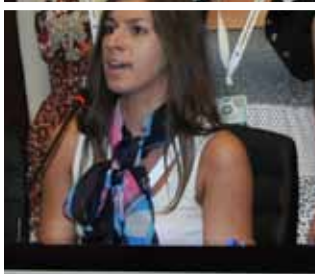
Another type of guests that we frequently welcome are students from other countries that come to visit Ankara. We accommodate them and plan their visit which includes seeing points of interest in Keçiören as well as providing opportunities to participate in various recreational and cultural activities with culture nights, concerts, exhibitions, visiting the zoo, going swimming, etc.

Children internationally participate at our summer schools through a Student Exchange program. We welcome and accommodate our young guests, make them feel at home, and involve them in joint activities with Keçiören youth in order to promote multiculturalism, solidarity and friendship.

Attending Receptions and Celebrations

Foreign Relations members attend various receptions and celebrations organized by the variety of foreign embassies in Ankara. The Keçiören Municipality has established active and friendly relations with several embassies, and is their inevitable guest at a plethora of events.





Education



Education is one of the most important aspects in a society, and as such, it is also one of our main focuses. There are 82 primary schools, 41 high schools (17 of which are Anatolian high schools, which exist to serve the learning needs of the high performing, highly motivated students of Turkey), six institutions of higher education (universities, an academy and a conservatory), two libraries, and a vast number of public and private educational centers in the municipality of Keçiören. Our institution is directly responsible for the foundation of a few most important educational centers (KEÇMEK, KADEM, KEDEM) at which tens of thousands of Keçiören residents attend every year. These and many other socially progressive programs carried out by our municipality are something we take great pride in.

Universities, Academy and Conservatory



Turgut Özal University

Turgut Özal University is a private university with international standards of scientific research, which aims to produce graduates within the country and abroad that will pursue their professions with success in the best possible way. The university prepares the students for what's ahead, working closely with private and government organizations.

Guided by the “freedom of idea, conscience, and knowledge” as the goal of education stated by the founder of the Republic of Turkey, M. Kemal Atatürk, and “independent and free thought, freedom of religion, conscience, and enterprise” as the principle of Turgut Özal who has significantly contributed to Turkey's leap towards the level of a developed country, Turgut Özal University has;

- a mission to activate innovative, entrepreneurial and responsible, equipped with ethical values and global knowledge, constantly improving by continuously learning students, faculty members, researchers, alumni and stakeholders, institutions and individuals that will generate knowledge and utilize this knowledge in practice to add value to the society.
- a vision to become a pioneer in regional and national level and globally known university involved in continuous development, aligned with the general university criteria in terms of higher education quality, productive scientific activities, stakeholder interaction, cooperation and satisfaction-oriented services it provides.



Turgut Özal University aims to graduate individuals that are open to all sources of information of mankind, unbiased, impartial and independent, free and questioning in their scientific works as they are in their whole life; big-hearted in relations with people, institutions and community.

Turgut Özal University operates with the awareness of the fact that the 21st century will be constructed by entrepreneurial and competitive people that are confident in national and global areas, sufficient in their professions, have the ability to utilize their abilities anywhere in the world, and possess the desire and ability to work together with all social actors.

Turgut Özal University has adopted the main duty of raising modern individuals who possess unconditional respect for common values of humanity; who are unprejudiced, and know how to approach differences with tolerance.

Turgut Özal University currently operates with three faculties, namely,

- Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences with Management, Economics, and Political Studies/International Relations departments;
- Faculty of Engineering with Electric/Electronics, and Computer Engineering Departments;
- Faculty of Law.





Yıldırım Beyazıt University

Yıldırım Beyazıt University is a public university established in 2010 with a goal to educate individuals who will contribute to science and technology through scientific research in a well-equipped environment.

It is the fifth public university in Ankara, and 97th public university in Turkey, offering undergraduate and graduate programs in:

- seven faculties (Medicine, Law, Political Sciences, Engineering, Natural Sciences and Health-related Sciences faculties),
- the College of Foreign Language Studies,
- four institutes for graduate studies (Natural and Applied Sciences, Health-related Sciences, Social Sciences, International Relations and Strategic Research);
- the Turkish Music Conservatory.

The university's main goal is to become an institution that serves all, provides leadership and guidance for our country and society in the light of current issues, and shapes the future of science.

Yıldırım Beyazıt University has a young, dynamic, experienced and highly-trained staff with degrees from some of the leading universities in U.S., Europe and Turkey, and it operates with a student-centered approach to higher education.



Ankara University, Keçiören Campus



Ankara University is a public institution of higher education that was formally established in 1946. Its numerous campuses are spread all around Ankara one of which is situated in Kecioren, including:

- Faculty of Agriculture,
- College of Health Services,
- Institute of the History of Turkish Revolution.

The Institute of Agriculture is Ankara University's second faculty that was established in 1933, after the Law School which is the university's first branch founded in 1925 with the goal to train lawyers that will establish a new legal system of a democratic republic. One of the ideals of the republic was to educate Turkish farmers to take an active role in the country's development and economy. This led to the foundation of the Institute of Agriculture on today's Keçiören's fertile lands, with the aim of exploring the rich culture of Anatolia and serving Turkish farmers with experience and research. Apart from Agriculture, the institute continued to offer high education in Forestry, Veterinary and Natural Sciences as well until 1946, when all those branches were combined under the name of the Faculty of Agriculture and attached to Ankara University. The Faculty of Agriculture played a big role in the development of agriculture in the country and upbringing of Agricultural Engineers and scientists. Especially until 1955, it was the only faculty of agriculture in Turkey. Today, the faculty successfully offers professional educational and training services with its 500,000 m² of the campus area, modern





classrooms, laboratories, workshops, libraries, social facilities, indoor and outdoor sports fields, and also six farms dedicated to research and practical experimentation.

The College of Health Services was established in 1988 and it offers nine programs in nursing, anesthesia, medical imaging techniques, medical laboratory techniques, medical documentation and secretaryship, orthotics and prosthetics, audiometry, radiation therapy, and pharmacy services.

The Institute of the History of Turkish Revolution was founded in 1942 in affiliation to the Faculty of Language and History of Ankara University. As of 1982, the Institute engaged in active studies as an independent department affiliated to the Ankara University Rectorate. The institute conducts academic studies on the proclamation of the Turkish Republic, Atatürk's Principles and Revolutions, but also training academicians in these fields by providing them with comprehensive MA and PhD education. Within this context, the Institute of the History of Turkish Revolution is an academic entity offering postgraduate studies, undertaking projects in the framework set for the research institutes, acting as the coordinator of the "Atatürk's Principles and the History of Turkish Revolution", and offering a mandatory undergraduate course to all the departments of the university. Moreover, the institute has its own archive, library and museum used by the researchers in the field, and it organizes symposiums, conferences, panels and discussions for better enlightenment of the public.



Hacettepe University,
the Faculty of Economic
and Administrative Units,
the Department of Social
Services



The department was established in 1961 by the Ministry of Health and Social Services under the name of “Social Services Academy” which offered four-year higher education programs. In 1982, it was connected to Hacettepe University under the roof of The Faculty of Economic and Administrative Units, and until today it remains the only higher education institution in Turkey that offers graduate programs in social services.





Gülhane Military Medical Academy (GATA)

GATA (short for Gülhane Askeri Tıp Akademisi), which has been serving Turkish medicine for more than a century, was established in 1898 within the walls of the Topkapı Palace in Istanbul under the name of Gülhane Military School of Exercise and Hospital.

