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Role of the International Intermunicipal Partnership in the Activity of Local Authorities: Value, Trends and Best Practices

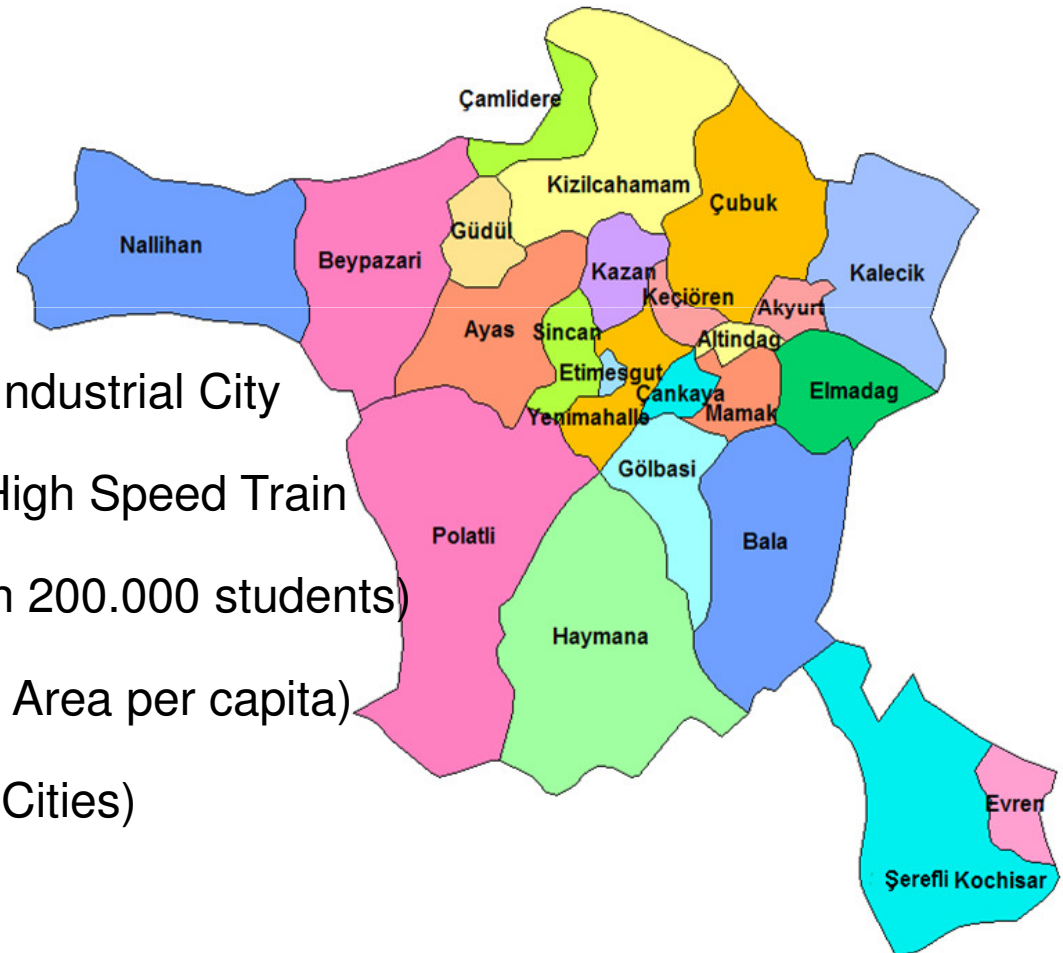
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# Brief Information of Ankara

- Population: 5.1 Million
- Area: 24,521km<sup>2</sup>
- 25 Districts
- 2nd Biggest Commercial & Industrial City
- Hub of Domestic Flights & High Speed Train
- City of University (More than 200.000 students)
- Green Capital (19m<sup>2</sup> Green Area per capita)
- International City (46 Sister Cities)



# International Relations

## □ Sister City Relations & Partnerships

- Enriching the variety of the services
- Provide high quality service delivery by learning from each other
- Establish long term relations among citizens
- Establish a social solidarity network in case of emergency or disasters
- Discuss and generate solutions on common issues and problems in terms of social services, protection of historical heritage, environment, urban regeneration, social and cultural activities, vocational training courses as well as mass transportation and etc.
- Provides an opportunity to enhance economic relations between the cities and countries
- Compromise on unsolved issues by high level meetings
- Introduce local cultures, cuisine and folklore



