



An International Reflection and Celebration

SPORTS FOR HEALTHY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND PEACE

UN - Sports for Development and Peace/April 6 &
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YOUTH, SPORT AND PEACE; IN A MAY 19 MORNING!
Bir 19 Mayıs Sabahı: Gençlik, Spor ve Barış

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May 19, 1919

May 19, 1919, is an important date to commemorate: The date Mustafa Kemal Paşa (subsequently give the name of “Atatürk” by the grateful nation of Turkey) landed in the Black Sea port of Samsun to start the Turkish Independence Movement.



Celebration of May 19: the Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day

May 19 Youth and Sports Day is the anniversary of the day when Atatürk arrived at Samsun to launch the *Independence War* in Anatolia May 19, 1919.

Placing a great value on this day, Atatürk started his great speech on May 19, and when he was asked about his birthday, he answered: "*why not May 19.*" As well as the expectation, desire and enthusiasm of the people of Samsun, "*Atatürk's special interest*" enabled the day to be considered among our national holidays. It was formally accepted as a national holiday on 20th of June, 1938 by the law no.3466.

Previously, it was celebrated as the *Veterans Day* or *May 19 Holiday* in Samsun since 1926 *seven years after the Independence War and onwards*

Atatürk May Stadium located in Ankara watched the celebration of May 19 in 19 for the last time approximately six months before his death ,

In 1981, on the other hand, the name of the day was changed to *May 19 the Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day* with law no.2429

The May 19 Race, which starts in Samsun and ends in Ankara, has been organized since that day



Atatürk: All my hope is from the youth

Atatürk's definition of youth generally gains an intellectual meaning by exceeding the age limits; in other words, it goes hand in hand with the innovation of opinions.

Atatürk's statement, *"Being young minded means having a real mind to see and understand the truth"*



Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day

Ataturk commended the republic which he called “*my greatest work*” to the youth and presented the date May 19, the day he arrived at Samsun to start the *War of Independence*, as the *Youth and Sports Day*.

The meaning and importance of the *May 19 Youth and Sports Day* and entrusting the republic to youth by Ataturk within the development period of the Turkish Republic and highlight the contribution and leadership of Ataturk to youth and society as a significant need and an exemplary model across



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United Nations Human Rights Convention that was published in 1959 and in the 7th article of the *Declaration of the Rights of the Child* that was published after the development of that convention.

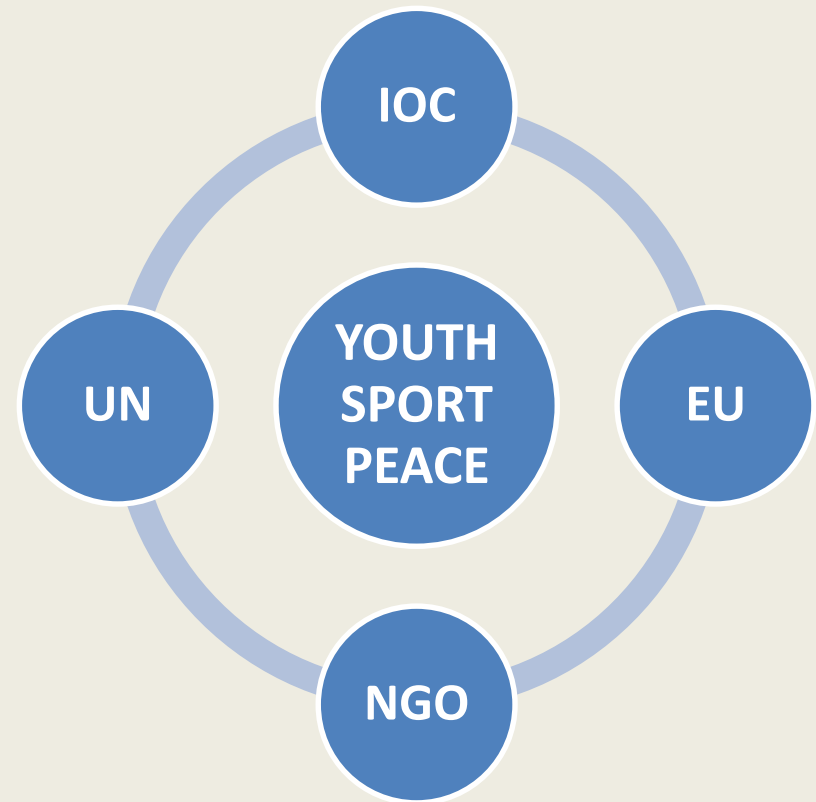
Malta Declaration of the Child's Right to Play, which was explained in 1977,

