

# KOÇ UNIVERSITY

## Exchange Newsletter

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### Editor's Note

Coming nearly to the end of the term of Fall 2007, I can only hope now that our exchange friends from all around the planet could have made the best out of this experience.

From now on, I believe that Istanbul will always have a special place in all of you. It is unavoidable how it had effected you in every way of your lives. And it is quite remarkable, now that you have experienced something really different which you could only dreamed of back home. Hopefully, all of these beautiful memories you have gained in this town will safely lead you home.

I wish you all the best in everything & a happy new year!!!

Onur Ayan

### Insights on the First International Fair @ KU

The first international fair at KOC University on December 6<sup>th</sup>, was a huge success! The participation of all exchange students fostered further interaction with KOC home students. The response and interest to participation in an exchange program proved to be as was expected-great! Thanks to detailed planning of the event and engagement of all members of the ISS as well as Ziyne Yildiz, the fair was very successful. Students were at the tables throughout the day and by the end of it, most brochures and further information material was taken. We encourage all students interested in an exchange program to come to the exchange office to find out more. It was great to see all students participate and interact so well. Active help in taking pictures and filming documented the event for our archives. Interviews were given by various students about their experience in Turkey, in Istanbul and at KOC as well as about the ISS. The fair offered a chance for our current exchanges to communicate interesting facts and personal experience to KOC home students, and thereby providing first-hand accounts of each university. I learned a great deal about most universities myself and am eager to participate in an exchange program too. But I need to warn you- apply a year in advance to ensure yourself a good chance of being selected by the exchange committee. Although the fair was great, there is always room for improvement. By doing it for the first time, we have realised that we will definitely host another one next term and will try improving on the points missed at this fair. Furthermore, the fair offered a feedback questionnaire, which provided the ISS with insight into improvements and additional wishes for other partner universities. We will definitely look into it!

The after-party was the perfect ending to the most successful fair. The location was decorated in great style, with drinks, snacks and a live DJ who played music that everyone loved. Drinks proved to be amongst the most important components, supporting the great atmosphere present at the party anyhow. Everyone had a wonderful time and danced throughout. Pity that the party had to end at 12:00, but nonetheless, it was a memorable ending to a perfect day!

Thank you once again to everyone who helped in making this International Day work!

Corinna Ziegler

