



Dear members and friends of ESU Turkey,

We had a great day on Friday, March 2nd at the grand finals of ESU Turkey 2012 International Public Speaking Competition. We wish you were all there...

Since last year more than 1000 students took part in our public speaking workshops, and 23 great speakers representing 14 leading schools competed at the grand finals this year.

Hisar School hosted an excellent organization under the leadership of Ms. Feza Güvenal and Ms. Cey Alpauti, and thanks to the detailed hard work of Ms. Ayşe Banu Şamikoğlu and Ms. Nilufer Çağın the whole program ran very smoothly.

It was a great day as another milestone for the establishment of public speaking culture in our schools.

We should especially thank to Barbara Ferguson, John McKee, Hakan San, Sema Kan Ozkaya, Janet Robinson (HSBC), Simon Shephard (British Council) and Yasemin Akçagüner (winner 2011) for joining the grand jury and Berna Kolçak (coordinator of ESU Turkey) and Kerem Urman (master of ceremony for the day) for their commitment and support.

Here are the results:

Participating schools: Hisar Okulları, Açı Okulları, Darüşşafaka Lisesi, Doğa Koleji, FVM Özel Işık Ayazağa Lisesi, FMV Özel Işık Nişantaşı Lisesi, Irmak Okulları, İstek Belde Okulları, Kadıköy Anadolu Lisesi, Koç Okulları, Özel Çakabey Lisesi (İzmir), Özel Maltepe Coşkun Lisesi, Robert College, Üsküdar American Academy.

Six Finalists

- Aras Fanusçu Hisar Schools
- Semra Özdemir Özel Maltepe Coşkun Lisesi
- Kaan Ülgen Robert College
- Yasemin Atiyas Üsküdar American Academy
- Elif Ongan FMV Özel Nişantaşı Işık Lisesi
- Dilara Demir FMV Özel Ayazağa Işık Lisesi

and the winner is:

Dilara Demir (FMV Özel Ayazağa Işık Lisesi)
(and Aras Fanusçu from Hisar Schools as the runner up)



We wish Ms. Dilara Demir the best of luck at the international grand finals in London in May, where she will be competing with the representatives from about 45 countries selected out of a total of around 40,000 participants joining the competitions at various levels globally.

Thanks to great enthusiasm of students and their parents and thanks to the great support we receive from our dearest teachers. We are committed to enhance our efforts to let our next generations get even better opportunities to improve their public speaking abilities.

With my best regards,

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