# ANKARA'NIN KARDEŞ KENTLERİ

Şehirlerin birbirleri ile teknik bilgi paylaşımlarının yanı sıra kültürel ve sosyal faaliyetlerde bulunması her iki kent arasındaki ilişkilerin geliştirilmesiyle beraber halkların da birbirlerini daha iyi şekilde tanımalarına vesile olmakta aynı zamanda değişik kültürlerle kaynaşmalarını sağlamaktadır. Bu nedenle kentler arasındaki ilişkilerin geliştirilmesi yalnızca ülkelerin diplomatik olarak yakınlaşmasına değil aynı zamanda ülke halklarının daha sağlıklı ilişkiler kurmasına imkan tanımaktadır.

Bu anlayış çerçevesinde Ankara Büyükşehir Belediyesi kardeş kentleri ve işbirliği içerisinde bulunduğu kentlerle karşılıklı kültür günleri düzenlemektedir.



Sister and Partner Cities (46 City)

# Sister City Relations & Partnerships



Prishtina Delegation Technical Visit



Ankara Culture Days in Seoul



Islamabad Delegation Technical Visit



Sister City Protocol Ceremony, Washington

# Sister City Relations & Partnerships



Site Visits of Kabul Municipality to Social Projects and ITC Solid Waste Management Facility



Site Visits of Tirana Municipality to Housing and Restoration Projects

# Sister City Relations & Partnerships

## CULTURE DAYS ORGANIZATIONS

China Days in Ankara, 2000  
Ankara Days in Astana, 2001  
Astana Days in Ankara, 2001

Ankara Days in Moscow, 2002  
Moscow Days in Ankara, 2003  
Ulan Baatar Days in Ankara, 2004





# Sister City Relations & Partnerships

## CULTURE DAYS ORGANIZATIONS

Ankara Days in Islamabad, 2005  
Ankara Days in Seoul, 2006  
Seoul Days in Ankara, 2007

Ankara Days in N.Cyprus T.R., 2008  
Ankara Days in Shanghai, 2009  
Shanghai Days in Ankara, 2010



# Sister City Relations & Partnerships

## CULTURE DAYS ORGANIZATIONS

Ankara Days in Astana, 2011  
Astana Days in Ankara, 2012  
Ashkhabad Days in Ankara, 2013

Budapest Days in Ankara, 10 – 13 September 2015  
Ankara Days in Moscow, October 2015  
Ankara Days in Budapest, 2016



# International Organizations

- An opportunity to establish long term partnership among participating cities and organizations
- Provides a platform to share international experiences and lessons learned
- Promotes cooperating and understanding
- Raises the popularity and the organizational capacity of the city

Asian Mayors Forum (AMF)

Global Design Cities Organization (GDCO)

Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize

The League Of Historical Cities

Union of Turkish World Municipalities (TDBB)

Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities (OICC)

Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)

World e-Governments Organization of Cities and Local Governments

United Cities and Local Governments – Middle East & West Asia Section (UCLG-MEWA)



# International Conferences in Ankara (2000-2014)

- General Assembly & Youth Meeting of Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize, 2014
- General Assembly and Steering Committee Meeting of Global Design Cities Organization, 2013
- European Forum of Youth Councils, 2013
- Presidium Meeting of the Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize, 2012
- 3rd Digital Interaction Committee Meeting of Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities (OICC), 2012
- General Assembly & Youth Meeting of Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize, 2011
- 1st Digital Interaction Committee Meeting of Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities, 2008
- Conference, Seminar and Exhibition of Swedish -Turkish for Disabled People, 2007
- 11th General Assembly and 26th Administrative Council Meeting of OICC, 2007
- 7th International Meeting of Friendship and Cooperation Among Major Balkan Cities (BALCINET), 2006
- 5th Annual Glocalization Conference, 2006
- Model United Nations Conference, 2006
- The 9th Conference of European Capitals for EU Enlargement, 2005
- Conference of Turkish Local Authorities and European Union, 2004
- 1st General Assembly of Black Sea Capitals' Association, 2000



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