In 1941, it was relocated from Istanbul to Ankara and attached to Cebeci Hospital. In 1947, it took its present name of Gülhane Military Medical Academy or GATA. In 1971, it was relocated to its present location in Keçiören, and has been operating for 38 year now. It consists of the following units:

- Military Faculty of Medicine,
- College for Medical Officers,
- College of Nursing,
- Vocational School of Health,
- Turkish Armed Forces Rehabilitation and Care Center.



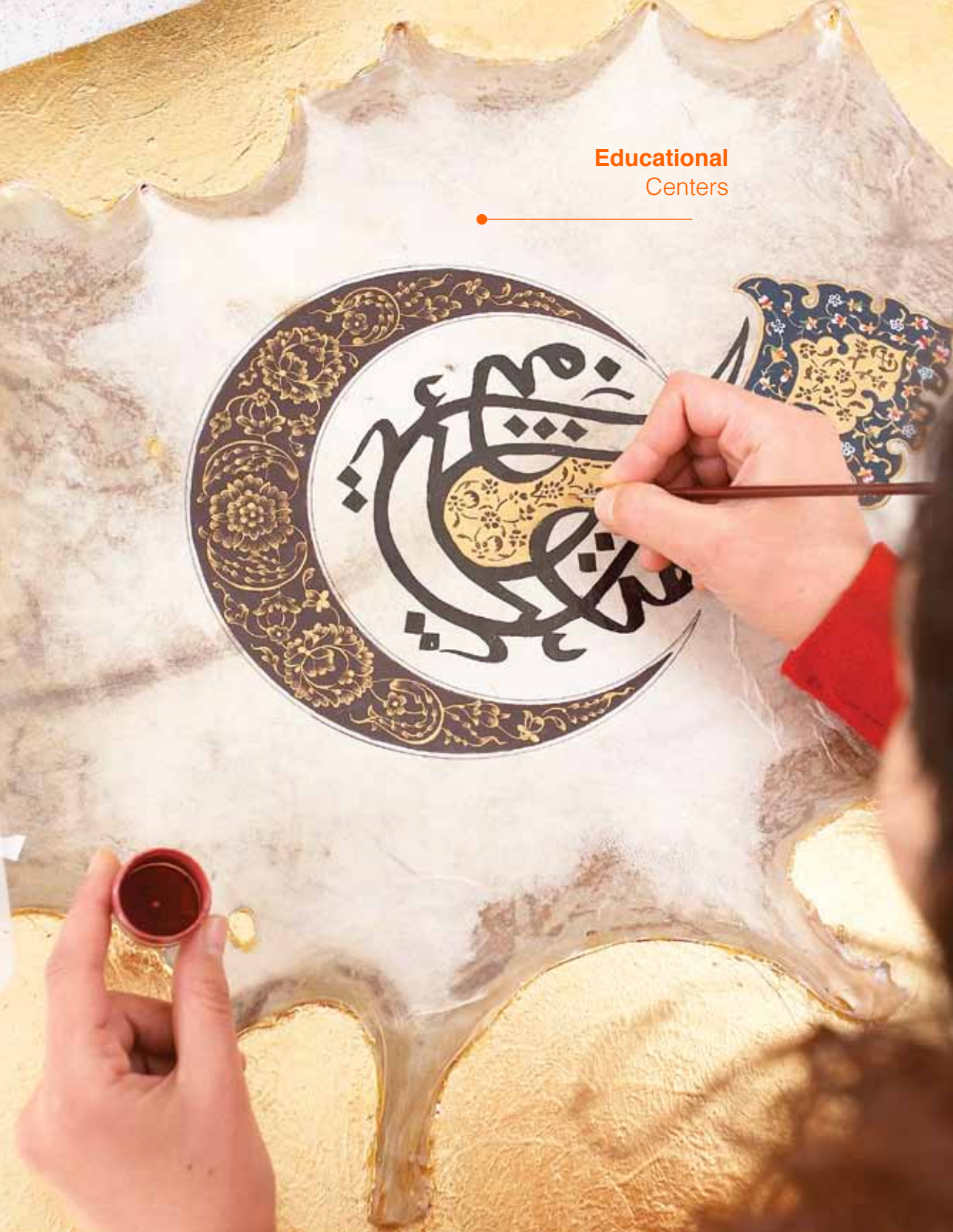
Keçiören Conservatory



Keçiören Conservatory offers courses in Turkish Classical and Folk Music, Folklore Dances, and traditional handcrafts, and its main goal is to instill the love for music and art in our people's hearts. Currently, 30 instructors teach 11 different courses, some of which are: Turkish Classical Music, Turkish Folk Music, theater, folklore dances, musical instruments (e.g. guitar, lute, flute, violin), youth choir, spiritual Sufi music, and chess.



Educational
Centers



KEÇMEK

(The Keçiören Municipality
Educational Courses in Arts
and Professions)



KEÇMEK (short for Keçiören Belediyesi Sanat ve Meslek Eğitimi Kursları - The Keçiören Municipality Educational Courses in Arts and Professions) is a professional educational institution, certified by the Ministry of Education, which offers a vast number of educational opportunities for our residents. Free courses in 70 different fields are available in a total of 14 educational centers throughout the district of the Keçiören Municipality, and they are available for anyone who is at least 16 years old. There is no upper bound on age criterion, nor any other occupational, personal, or gender limitation. KEÇMEK was established with a goal of helping the economical development for our residents by offering high quality education with the guarantee of employment after the successful completion of courses.

So far, among KEÇMEK students there have been housewives, students, employed people, people with disabilities, elderly, youth, the illiterate, etc. For instance, every year around 20.000 women attend the handcrafts and vocation-gaining courses which

give them the opportunity to obtain nationally approved certificates and pursue their own businesses.

KEÇMEK is organized as an educational institution incorporating several faculties and academies: Language Academy (Turkish, German, Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese, French, English, Russian, Ottoman, Japanese, Spanish and Italian); Music Academy (reed flute, guitar, piano, lute, violin, Turkish folk dance, and 'baglama'- a plucked instrument with three double strings and a long neck); Cinema Workshop



(film history, screenwriting, film production, camera, montage, shooting of a short film); Academy of Photography and Painting (painting techniques, photography, relief); Beauty Care School (courses in skin care, hair care, hair styling, manicure, pedicure, basic make-up techniques, herbal products, and sales representation); School of Computer Technologies (using a computer, computer-aided accounting, Internet and e-mail, AutoCAD, 3 DS Max, Office programs, graphic and Web



design); Handcrafts Academy (glass beading, jewelry design, philography, wood and tile painting, marbling, embroidery, lacework, ornamenting, stained glass, filigree); School of Styling (apparel design and styling); Sports (Step, aerobic, Pilates); Personal and Professional Development Courses (reading and writing, diction, socializing, business communication, professional ethics, worker health and



safety, business management); Clothing and Furnishing School (clothing and upholstery design, machine embroidery, felt making, leather processing, ribbon embroidery); School of Baking (cake baking and ornamenting, wedding candy production); Family School (child care, family education).







As a complementary center to formal education institutions, KEÇMEK's main objectives are:

- To promote life-long education and personal development to all residents of all ages,
- To improve knowledge in the areas of arts, crafts and vocation, especially to those who are not able to attend schools and obtain formal education for some reason,
- To increase personal buildup and experience,
- To instill the urban culture and increase the awareness of living in a metropolis,





- To help residents stop being passive consumers and become active producers,
- To contribute in creating opportunities for employment and earning income,
- To improve the quality of education by introducing modern elements of innovation, reasoning, participation, science, and continuity,
- To contribute to the education of accomplished and conscious individuals in the society,
- To contribute to both individual and social development by helping turn a hard work into productivity.