As a result of the convention on the rights of children that was accepted by the United Nations in 1989, rights of the child were determined in 4 main groups as: *life, development, protection and participation*.

Three slogans: "*Peace-Participation-Development*" were put into practice in the *World Youth Year* of 1985

the United Nations declared the year 2005 as the *International Year of Sport and Physical Education*

At the UN headquarters in New York, on 23 August 2013, the UN General Assembly declared 6 April as the *International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP)*



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Sports is a universal language and has the power of uniting people no matter what their origins, histories, religious beliefs, and economic conditions are -
Secretary-General of the UN Kofi Annan -2005



Sport has become a world language, a common denominator that breaks down all the walls, all the barriers. It is a worldwide industry whose practices can have widespread impact. Most of all, it is a powerful tool for progress and for development
— Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General 2015



"Sport has the capacity to empower individuals and bring one's moral values to the forefront; it can play a strategic role in transferring life skills and communicating useful, encouraging messages on important issues, thus driving social change. This new commemoration on the international calendar will further promote the value of sport as a catalyst for development and peace."
— Wilfried Lemke, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace -2015



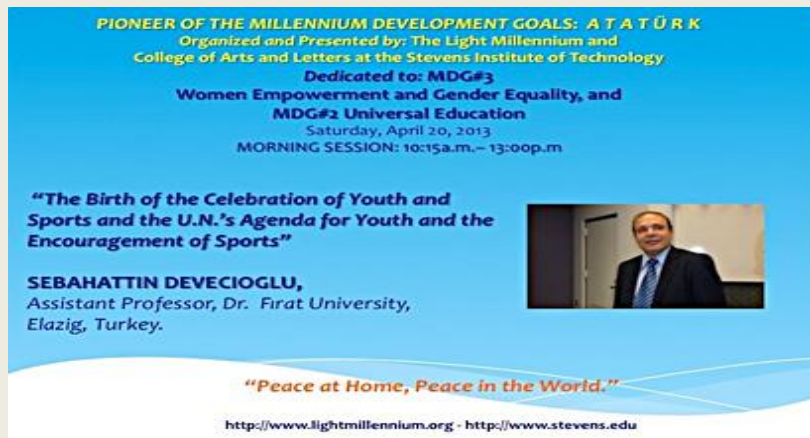
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As a consequence, the title of “*the Advocacy of Children’s Right to Play, Protection of Youth and Extension of Sports*” should be included in the *Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations* in order to enable and support

Children/Young People, and consequently the adults of the near future, to become healthy and happy by means of sports.

- The *United Nations Millennium Development Goals (2015)*, it will be recommended that *Youth and Sports* be included as an additional goal in *Post 2015 United Nations Millennium Development Goals*.





The Light Millennium’s *Pioneer of the Millennium Development Goal: Ataturk* – International Conference (Stevens Institute of Technology, April 19-20, 2013), has been an inspirational point that gave a birth to forming the organization’s **International Youth and Sport Committee**.

