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New Congress City: Bursa

Bursa, is a city that has got many initials in it. First capital city of Ottoman is Bursa. First Bazaar Bridge of the World is in Bursa. The first standard of the World was set in Bursa. Many developments such as the first Turkish Opera, the first environmental protection activity, the first diplomatic victory, the first intercity transport, the first organized industrial zone, the first aerial railway and the first skiing race were conducted in Bursa.

Bursa is a culture and art city as well as an industrial city. It is a city that many cultural activities such as festivals, kermises, plays and shadow plays are performed in decent places.

Bursa proves itself in being a European and World city by joining many international developments such as International Local Administrations Union, International Local Environmental Enterprise Council, Islamic Cities Organization, Local Administrations and Democracy Academy, United Nations Development Academy, Cities Union for Recycling and the other developments; Bursa is the leader in establishment of them, such as Healthy Cities Union and Historical Cities Union.

Merinos Factory, which was opened by Atatürk in 1938, is one of the symbol establishments of the Republic history. Merinos has converted a congress and culture centre with the congress centre after it was restored literally as factory building in the park and it was brought in Bursa as a plant that any kind of organizations can be held.

The journey, from production to art, of Merinos Factory is the indication of change in development of Bursa as well. Atatürk Congress Culture Centre is one of six congress centres of Turkey with its halls for 1659, 825, 800 and 500 peoples and also its 11 seminar halls for 50 and 100 people. I believe that Atatürk Congress Culture Centre will make an important contribution in prestige and estimation of our Bursa and our country, in this sense I pay my respects.

Alinur AKTAŞ
Bursa Metropolitan Municipality Mayor





Bursa Metropolitan Municipality Atatürk Congress Culture Centre

Constructed by Bursa Metropolitan Municipality, Atatürk Congress Culture Centre was opened by the Prime Minister of that era, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in 06.06.2016.

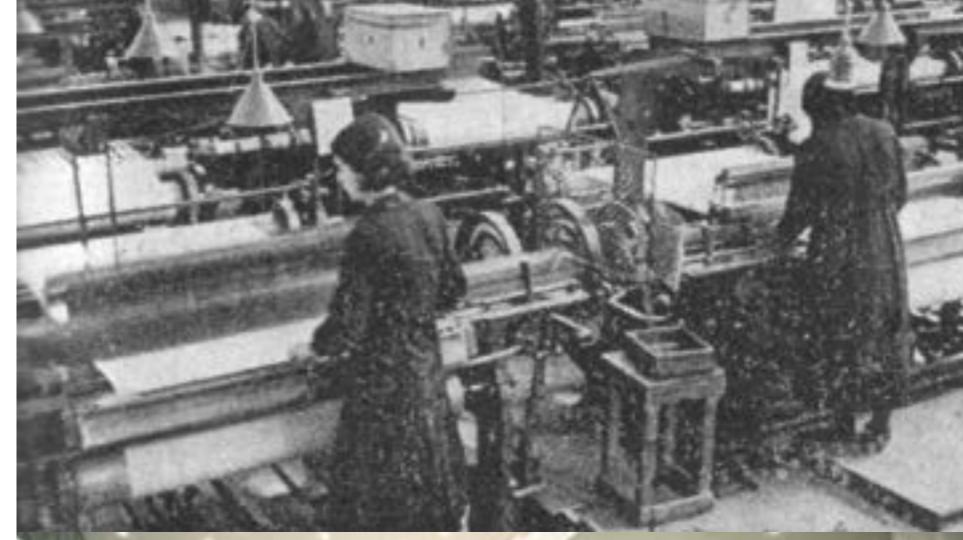
Atatürk Congress Culture Centre is located in 307.000 m² wide Merinos Park and total construction area of Centre is 120.000 m². There is 7600 m² Merinos Exhibition Area, 7100 m² Outdoor Exhibition Area, indoor parking area with 460 vehicle capacity and outdoor parking area with 300 vehicle capacity, Os-mangazi Hall with 1623 seats, Orhangazi Hall with 813 seats, Hüdavendigâr Hall with 400 seats, Yıldırım Beyazid Hall with 1000 person capacity, and there are 3 Showrooms which are 750 m², 1000 m² outdoor foyer area, seminar halls, congress halls, artist rooms and social areas.



