



ODTÜ, Sabancı, Bilkent Turkey's 'most innovative' universities

▶ In the latest Entrepreneurial and Innovative University Index of the Turkish Statistics Institute (TurkStat), ODTÜ (Middle East Technical University) topped the ranking with 86 points, followed by the Sabancı (85.8) and Bilkent (82.7) universities.

Speaking to press after the announcement of the index results, Industry and Trade Minister Nihat Ergün said the ranking does not show the best universities but those who are most entrepreneurial and innovative. "A university could be a really good one, but fail in being innovative. This would not cast a shadow over its quality. We're not judging the quality of the universities with this ranking," the minister said. The Entrepreneurial and Innovative University Index was first compiled last year and Minister Ergün said it will continue in the coming years. The rankings of the top three were followed by Bogaziçi University, İstanbul Technical University (İTÜ), İzmir Institute of High Technology, Özyeğin University, the Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) University and Hacettepe University, respectively. **İstanbul** Today's Zaman