



Ankara Arařtırmaları Dergisi *Journal of Ankara Studies*

From the Editors

We are proud to present the third issue of the Journal of Ankara Studies on the 20th anniversary of VEKAM.

The late Mr. Vehbi Koç had attended the opening ceremony of our center in 1994 with his children and had revealed his hope and expectations for the future of the center in his speech*. Mr. Rahmi M. Koç had put his thought about the future of VEKAM in his opening speech as;

“...Here we built a very modest center. This is just the beginning. It will eventually grow with the addition of archives, a documentation center, and a library. The center will serve the academic studies on Ankara. We hope it will turn into a living center and not be forgotten...”

The late Sevgi Gönül had also talked about her projection for the future of the center;

“...Together with Vehbi Koç, we planned to collect all kinds of materials about Ankara, the heart of Turkey, in this institute. Although small in scale now, the institute will develop and enrich its content overtime...”

Besides other activities, the center also publishes the Journal of Ankara Studies; a platform which is unique in the sense that it covers very valuable studies about the town with different perspectives from different disciplines. We are proud that we have been working towards making the dreams and hopes of our founders come true in the last 20 years.

Our journal is gaining popularity every day and, starting from its second issue, has become a resource for Arastirmax, Asos Index and Google Academic. Our aim is to have our journal become an information retrieval resource for national and international indexes.

The Journal of Ankara Studies has come under the umbrella of Koç University publications in 2014. We believe it will achieve its goal at an accelerated pace with your valuable support and publication of studies you want to share with us.

* <http://vekam.org.tr/index.php?dil=tr&page=kurumsal&state=tarihce>