Atatürk's memory is kept alive

Sümerbank Merinos Woollen Industry Fabric Factory was established in the frame of first industrial attempts of Turkey as "factory of woollen textile inputs". The Prime Minister of that time İsmet İnönü and Economy Delegate Celal Bayar laid the base of the factory in 28th of November 1935. Well-known businessman and entrepreneur Nuri Demirağ undertook the construction of the factory. President Mustafa Kemal Atatürk opened Merinos Factory, which was completed for nearly two years, during his seventeenth visit of Bursa on 2nd of February 1938. After President Atatürk took the golden key of the factory from Sümerbank General Manager Nurullah Esat Sümer, made some examinations inside the factory and then wrote his emotions on the honour notebook:

"Sümer Bank Merinos Factory will increase the national pleasure as a priceless achievement. This achievement will help the industrial development in providing great national needs of the country and specially Bursa. I congratulate Economy Ministry on success of this achievement. I thank you to the Directory of Sümer Bank and wish them success on high knowledge and right coordinate management."



Merinos is in Bursa's employ again

Merinos Factory, which started production as a spinning factory with 16.140 spinning and 7.000 folding spinner capacities, made a great contribution into Bursa Economy after 1963 that industrial development speed increased and went on with developing.

Merinos Factory, which gave service to Turkish Industry in its active period for 66 years, was transferred to Bursa Metropolitan Municipality with the contribution of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

High Board of Privatisation made a decision about transferring the land and properties of "Merinos Woollen Industry Establishment" to Bursa Metropolitan Municipality without charge to use for education, cultural activities, art, sport and recreation activities by considering of public interest in 14th of November 2000.

Bursa Metropolitan Municipality, which aims to keep Merinos Factory alive, has completed Atatürk Congress Culture Centre that will add vision to the city with planned urban transformation.



Bursa is being enlightened

Merinos Spinning Factory, which was one of the symbol enterprises of history of the republic, has become one of the important congress and culture complex of Turkey with a comprehensive restoration and restructuring action that was conducted by Bursa Metropolitan Municipality. Atatürk Congress Culture Centre Project, which has got many specialities in terms of not only historical also architectural, was deemed worthy of "Merit Pay" of Historical Cities Union in the year of 2007. Atatürk Congress Culture Centre is composed of two important basic structures, which is located in Merinos Park; one of them is historical Merinos Factory, which was converted to Culture Centre with a restoration work, and the other is Congress Centre that was just constructed. The buildings, which were designed in a flexible way to use together or separately, have a special availability in being a complex building for arrangement of -great or small- any kind of organizations. Merinos Park, which is located in Atatürk Congress Culture Centre and has recomposed recently, is an important public recreation area for Bursa with its 208.000 m² green field. There are many coffee shops, restaurants and social complexes in the Park together with 16.000 m² areas that arranged for open-air activities. Besides, Energy Museum, which was established by restoring the power plant that is in Merinos Factory, has the speciality in being first and unique energy museum of Bursa. Bursa, which was lit with the electricity that was generated in Merinos in the past, is being enlightened with the science and art light that is spread from Atatürk Congress Culture Centre. Merinos Spinning Factory, which was established by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and made Bursa capital city of textile, is now reborn and ready to make Bursa capital city of culture and tourism with the responsibility of His memory.



Culture Centre

Merinos Factory, which was converted to the Culture Centre, is located on 74.215 m² total areas with 22.965 m² car park section. Merinos Factory, which has got Conservatory, Art Centre, Immigration and Textile Museums, was converted to a wellness centre that education activities, social and cultural activities can be conducted. The Main Hall that is located on 7.600 m² areas, starts from the East Door of Factory and reaches to the West Door, by Atatürk Congress Centre, was made suitable for gala meals and receptions as well as exhibitions and fairs. Also, this place that begirded 3 art galleries, 5 seminar rooms and 14 stores, ensures the functional and visual aggregation of those two structures. Therefore, Culture Centre and Congress Centre look like connected to each other but also freely separated from each other at the same time. The art galleries, located in Culture Centre, were denominated with the name, Zeki Müren, Müzeyyen Senar and Yıldırım Gürses, who are famous artists, were born in Bursa. 7.130 m² Terrace of car park section is suitable for concerts.



Congress Centre

Osmangazi Hall with its 1750 m² area and capacity for 1623 people, is Turkey's largest and highest quality stage. Congress Centre also has Orhangazi Hall with capacity of 813 seats, Hüdavendigar Hall with capacity of 1000 seats and lot of seminar rooms.

