

Exhibition of Local-made Silverworks (Kazaziye) at Coşandere

Women in Coşandere village (Model Project area) has formulated silverwork group since the late 2007. They received training on silverwork (Trabzon Hasır) under Public Training Center program until May 2008. During the training, they also started to learn another type of silverwork, Kazaziye, willingly. Then, they started to produce Kazaziye as their business in 2008 under support of the village administration and DOKAP-TARIM Project. Twelve village women have formally learnt Kazaziye in Public Training Center training course from November 2008 to May 2009. In addition, one woman of Çanakçı women group in Giresun province attended the course.

As a completion ceremony of Kazaziye training course, an exhibition of Kazaziye was held at Coşandere village office on June 5, 2009. Participant of the exhibition were; Maçka District Governor (Kaymakam), Directors of District Public Training Center, District Directorate of Education, Provincial Directorate of Environment and Forestry, and District Directorate of Special Administration, President of Chamber of Craftsman, member of Provincial Assembly, Village Chief (Muhtar), head of a high school, 7 members of Çanakçı women group in Giresun province and more than 30 local people.

After a welcome speech of Maçka Kaymakam, he and the leader of the JICA team have officially opened the exhibition in the presence of the guests and villagers. Then, all visitors entered the exhibition hall and enjoy the beauty of Kazaziye products made by the village women.



Opening of the Kazaziye exhibition by Kaymakam and JICA leader



Exhibition hall crowded by many guests and visitors



Well-displayed Kazaziye products made by the women group



Typical Kazaziye Necklace



Another Kazaziye product



Members of Coşandere women group and visitors from Çanakcı of Giresun province

Coşandere women group became really active for their handicraft activity because they got some earnings from small scale business of Kazaziye. In this summer season, the local-made silverworks will be on sale for tourists at village shops as well as a new Kazaziye shop, which is under preparation at Sümela monastery, a famous tourist spot. The local government has strongly supported them.

Another important issue is the participation of Çanakcı women group of Giresun province. This town is district capital where the extension project located. The vital staffs of the small-scale District Agriculture Office supported the women group, stimulated by the DOKAP-TARIM Project. It is a great positive impact of the Project to outside of the model and extension project areas.