KADEM

Center for the Support to Women's Education

KADEM (short for Kadınların Eğitimine Destek - Support to Women's Education) is a joint project of the Keçiören Municipality and the Keçiören Public Education Center, which aims to support women whose primary or secondary education was interrupted, by giving them the opportunity to finish their education and gain a diploma.





At the KADEM's opening ceremony, Mr. Mustafa Ak, the Mayor of Keçiören, pointed out that women are the pillars of a family, and consequently, the pillars of a society; which is the main reason why the Municipality of Keçiören attaches such great importance to this project. He also expressed his belief that this step towards helping women receive education in order to maximize their future opportunities will set an example to the whole country.

The activities of KADEM include job gaining courses, various seminars, primary and secondary education (natural sciences, social studies, Turkish and English language, maths), as well as preparatory courses for university entrance exams.

Mrs. Gülay Güven (35), a housewife who attends KADEM said: „Due to family problems I was forced to leave school when I was in 7th grade. After I got married, I decided to complete my primary and high school education, and KADEM has enabled me to do just that. My goal is to finish the university as well, so that I can set an example for my children“.

Another KADEM student, Mrs. Emine Akkadin (43), pointed out that even though it is not easy for housewives with children to pursue higher education, KADEM facilitates this by providing the necessary environment and opportunities.



KEDEM

The Keçiören Municipality's Center for the Support in Education

KEDEM (short for Keçiören Belediyesi Eğitime Destek Merkezi - The Keçiören Municipality's Center for the Support in Education) aims to provide the support in education to all our residents, especially children and the youth. In a total of nine centers, KEDEM offers education in natural and social sciences, languages, computers, and arts. Because the Turkish school day is split into two school shifts, KEDEM opens early to offer morning support to afternoon school students and afternoon support to the students who come from the morning shift at school.





The goals, principles and vision of KEDEM can be summarized as follows:

- Educating of young people in cultural and social areas to help them develop their cultural and social skills,
- Providing a free support in education to all residents,
- Providing the opportunity of free computers, Internet, library, consulting, guidance, and family education,
- Helping the young students in their homework projects,
- Creating the equality in education by providing education opportunities to all regions of our district,
- Introducing interactive education, and education through entertainment,
- Providing effective and systematic guidance for parents.

All teachers and personnel are certified by the national Ministry of Education. And apart from teaching, they are actively involved in providing counseling to students in other areas as well. This service is delivered through our Counseling Department, which is responsible for supervising all activities and results, personal development, and improving the social skills of the students and their parents.





Courses Offered by KEDEM

All regular school courses, including English, are revisited in KEDEM and the students also receive extra preparation for major exams. Study skills are addressed along with computer skills and Internet usage. Counseling is available to all students and their families.

Perpetual Educational Support

One of the biggest issues in young student's education is the inability of parents to get more involved in their children's school activities, due to the long working hours or inadequate knowledge on their part. KEDEM offers a qualified environment under the supervision of professional teachers where this issue can be resolved effectively. Students are able to work on their school homework and projects undisturbed and supervised, and they can also use computer labs, Internet and the library for research.





Clubs for Students

- Readers' Club
- Chess and Mind Games Club
- Math Club
- Natural Sciences Club
- Theater Club
- English Club
- Journalism, Television, and Cinema Club
- Painting and Photography Club

Social Activities and Competitions

- Poetry and Prose Competitions
- Painting and Photography Competitions
- Historical Tours
- Picnics
- Cinema Days
- Summer Schools

Libraries

There are two libraries in Keçiören: “Fatih” and “Osmanlı”, which were built with the aim of promoting the values and beauty of book-reading, as well as to help our residents acquire the habit of reading and develop the love for books. Only in 2011, more than 20.000 people benefited from these libraries, especially from the book donation campaigns they organized. Other activities include reading sessions for the elderly in nursing homes every Tuesday and Thursday, and organization of reading competitions by the name “Who Read the Most”, where the winners get rewards for their achievement.



Summer Schools



The Municipality of Keçiören organizes Summer Schools in three categories: sports, youth courses, and courses for adults; which are offered at thirty-nine educational centers situated in Keçiören. In order to provide easy access to our summer schools for all of our residents, free transportation services were offered as well. Moreover, we provided free equipment for all summer school attendants. Sports courses include football, basketball, volleyball, swimming, tennis, field hockey, taekwondo, cricket, and kick box. At the end of the semester, football and swimming tournaments were organized, and the most successful players were invited to the team of Keçiören Bağlum Sports Club.

Youth summer school includes courses in chess, diction, English language, computer, theater, folk dance, and musical instruments: guitar, violin and 'baglama'- a plucked instrument with three double strings and a long neck.

The courses for adult residents include traditional Turkish-Islamic art, traditional crafts, foreign languages, music, computers and technology, and vocational trainings.





Educational Projects and Campaigns



In the academic years of 2010/2011 and 2011/2012, the Keçiören municipality provided 13,000 stationery sets for new primary school students, respectively, as well as 19,000 nutritional breakfasts for our first, second and third grade students in order to help them develop healthy eating habits. Another project, realized by Ankara Provincial Directorate of National Education in partnership with the Keçiören Traffic Control Department, was interactive practical education about traffic rules and regulations for a total of 5000 third and fourth grade students, where students also had the chance to test their knowledge in small gasoline cars.

Parks, Recreation and Environment





As the density of population increases in Keçiören, city leadership recognizes that green spaces and parks directly affect the quality of life of its inhabitants. They have carefully planned and maintained parks with not only 550 units of outdoor play and exercise equipment but also fountains and ponds to attract children, families and its elderly outdoors. By emphasizing neighborhood parks and safe areas for children and families to be together, Keçiören is also achieving a community goal of providing means for families to resist the endless captivation of computers and TV. "Park without Obstacles" is an ongoing project that will provide an environment for leisure and recreation for people with disabilities, so they can relax and engage in certain recreational activities without anyone's help. The city boasts of 420 parks, many with walking trails which amounts to 2.45 m2 of green space per capita. Rose gardens can also be found over the city as well. The city launches initiatives to raise awareness and enhance greener living as well. For example, it recycles solid waste, the Mayor and the Minister of Environment and Forestry have collected litter from streets and parks with the young people of the city to emphasize that it is everyone's responsibility to care for the city. The city has greenhouses that it invites elementary students to tour and it provides "hospital care" for diseased plants of residents, even extended care if







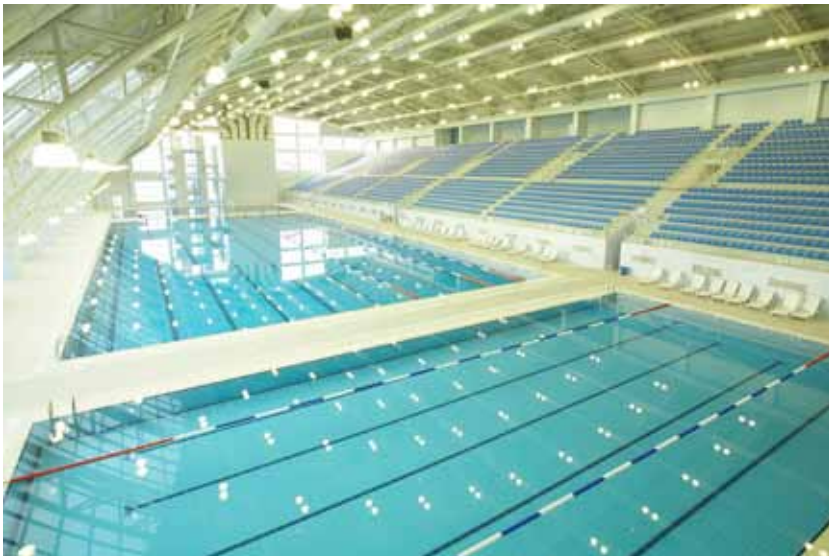






residents go on long holidays. Contests are also organized for best balcony, best garden and best windows among the neighborhoods.