Atatürk Congress Culture Centre was arranged to organize various meetings from 10 people to 3000 people for an international congress. By means of professional management and qualified personals, all organizations are carried out with success and pleasure. Auditoriums have acoustic forms and wooden covered panel and also the stage mechanic light and voice systems for high-level performances such as opera, bale, and theatre.

The names of the halls, in Atatürk Congress Culture Centre, were taken from the names of the sultans of Ottoman Empire whose the tombs are in Bursa that was the capital of Ottoman Empire for one hundred and fifty years.



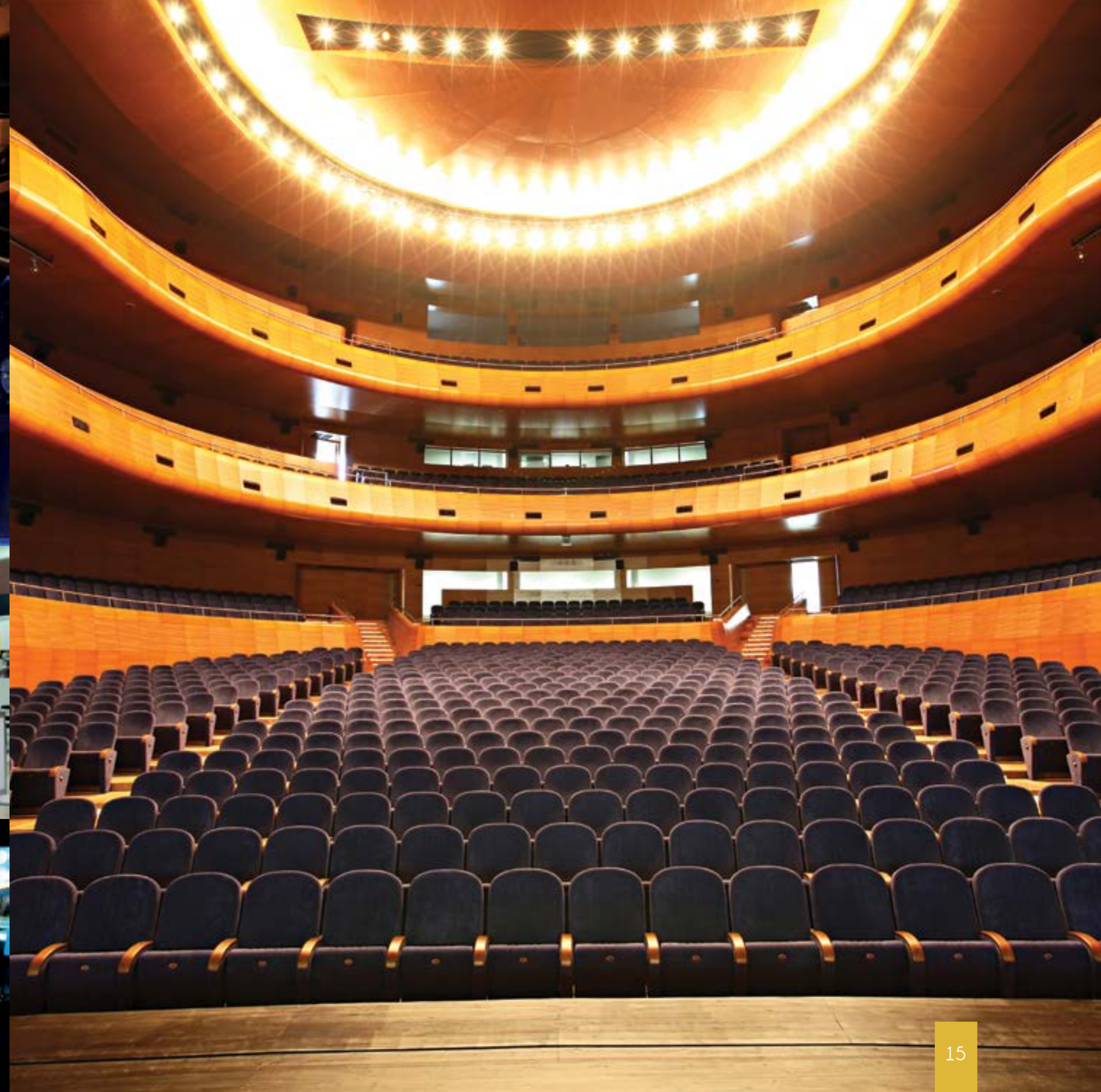


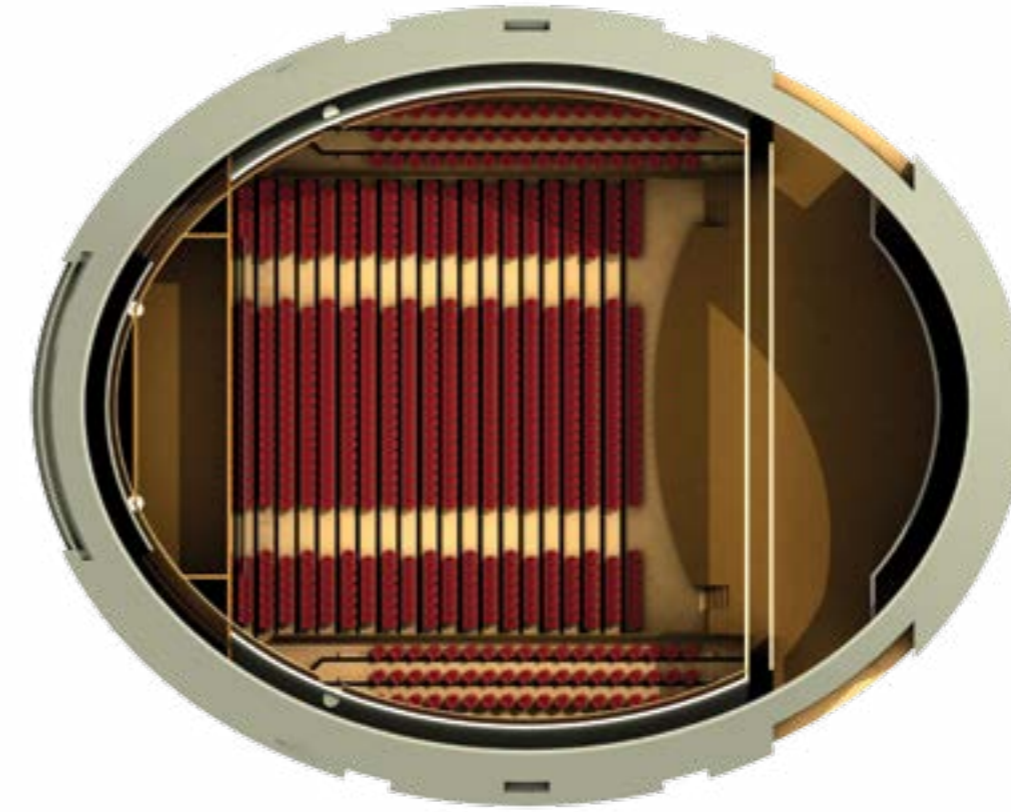
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Osmangazi Hall

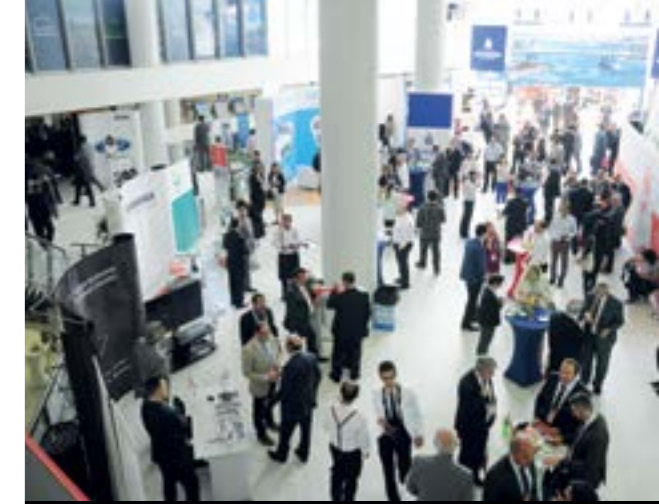
Osman Gazi Hall, which has got the seat capacity for 1.623 people, was designed with electronic, mechanic and acoustic infrastructure to allow organizations of opera, theatre and bale plays and also conferences and concerts. Hall has 1750 m² stage area and all parts of the hall, as saloon, stage and soffito sections, active and sliding stages, active band hallow, simultaneous translation rooms and other technical places are equipped with advanced technology. Artist dressing rooms, study rooms, workshop rooms, practise rooms, offices, library, archive and private car park, which are at the management section, support this technology. By means of aspect, which is located on 3.800 m² areas with glazy main and side foyer have become integrated with very green nature of Merinos Park and restored Merinos Factory. Those places that were enriched with wide gallery emptiness are also used for record, exhibition, stand and feast area.





