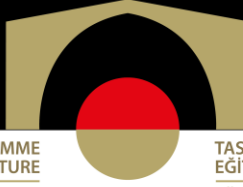


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“THE BRIDGE OF TWO EASTS: SUFI CULTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM” PROJECT

The aim of this project is to enhance cultural and academic collaboration by gathering available academic and research facilities of Turkey and Japan. This project will improve academic and cultural collaboration through the bridge to be established between the two countries by the possible Sufi studies.

Tasavvuf puts forward a doctrine in academic terms. Its cultural and ethical dimensions in social life entails a comprehensive field of interest regarding Turkey's historical and cultural structure. In order to develop more understanding, researchers require the availability of and capacity to read and evaluate primary sources in their relevant contexts. Sufi texts written in Turkish are not well-known outside of the Turkish academic environment. Cultural, doctrinal, and ethical dimensions of Sufism have significant manifestations in Turkish society.

Uskudar University, Institute for Sufi Studies will offer an educational programme on Sufi Culture to graduate students from Japan. It will take 6 weeks and offer 180 hours of theoretical lessons. Ten PhD students from Kyoto University and other relevant Japanese Universities will attend the programme. It will offer courses on Ottoman Turkish and Paleography and introduce manuscript collections in Turkey. Sufi thought, Islamic philosophy and its primary sources, especially Turkish Sufi texts from the Ottoman period, will be analysed. This project will make it possible for young researchers attending the programme to get to know this society and culture rather than engage with the matter in a merely academic, literature-centered manner. Understanding Sufi themes in popular culture as fields of study will provide significant clues for establishing cultural relations. The studies to be carried out may contribute to Japanese scholars giving more emphasis to Sufi themes in their research. Japan is a representative of a very important academic tradition. It is highly expected that in the long run, young generation researchers' prospective studies on Human and Social Studies will create a positive impact on both countries' perspectives on society and contribute to the improvement of public diplomacy. Turkish and Japanese researchers may also benefit from the project in that they may develop potentially new interests for their future studies.

Project Operator: Uskudar University, Institute for Sufi Studies

Project Partners: Kyoto University, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies and Kerim Foundation

Project Supporter: Turkish Republic Prime Ministry Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities

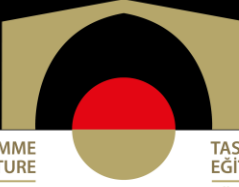


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PROJECT CALENDAR

- **October 22, 2016**, The Bridge of Two Easts: Opening Symposium on Educational Project for Sufi Culture, İstanbul, Uskudar University
- **October 23, 2016**, Workshop/Search Conference "Structuring Translation Work on Sufi Texts in Turkish and Japanese", İstanbul, Uskudar University
- **16 Jan-04 March, 2017**, Educational Program for Sufi Culture İstanbul, Uskudar University
 - Cultural excursions to İstanbul, Bursa, Konya and Ankara will be organized for students participating from Japan
- **March 25, 2017**, The Bridge of Two Easts: Closing Symposium on Educational Project for Sufi Culture, Kyoto, Kyoto University
- **March 26, 2017**, Workshop/Search Conference entitled "Developing Sustainable Academic and Cultural Relations between Turkey and Japan", Kyoto, Kyoto University
- **September 19, 2017**, Studies on publishing results reports, educational programme documents, and proceedings in Turkish and English

With an aim to enhancing public diplomacy, project partners intend to organize Japanese Culture Day and Turkish Culture Day in İstanbul and Kyoto with the contributions of Consulate-General of Japan in İstanbul and Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Tokyo.



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