In addition to the park system, the city also has an Aqua Park and 75 sports complexes which serve men, women, children, the disabled, the elderly and families together. A favorite member of the sports complex offerings is the "Etlik" Olympic swimming pool which consists of three separate swimming pools, seats for 3000 people, a spa center with four saunas and massage rooms, two fitness centers, media room, cafeteria, dressing rooms with 550 lockers, table-tennis hall, and other facilities. The facility was designed with underwater speakers, scoreboards, music and announcement broadcast systems, solar energy heating system, VRF and cellular air-conditioning, floor heating system, non-slip tiles, a ventilation system that allows air circulation, and special facilities that enable easy access for people with disabilities. Swimming safety is ensured by a total of seven lifeguards, a medical staff, and maximum-level hygiene. Courses in swimming, water polo and water ballet are offered regularly by highly skilled training staff. "Etlik" Olympic swimming pool meets all criteria required for both national and international competitions.









Social Services

The Keçiören Municipality, as a people-centered municipality, takes great pride in its numerous social services aimed at improving the quality of lives for the Keçiören residents. Several services and activities are in place for people with special needs and / or disabilities; as well as plans and redesigns are underway in numerous areas and facilities for various social activities.



Keçiören Women's Shelter Project and Consulting Center for Women



Women's Shelter and the Consulting Center for Women were established in order to prevent and fight all kinds of violence against women with the priority on human trafficking and domestic violence, as well as to contribute to social change directed towards ending the legitimacy of violence against women. At the opening ceremony, the mayor expressed his regrets that this kind of facility had to be established out of necessity, but he also pointed out that facing the reality and acceptance of the existing problems is the first step to their solution.

The Keçiören Women's Shelter and Counseling Center provide safe and secure housing for up to 20 women and 20 children at the same time, medical/health support, legal support and psychological support.

As one of the steps in our efforts to fight violence against women, our Consulting Center for Women proposed a new EU Grundtvig project named "Certainly Mother" in cooperation with some other civilian organizations from a few European countries: Italy, Belgium, Poland, Austria, Spain and Greece. The project has been approved and is being carried out under the supervision of our Consulting Center for Women.

The project's goals are to provide parenting support to victims of domestic violence and, particularly, to support female immigrants through information exchange and cooperation in various activities, such as organizing training sessions about women's legal rights and various other awareness raising seminars.

Counseling Center and Other Facilities for People with Disabilities



The Keçiören Municipality's Counseling Center for People with Disabilities was opened in 2004, with a goal to produce solutions to various social, economic and health-related problems of our residents with disabilities.

The center's services include dispatching a specially equipped vehicle in order to provide the disabled with an easy access to hospitals and other facilities if necessary. In 2011, a total of 850 residents with disabilities benefited from this service. The center also offers educational programs aimed at working with the families of the disabled residents and facilitating the adaptation process and socialization, as well as various other services, support and assistance which will facilitate the lives of our disabled citizens and their families.

Other facilities, such as culture centers, sports complexes, parks and the municipality building, are specially equipped in order to provide easy access for people with disabilities. For instance, "Yunus Emre" Culture Center, which was built in 1994, but left unmaintained and therefore lost its usefulness, has recently been renovated, making it a modern, multi-purpose facility that offers various social and cultural activities, especially for the disabled. It consists of two fully electronically equipped halls, fitness center for men and women, a library, a conference hall, music room, classrooms, a health center, and markets. "Etlik" Olympic Swimming Pool is another example of specially equipped complexes, the opportunity of recreational activities for people with disabilities.

TOGEM

Center for Social Development

TOGEM (short for Toplumsal Gelişim Merkezi - Center for Social Development) is a charity institution founded by Mrs. Emine Erdoğan, the wife of the Turkish Prime Minister Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The first center was opened in Üsküdar, Istanbul, and today, it offers its services in the districts of many municipalities including Keçiören. Under the umbrella of TOGEM, hearts are beating for kindness, compassion, cooperation, solidarity and sharing. The efforts of TOGEM are oriented towards people in need of assistance, so that they can proudly say “we are not alone”, and their aim is to deliver services to everyone in need.

The goals, activities, principles and vision of TOGEM can be summarized as follows:

- To provide support in food, clothing, goods, and education under projects in Social Responsibility,
- To provide the opportunity in education for the disabled under the projects “School for the disabled”,
- To promote the basic values of goodness and plan, create, follow up, and apply various aid projects for those in need,
- To help to the families in need by finding them, knocking on their doors and letting them know that they are not alone.





The doors of TOGEM are open for anyone who would like to contribute, and most of their activities are funded by donations from people in any of these areas: food, clothing, books, toys, stationery, cleaning products, medicine, furniture, legal, educational and psychological support, etc.

When someone applies to TOGEM for aid or support, the TOGEM personnel visits them in their homes to investigate the extent of required assistance, as well as to console the family or individual in need. After extending the hand of help to a family, TOGEM keeps regular updates about their situation.

The TOGEM departments include: Social Research, Information Processing, Transportation, and Legal Documentation Affairs.

Some of the most important TOGEM projects include:

Home Assistance – Educating and dispatching the specially trained assistants to help the elder and the disabled in everyday life and house chores.

School for the Disabled –A school for children with special needs, so that they can have the equal opportunities for education as everyone else.

“Town Without Obstacles” Project – construction of playgrounds for the disabled children in the vicinity of primary schools.

1000 Computer for Schools - equipping computer labs in primary schools.



“Hold My Hand and Share My Happiness” Project – a project involving volunteers from all aspects of the society, whether it be teachers, students, housewives, the retired, etc., who are engaged in helping poor, disabled, and homeless people in their free time, in any way they can contribute.

“Special Classrooms” Project – the first project which will provide special benches, boards, computers, and other educational material for the primary schools in the academic year of 2011/2012, in order to meet the educational requirements of the disabled students.

Mobile Kindergarten Project – setting up of temporary kindergartens for the areas where there are none, until the construction of the proper facilities is finished.



Nursing Home and Elderly Care



The Keçiören nursing home, with its professionally trained and experienced staff, offers special care for our senior citizens. Taking Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's words "the way a nation treats their elderly and retired citizens is the greatest foundation of that nation's power of living" as their motto, the nursing home personnel make their residents feel the warmth of a real family.

The Kecioren municipality takes special care of its elderly residents through various services and projects. For instance, some of the services that we offer to our senior citizens include:

- Cleaning their homes,
- Providing aid to those in need (in clothing, food, etc.),
- Providing home care and treating those with health conditions
- Facilitating their participation in public life
- Doing their shopping
- Running errands to pay their bills for them
- Paying regular visits
- Reading books
- Helping them participate at cultural and social activities (cinema, theater, etc.)
- Encouraging our youth to be a part of our activities in helping the elderly, and bringing these two generations together, so that the youth can benefit from their wisdom and knowledge, but at the same time contribute to their wellbeing.

“Ak Masa” Public Relations and Unemployment Center



“Ak Masa” is a special department under the Keçiören Municipality that serves as a public relations office, where our residents can appeal with their complaints, requests or suggestions, mostly regarding various issues among which unemployment is at the top. The goal behind establishing this department was to provide an effective two-way communication between our residents and the municipality management in order to deal with our residents’ problems locally and efficiently. “Ak Masa” Solution Team handles numerous requests and complaints on a daily basis. This department has connections with local employers and government employment institutions and takes active participation in the process of finding employment opportunities for our residents that seek our help. Our residents can apply directly, over a phone, or via our online system, which makes this service accessible to everyone. In the last two years, we received over 25,000 job applications, out of which approximately 7,000 were matched and directed to potential employers. Around 600 people benefited from this service by getting a job.