Orhangazi Hall

Orhan Gazi Hall, which has the capacity for 813 seats, was designed to enable conference, concert, theatre and cinema performances with its modern technical infrastructure. The Hall has also voice-light control systems; simultaneous translation and artist dressing rooms and they support all those organizations. 2.600 m² front foyer and main foyer that are enriched with three floors galleria areas are quite suitable for cocktail, record and exhibitions. There are seminar halls and multipurpose halls that are open to those places. Besides, there is a 1.000 m² urban terrace at the top of this hall for usage of various open-air organizations. This area, which is integrated with small lake and the liveliest part of Merinos Park, is supported with a wide coffee shop and connected with Osman Gazi Hall by a bridge.





Hüdavendigâr Hall

The Hall, which has the capacity for 500 people, was designed as a multipurpose hall with its non-gradual floor, recording room and stage arrangement facilities. This hall that enables for various capacity meetings and banquette activities, is supported with seminar halls and buffet, and opened to 1.000 m² foyers.



Yıldırım Bayezid Hall

Yıldırım Bayezid Hall, which has got spectacular view, sighted Bursa Plain and Uludağ, is suitable for conference, gala and many great activities. It is available to have 1000 people at receptions and 600 people at feast organizations. 294 m² watching terrace, which has the spectacular mountain view, is opened to Merinos Park. 350 m² foyers are connected with Osman Gazi Hall by a bridge.



Muradiye Hall

Muradiye Hall has approximately 300 m² indoor area and it is for multipurpose meetings, special feasts and cocktails.



Grand Terrace

Grand Terrace which you can eat feasts and have good meetings accompanied with beautiful view of Uludağ and Bursa, gives you the opportunity to organize various events thanks to its 1000 m² wide area.





Uludağ Hall

Having 300 m² area and non-gradual floor, Uludağ Hall has 300 seat capacity which can be arranged differently. Hall can be supported by cocktail area and meeting room.



North Terrace Hall

An alternate space for events with or without food in 550 m² indoor and 675 m² outdoor area.

Seminar Halls

Atatürk Congress Culture Centre has got seminar halls in various sizes in two main buildings. Also the glassed halls, which are located in Culture Centre and sighted to Main Hall, can be used for meetings and seminars. Seminar Halls which has 10-20-200 people capacity can be used for different purposes like theatrical style, class-room style and meeting style.



Meeting Offices

For congress organizations, there are several meeting offices and administration rooms which enable every form of communication.



Protocol Hall

Protocol Hall is reserved for protocol invitees and VIP guests, who join to activities held in Atatürk Congress Culture Centre. There is a private service area for communication facilities and gifts.

Showrooms

750 m2 3 art galleries named after famous singers from Bursa who is Zeki Müren, Müzeyyen Senar and Yıldırım Gürses, is suitable for every kind of exhibit and meetings.



Artist Rooms

In Ataturk Congress Culture Centre there are comfortable rooms for artists which they can have a rest or make preparations before their performance.

Pressroom

The Pressroom, which is in Atatürk Congress Culture Centre has got communication services such as telephone, fax and internet facilities and was arranged for press members to work in a silence and suitable area.



Ceremonial Ground

At the east cost of Atatürk Congress Culture Centre there is a wide ground for big ceremonies, big outdoor meetings and exhibits.



Indoor Parking Area

We have indoor parking service with 460 car capacity. Also Merinos Park can be used as outdoor parking area for hundreds of vehicles.



Outdoor Ground

7100 m² area can be used as parking area or it is suitable for outdoor exhibits or concerts.



Merinos Congress Cafe

In historical Merinos Park, Merinos Congress Cafe serves both visitors from Bursa and our congress visitors. Options of outdoor and indoor area, Merinos Congress Cafe is hosting its visitors under the century old trees.



Merinos Park Oxygen Depot of Bursa

Merinos Park, which has got 307.000 m² green field, was converted to an important public recreation centre with its a century old trees, small lake, racing track and bicycle path, resting and kid play areas. Merinos Park that is located in the centre of the city and nested with the nature has many coffee shops, restaurants and social complexes.

