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UKRAINE - TURKEY CULTURAL AND HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION

Cultural and humanitarian cooperation between Ukraine and Turkey is carried out on the basis of the Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Culture between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Turkey dated 27 November 1996 and the Cooperation Programme between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Turkey dated 22 December 2011. In recent years, Ukrainian-Turkish cooperation in the field of culture has developed significantly, not only at the official level, but also at the level of cultural and artistic institutions and direct contacts.

Various artistic activities are represented in Turkey, including Ukrainian cinema, animation, visual and fine arts, sculpture, folk and modern dance, culinary arts and similar. Emphasis is placed not only on the dissemination of Ukrainian cultural heritage and traditions, but also on the acquaintance of Turkish people with Ukrainian contemporary art.

Concerts of Ukrainian artists, exhibitions, presentations, scientific conferences of Ukrainian artists, collection shows of Ukrainian designers are held regularly in Turkey. Every year, representatives of Ukrainian dance and art groups and individual artists participate in international competitions and festivals in Turkey. Ukraine also participates in international music and film festivals held in Turkey.

In April 2019, "Ukrainian Meal Days" with the participation of the famous conductor Yuriy Kovrijenko at the Hilton hotel as a part of the Ukraine Days under the name of "Ukrainian April" in Ankara, Papasony Kyiv Shadow Theater's performance "Roksolana", the concert hall of the Turkish Presidential Symphony Orchestra,

Ukraine Kyiv Oda The concert of the Orchestra was performed by the Virsky Ukrainian State Dance Ensemble.

Recently, many projects in the field of culture and public diplomacy have been implemented in Turkey. The most popular among them are "Ukrainian Literature Readings" with the participation of Ukrainian writer Andriy Lyubka in Ankara National Library, performance of Ukrainian National Opera artists in Istanbul and Istanbul Ukraine Cinema Days.

Ukrainian and Crimean Tatar communities in Turkey play an important role in the development of cultural ties between Ukraine and Turkey.

Within the framework of cooperation with associations, important dates for Ukraine such as Shevchenko's Days, Vyshyvanka Day (International Embroidered Shirt Day) celebrations, Honor and Freedom Day, Ukrainian Unity Day, the anniversary of the occupation of Crimea are commemorated.

With the contribution of Ukrainian diplomatic and consular institutions, summer camps are organized in Antalya, Samsun, Marmaris, Izmir and Istanbul for Ukrainian children living in Turkey. Ukrainian Saturday schools and courses of Ukrainian as a foreign language are offered in Ankara, Antalya, Istanbul and Kusadasi. The websites of Ukrainian associations function in Ankara, Antalya, Kuşadası and Samsun; Works of Ukrainians residing in Turkey are published; cultural, educational and artistic events are organized.

Work integration of Ukrainian associations in Turkey with the World Congress of Ukrainians and the interaction between Ukraine and Crimean Tatar civil organizations continue.

Due to the studies and cultural, artistic and image activities, a positive definition of Ukraine in Turkey and the image of Ukraine as a friendly state and strategic partner in Turkish society has been achieved.