Dear Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the Rector of Çukurova University, on my behalf and on behalf of our University, I would like to express our pleasure to welcome you all to Adana!

This is our fifth Staff Week we have organized so far.

But this one is very special for us as we have been able to bring together our European and non-European partners.

With our mission as a research university, we put internationalization at the centre of our strategic orientation.

Our University has been one of the most active universities, since the Erasmus program was first started in Turkey.

We have more than 400 agreements with 232 European universities.

We have sent more than 3250 students for study and 720 students for traineeship and up to 400 staff to our European partners.

Therefore, availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to thank all our European partners.

Now we have the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Program offered by the European Commission.

This program now gives us the opportunity to expand our outreach and we are very glad that we can start student and staff mobility with Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Indonesia, Tunisia, Kosovo and Kyrgyzstan.

I believe this program would enable us to establish deep-rooted and sustainable academic and scientific collaboration in education and research activities.

Bearing this in mind, we have applied to the 2019 ICM Call with you, as our existing partners and included Colombia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Morocco, Mexico, Ukraine, Uganda, Russia, South Korea and Thailand as new partner countries.

I hope you would have fruitful meetings and discussions throughout the Staff Week Program and enjoy your stay in Adana!

Thank you!

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