Family Education Center

Our Family Education Center offers family counseling, marriage and parenting seminars, life coaching, communication and psychological coaching, as well as educational and legal consulting services with the goal of raising quality of life of our families.

The counseling services include psychological and pedagogical counseling, legal advice, family therapist, nutrition counseling, communication coaching, as well as seminars in dialogue skills for business and social life, self-advocacy, communication at work, education and family life, self-control in stressful situations, and public relations.

The educational services include: school of parenting (responsibilities of prospective parents, stages of the process of planning and raising a child, perspective on motherhood, fathers' point of view and support of motherhood, children's behavior, pre-school and after-school education, and process of a child's growing up until adulthood); school of marriage (definition and goals of a marriage, the importance of a family, challenges in marriage, overcoming personality differences in a family, and domestic harmony); nutrition courses (healthy eating habits for children and adults, mistakes in everyday diets and health problems caused by those mistakes,





important considerations in cooking, food storage methods, and daily nutrition management); personal development courses (a consumer's self-analysis, finding inner peace and self-confidence, inner dialog with oneself, causes of internal conflicts, overcoming low self-esteem, and the formula for getting to know and love oneself); education trainings (student coaching, learning how to study, how to prepare for an exam, success and motivation in education, relieving the exam stress, and problem solving techniques); virtue and values preservation courses (transferring of moral and spiritual values and the responsibility of parents in this process, what should be considered at what age in the process of transferring of moral values, factors that hinder this process, proper use of mass media such as television and computer (Internet), and how to instill the awareness of history, book-reading and hygiene in children's' lifestyle).

“Etlik” Ladies’ Club



“Etlik” Ladies’ Club was opened in 2001 with the goal of providing a warm and convenient environment where our female citizens can engage in various social, recreational and cultural activities, as well as in educational seminars for personal improvement. We see women as the pillars of our society, and therefore, we attach great importance to projects that involve women’s activism and education, and provide them with opportunities for high-quality life style. “Etlik” Ladies’ Club offers:

- Social and Cultural Activities
- Educational Activities
- Sports and Recreational Activities
- Health Services

European Volunteering Services



The Keçiören Municipality's Directorate of Social Affairs is dealing with many social services that aim to increase the life quality of people with disabilities, women, young, poor, elderly, homeless, etc. In order to increase the diversity of such services, a new project of European Volunteering Services was planned with a goal of providing young people between the ages of 18-30 with the opportunity to volunteer, meet different nations and learn about their culture. This project was accredited by the Centre for EU Education and Youth Programmes.



City Information System and e-Municipality

The Keçiören Municipality's City Information System and e-municipality is an innovative and unique project which was designed with the goal of facilitating certain municipal procedures by carrying them to online environment. The City Information System consists of a map of Keçiören's geographic region with details of all urban development zones and parcels, enabling all kinds of data processing and querying as a 24/7 online service. This system provides:

- The detailed information about the city, real estate properties, city infrastructure, buildings, offices, housing inventories, local tax records, etc. All information is available via Internet at a single point of control and transaction, including document tracking.
- Minimizing the costs of expropriation, and elimination of tax evasion and foul play.
- Monitoring and elimination of unlicensed building.
- Easy monitoring and analysis of urban development, facilitating future urban planning.
- The platform for all municipal transactions and procedures to be carried out online or over the phone (e-municipality), which speeds up citizens' affairs.
- Better resource management, increased coordination among units, and simplification of decision making process.
- Online GPS tracking system of taxis, ambulances and other public appliances in order to facilitate prompt dispatching.
- GPS positioning system for measuring moisture level in parks and other green areas in order to provide efficient water consumption during irrigation periods.
- Keeping track of troubled neighborhoods in cooperation with local police, in order to ensure peace and safety of our citizens in all parts of Keçiören district.

This system is slowly developing towards future integration with e-government system.

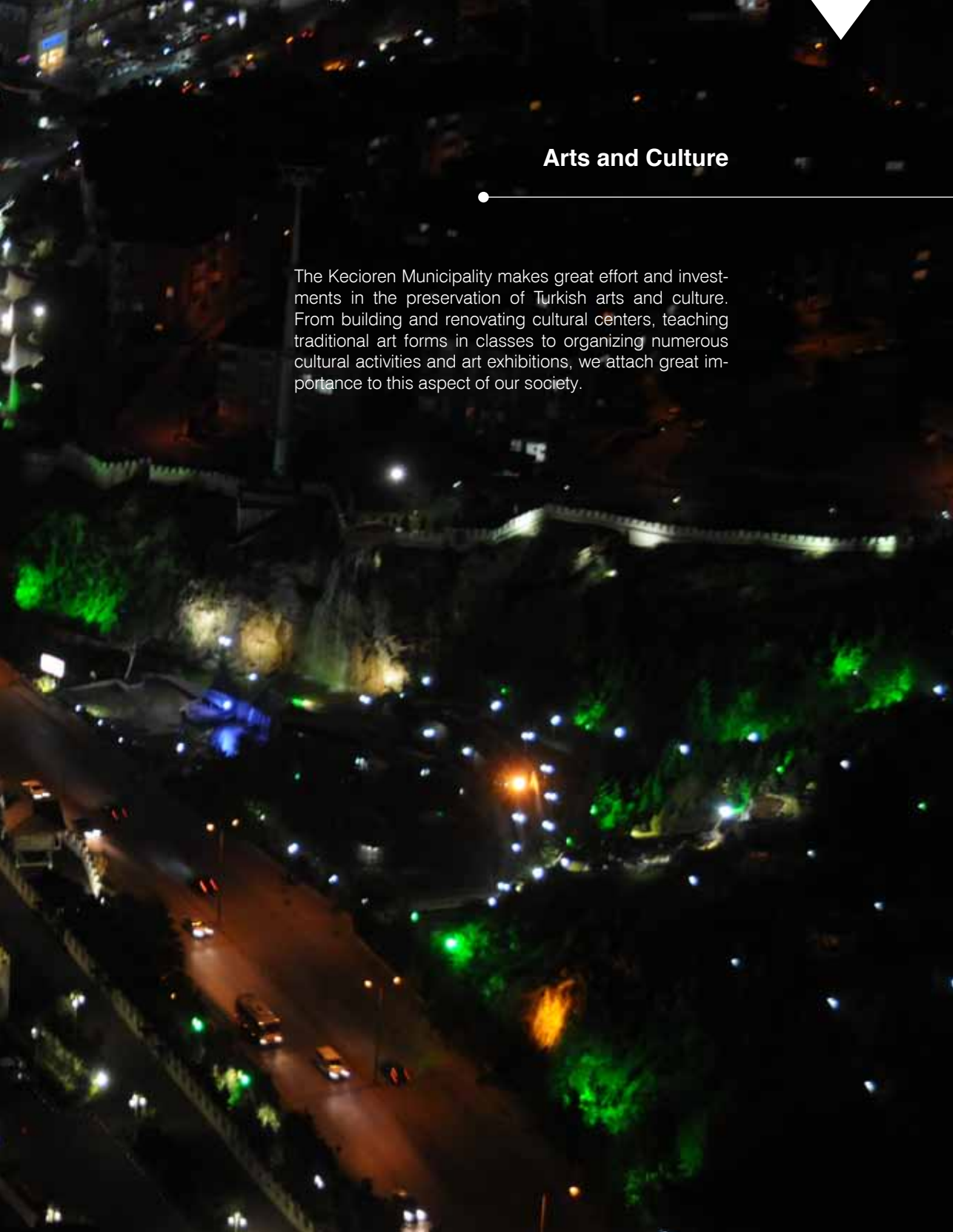
Municipal Marriage Office and Services



The marriage office works hard to meet our residents' requests for solemnizing marriages in the shortest period of time. In 2011, a total of 4637 marriages were established. Moreover, those couples who got married on February 14 were given household appliances and gift vouchers as gifts.





