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FOREWORD

Our Republic, the Biggest Gift of the Great Leader Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk to the Turkish Nation, is 100 years old.

The one hundred years left behind by the Republic of Türkiye, which was born from the ashes of an empire that ruled for six centuries and spread over three continents, are full of numerous success stories. Inspired by a great leader, the establishment of a new state on a nation battered by constant wars, tired of epidemics and famine, and keeping that state alive by developing it despite all kinds of internal and external conflicts is definitely a success story.

As in every other field, our Republic has also made giant leaps in the field of education. Home to only one university when it was founded, Türkiye now has more than 200 foundation and state universities in its centenary. Ranking first in Europe in terms of the number of higher education students, and with the number of international students amounting to 300 thousand, Turkish universities are now among the world's leading overseas education centers . Research capacities of our universities, which offer education in every field from health to engineering, to social sciences to fine arts among others, have developed on an extraordinary scale.

As Altınbaş University, Türkiye's number one international university¹, we wished to contribute to the events celebrating the 100th anniversary of the foundation of our Republic by publishing 100 books on different subjects. In our "Gift Books Series", prepared by experts in their fields in a language that everyone can understand, we have decided to make available readers valuable work on almost every aspect of life that we

1 According to Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023, Altınbaş University ranks 51th in the World and first in Turkey in terms of international student density.

offer at our University. This product was accordingly penned by esteemed our academics as a part of the “Gift Books Series”.

As the stakeholders of Altınbaş University, who owe their existence to the Republic, we will continue to work with our utmost ability so that our Republic will stand firm forever.

Happy 100th Anniversary of Republic of Türkiye!

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