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From the Editors

The Journal of Ankara Studies, which we gifted to our ancient and everlasting Ankara on its 90th year as capital in 2013, has completed its 5th year. We hope that this journal, which has become one of the best-loved and most sought-after publications in the city over time, will be celebrating many more five-year anniversaries and will continue to understand and explain Ankara with the support of our readers.

We present for your interest many truly valuable studies in our 10th edition of our journal. The first article in the journal will arouse the interest of all researchers, but most of all those in the world of architecture, by introducing Jacques Nissim Aggiman, the project owner of various embassies in the capital Ankara not designed by well-known architects like Laprade, Holzmeister and Egli, such as the British, Iranian and Belgian embassies, and whose name is only to be found through the contemporary press and secondary sources such as city guides, through his roles as a contractor, archaeologist, collector and man of culture. The article not only introduces Aggiman but also shines a light on the relations between local and foreign actors in the process of the design and construction of the structures whose construction he directed and on the understanding of citizenship in the new republic that was being established as a nation-state.

The second article examines the biggest flood to have hit the capital, which played host to many disasters such as fires, droughts and floods over history, on Sept. 11, 1957 in terms of the great material and human losses, how attempts were made at controlling the disaster, how aid was provided and promised to victims, and in what ways these promises were carried out.

The Atatürk Forest Farm, a legacy of Atatürk, which has been the topic of research in hundreds of studies in many aspects of different disciplines, including two very valuable articles in the previous issue of this journal, is once again on the urban research agenda with two articles in this issue. The first of these articles, in the words of the author, aims to provide a basis for interdisciplinary protection scenarios focusing on the ideational heritage entrusted to us for future generations and the tangible and intangible value of the farm, whose universality has been conspicuously postponed. The second article, which is in our urban memories section, examines the founding aims and later fates of the Çubuk Dam, Gençlik Park and the little-researched Cebeci Meadow, which were the capital's spaces for socializing. More importantly, the author of this piece, who is a lawyer, has recommendations for what can be done to save what is left of these spaces, which are becoming smaller or disappearing altogether.

Another study in this issue looks at the details of the landscape of Evciler Neighborhood, which has recieved neighbourhood status from the Metropolitan Municipality under law 5216 from being a legal village and is at risk of losing its identity or being transformed under the pressure of urbanisation. This is important from the perspective of protecting and recording the important characteristics of this neighborhood.

The paper, which presents recommendations for practices in Ankara, where the mass transportation is becoming ever more crowded with more passengers by the day, by looking at the public transport success stories of Geneva, London, Tokyo and Curitiba. Plus, we continue to highlight city administrations by this time adding Yenimahalle Municipality to our studies looking at its potential and problems through a monographic approach, just as we did for Çankaya and Keçiören Municipalities in previous issues.

With the hope that our journal, the only refereed journal about our city, researching our city, may reach you for many more issues...