

# PREAMBLE

100th anniversary of the birth of Kemal Ahmet Aru, architect and urban planner (1912-2005) In 36th General Conference of UNESCO held in between October 25, and November 10, 2011 in Paris, it has been unanimously resolved to celebrate 100th Birth Year of Our Dear Professor, founder of Urban Design and Urban and Regional Planning Discipline in Turkey, Architect and Urban Planner, Kemal Ahmet Aru with the participation of UNESCO and to commemorate him worldwide .



The Dean and the Board of Faculty of Architecture, Istanbul Technical University, where Prof. Kemal Ahmet Aru has served 42 years continuously, between the years 1940 and 1982, have decided to participate this commemoration and celebration making them to feel honored together with the ITU Faculty of Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning Department and ITU Urban and Environmental Planning and Research Center by means of various events they organize at the national and international level. Within the scope of this celebration aiming to promote Prof. Kemal Ahmet Aru and his works at the national and international level, various events such as the organization of an international symposium, holding a competition among the students of architecture and urban planning and the preparation of a WEB site are planned.

This Website as well aims to promote Prof. Kemal Ahmet Aru and his works at the national and international level, to make those of all his works he accomplished throughout his life that could be found available for the access and use of all the interested researchers and practitioners by transferring such to the digital media.

On the website [www.kemalahmetaru.itu.edu.tr](http://www.kemalahmetaru.itu.edu.tr) prepared in Turkish and English, designed so as to be open to continuous improvement with new information that might be obtained, the “Illustrated Life Story” reflecting the important sections of Prof. Kemal Ahmet Aru’s life is to be found. In the site, on the page “Academic Activities” the theses he has supervised and information regarding his jury memberships, guest professorships, academic offices and foreign offices are to be found. On the page “Studies and Publications”, his books, researches, conferences, articles and papers are available. His

books “Türk Hamamları Etüdü” (Survey of Turkish Baths), “İkinci Dünya Harbinden Sonra Garp Avrupası’nda Mesken Problemi” (Housing Issue in West Europe after Second World War), “Yayalar ve Taşıtlar” (Pedestrians and Vehicles) which are no longer available today are scanned and transferred to the web. Under the heading of “Last Works” on the other hand, three studies of Prof. Kemal Ahmet Aru with the titles of “Kentsel Tasarım Bilgileri, Üniversite Kampüsleri, Temel Kültür Bilgilerinden Seçmeler” (Urban Design Instructions, University Campuses, Anthology of Fundamental Cultural Literature) that he had prepared to be published yet could not be published while he was alive, are presented. Under “Professional Activities”, information regarding the architecture and urban planning practices of Prof. Kemal Ahmet Aru, his awards and the memories of his students and friends are included. Under the heading “Press” available in the website on the other hand the press articles about Prof. Kemal Ahmet Aru and information regarding the commemorative events are to be found.

In the preparation of the Website, the information obtained from Archive of Prof. Kemal Aru, Archive of ITU Faculty of Architecture, Archive of ITU Urban and Environmental Planning and Research Center , Archive of ITU Urban and Regional Planning Department, Faculty of Architecture, Archive of Yapı Endüstri Merkezi, Archive of Foundation for Architecture, Archive of Chamber of Architects along with the photographs, publications and studies entrusted by Prof. Dr. Kemal Ahmet Aru to Ms. Nuran Zeren Gülersoy has constituted the basis.

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On the 100th Anniversary of his birth, we commemorate our Dear Professor Kemal Ahmet Aru together with the entire Architecture and Urban Planning world once more with love, respect and longing...

So glad, we have had and still have our Dear Professor Kemal Ahmet Aru.

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