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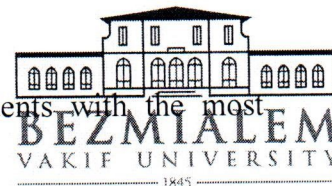
To whom it may concern,

Bezmialem Vakif University (BVU) which was founded in 2010 is one of the first thematic research universities in Health and Life Sciences in Turkey and also a non-profit foundation university which aims to make progress in education, research and health care. We give education to about 3.500 students and provide clinical services to 8000 patients daily with our two main hospitals and two outpatient clinics on each side of Istanbul.

BVU keeps aspirations of more than 175-year old heritage alive and aims to be a reference institution at worldwide level with its 4 Schools: Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy as well as 6 Departments: Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation, Nursing, Audiology, Health Management, Occupational Therapy and Nutrition & Dietetics departments under the School of Health Sciences. We have 3 Graduate Schools: Institute of Health Sciences, Life Sciences and Biotechnology, and Gastroenterology and also a Vocational School of Health Services, with its 14 two-year programs. BVU has mainly 4 campuses, a Phytotherapy Center, Complementary Medicine Research Center and 2 Institutes located at the very centre of each side of Istanbul.

Bezmialem Vakif University promising a high quality education with a mosaic campus life is rapidly progressing to become one of the leading universities. High level of commitment to education, scientific research, and delivery of health care services are of

utmost importance. In our university hospitals, we provide our students with the most comprehensive hands-on

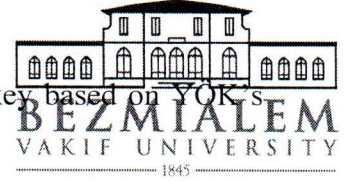


training. Our faculty provide international level of training and education. A number of our programmes has already been accredited nationally or internationally.

The Phytotherapy Center is the first center approved by YÖK (Council of Higher Education) (2014) in research and education. Institute of Life Sciences and Biotechnology (BILSAB) was established in 2018 with state-of-art research laboratories in a fully renovated historical site supported by Turkish Ministry of Industry and Technology. The language of the education and the training at BILSAB is English. All the faculty at BILSAB are trained at premiere research universities in North America and Europe. The most cutting edge and modern 'state of the art' technologies are used in the research laboratories. All these factors provide an excellent research ecosystem for collaborative investigations between BILSAB faculty and the researchers around the country and around the world.

We do believe that students must have an international experience before they graduate to prepare them for their future career. Therefore, we aim to achieve our internationalization strategies by using the fostering power of Erasmus and other exchange programs. We attach great importance to the international cooperations. Our university has more than 100 collaborations from all the world including Johns Hopkins University, USA which is among the leading top-notch universities in the field of health and education. Collaboration with Johns Hopkins University is mainly for the improvement of curriculum of the School of Medicine with the inclusion of scholarly concentration modules and training of our students in their last year as clerkship in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. For the last three years, the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Health Sciences and Vocational School

of Health Services have been ranked among the top universities in Turkey based on YÖK's placement results.



BVU has been listed in University Ranking by Academic Performance (URAP) rankings as soon as we had our first graduates in 2017. Since then the university ranked first as a university established after 2000s in Turkey, fourth as a Turkish Foundation University, seventh among Turkish Universities with medical schools as well as 16th among 148 Turkish Universities [http://tr.urapcenter.org/2017/2017\\_t9.php](http://tr.urapcenter.org/2017/2017_t9.php)

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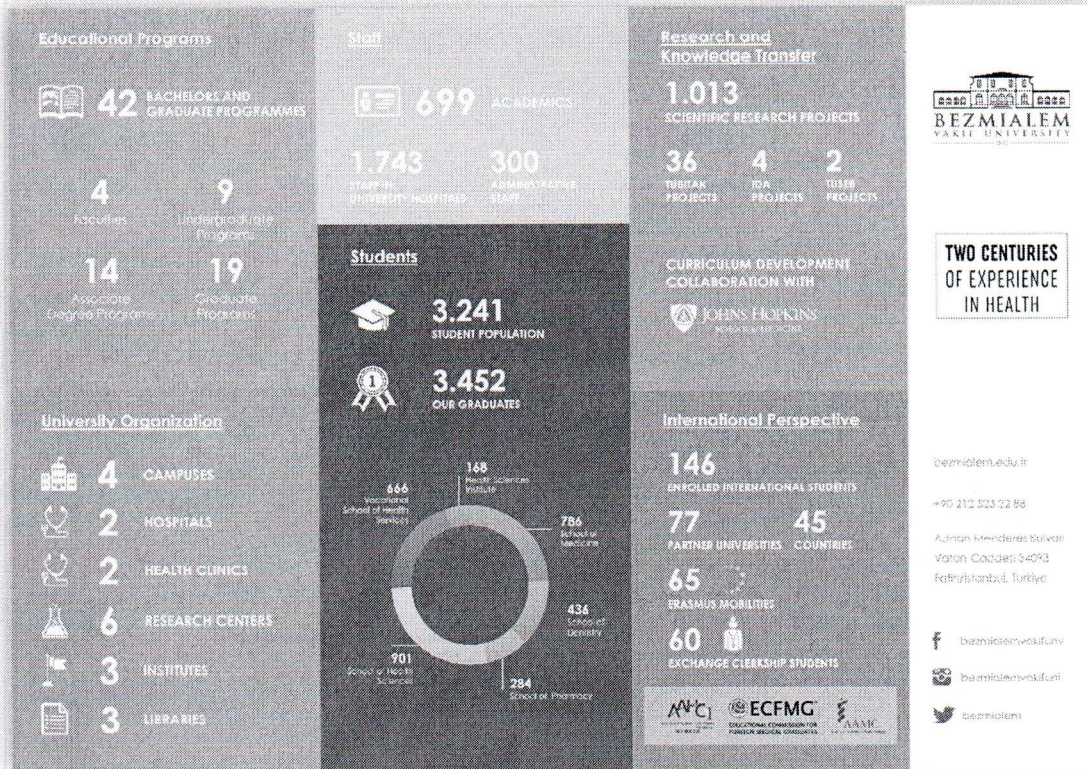
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We know that Korean universities rank high in higher education. International reputation of your prestigious universities attract our attention. We are very interested in having collaborations with Korean universities in education, research and healthcare.

We have hosted Prof. Joo Han Oh from Seoul National University College of Medicine in one of our international medical conferences in BVU and realized that the higher education policies and goals of both countries are very similar.

We are looking forward to having a collaboration with you in order to provide a high quality health education by combining synthesis of the modern and traditional health sciences with intense scientific research and cutting edge technology.

Looking forward to hear from you at your earliest convenience,



Best Regards,

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