There is a 16.000 m² area in the park that various organizations can be held such as concerts and open-air activities. The small lake and the pools, which were generated in the middle of the Park, have become integrated with Atatürk Congress Culture Centre and create a charming point. Göl Park Restaurant, Gönül Dostları Restaurant, Kafe Kule and Hayat Lokantası gives service in this area. Merinos Park's restaurants and coffee shops, which service all kind of flavours of rich Bursa cuisine, is a favourite place that delicious tastes can be found together. Also, the old wedding saloon, which was located in the park, gives service as a Wedding Hall with the restored building.

All the tools and pieces that were used in Merinos Factory when it was active are now displayed in Merinos Energy Museum, which is located in the Park together with Immigration Museum.

Merinos Park, with its small lake, pool and jogging areas, presents a green-blue unique, beautiful and natural area to its local and foreign guests with Atatürk Congress Culture Centre, one of prestige brands of Turkey.



History

Bursa is one of the most beautiful city that contains unique culture and history of Anatolian geography. During the excavation in Akçalar region, the 8500 years of history of city was revealed. The oldest settlement of Bursa and its region is around the İznik Lake. Just around the lake there are 7 important mounds which is anticipated that they were built in Stone Age.

City's first name was Prusa which was established by Bithynians in 3rd century B.C. In history city was also called Bithynia and it has been ruled by Romans after they conquered the Bithynia Kingdom.

Firstly seen as a Roman City, then as a Byzantine city, Bursa was still known as Bithynian city even in Ottoman era according to western historical resources. Today our country's most valuable Byzantine historical artifacts are shown in Bursa Archaeology Museum.

Bursa has 2300 years old walls from Bithynian Kingdom and unique historical constructs from Ottoman Empire. With his rich historical tissue, Bursa has fingerprints of both Byzantine and Ottoman influence.

İznik is a very important place for Christian society which First and seventh consul was gathered, recently a 1600 years old basilica was found under the lake and accepted as last year's most important discovery.

Bursa is conquered by Orhan Bey and since than city evolved into commerce, culture and art center. In Ottoman era a lot of buildings was constructed by the empire and it became the Empire's science culture capital.

In republic era, Bursa was the most effected city by the development movement and visited by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk by 18 times.

Industry

Bursa which under the Republican period became a centre for industrialization and production is a city which has succeeded in developing its existing tradition of commerce and bringing it up to the present day. The city has 21 industrial zones one of which is Turkey's first industrial zone, 19 small-scale industrial zones, 1 free-trade zone and also a technology development centre which provides services to industry. In Bursa which has Turkey's second largest exports union the production has been focused on the textile, automotive, automotive spare parts industry, ready-to-wear garments, machinery and metal industry, dry-fresh and frozen foods, agriculture and service sector. Turkey's most important automotive factories are to be found in Bursa.

According to the Ministry of Finance's data for the year 2008, from the point of view of providing budget incomes for the country's economy Bursa takes 5th place in the ranking after Istanbul, Ankara, Kocaeli and İzmir. According to the number of work places and employees. Bursa takes second place in the ranking in the Marmara Region after İstanbul. Bursa is in the second place in the export in Turkey after İstanbul with nearly 2 million 500 thousand population.

Tourism

Because of its natural beauties, green lands, 833 trees between 100 and 600 years old, and thermal waters Bursa get famous as Green Bursa and hosts many visitors all around the world. There are many historical artifacts from Roman and Ottoman Empire in the city which is very rich in historical artifacts. Thanks to efforts of Bursa Metropolitan Municipality, Hanlar Bölgesi, Sultan Külliyesi, and Cumalıkızık was applied to UNESCO World Heritage List. Through out the ages Bursa is the capital of commerce and historical buildings are still preserving their form.

Bursa is known as home hot waters add city offers modernized thermal springs and Turkish baths for its visitors.

Due to being a tourism paradise, Bursa is visited by thousands of tourists every year. The city, which has got a rich inherit in terms of historical achievements, hold many historical achievements from Rome and Ottoman time. Bursa that has been a commerce centre during the history keeps its historical fabric with its caravanserais. The caravanserais, which reflect commerce tradition of the city by now, contribute a great richness to the city visually. Bursa that is known as a hot springs city gives services to its visitors with its modern and more useful thermal hot springs and baths now. The tourists, who come from all around our country and from the world, prefer Bursa's hot springs to recover health. Mainly Aghia Sophia Church, located in İznik, is very important for Christians, and many achieve-

ments from Rome time are attracting attention in Bursa. İznik, which is famous with its ceramics, has the speciality in being the most important tourism and historic place of this region.

