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The Halide Edip Adivar Award, which is specific to the 39th ABW, is presented to Turkish nationals who display outstanding contributions to Turkey and the 39th ABW by exemplifying continuous dedication and service. The award honors Halide Edip Adivar, an early leader in Turkish society, dedicated to promoting change and understanding within her culture.

39th ABW honors Turkish national for service

by Senior Airman Michael Battles

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey -- The music dims and the crowd goes silent as attendees of the 39th Air Base Wing 2014 Annual Awards focus their attention on one person -- Arzu Kaya.

Kaya, a realty clerk with the 425th Air Base Squadron in Izmir, Turkey, was presented the first-ever Halide Edip Adivar Award by Col. Mark Anarumo, 39th Air Base Wing vice commander, as part of the award ceremony Feb. 10. The award was established to highlight Turkish nationals who display outstanding contributions to the 39th ABW and Turkey by exemplifying continuous dedication and service.

"It was imperative for us to create an award specifically to highlight our Turkish nationals," said Col. Craig Wills, 39th Air Base Wing commander. "Halide Edip Adivar was an early leader in Turkish society, dedicated to promoting change and understanding within her culture. We want to acknowledge leaders like her whose efforts contribute to the

wing's mission, while promoting mutual understanding between our U.S. and Turkish cultures. They should be recognized."

Halide Edip Adivar, a well-known Turkish writer and social activist, played an important role in educating the people of Turkey on gender equality and unity by depicting the clash between Eastern and Western culture. She also encouraged Turkish women to succeed in reaching their goals against strong opposition. When asked why Kaya was nominated Lt. Col. John Thomas, 425th ABS commander, said it was due to her critical role to the U.S. mission.

"Ms. Arzu Kaya is an integral part of the Izmir community and an invaluable member of the 425th ABS and 39th ABW," Thomas said. "Her accomplishments and dedication to our mission are difficult to capture, but I was proud to nominate her for this award and I am honored that she was chosen as the first recipient."

As the sole real estate member working for the Department of Defense in Turkey, Kaya is responsible for negotiating and managing all DOD real estate contracts in Incirlik, Izmir, Istanbul and Ankara. For the last 6 years Kaya has also fulfilled a supervisory role due to shortfall in manning within the 425th ABS.

According to Thomas, Kaya wants to embody what women of Turkey are.

"Arzu has consistently gone out of her way to represent the women of Turkey," Thomas said. "She recently developed and hosted a 'Women of Islam' seminar open to over 400 DOD and NATO personnel; to better inform members of 26 nations about the struggles and accomplishments of women in Turkey."

The Halide Edip Adivar award is part of the 39th ABW celebrating 60 years of partnership with the Turkish Government and local national employees. Over the years, the 39th ABW will use the Halide Edip Adivar Award to highlight its Turkish members around the wing and members at its geographically separated units who are paramount in completing not only the wing's mission, but also the missions of the Turkish military and our NATO allies.

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International Mobile Equipment Identity

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Did you know this?

Members can have their Global System for Mobile Communications device locked so that others cannot use the device, whether lost or stolen. Information and Communications Technologies Authority-Mobile Device Registration System has a 24/7 calling service to help. If a GSM phone has been stolen or is lost, members can have their device locked so that nobody else can use it even the SIM card is replaced. In order to do this, members need to call the ICTA call center at 0-312-294 94 94 and provide their identification, International Mobile Equipment Identity number of the device, and what time the GSM line was used last.

After notifying the call center, the device will appear on a "Reported as Lost/Stolen Device" data list. After ICTA authenticates the information provided, it will then be placed on the black list. The device will be locked for communication after sending a text message to the device reading "this device is stolen or lost, please take it to the nearest police station."

The IMEI number provides an important function; it uniquely identifies a specific mobile phone being used on a mobile network. It is a useful tool to prevent a stolen handset from accessing a network and being used to place calls.



How can you get your IMEI number?

