



TURKISH AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT – 2010

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1. TAA AERONAUTICS AND SPACE UNIVERSITY

With the goal of providing an academic education and training in aviation, the TAA has taken necessary legal steps to establish the TAA Aeronautics and Space University in Ankara and already established the TAA Aeronautics Foundation that will oversee the university.

The university, benefiting from the TAA's 86-year-experience, will have an academic program, including piloting, maintenance of planes, air controlling, aviation engineering, space engineering, electrics and electronics as well as providing ground services.

The Ankara-based university is projected to have campuses in four other Turkish cities _ Istanbul, Izmir, Eskisehir and Konya and will also try to make sure that its graduates are employed in the aviation sector.

2. TWO NEW TRAINING SITES IN TURKEY

The TAA has decided to launch two new training sites in Karain near the Mediterranean city of Antalya and in the eastern city of Erzincan to increase its training facilities around the country to a total of five in 2011. Members of the FAI are welcome to use these new training sites in Turkey, which we believe will help further aeronautical activities worldwide. The TAA already has training sites near the cities of Ankara, Eskisehir and Izmir.

The opening of the new training facilities would enable the TAA to expand its training to the eastern and southern regions of Turkey, which has a population of 74 million people. The TAA plans to train thousands of more teenagers in several different branches of the aviation in Karain and Erzincan annually.

3. AERIAL PHOTO EXHIBITION DRAWS 100,000 PEOPLE

“The View of Turkey from Air,” an aerial photo exhibition, consisting of 150 pictures by paragliding pilot Orhan Ozgulbas, has attracted around 100,000 visitors in 12 cities across the nation.

FAI President Pierre Portmann and Secretary General Stephane Desprez were honor guests of the exhibition which was opened on Feb. 16 to mark the 85th anniversary of the founding of the TAA. Turkish Culture Minister Ertugrul Gunay has also visited the exhibition.



TAA President Osman YILDIRIM (right) escorts Culture Minister Ertugrul GUNAY (left) at the exhibition.

4. TRAINING and EDUCATION

Another project, called “TAA in hand in hand with youths,” aims to bring teenagers who are leaning toward criminal activities in certain parts of the country together with policemen in aeromodeling courses in order to build confidence between them.

Under the project, 800 children and 170 police officers have been given aeromodeling courses in 12 cities or towns in the country’s southeastern region

last year. The students and officers also found opportunities to race their model planes together.

Meanwhile, the number of young students enrolled in the TAA's Young Wings branch has exceeded 3,000 with the participation of nearly 150 branches across the nation.

5. INTERNATIONAL AIR CADETS EXCHANGE (IACE)

Last year, Turkey hosted 16 cadets and two escorts from six countries. We also sent 17 cadets to those countries.

In 2011, we have increased the number of Turkish cadets to 30 and the number of countries which we will be sending them to nine.

6. FAI YOUNG ARTISTS CONTEST 2010

A Turkish student, Zeynep Yucekaya, has been awarded the top prize in the FAI Young Artists Contest titled in 2010 for her work in the category of ages 10 to 13.

7. PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

In its quest to introduce aviation activities to the Turkish people, the TAA has performed balloon and plane flights for thousands of people. A total of 39 exhibition flights have been performed in 20 cities.

In 2011, the TAA plans to upgrade the vehicle used by its mobile PR campaign unit to refurbish it with flight simulators to provide a first-hand experience to children.

6. FIRE FIGHTING

The TAA also uses its planes to fight forest fires, a responsibility that attracts the attention the importance of aviation in 2010.

Two of the TAA's 19 firefighting planes were dispatched to Israel to fight a huge fire there. TAA planes have been used in extinguishing around 340 fires in 2010.

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