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14th Agriculture, Forest and People Photography Exhibition opens in Gallery Deniz

The exhibition made up of 118 works which have been awarded in the Agriculture, Forest and People Photography contest organized for the 14th time by the T.R Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry supported by DenizBank and found worthy of an exhibit meets with the art lovers in Gallery Deniz located in DenizBank Head Office on 25 June 2025, Wednesday.

Agriculture, Forest and People Photo Contest which was organized to increase the awareness on agriculture, forest, land and water has gained an international identity in its 14th year under the "Century of Production and Producer"; 8776 photographs from 35 countries were included into the evaluation.

While 13 works in a total of 6 categories including "General", "Farmer", "Student", "Agriculture and Forestry Ministry Employees" "DenizBank Employees" and "Century of Production and Producer" were awarded, 120 works were selected for the exhibition and the album.

The exhibition was opened with the participation of **Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Professor Ahmet Gümen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Education and Publication Department Head Dr Bülent Kahraman Çolakoğlu and DenizBank SME, Agriculture and Public Financing Group Executive Vice President Engin Eskiduman.**

"We believe in the future of agriculture in Türkiye"

DenizBank SME, Agriculture and Public Financing Group Executive Vice President Engin Eskiduman said in his speech that they were extremely pleased to be the supporter of a contest which makes the labor put into agriculture and land visible. Eskiduman continued "We have one of the largest agriculture economies of Europe. As DenizBank, we believe in the future of agriculture in Türkiye and position it separately; our penetration in the sector also confirms it. Today in agriculture we are in a leading position with more than 50 percent of the market share among the private banks; almost half of the active producers in our country are our customers. We have stood by our producers and farmers with 115 bn TL agriculture loan in 2204. While we hold such a strong position, we are naturally assuming the responsibility of not only financial but also social partnership Therefore, to support this platform bringing together agriculture and art is an extension of our commitment to the sector and corporate ownership. In the upcoming period, we hope to move the 14th Agriculture, Forest and People Photography contest forward with our Ministry in the upcoming period.

"We will continue to support works which contribute to agriculture and forest"

Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Professor Ahmet Gümen stated in his speech “any contribution made to agriculture and forest means investment made in people, life, all the living things and nature. With our contest which we started in an effort to read the agriculture and forest in the language of photography and pass this rich inheritance on to our future generations, we are exploring our nation’s geography step by step; witnessing the sacrifice, hard work of the secret heroes of agriculture and forest and all the human values. It also makes us delighted that our contest which we are holding 14th time this year has gained an international aspect for the first time. As the Ministry, we will continue to support all the social, economic and cultural works which will contribute to this field and work hard to maximize our agriculture and forest assets at all times. On this occasion I would like to congratulate all of our participants in the contest and extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those involved in it.

Close to 10 thousand artists take part in the contest in 16 years

From 2009 up until now, 44,191 applications have been received for Agriculture, Forest and People Photo Contest ,about 10,000 artists have taken part in it; 237 works have been awarded, 1,717 works have been exhibited. The theme of the contest which will be organized for the 15th time in 2025 has been designated as the “Century of Abundance”.

An exclusive selection of 118 works which are taken by amateur and professional photographers from all over Türkiye and reflect the spirit of agriculture and production can be visited in Gallery Deniz until 25 July 2025, Friday.