It is very simple. Just dial *#06# and then a 15-digit number will appear on the device screen. Once completed, make sure to save it somewhere else so that the member can use it in case their GSM phone is lost or stolen.

Also, members should know that ICTA doesn't have any responsibility to find or deliver the devices to the related persons. Members must still notify the police for help.



A cable car runs in the middle of the street taking passengers down to the end of **İstiklal Street** starting from the city center 'Taksim Square'.

Istanbul, a city where two continents meet

Commentary by Tanju Varlıklı

425th Air Base Squadron Host Nation Adviser

For the members of the Izmir Military Community, there are great ancient sites and summer resorts to visit in the Aegean Region during the weekends. Another great place to visit and discover, beside the Aegean Region is the Marmara Region. If you take the time to discover the old city of Istanbul you will find that it is full of history in almost every corner, and it will be an experience you will never forget. Discover Istanbul, the only city of the world which meets two continents -- Europe and Asia.

Begin your tour in Istanbul with the Sultanahmet district, the heart of old Istanbul, at Saint Sophia. Its massive dome dominates the skyline of old Istanbul. It is world-famous for its mosaics, including fabulous portraits of emperors and empresses. The Saint Sophia is open for visit every day except for Mondays. Your next stop, the Grand Bazaar, which was once the commercial heart of the old city, is full of thousands of shops – including carpets and kilims, leather goods, ceramics, jewelry, and souvenirs. While wandering through the Grand Bazaar, you will discover a lot more about the city itself, the country and its people. While cruising to Sarıyer along the European shore of the strait, before cruising down the Bosphorus, you will pass through the charming Rumeli Hisarı and Anadolu Hisarı. Do not forget to visit the 17th century legendary Spice Bazaar if you ever go on an afternoon Bosphorus Cruise.

After cruising down the Bosphorus, you will have the chance to visit the legendary Spice Bazaar. While wandering in the Spice Bazaar, you will be amazed with the crowd you see just like you would in the Grand Bazaar. The Spice Bazaar is open every day except for Sundays. At another important spot along **İstiklal Street**, there are many different shops. You will see pubs, cafeterias, restaurants and hotels on this famous street. Don't be surprised if you see popular American restaurants and coffee shops while walking. In addition, there are cable cars running in the middle of the street taking you down to the end of **İstiklal Street**, which starts from the city center 'Taksim Square'. Down at the end of the **İstiklal Street**, you will see the Galata Tower right in front of you just like a landmark. Galata Tower, the oldest and most beautiful tower of Istanbul, which once was a fire tower and a jail, is another interesting stop to visit. Three blocks away from the Galata Tower while climbing up the **İstiklal Street** from the narrow streets, on **Meşrutiyet Caddesi, Tepebaşı**, will you come across another fascinating stop: a historic hotel, which was originally constructed as a guest-house for the passengers of Orient-Express in 1982. This hotel was one of the most luxurious hotels of its era.

Many important personalities including Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, novelist Agatha Christie, actresses Zsa Zsa Gabor, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Greta Garbo, Spanish singer Julio Iglesias, spy Mata Hari and other kings, queens, statesmen have stayed in this hotel. Agatha Christie, the best known of all the mystery writers, vanished for eleven days in 1926, when she stayed at this hotel in room 411, where she planned her novel, "Murder on the Orient Express". On March 7, 1979, with the cooperation of psychic Tamara Rand and the Warner Brothers Film Company, an old key was found beneath the doorsill of 411. Now kept in a safe deposit box, it is believed that this key shall one day unlock the mystery of the eleven days. Though it takes years to fully discover Istanbul, make the most of it by visiting a few of the historic sites mentioned which will be an experience that you'll never forget.

It is worthwhile to note that this famous hotel is within walking distance from Taksim Square (the city center), a quarter of an hour's drive from the major historical sites (including Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, the Topkapı Palace and the Grand Bazar), and less than half an hour's drive from the airport.