Bursa is a unique city due to being located in the foot of the mountain and being located by the sea. It has got a mild climate and is available for visit at four seasons. Mudanya, Trilye (Zeytinbağı) and Güzelyalı, which are located by the sea, carry the beautiful charming navy-blue to Bursa. Especially Trilye (Zeytinbağı) is very important historically, it keeps the Byzantine, Rum and Ottoman architect traces. Uludağ, which is the top winter tourism centre of Turkey, presents beauties of four seasons to its visitors, and hosts thousands of people every year. Uludağ gives services not only for winter tourism; it also presents many facilities such as trekking, out door and picnic with its rich fauna and flora at every season.

Bursa, which is also rich with its cuisine, presents also traditional Turkish cuisine with modern life by blending. İskender kebab, İnegöl meatball, candied chestnut and Kemalpaşa dessert can be available easily.



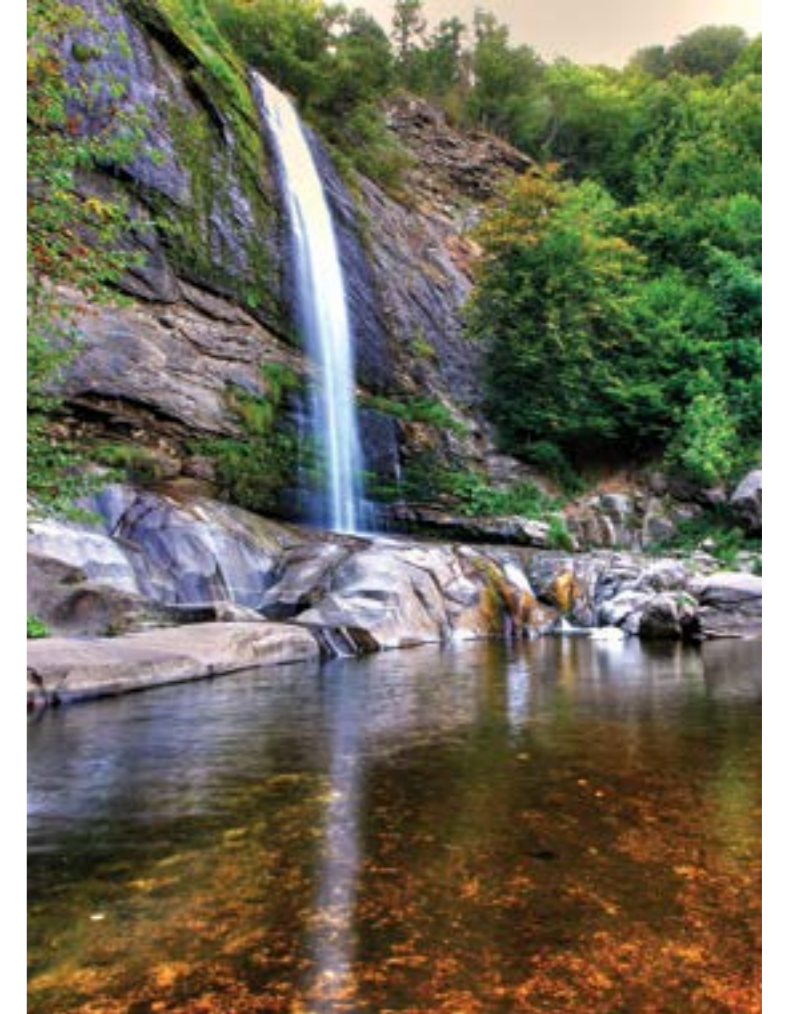
Karacaali Narlı Social Facility



Uludağ



İznik, Basillica



Mustafakemalpaşa, Suuçtu Fall



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Accommodation

Atatürk Congress Culture Centre can benefit from all local transport facilities it has the same facilities for transport of accommodations.