An aerial night photograph of Kecioren Municipality. The image shows a winding road with several cars, illuminated by streetlights. To the right of the road, there are numerous trees, many of which are lit up with bright green lights. In the background, a long, illuminated wall or fence stretches across the landscape. The overall scene is dark, with the lights providing a stark contrast.

Arts and Culture

The Kecioren Municipality makes great effort and investments in the preservation of Turkish arts and culture. From building and renovating cultural centers, teaching traditional art forms in classes to organizing numerous cultural activities and art exhibitions, we attach great importance to this aspect of our society.

“Estergon” Turkish Culture Center, “The Castle”

“Estergon” Turkish Culture Center was built by the Keçiören Municipality and opened for public in 2005. It offers a glance at Turkish culture and history via its architectural design which includes motifs from traditional Turkish art, and its ethnographic museum. The name was inspired by the Castle of Esztergom on the banks of Danube river, which has an important place in Turkish history. The culture center, with its Asian gardens and a castle which consists of a bazaar floor with traditional shops, museum, restaurant, and a dome with observation terrace and a meeting hall, is a grandiose work of art that serves as a keeper of Turkish culture. It was modeled after the octagonal Red Tower of the Alanya Castle, and decorated with patterns inspired by Seljuk sultans’ hair braids and birds’ nests which can be found in traditional Turkish-Islamic architecture.

The main entrance door to the Estergon Castle, the Crown Gate, was modeled after the entrance gate of Karatay Medresseh (theological school attached to a mosque) from the Seljuk Period, which was constructed in 1251. The marble Crown Gate presents an example of the finest craftsmanship.

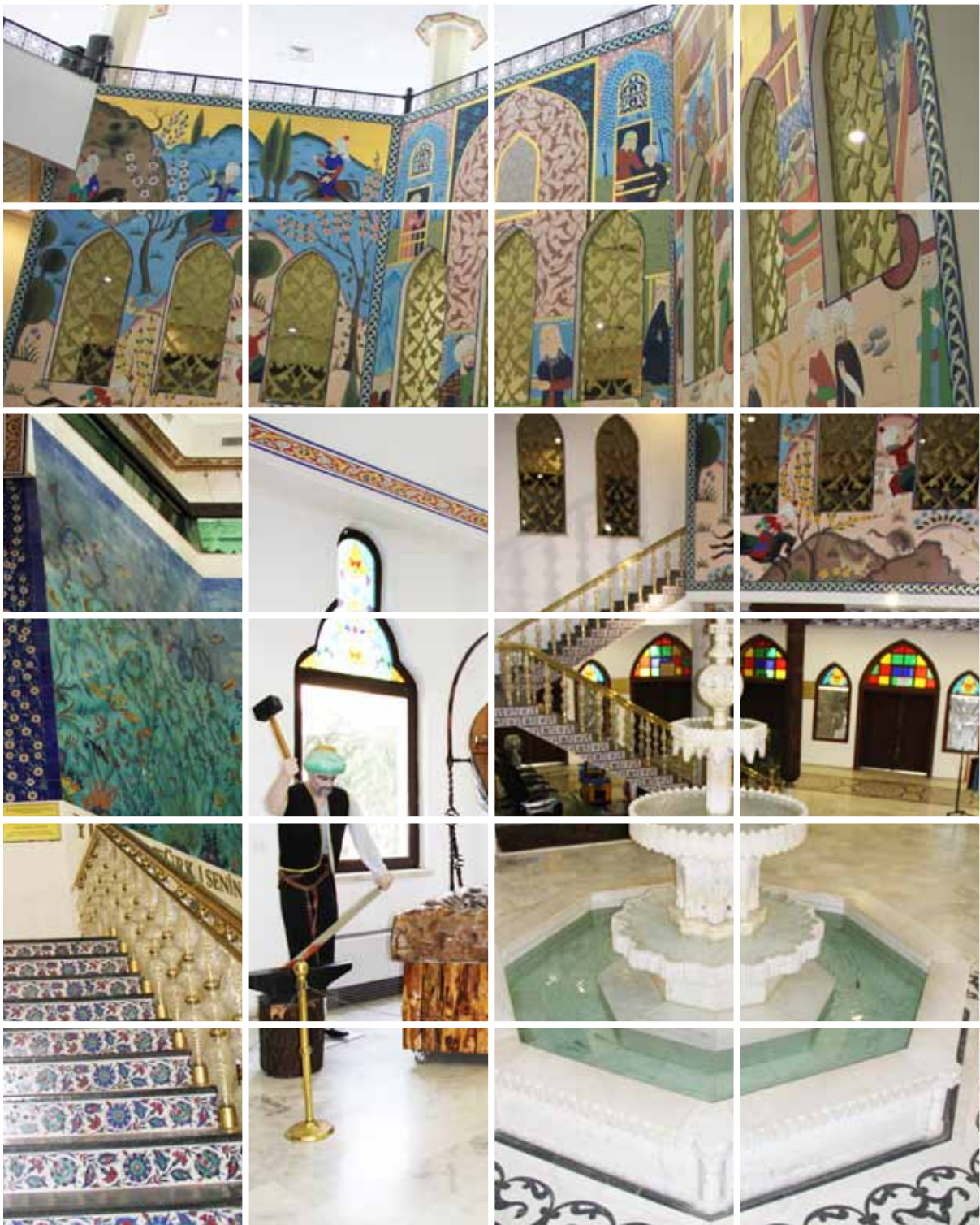




The ground floor is a bazaar, composed of fourteen shops which offer traditional goods and antique items in gold, silver and silk. The shop doors can be considered as artistic masterpieces each; the doors were modeled after the gates of Mahmut Bey and İbn-i Neccer Mosques in Kastamonu, as well as the thousand-year-old gates from Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva and Merv. The floors are decorated in a mosaic technique inspired by the famous blue and white tiles from Khiva, Uzbekistan. Eye-catching columns, modeled after Bukhara-Khiva columns specific to Central Asia, will take you to the depths of history. The fountain located at the bazaar floor is an exact replica of the fountain found between Revan and Baghdad pavilions at the Topkapı Palace in Istanbul. The interior walls of Estergon Castle are decorated with a typical Turkish art of miniatures depicting important events from the period of Ottoman Empire. Stairs that lead to the museum floor are decorated with crystal balustrade and famous Kütahya ceramic patterns.









International Ramadan Activities

Ramadan is a month of tranquility and reflection, during which we pull ourselves away from the life's sorrows and turmoil, and reflect on what we did and did not do in the past year. Our contemplation extends to our homeland, families and friends; but it also crosses borders and reaches people around the world. We think about the poor, those affected by wars and disasters, and the ill, because Ramadan is a month of reckoning.

With a motto of "Borderless Brotherhood", every year in the month of Ramadan, the municipality of Keçiören organizes international activities that cross borders, reach our brothers and sisters from around the world, and promote feelings of unity and solidarity among different nations. Each year, 30 different countries participate at this event, by presenting their cultural heritage. The International Ramadan Activities' aim is to bring together and blend different cultures, and strengthen unity and solidarity between communities. Each day, a different country introduces its culture; but at the same time, the culture and tradition of one Turkish region is presented, enabling two cultures to mingle and get acquainted with each other. Everyone looks forwards to this event, and the daily number of visitors exceeds 10,000 people.

