



Excitement in the Sky, Enthusiasm on the Ground: TEKNOFEST Istanbul Welcomed 1,032,000 Visitors

TEKNOFEST, the grand stage of Turkey's national technology initiative, once again took everyone's breath away in Istanbul from September 17–21! Organized for the 13th time this year, the festival offered unforgettable moments over five days with technology competitions, air shows, concerts, experience zones, exhibitions, and workshops. The world's largest aerospace, space, and technology festival welcomed 1,032,000 visitors this year.

Organized under the auspices of the Turkey Technology Team Foundation (T3 Foundation) and the Ministry of Industry and Technology, TEKNOFEST brought together millions of technology enthusiasts in Istanbul! Having hosted nearly 11 million visitors to date, the festival merged with Istanbul's historical fabric and cultural richness, allowing millions to once again experience the excitement of science, technology, and innovation. Held at Atatürk Airport, TEKNOFEST Istanbul offered numerous activities combining innovation-filled competitions and breathtaking air shows with technology and excitement.

This Year, a Total of 1,503,000 People!

TEKNOFEST 2025 reached wide audiences by engaging visitors at different locations. With 225,000 attendees at TEKNOFEST TRNC, 175,000 at TEKNOFEST Blue Homeland, and 71,000 attending the final stages of competitions, the festival welcomed a total of 1,503,000 people in 2025.

Young Participants Fiercely Competed in Technology Competitions! Winners Received Awards on TEKNOFEST Main Stage...

TEKNOFEST Istanbul stood out with competition categories supporting technological development in critical fields. In **58 main and 137 subcategories**, teams that passed the preliminary rounds competed. Teams benefited from **over 85 million TL in financial support**, and award-winning teams received **over 65 million TL in total prizes**.

The Source of Inspiration, the Heart of Technology

For technology competitions at TEKNOFEST Istanbul, over **565,000 teams and 1,100,000 participants** applied to turn their dreams into reality. With competitions in 58 main and 137 subcategories, the festival brought together students, entrepreneurs, and technology enthusiasts to showcase innovative ideas and shape the future of science and technology.

TEKNOFEST Istanbul Made a Big Impact with Excitement in the Sky and Enthusiasm on the Ground!

TEKNOFEST Istanbul offered an unforgettable five days for visitors of all ages, from children to families and technology enthusiasts. The festival featured breathtaking air shows, exhilarating concerts and stage performances, inspiring exhibitions and educational workshops, immersive simulation zones, a planetarium for a journey to the stars, science shows, the TEKNOFEST Time Tunnel showcasing the past and present of technology, exhibitions of national pride in sea, land, and air vehicles, fair events, and first flight experiences specially designed for students.

President Erdoğan Attended TEKNOFEST Istanbul...

On the third day of TEKNOFEST Istanbul, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan attended the festival and stated that TEKNOFEST has hosted 11 million visitors to date, saying:



“TEKNOFEST has become a global brand. In this event, where dreams turn into ideas, ideas turn into projects, and projects turn into technology products, we are together with you in Istanbul. We are proud to hold the 13th TEKNOFEST. The TEKNOFEST generation, a key actor of the Turkey Century, is once again impressive. Our young people are laying the foundations of a great and strong Turkey with the magnificent works they present with confidence. Seeing young friends like you, brilliant in both personality and products, gives us confidence in the future.”

President Erdoğan also awarded prizes to young winners in technology competitions.

The Powerful Voice of Turkish Rock, Kırâç, Delivered Unforgettable Moments on the TEKNOFEST Istanbul Stage!

On the evening of **September 19**, TEKNOFEST Istanbul hosted an unforgettable musical feast. Kırâç, a beloved artist of Turkish rock music, performed on the festival stage with his powerful voice and unique interpretation, offering exhilarating moments to visitors.

The Wings of National Technology Echoed in Istanbul Skies!

Between **September 17–21**, the festival featured dazzling air shows from the aviation and defense industry. SOLOTÜRK and the Turkish Stars performed in the sky like a dance, F-16 fighter jets pushed the limits of power and speed, ATAK helicopters impressed with agility and dynamism, Hürkuş captured attention with its unique design, Anka demonstrated advanced technology transporting spectators to the future, and Bayraktar TB2 and TB3 amazed the audience with superior surveillance capabilities. Moreover, the colossal Bayraktar Akıncı showcased Turkey’s aviation vision with its strong presence and high payload capacity.

The Closing Ceremony Concluded with Great Enthusiasm...

Hundreds of thousands of visitors filled the festival area, creating great excitement at the closing ceremony. Speaking at the ceremony, Vice President Cevdet Yılmaz said:

“We know very well that countries that cannot produce technology and only consume it have no future. Our ideal to be a country that produces technology is vital for our independence, security, and prosperity.”

Cevdet Yılmaz and Selçuk Bayraktar awarded prizes to young winners in technology competitions.

Speaking at the event, TEKNOFEST Board Chairman Selçuk Bayraktar said:

“Indeed, the last five days have turned into a magnificent technology festival. We experienced a full technological experience with art installations, champion parades, and technology areas. This is a TEKNOFEST experience befitting our national technology initiative. We witnessed the amazing works of our finalists, our champions, and 11,000 finalists in the champion parade. We are truly proud of them. TEKNOFEST set another world record this year with 1.2 million applications across 64 different fields. We believe the sun-faced children of our civilization, inspired by our values of justice, freedom, goodness, and mercy, will once again lift the world from where it has fallen.”

TEKNOFEST 2025 Strengthened Its Power with Innovations and Firsts!

TEKNOFEST 2025 Istanbul added significant pages to the festival with first-time events, experience zones, and new competitions. Visitors explored the Naval Vehicles Exhibition, including Salvo IDA, Marlin IDA, Albatros IDA, and Abdulhamit Submarine, while award-winning teams in 13 categories of TEKNOFEST Technology Competitions showcased products developed by SUAS and IREC teams at the TEKNOFEST Champions Parade. Over 100 products, including rockets, UAVs, model satellites, autonomous vehicles, and more, drew great interest from the public. The KÜME Foundation Area, Conquest 1453 Digital Experience Area, Steel Dome Air Defense System Experience Area, and TEİ BREMZE experience were among the highlights of the festival. At the Agricultural Technologies Cluster Event Area, visitors explored genetic studies in livestock. Laboratory workshops led by expert instructors allowed participants to experience embryo creation and transfer processes firsthand.



New competitions added to TEKNOFEST 2025 enabled young people to showcase creativity and production skills in different fields. These competitions included: 3T in Oncology Competition, TEKNOFEST Vocational Skills Competition, N'Sosyal Super App Creathon, TEKNOFEST AI Film Competition, 5G Positioning Competition, Future Sustainable Cities Hackathon, Secure Satellite Communication Competition, Action-Based Turkish Large Language Model Competition, Unmanned Ground Vehicle Competition, TEKNOFEST Architectural and Visual Design Competition, International Children's Science Competition, AI-Assisted Address Resolution Hackathon, and Underwater Rocket Competition.

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