Room capacities of the Bursa hotels are as follows:

Type	Quantity	Rooms	Beds
*****	6	1.080	2.188
****	14	1.676	3.449
***	23	1.424	2.870
**	7	200	406
Exclusive	7	122	239
TOTAL	57	4502	9152

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Transport

Bursa is connected to the other cities with motorway, airway and seaway. There are two airports in Bursa; one of them is Yenişehir International Airport that is 40 minutes far from city center and the other is Yunuseli Airport that is located in the center. Yenişehir International Airport is open for domestic and abroad traveler for transport.

Bursa Metropolitan Municipality and BURULAŞ constitute the Bursa Airways and it will be operational soon to fly to Antalya, Bodrum, Trabzon, Erzurum, Gaziantep, Üsküp and Filibe.

Transport, from Bursa to İstanbul, is possible by the sea way with ferry and hydrofoil at Güzelyalı (Mudanya) Ferry Quay.

The journey, between İstanbul and Bursa, takes 75 minu-

tes with the fast ferry service that seals from Bursa to Yenikapı twice in a day. Besides Kabataş - Bursa journey takes 2 hours with hydrofoil (İDO) that seals twice in a day, and Kadıköy-Bursa journey takes 1 hour 40 minutes. And also BUDO has trips between Mudanya and Armutlu.

Another Bursa Metropolitan Municipality service, seaplanes and helicopter transportation makes Bursa closer to other cities like İstanbul, and an easy transportable city. People are very interested in seaplanes which takes the distance between Bursa and İstanbul in 20 minutes and this project attribute the city economy. First domestic cable railway, İpekböceği (Silkworm) becomes an important transport tool of the city.

Güzelyalı Ferry Quay is 15-20 minutes far from the city

center. Bursa Intercity Bus Station is 10 km far from the city center and it has got a connection with the belt high way. The buses, minibuses, taxi dolmuş and railway system are used at the local mass transport.






Designed in 1955 and operated in 1963, ropeway system is now modernized and connect between Teferrüç and Hotels Region Station. A new project will connect Teferrüç station to Setbaşı, Gökdere and Gökdere City Park stations.

İzmit Gulf Bridge project will be completed in a few years and with the İstanbul-Bursa-İzmir highway Bursa will be closer to İstanbul and İzmir. One of the Turkey's most important projects and consists one of the longest cable bridge, the Gulf Highway Project and high speed train project which connects Bursa to İstanbul, Ankara Eskişehir

and Konya are under construction.

Bursa Metropolitan Municipality attach important to railway transport too and service connection from one side of city to other by railway transport. Also Kent Meydanı-Terminal railway construction is will be completed soon.

Halls and Usage Capacities

Halls	Height	Area	Theatre	Class Room	U Shape	Banquet	Cocktail
	m	m ²					
Osmangazi Hall (Auditorium)	17,7	1544+1750	1623	-	-	-	-
Orhangazi Hall (Auditorium)	8,6	1.200	813	-	-	-	-
Hüdavendigâr Hall (Multi-Purpose Hall)	5,7	500	400	200	80	300	800
Yıldırım Bayezid Hall (Ball Room)	5,1	818	800	500	-	600	1000
Uludağ Hall	3,5	300	280	100	50	-	-
Nilüfer Hall	3	70	-	-	-	50	-
Muradiye Hall	3	360	250	-	40	220	250
Exhibition Area	11	7600 -12000	-	-	-	3000	4000
Showrooms	3	745x3	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Terrace (Outdoor)	-	1200	-	-	-	1.000	1.300
North Terrace	3	400	-	-	-	300	600
West Meeting Hall A	5,2	120	130	-	-	-	-
West Meeting Hall B	2,6	120	-	-	40	-	-
East Meeting Hall A1	5,2	120	-	-	40	-	-
East Meeting Hall A2	3	120	130	-	40	-	-
East Meeting Hall B	2,6	120	130	-	-	-	-
Seminar Hall 1	6,2	100	84	-	-	-	-
Seminar Hall 2	2,6	200	140	80	40	-	-
Seminar Hall 3	2,6	100	90	60	25	-	-
Seminar Hall 4	2,6	100	90	60	25	-	-
Seminar Hall 5	2,6	100	100	60	25	-	-
Seminar 8	3	90	50	-	-	-	-
Seminar A	3	126	140	-	-	-	-
Workshop A (10)	2,6	-	-	-	12	-	-
Workshop B (3)	2,6	-	-	-	20	-	-
Special Meeting Room (3)	2,6	-	-	-	12	-	-

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