Training Program for the First-Time Ambassadors and Their Spouses

With 246 missions abroad (142 Embassies, 139 Consulates, 16 Permanent Representatives and 1 Consular Agency), Turkey has the fifth largest global diplomatic network. This vast network entails, every year, the assignment of a large number of diplomatic personnel to these Turkish missions. To ensure the preparedness of these officers and their spouses for their new duties and responsibilities, the Academy organizes various orientation programs prior to the postings.

Between October 28—November 8, 2019, the Academy organized an orientation program for the first-time Ambassadors and their spouses.

The training commenced with the opening address by Deputy Foreign Minister H.E. Yavuz Selim Kıran on October 28, 2019. Throughout the training, Ministry officials, academics and speakers from other public institutions gave seminars on staff management, administration and finance, relations with the press, consular issues, public speaking and leadership.

The training also featured meetings with the representatives from Yunus Emre Cultural Institute, Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities, Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency and Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency.

At the end of the training, Foreign Minister H.E. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu addressed the Ambassadors and wished them success.
Training Program for the Cambodian Diplomats

The Academy signed a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation with the Institute of International Relations of the Cambodian Foreign Ministry in October 2018. As part of this MoU, our academy organized a week-long training program for five Cambodian diplomats in Ankara between October 13-20, 2019.

During the first part of the program, which took place in Ankara, lectures and briefings were given on various subjects including Turkey’s Southeast Asia Policy and bilateral relations with the Kingdom of Cambodia, mediation, public diplomacy and Turkey’s take on International Maritime Law. The Cambodian diplomats also visited Ataturk’s Mausoleum and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) in Ankara.

The second stage of the program took place in Istanbul, where our guests visited Dolmabahçe Palace, Suleymaniye Mosque, Hagia Sophia and Grand Bazaar.

Training Program for the Nigerien Diplomats

A Memorandum of Understanding of Cooperation regarding the training of diplomats was signed between the Foreign Ministries of Turkey and the Republic of Niger in 2013. Moreover, recently in August 2019 we also signed another MoU stipulating the exchange of diplomats.

Within the framework of these MoU’s our academy realized various bilateral trainings for Nigerien diplomats, most recent one took place between November 11-17, 2019 with the participation of 12 Nigerien diplomats.

Throughout the program we discussed various subjects including Turkey’s Africa Policy and bilateral relations with the Republic of Niger, International Public Law and Drafting of International Agreements, International Environmental Law and United Nation’s System and Multilateral Diplomacy. The program also included visits to the Yunus Emre Institute and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) in Ankara.

During the last two days of the program, the attendees were hosted in Istanbul where they learned about Turkish History, culture and cuisine while having guided tours within Istanbul’s Historical Peninsula at Suleymaniye Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Dolmabahçe Palace and Spice Bazaar.
Training Program for the Palestinian Diplomats

The Academy organized a one-week training program for a group of 10 Palestinian diplomats on November 17-24, 2019, in Ankara and Istanbul.

The first stage of the program included conferences on general framework of Turkish Foreign Policy, Turkey’s relations with MENA, economy diplomacy, energy diplomacy, public diplomacy, UN and multilateral diplomacy, the OIC, representation and diplomatic correspondence. Guest diplomats also visited Ataturk’s Mausoleum, the Yunus Emre Institute and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) in Ankara.

During the cultural part of the program, the group enjoyed first-hand experience of Suleymaniye Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace Museum, Spice Bazaar and Dolmabahçe Palace in Istanbul.

Training Program for the Tajik Diplomats

Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation for diplomatic training between the Foreign Ministries of Turkey and Tajikistan was signed in June 2014.

In accordance with this MoU, the Academy conducted a training program for a delegation of 10 Tajik Diplomats between November 22-December 1, 2019.

The training comprised lectures in Ankara followed by visits to historic and cultural sites in Istanbul.

In the first stage of the program, officials from the Ministry, our retired Ambassadors and academicians gave seminars on Turkey’s relations with the Central Asia and Tajikistan, economic diplomacy, energy diplomacy, international security, public diplomacy and protocol. The delegation also visited the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA), Maarif Foundation and Yunus Emre Institute.

In the second phase of the program, guests went to Istanbul and visited Hagia Sophia Museum, Dolmabahçe Palace Museum, Topkapi Palace Museum, Grand Bazaar and Spice Bazaar.
Meeting with Mr. Ronald Simwinga, Permanent Secretary for Administration of the Zambian Foreign Ministry

A delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zambia headed by Permanent Secretary Ronald Simwinga visited our Academy on December 19, 2019.

Academy Director Prof. Dr. Mesut Özcan and H.E. Simwinga had a meeting where they explored the opportunities for future cooperation in the field of diplomatic training.

Meeting with Ms. Renata Siagian, Director for the Mid-Career Diplomatic School of the Indonesian Foreign Ministry

Renata Siagian, Director for the Mid-Career Diplomatic School of the Indonesian Foreign Ministry, and her accompanying delegation visited the Ministry and had a meeting with the Academy Director Professor Dr. Mesut Özcan on November 22, 2019.

During the meeting, the delegations provided information about their institutions’ working arrangements, recruitment processes, training programs and other activities and evaluated the possibilities of cooperation.

Meeting with Rebecca Iyambo, Deputy Executive Director of the Namibian Foreign Ministry

A Namibian delegation headed by Rebecca Iyambo, Deputy Executive Director of the Namibian Foreign Ministry, visited our Ministry on December 3, 2019.

Beste Pehlivan Sun, Deputy Director General at the Academy, had a meeting with the visiting delegation and made a presentation on the organizational structure and the activities of the Academy.

Memoranda of Understanding

The Diplomacy Academy has been in cooperation with the Diplomatic Academies of numerous countries within the framework of MoU’s for Cooperation. These bilateral agreements facilitate and promote the collaboration between the training institutions of the signatories. They stipulate the exchange of experience, academics, publications and curriculum of training programs. We have signed such cooperation MoU’s with 97 countries.

⇒ On November 07, 2019, "Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation between The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary on Diplomatic Training and the Exchange of Information and Documentation" was signed by Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu and Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary.


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Field Trip to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus for the Newly-Recruited Career Diplomats and Legal Advisors

Between November 20-22, 2019, the Academy, as part of the preparatory training program, took our newly recruited career diplomats and legal advisors for a field trip to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Young officers acquired first-hand information on the Cyprus Issue with the addresses of Prime Minister Ersin Tatar, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kudret Özersay and experienced diplomat Osman Ertuğ.

The officers also had the opportunity to visit various places with political and historical significance. Among the places visited are; Rauf Raif Denktaş Memorial, Dr. Fazıl Küçük Museum, Geçitkoy Dam, Karaoğlu(Mock) Martyrdom, Metehan Border Gate, The Museum of Barbarism, Boğaz Martyrdom, Eastern Mediterranean University, Closed City of Maraş, Derinya Border Gate, Gazimağusa and Muratağa Sandallar ve Atılars Martyrdom.

Spanish Language Course for our Ministry Personnel in Cooperation with the Colombian Embassy in Ankara

The Academy and the Colombian Embassy in Ankara has been organizing Spanish Language Courses for our Ministry personnel over the last two years. The courses lasted for around four months and were given by a Colombian lecturer.

This year’s course took place between September 15-December 13, 2019, and upon successfully completing the courses, 56 officers received their certificates during the closing ceremony hosted by the Colombian Embassy on December 9, 2019.