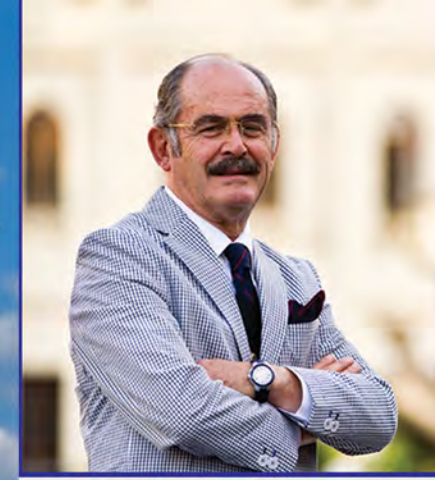


*A City to be
Proud Of!*



ESKİŞEHİR



Eskişehir has regained a completely different physical appearance due to the transformation projects implemented by us as Metropolitan Municipality and the social climate changed from the ground up. The residents of Eskişehir who ten years ago would think that 'I couldn't get around this city, I hope my children will' are now so proud of their city. The changed mood of the climate changed the attitude of the residents to their city.

The streets of the city are so alive now. The quality of the service sector increases day by day. Whereas Eskişehir could only be an accidental stop for a tourist ten years ago, now it has become an attraction point for busloads of tourists. Fourteen years ago, Eskişehir was rapidly losing blood like many other cities in Turkey. However it has become a city that gives the feeling of 'we can do it too' to the other cities now.

We achieved all these together with Eskişehir people in a short period of time such as 14 years. In my opinion, the major achievement is that while the city lowered its guard and was about to fall from grace only fourteen years ago, today we are really proud residents who have refreshed their claims in every field.

Prof. Dr. Yılmaz Büyükerşen
Metropolitan Mayor of Eskişehir



CITY IS CIVILIZATION

While the traffic jam on the main streets of the city was threatening the safety of the pedestrians, Eskişehir managed to become a pedestrian friendly city due to the contemporary light rail system implemented and the zones pedestrianized. Being planned with a foresight that it is the people not the vehicles that should be transported, the city has gained a civilized and sustainable transportation system integrated with cycle tracks.



Serving as a point where so many activities are organized, Porsuk River is the meeting bank for the residents.



CITY IS BEAUTY

Passing through the city 12 km along, Porsuk River was definitely a problem source for the disaster risk it carried and its pollution. Thanks to the rehabilitation work and landscaping around; it has become a necklace that adorns the city. Transportation via Amsterdam type boats and gondolas is also available on Porsuk River. Besides, the flat water sports done on it enlivens the city life.



CITY REVIVES OLD

Besides of the transformation projects implemented in Eskişehir's oldest residential district Odunpazarı Houses; boutique hotels, touristic handcraft workshops, Inonu Headquarters and projects such as a museum complex have functionalized the values those make up the city's historic identity and revived Odunpazarı District.

HALLER YOUTH CENTER



CITY GIVES LIFE

New attraction centers are gained by transforming the obsolete and dysfunctional old fruit and vegetable marketplace into Haller Youth Center, converting the soil products into a hotel and restoring the old slaughterhouse as a restaurant.



CITY IS CULTURE AND ART

With the foresight that the city trains and educates people, Eskisehir has become the culture and art capital of Anatolia with its eight stages, theater groups, symphony orchestras, international and national festivals and national opera weeks.



CITY CONNECTS PEOPLE

Two giant park projects are implemented anticipating that the city should connect different people in common areas. Besides of being famous for having a beach in a city without sea in Anatolia, Kent Park gains the position of the focus of attention of not only Eskişehir people but also people from outside city due to its paddock, hiking trails and impressive landscaping.



SCIENCE CULTURE AND ART PARK

Science Culture and Arts Park is another center of attraction thanks to an amphitheatre that allows a variety of demonstrations, the implementation of the old narrow gauge railway line on which a mini train that crosses the park, Ship Museum and Fairytale Castle. Besides, Turkey's largest Japanese Garden that is constructed in consultation of Japanese landscape architects by Metropolitan Municipality Parks and Gardens teams and opened to visitors in frame of 2010 Turkey - Japan Year activities; Science Center, Sabancı Planetarium are all other popular destinations for both Eskişehir people and the tourists. Aquarium and zoo projects are in progress in the same park.



SCIENCE CENTER OF
ESKİŞEHİR METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

CITY IS FUTURE

Science Center which was opened in Science Culture & Arts Park with the slogan "The future will pass through Eskişehir" aims to evoke a sense of wonder and discovery in field of science; to contribute to the training of curious, inquisitive and creative scientists with interest and love for science and to prepare children and young people for the future. Science Center contributes to the development of science tourism of the region by attracting the attention of a both national and international tourist group of all ages.



PLANETARIUM

Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality Sabancı Planetarium constructed with the support of Sabancı Foundation is equipped with the latest technology. Being the biggest planetarium in Turkey, it is designed with the purpose of understanding the dynamics of the universe and contributing to the development of scientific thinking systems.





CONTEMPORARY GLASS ARTS MUSEUM



CITY MEMORY MUSEUM



CITY IS HISTORY

Eskişehir hosted many civilizations throughout the history. With the intention of handing down the rich culture, art and history of Eskişehir to the next generations, Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality is determined to make Eskişehir a city of museums. As an indication of this determination, City Museum Complex, Contemporary Glass Arts Museum, City Memory Museum and Yılmaz Büyükerşen Wax Museum are all constructed in scope of transformation projects implemented by Metropolitan Municipality in Odunpazarı District, the oldest settlement of the city.

Yılmaz Büyükerşen

WAX MUSEUM



CITY PROTECTS VALUES

Yılmaz Büyükerşen Wax Museum is a new attraction center as it hosts the wax sculptures of many national and local historical heroes, characters, political leaders, artists, writers, journalists, the legendary squad of Eskişehirspor Red Streaks - the first Anatolian football team that threatened the throne of three major clubs of İstanbul, the celebrities and famous figures from all over the world.



CITY EDUCATES

Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality accepts the city itself as a school. With this perspective and in a social municipalism attitude, the educational projects devised for the disadvantageous women, youth and children aim to improve the socio-economic status of the individual via education.

The education programs carried out with the principle of lifelong learning range from pre-school education and support for school education to vocational skills training courses for adults.



In addition to setting an example for other cities in Turkey in terms of urban planning with all this conversion and transformation projects implemented; Eskişehir takes the lead of city tourism except for known history, sea, mountain, tourism, health tourism too. People from other cities get on buses and trains and take tours to this glamorous city. Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality not only strives to raise the quality of life of Eskişehir people but also struggles resolutely to add new assets to the tourism assets of the city.



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