Iftar Dinners During Ramadan

During Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting, the municipality of Keçiören organizes free Iftar meals for its residents. In 2011, Iftar dinners were organized in 10 Keçiören districts for a total of 20,000 people.



Festivals, Opening Ceremonies, Concerts And Events



Aiming to improve the social welfare and strengthen the feelings of unity and solidarity of our residents, we have provided numerous open and closed areas that serve as places for the organization of various events and celebrations. In 2011 alone, there were six celebrations of special days and weeks, two groundbreaking and ten opening ceremonies, one festival, twenty-seven concerts, one collective wedding ceremony, and three sports tournaments. Some events include Nurses' Day, Çanakkale Week with accompanying panel discussions, celebration of the adoption of the National Anthem, Mothers' Day, commemoration of the Khojaly Massacre, the celebration of the 27th anniversary of the Keçiören Municipality, football, a Troubador Festival with internationally recognized personalities, tennis and table tennis tournaments, and the end-of-year festival for our educational centers.

Some additional activities include highly popular city theater, concerts, well attended poetry and literature events, photography exhibitions, family movie nights, Children Clubs' Championships and games, and various competitions in traditional games. The KEÇMEK educational center also organized eight handcraft exhibitions including fabric, paper marbling, ceramics, wood painting, wooden airplane modeling, etc. More than 6000 people visited these fairs.

Other Interesting City Events

City Tours

Numerous tours to Turkey's famous cities, including Konya, İstanbul, and Çanakkale, were organized in 2011, with the goal to provide the opportunity for families and individuals with low-income to visit our historical and cultural places. The goals, activities, principles and vision of TOGEM can be summarized as follows:





Healing Sessions With Water And Sufi Music

The tradition that inspired this event, organized especially for women, goes all the way back to the Ottoman period, when Turkish classical music was known for its healing properties along with special body movements. The presentations are accompanied by the sounds of water, as well as the art of marbling, providing a natural method for spiritual relaxation.

Bezm-ı Sefa Musicals

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Health Services offered by Keçiören Municipality:

- Free 24/7 ambulance services for citizens that need to be taken to / from the hospital inside or outside the city.
- The primary health care centers offer free check-up and analysis for the patients with health insurance. For patients without health insurance, check-ups and first-aid interventions are free, but each test costs symbolic 3 TRY (1.68 USD). However, patients who cannot afford to pay are offered health services free of charge.
- Veterinary medicine: registration of pets and stray animals, treatment of parasitic diseases, vaccination against rabies, etc; inspection of fish markets during fishing season; animal health control, inspection and supervision of food production and consumption places.



Hospitals and Other Healthcare Institutions in Keçiören



Four public hospitals

Gülhane Military Medical Academy

Tel: +90 312 304 20 00
Fax: +90 312 304 27 00
Address: Pınarbaşı, General Dr. Tevfik Sağlam Cd.,
Etlik, 06010 Keçiören, Ankara
E-mail: webmaster@gata.edu.tr
Web: www.gata.edu.tr

Keçiören Education and Research Hospital

Tel: +90 312 356 90 00
Fax: +90 312 356 90 03
Address: Pınarbaşı Mah., Sanatoryum Cad.,
Ardahan Sok. No:25, 06380 Keçiören, Ankara
E-mail: iletisim@akeah.gov.tr
Web: www.akeah.gov.tr

Atatürk Chest Diseases and Thoracic Surgery Education and Research Hospital (Sanatorium)

Tel: +90 312 355 21 10
Fax: +90 312 355 21 35
Address: Sanatoryum Caddesi, 06280, Keçiören, Ankara
Web: aturksanatoryumu.gov.tr

Ankara Hospital of Occupational Illnesses

Tel: +90 312 580 83 95, +90 312 580 81 81
Fax: +90 312 580 84 04
Address: Osmangazi Mah., Atlılar Sok. No:45, 06280, Keçiören, Ankara
E-mail: bilgi@ankarameslek Hastanesi.gov.tr
Web: www.ankarameslek Hastanesi.gov.tr

Two Dental Care Health Centers

“Osmanlı” Oral and Dental Care Center

Tel: +90 312 325 36 36
Fax: +90 312 323 39 67
Address: Yeni Etlik Cd. No: 103, Osmanlı Is Merkezi, Kat: 2, Keçiören, Ankara
E-mail: bilgi@keciorenosmanliadsm.gov.tr
Web: www.keciorenosmanliadsm.gov.tr

“Tepebaşı” Oral and Dental Care Center

Tel: +90 312 360 00 07
Fax: +90 312 359 00 80
Address: Güçlü Kaya Mah., Fatih Cad., Çağla Sok. No:2, Keçiören, Ankara
E-mail: bilgi@tepebasiadsm.gov.tr
Web: www.tepebasiadsm.gov.tr

Two private hospitals

“Dr. Lokman” Private Hospital

Tel: +90 312 444 99 11
Fax: +90 312 326 49 09
Address: Gn. Dr. Tevfik Sağlam Cad. No:119, Etlik, Keçiören, Ankara
Web: www.lokmanhekim.com.tr

Keçiören Private Hospital

Tel: +90 312 381 99 99
Address: Köşk Mh., 06300 Keçiören, Ankara
Web: www.keciorenhastanesi.com

- 57 family health centers
- Ten primary health care medical centers
- Four private specialized medical centers
- Five private polyclinics
- Six dialysis centers
- 24 private training and rehabilitation centers
- 71 private practice dentists
- Ten private clinics for oral and dental care
- Two centers for mother and child health and family planning
- Three centers for newlywed and family counseling
- 335 pharmacies.

Current and Upcoming Projects

“Mevlana” Congress, Culture and Sports Center



The “Mevlana” Culture, Congress and Sports Center, which is to be opened in 2012, consists of a multi-purpose conference hall for 500 people, semi-Olympic swimming pool, sports center, municipal services units, and other faculties for various cultural and educational activities, such as for courses offered by our educational centers KEÇMEK and KEDEM.





“Yonca” Family Living Center

In accordance with our understanding of social municipal services, we provide our residents with numerous opportunities for various social, recreational and educational activities within family living centers. “Yonca” Family Living Center will offer organized activities and courses to encourage our residents to engage with their community and remain engaged. The center will cover the area of 1650 m², with a courtyard area of 515 m², and will be organized in three separate units: “Hanimeli” – the women’s lounge; “Beylerbeyi” – the men’s lounge; and “Sehzade” - the youth’s lounge. The main facilities include ladies’ and gentlemen’s club houses, classrooms where our educational center KEÇMEK gives courses and lectures, leisure and reading rooms, music rooms, Internet and computer labs, and gaming rooms.



“Damla” Keçiören Culture and Convention Center



“Damla” the Keçiören Culture and Convention Center’s architectural design with its elliptical form, aims to provide a strong visual relationship with the city’s modern look. It is planned as a five-story structure with a total area of 7.600 m². The entrance floor will be slightly lifted from the ground which will allow for landscaping to help the structure fit in its natural environment and surrounding parks. The elliptical shape of the outer wall will pose as a unique wrap for the multi-purpose hall and the theater foyer. In addition to those, the center will also include ateliers, cafeterias, shops, a theater and a conference hall that can hold up to 750 people.



“Gümüşdere Linden Valley” Project

This project involves the rehabilitation of the Gümüşdere creek and preservation of the surrounding green area for all Ankara residents as an alternative relaxation spot where they can breathe fresh unpolluted air and enjoy the soothing effect of water and the nature.

