TO THE EMBASSIES,

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) is the leading agency for management, funding and conduct of research in Turkey. TÜBİTAK is responsible for promoting, developing, organizing, conducting and coordinating research and development in line with national targets and priorities. Within the framework of these roles, we are organizing three international competitions for students: 17th International Efficiency Challenge Electric Vehicle Competition (EC), 6th International Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Competition (UAV) and 1st International Free Mission Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Competition (FMUAV). We will be pleased to invite all your interested students to these competitions.

The International EC aims to increase awareness about the environmental sensitivity of students and create occasions, which will enable the development of new technological advancements. For that reason, we encourage university students from Turkey and all over the world to produce the most efficient electric vehicle. The International UAV Competition creates awareness among the society about the UAV and gives professional and social experience to the students from Turkey and all over the world. The International Free Mission Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Competition, which will be organized for the first time this year, targets university students from Turkey and all over the world. Its goal is to develop their world of dreams and ideas without any category or job description and to promote all kinds of scientific, technologic, ability and skill-based flights with UAVs of different structures (fixed wing, rotary wing, flapping wing, hybrid etc.). It also aims to make Turkey a meeting point for successful national and international students in UAV technology.

The financial support that is provided by TÜBİTAK to EC participants is between 25,000-50,000 TRY. For UAV participants, this will be between 18,000-40,000 TRY. For FMUAV participants, financial support will be between 18,000-50,000 TRY.

The EC will be held between 31^{st} of August and 5^{th} of September 2021 at Istanbul Park Race Track. The UAVs will be held between 13^{th} and 18^{th} of September 2021 in Bursa Yunuseli Airport. All competitions are organized within the scope of TEKNOFEST Aerospace, Space and Technology Festival. Therefore, the award ceremony will be held at TEKNOFEST, which will take place between 22^{nd} and 26^{th} of September 2021 in İstanbul Atatürk Airport.

We offer all teams to have good opportunities through which they can improve their technologies by meeting with many relevant team members; they can get social achievements and an exciting week in Turkey.

If the teams attending to these competitions from all over the world are decided to be supported, their awards will be paid directly to themselves.

For more information, please visit https://www.teknofest.org/

To apply, please visit https://kys.turkiyeteknolojitakimi.org/tr/ until 15th of March 2021 at the latest. The application deadline can be extended.

We would like to kindly ask you to disseminate this information and the booklets of competitions (which will be sent to the e-mail addresses of your embassies) to universities (particularly their engineering faculties) and to the other educational institutions providing higher education.

We look forward to see your participants to be successful in all our competitions.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask challenge@tubitak.gov.tr, uavturkey@tubitak.gov.tr and fmuav@tubitak.gov.tr.

Let's meet in TURKEY.

Sincerely yours,

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