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# VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES (OIC-VET)



### **ISMEK MASTER TRAINER PROGRAMME (IMTP)**

iSMEK Master Trainer Programme (iMTP) is a joint programme between Statistical Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) and the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (iSMEK), initiated at beginning of 2011 and under the framework of the Vocational Education and Training Programme in OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET). In this context, iSMEK provides training courses to master trainers in various institutions in OIC Member Countries, under nine different categories.

The courses are planned within the framework of "Training of Trainers (ToT)", and open for participants who have field knowledge of at least intermediate level. Each training course is planned for a time period of 80 training hours (15 training days). Timing of the courses can be arranged according to the demand for the courses under respective branches. All the training courses provided by İSMEK are free of charge for qualified participants from the OIC Member Countries, while cost of accommodation and food is covered by SESRIC. Participants are expected to arrange their travel plan on their account. Financial assistance would be available for limited number of participants from the low income countries upon request.

### WHAT IS ISMEK?

iSMEK is a common-public training organisation that provides free vocational courses for those who cannot afford to acquire a profession with formal educational institutions or want to improve their skills and competencies in their current jobs. The trainees attending and graduating from these courses are awarded with a certificate approved by the Turkish Ministry of National Education.

Being a pioneer in its kind, İSMEK commenced its activities as a social fabric project in 1996.

Starting with 141 attendees in three branches in three course centres, the trainings are now given in 219 course centres under 150 branches. While 200,000 trainees have attended to the courses in 2010-2011 training season, over 810.000 citizens have benefited from iSMEK trainings so far. iSMEK has become the biggest training provider of Turkey in terms of the number of the trainees and courses, the diversity of the training programs and the high-class productions resulting from such programs.









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# A STRONG PARTNER WITH SESRIC IN OIC-VET: İSMEK

iSMEK partnered with SESRIC in the OIC-VET Pilot Project titled "Strengthening VET through local vocational courses: the experience of iSMEK" during the period 8-10 June 2010 with the participation of nine OIC Member Countries, namely Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Iran, Kuwait, Libya, Morocco, Pakistan, Syria and Yemen. Details of this program can be found at the OIC-VET Portal.

The idea of developing the ISMEK Master

Trainer Programme (İMTP) has come out in line with the recommendations adopted during the said study visit where İSMEK was requested to organise similar short and long term courses for master trainers from OIC Member Countries.

#### **IMTP IMPLEMENTED PROJECT**

First training project under the İSMEK Master Trainer Programme was implemented during the period 21 March – 1 April 2011 in İstanbul, Turkey.

A group of ten master trainers from different provinces of the Republic of Pakistan attended to courses on "Child Raising and Education", "Wood Shaping", "Needle Lace", "Sewing Women Clothes" and "Machine Embroidery" in the format of training of trainers.





Pakistani Master Trainers were awarded with ISMEK Master Trainer Programme (IMTP) Certificate on 1 April 2011 after successful completion of the training course.

For more information on İMTP please visit OIC-VET Portal.









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