

ANNOUNCEMENT TO DOCTORATE PROGRAM GRADUATES

Dear Doctoral Graduate,

Firstly, we congratulate you and your family, and wish your success to continue throughout your career.

The 2016-2017 Academic Year **Commencement Ceremony will be held on July 2, 2017**. The ceremony starts at 13:30 in Kemal Kurdaş Hall, where the diplomas of the doctoral program graduates will be handed. It will be an honor to host you and your family.

Detailed information about the ceremony will be available at <http://www.oidb.metu.edu.tr> .

This day is an honor for our university and for our ceremony to proceed in an organized manner, we kindly request you to carefully follow the below mentioned instructions.

- To be able to receive the diploma, registration cancellation must be completed. The required information is presented in the web address above.
- Graduates who graduated from the program in the academic year 2015-16 after the 2016 Commencement Ceremony may join the 2017 Commencement Ceremony if they wish. They need to submit their name to the Registrar's office by June 23, 2017.
- On Commencement Day, you are expected to be at the CCC Kemal Kurdaş Hall at 13:00.
- Graduates must attend the ceremony in academic dress to be obtained from the relevant Department Chairpersons.
- Diplomas will be handed in alphabetical order by surname within each Institute and Program.
- The seat that you will occupy in Kemal Kurdaş Hall throughout the ceremony will bear a tag with your name and surname on it. You must sit on the seat reserved for you.
- While ascending and descending the stage, you will be directed by the attendants.
- A photographer will be ready to take your photo while receiving your diploma. Family and friends of the graduates may also take photos/videos, provided they do not stand in front of the stage and block the audience's sight.
- Graduates of programs that have multiple graduates will not leave stage upon receiving their diploma but wait on the stage for a group photo with the department faculty and all graduates from the program.
- Use the same side of the stage to come off and get on the stage.
- After coming of the stage, you are requested to take your place again in the seat reserved for you and stay seated there to share the happiness of all graduates and watch the ceremony until the end. After the end of the whole ceremony, graduates will come together with the faculty and the families for a cocktail in the Great Foyer.
- Children under 7 will not be admitted to the ceremony Hall, but will be allowed to wait outside in the play area prepared for them and under the supervision of teachers.
- During the ceremony, family members or children of the graduates will not allowed to come off the stage.

- Doctoral graduates will join the faculty in the ceremony walk starting at 17.30 at the Stadium and watch the ceremony in the area reserved for them next to the faculty members.
- Please inform us whether or not you attend the ceremony by June 24, 2017 either by sending an e-mail to yameltem@metu.edu.tr.

Sincerely,

The Registrar