



Ceremonies & Activities in Izmir “Three in One” Ceremonies and Their Successors (11 June 2026)



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This is the third of five aviation education programs to which I am proud to have made a modest contribution in the process of moving from dream to thought and from thought to reality. I've participated in the series of ceremonies held at the Conference Hall of Ege University Vocational School of Aviation (EUvsa) with the support of Tulpar (Aviation) Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School..

Activities carried out in this series:

1. EUvsa Graduation Ceremony



During the school's 10th term, diplomas were awarded to three students in the Civil Aviation Management program at a ceremony attended by graduates of the Aircraft Technology and Civil Aviation Management programs, their parents, guests, school administrators, and faculty members...



2. Avision - Aviation Vision Summit: "WOAW26 Awards and Aircraft Delivery Ceremony"

The press releases prepared regarding the final two stages of the ceremony are provided in the Attachment A and Attachment B. Speeches delivered during this stage.:

- **"Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport: 'Development, Transformation, and Contributions to Regional Aviation'"** ~Meryem SARIER NURAL, TAV Aegean Terminal Operations Manager (Speech text provided in the Attachment C)
- **"The Aviation Cluster in the Aegean Free Zone: Its Importance and Future Vision"** ~Yalçın YILMAZKAYA, Secretary General of the Aviation and Space Cluster (A summary of the speech is provided in the Attachment D)

Women Of Aviation Week (WOAW) Launch and Presentation of the WOAW26 Awards:

- **"Women Of Aviation Week: Concept, Observations, and Rationale"** ~Can EREL, Aviation Proleter (The text of the speech is provided in the Attachment E)

Following a [video message from Mireille GOYER](#), President of the International Women's Aviation Organization, prepared especially for this awards ceremony...



... as a result of the WOAW26 events,



- The **"Most Prolific Influencer Worldwide"** award, won by Aviation Proleter Can EREL, was presented to him by Prof. Dr. Aydoğın SAVRAN, Vice Rector of Ege University,
- The **"Most Acclaimed Organizer Worldwide"** award, won by Lecturer Özde YILMAZ ŞENOL, was presented to her by Prof. Dr. Aydoğın SAVRAN, Vice Rector of Ege University,
- On the occasion of the WOAW26 events in Izmir, the **"Most Female-Friendly Aviation Community Worldwide"** award—the first of its kind ever awarded to a city—was presented to Izmir Deputy Governor Mehmet Sadık TUNÇ on behalf of the city of Izmir by Assistant Professor Deniz MACİT and Lecturer Özde YILMAZ ŞENOL

3. Delivery Ceremony for the Grumman-made S-2E Tracker Aircraft

The role and significance of this aircraft in global and national aviation may not be widely known. In short, it holds a special place in military operations, government aviation, and the aviation industry in Türkiye...

The donation of the S-2E Tracker aircraft to the Ege University School of Aviation by the Secretariat of Defence Industries (SoDI) and Turkish Aerospace Industries (TAI) was explained in detail by,

- **"The Story of the S-2E Aircraft"** ~Hande ÜNAL, Manager of the Aviation and Space Sector at the SoDI.
- **"The S-2E Aircraft Delivery Process"** ~Çağrı GÜRÇAĞLAR, Manager of Corporate Development at TAI



presentations..



...the project was completed with the "Final Riveting Ceremony" held in the school hangar. (Additional information about this aircraft is provided in the notes section.)

And the Finale...

Following the ceremonies and reception at Ege University...



...work plans were updated in consultation with Şehri DURMUŞ, Principal of Tulpar (Aviation) Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School, and Guidance Counselor Yalçın ÖZDİL, after evaluating projects and activities for the upcoming period based on the High School Placement Exam and its results.

During my diplomatic posting in the U.S., I took on organizational responsibilities for the Turkey-themed "MiddleTown Festival" in my area of assignment. It was a highlight of my service to see my dear friend Derya DERİN —one of the artists we had invited from Izmir— after 26 years, and to attend the "Love Songs" concert performed by the Izmir Historical Kemeraltı Merchants' Association Turkish Classical Music Choir, which she directs. "Love Songs" concert.....



...alongside Dr. B. Suat ÇAĞLAYAN, a former Minister of Culture and my senior in the Turkish Armed Forces' Medical Academy, was the crowning achievement of this assignment!

The hours spent in Izmir once again led to the same conclusion;...

...it gave rise to yet another answer to the question "What is life and what is its purpose?"— a question I often address in my speech and cultural exchanges—on this land, serving as further proof of my belief that "The secret to sustainable success lies in the honest and





sincere solidarity and collective effort of skilled professionals working toward a common goal!"...

Yes, it is thanks to a YOUTH like this that we will be able to reach the future that Mustafa Kemal ATATÜRK has envisioned...

...Long Live Turkish Aviation!



Attachments :

Attachment A (WOAW26 Award Ceremeny Press Release)

Attachment B (S-2E Tracker Aircraft delevery Ceremeny Press Release)

Attachment C (TAV AH Presentation)

Attachment D (Aerospace Cluster Association (ACA) General Secretary's Speech)

Attachment E (Can EREL Speech)

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Müdür

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