The project will also include a botanic park, illuminated water show, fishing ponds and cottages, motor-boat rides, gondolas and rowing boats and gondolas, navigation paths, terraces for relaxing and scenery viewing, green areas, aquatic plants, tropical greenhouses, scaffolding and bridges, bicycle paths, skating and promenade paths, and other areas for various activities such as remote control cars track, etc.



“Park without Obstacles” Project



The citizens with disabilities are our priority; consequently, we have numerous special projects and social activities that aim to improve the quality of their lives and make their lives easier. For instance, all schools are provided with access ramps for the disabled; there are special transportation services; and the municipality building has also been adjusted to facilitate the access for the people with disabilities. “Park Without Obstacles” is another such project which aims to provide a suitable environment for leisure and recreation for the people with disabilities, where they can relax, enjoy their free time and engage in certain recreational activities without anyone’s help.



“Uluğbey” Planetarium

There are only two planetariums in Turkey, and one of them is “Uluğbey” Planetarium in Keçiören, which will be used for exploration and learning about the space through various educational and entertaining activities. This project was planned by the Keçiören Municipality with the goal of providing our citizens, and especially our youth, with the opportunity to engage with science, and scientific research and experiment in order to gain deeper knowledge about our universe.





Agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations in Keçiören

“Altınpark” Association for Solidarity and Education of People with Disabilities

Address: 8 Sokak 15/3, Subayevleri, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 347 55 53
e-mail: tanerunsall@hotmail.com

Anatolian Scouts Association

Address: 19 Mayıs Mah., Kilyos Sok. 44/5, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 358 43 69
Fax: +90 312 431 22 80

Anatolian Youth Association Keçiören Division

Tel: +90 506 280 96 38
Web: <http://www.agd.org.tr>

Association for All Albino People and People with Disabilities

Address: Karakaya Mahallesi, Selçuklu Cad. No: 61/A-C, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 329 94 00,
+90 312 329 94 94

Association for the Development of People with Disabilities and Their Friends

Address: Şenlikköy Blokları, Sedefçiler Sokak G/1 No: 1, Kuyubaşı, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 358 25 21
e-mail: nedim6606@hotmail.com

Association for Protection and Education of Families with Children with Mental Disabilities

Address: Fatih Caddesi No: 45/18, Pursaklar, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 338 37 39

Association for Protection of People with Mental and Physical Disabilities

Address: Sağlık Sokak No: 41/13, Yenişehir, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 399 37 83,
+90 312 399 37 86

Association of Çankırı Orta Residents

Address: Gümüşdere Mahallesi, 6. Sokak No: 1, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 341 12 82,
fax: +90 312 341 12 82,
E-mail: info@orta.org.tr
Web: <http://www.orta.org.tr>

Association of Keçiören Residents

Address: Kuyubasi Duragi, Gökçek Parki İçi No: 2, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 380 23 23,
fax: +90 312 381 96 96,
E-mail: info@keciorenlilerdernegi.org

Association of Taşlıca Residents Keçiören Division

Tel: +90 536 295 13 82
Web: <http://www.taslica.com/>

“Bağlum” Science, Culture, Education and Solidarity Association

Address: Bağlum Maraşal Fevzi Caddesi No: 17c, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 329 93 31
Web: <http://baglum-biked.com/>

“Beyazay” Association of Visually Impaired People Ankara Division

Address: Yunus Emre Kültür Merkezi, Basın Caddesi No: 82-B/13, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 321 36 80
Fax: +90 312 321 36 80

“Capital City Platform” Association

Address: Şefkat Mahallesi, Cumhuriyet
Cad. No: 10/11, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 340 02 24
Fax: +90 312 340 02 43
Web: <http://www.baskentplatformu.org>

Children Protection Association

Address: Kuyuyazisi Cad., Kıvrımlı Sok.
No. 25-27, Etlik, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 321 02 52
Fax: +90 312 385 28 35,
+90 312 323 70 55

**“Çağırkanlılar” Culture and
Solidarity Association**

Address: Yunus Emre Caddesi
No: 34/26, İncirli, Keçiören, Ankara
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**“Çorum Gökköy” Aid and
Solidarity Association**

Address: Ufuktepe Mahallesi,
70. Sokak No:3/A, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 580 56 66
Web: <http://www.gokkoy.com>

**“Danişment” Association for
Protection of Mosques**

Address: 19 Mayıs Mahallesi
Yunus Emre Cad.
No: 139/P-4, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 358 57 10

**Esenboğa Environment, Culture
and Wildlife Protection Association**

Address: Fatih Mah. Belediye Cad.,
Üçhisar İş Merkezi Daire 107,
Pursaklar, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel, fax: +90 312 399 25 19

Foundation for the Weak and Homeless

Address: Fatih Cad. Tepebaşı Durağı,
Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 314 39 93

**Gümüşhane Residents’ Solidarity
and Cooperation Association**

Address: Bademlik Yolu Caddesi No:
61/B, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 435 08 53

**“Heart’s Path” Education and
Culture Foundation**

Address: Kuşcağız Mahallesi 342. Sokak
6/1, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 223 66 00
Web: www.gonulyolu.com

**“Karakeçililer” Social Welfare,
Development and Culture Association**

Address: Şehit Kubilay Mahallesi, 1668.
Cad. 20/B, Yükseltepe, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 330 62 88
Web: <http://www.karakecililer.org>

**Keçiören Construction
Contractors Association**

Address: Güçlükaya Mahallesi, Savur
Sokak No:3/1, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 360 57 87,
e-mail: kimder-1999@hotmail.com

“Keçiören Platformu” Association

Tel: +90 530 874 78 11
e-mail: keciorenplatformu@facebook.com
<http://www.facebook.com>

**Keçiören Social Aid and
Solidarity Foundation**

Address: Şenlik Mahallesi, Fatih caddesi
No: 194/D, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel/fax: +90 312 356 52 48,
e-mail: keciorenvakfi@ttnet.net.tr

Keçiören Women's Social Aid and Solidarity Association

Address: Yunus Emre Kültür Merkezi K.1
No.29, İncirli, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 326 53 80

"Keeping the Ankara Culture Alive" Association

Address: Şenlikköy Konut ve Ticaret İş
Merkezi C Blok No: 84, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 358 70 70
Web: <http://ankarakulturu.org.tr>

Muradiye Cultural Foundation

Address: Fatih Cad. No.99/2,
Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 361 13 22
Fax: +90 312 314 75 52

"Nimet" Science, Social Aid and Solidarity Association

Address: Azık Sokak No: 51/K,
Etlik, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 530 693 99 18,
+90 544 838 41 33
Web: <http://www.nimetder.com>

Ovapınar Village Culture and Solidarity Association

Address: Atapark Mahallesi, Tunalı
Cad. No:27/C, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 580 50 66
Web: <http://www.ovapinar.net>

Photo Reporters Association

Address: Feza Gürsoy Bilim Merkezi Yanı,
Altınpark, Aydınlikevler, Keçiören, Ankara
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"Pir Sultan Abdal" Culture Association Keçiören Division

Address: 19 Mayıs Mahallesi, 19 Mayıs
Caddesi, Karaelmas Sok. No : 27/B,
İncirli, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 323 26 70

"Serhat Dadaş" Social Aid and Solidarity Association

Address: Atapark Mahallesi, Karayazı
Sok. No:16/B, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel, fax: +90 312 355 05 06,

Solidarity Association for

Families with Rett Syndrome

Address: Gölbaşı Sok. No:11/12,
Kavacık Subayevleri, Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 316 86 60

Vehbi Koç Ankara Research Foundation (VEKAM)

Address: Pınarbasi Mahallesi, Sehit
Hakan Turan Sok. No: 9,
Keçiören, Ankara
Tel: +90 312 355 20 27
Fax: +90 312 281 26 70