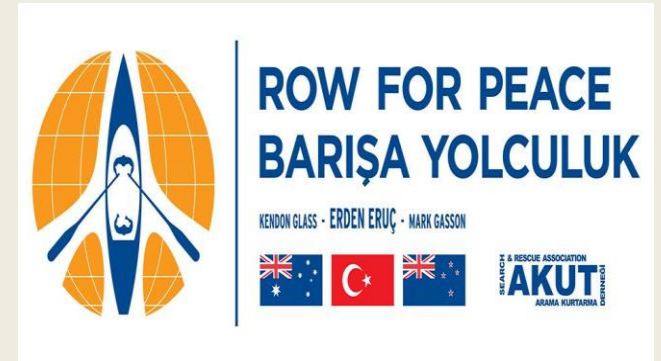
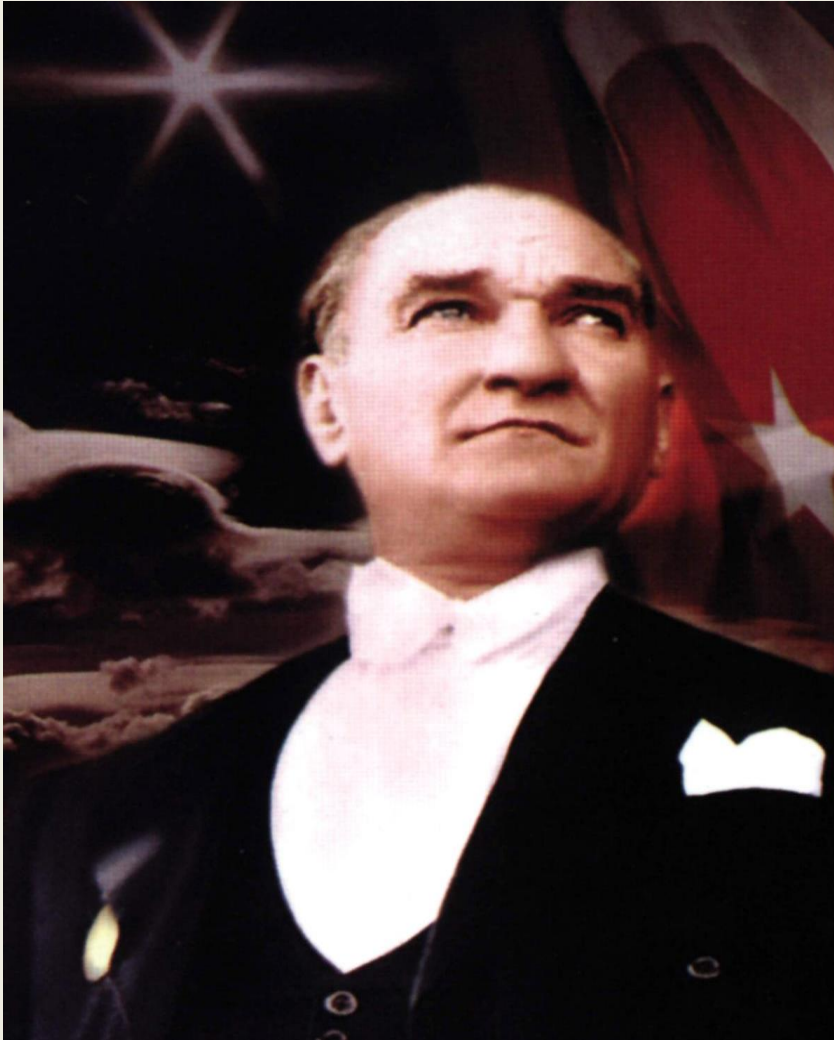
6 April : **The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace** ; We Belive that Sport for Peace ; Poster Show
 6 April 2015 Timessquare, New York



The organization’s very first program in this line was organized in collaboration with **Saint Peter’s University** on **April 27, 2015**. It also paved the way to Celebrate **Youth and Sports from an international perspective along with the U.N.’s Agenda for Youth and the Encouragement of Sports**. Initial paper in this context was presented on April 20, 2013.)

<http://www.lightmillennium.org/ataturk/un-mdgs/s-devecioglu-youth-and-sport-may19.html>

Peace at Home, Peace in the World



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