

**The opening ceremony of the Yazıcı Learning and Teaching Campus, which the Anadolu Group has established in Aksaray, has been held.**

The opening ceremony of the Yazıcı Learning and Teaching Campus, built in Aksaray by the Anadolu Foundation, which has adopted the principle of supporting the people of Anatolia, from the date it was established, has been held with the participation of senior bureaucrats, Tuncay Özilhan, the Chairman of the Anadolu Foundation, S. Vehbi Yazıcı, a member of the Board of the Anadolu Foundation, and the Yazıcı family.

The Anadolu Foundation, which was established in 1979 together with the aim of the Anadolu Group to develop a participating and sharing generation continues to leave permanent works in the needy regions of Anatolia. The opening ceremony of the Yazıcı Learning and Teaching Campus, built by the Foundation in Aksaray, was attended by Sadullah Ergin, the Minister for Justice, Orhan Erdem, the assistant Minister for National Education, members of the Parliament for Aksaray, and Tuncay Özilhan, the Chairman of the Anadolu Foundation.

The Yazıcı Learning and Training Campus, which has been built on a 17.000 m<sup>2</sup> area, on the road to the coach terminal on Konya Bulvarı, includes a Technical Vocational High School for girls, a female Halls of Residence, and an indoor sports centre. The students coming to the 1.150 student capacity Necmiye – Mehmet Yazıcı Technical and Vocational High School for Girls, will be able to perform the occupations, which for years have been learned through a master – apprentice relationship, through the information they will obtain from professionals, and by implementing them. With its 200 bed capacity, the Necmiye – Mehmet Yazıcı female halls of residence, will be able to meet the accommodation needs of students, and ensure that they can stay in modern conditions. On the other hand, in the Naciye Yazıcı Sports Centre, which has been opened within the campus will provide them with the opportunity of implementing all of the branches of support which will assist their physical development. In the Practice Nursery School, with a capacity of 120 students, teacher candidates studying in departments such as nursery school teachers, the teaching of the child development programme of universities, pre-school teaching, and the teaching of the mentally handicapped.

In his speech during the opening ceremony, Tuncay Özilhan, the Chairman of the Anadolu Foundation, underlined the importance he places on leaving behind permanent works to the future generations, and said, “We are happy to have added a modern facility, such as the Yazıcı Learning and Teaching Campus, next to our previous works, in the city of Aksaray. This campus will not only serve Aksaray, but also the surrounding provinces in Central Anatolia. Our youngsters will be able to hold all of the requirements of modern education at this facility, and as educated youngsters, they will in turn develop the future generations.” Özilhan, who stated that the Anadolu Group had given scholarships to more than 20 thousand youngsters, and thanked the Ministry for National Education, the Aksaray Provincial National Education Director, and public relevant managers.

In the speech made by S. Vehbi Yazıcı, a member of the Board of the Anadolu Foundation, he said that the Yazıcı family were also from Aksaray, and that he was very happy that the Anadolu Foundation had left a permanent work in their city. Yazıcı continued his speech as follows: “The Anadolu Group is displaying the importance it attaches to the people of this land by carrying the name Anatolia in its company name, and is acting as the flag bearer for an important mission. The long-lasting partnership of the Yazıcı and Özilhan families, which are both from these lands, actually reminds us of the sharing, enterprising and skilful structure of the people of Anatolia. The biggest faith of our founders throughout their lives, was not forgetting where they came from, and investing in people at all times. While investing in people, developing youngsters who are beneficial to their nation at the same time, has ensured that these beliefs come to fruition.”

Prior to the Yazıcı Learning and Teaching Campus, the Anadolu Foundation had established the Mustafa Yazıcı Preliminary School, the Nuri Yazıcı Female and Male Student Halls of Residence, the Naciye Yazıcı Indoor Sports Centre, and the Faculty Building of the University of Niğde.

#### ABOUT THE ANADOLU FOUNDATION

When Kamil Yazıcı and İzzet Özilhan founded Anadolu Holding in 1969, they had started one of the most important tales of entrepreneurship in the history of the Republic. When they set up the Anadolu Eğitim ve Sosyal Yardım Vakfı (Anadolu Education and Social Assistance Foundation) in 1979, there was a feeling of wanting to serve the people of Anatolia together with the strength they had derived from their entrepreneurial values. Their common ideals were to establish permanent works able to provide services in the required areas, and to ensure productive, new generations enter the community.

Kamil Yazıcı and İzzet Özilhan, who embraced charity as a national duty, determined the primary areas of activity of the Foundation as education and health. In 34 years, the Foundation has built more than fifty educational establishments, halls of residence, sports centres, and hospitals and health centres, and transferred ownership of these to the relevant public authority. The Foundation, which has provided scholarships to more than 20.000 students, has also provided tens of thousands of examinations, surgery, etc. health services, to those in need.

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