



Program devoted to Evliya Çelebi

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Ankara's Bilkent University will organize a program devoted to Evliya Çelebi, Ottoman traveler extraordinaire and one of the most famous figures in Turkish culture, on March 22.

The Evliya Çelebi program, which is being organized to celebrate the Ottoman figure's 400th anniversary, will take place at Bilkent Concert Hall on March 22 at 8 p.m.

Professor Robert Dankoff, the foremost expert on Evliya Çelebi's phenomenal 10-volume work, "Seyahatname," has said the book of travels "occupies a unique place in the literature of travel. It is the probably the longest and most ambitious travel account by any writer in any languages, and a key text for all aspects of the Ottoman Empire at the time of its greatest extension in the 17th century."

Çelebi was born roughly 400 years ago on March, 25, 1611. Bilkent's Center for Turkish Literature will celebrate the anniversary in a program



BIRTHDAY: Bilkent's program will mark the traveler Evliya Çelebi's birthday.

featuring two short speeches by two prominent experts at Bilkent's Department of Turkish Literature, Professor Semih Tezcan and Dr. Nuran Tezcan, followed by a concert by the Turkish Classical Music Chorus of the Culture and Tourism Ministry.

The event is free and open to everyone. Bus services will be available to and from Tunus Caddesi. For reservations, call 0 312 290 17 75.