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**From Yeşim Kindergarten to Award-winning Theatre Director**

**Yeşim Kindergarten graduate and award-winning theatre director Lerzan Pamir met with the participants at Yeşim Group's ‘Biz Bize Söyleşiler’ (Conversations Among Us) program with the theme ‘We Succeed Together’. Sharing the values that Yeşim Kindergarten, where she grew up, added to her life and her success story in the world of theatre, Lerzan Pamir conveyed her inspiring experiences on the importance of teamwork to Yeşim Group employees.**

Yeşim Group held another one of the ‘Conversataions Among Us’ programmes, which is organised at regular intervals, this time within the scope of the value of ‘We Succeed Together’, which it focused on during the month of December. The guest of this month's event, which was held in the Grand Conference Hall, was successful theatre director Lerzan Pamir, who took her first steps in life by receiving education at Yeşim Kindergarten, which has been serving the children of Yeşim Group employees for 36 years uninterruptedly. Pamir shared her professional and personal journey with the participants in a warm and sincere atmosphere during the conversation moderated by Dilek Cesur, Yeşim Group Corporate Communications Director.

The 1923 Musical, directed by Lerzan Pamir and staged last year for the 100th anniversary of the Republic, received the ‘Haldun Dormen Special Award’ at the 25th Afife Theatre Awards, the ‘Best Production of the Year Award’ at the İsmet Küntay Theatre Awards and the ‘100th Anniversary Special Award’ at the Direklerarası Theatre Awards. Pamir, who also directed important theatre plays such as “Harika Şeyler Listesi (The List of Wonderful Things)” and ‘Women Who Blow on Knots’, won the ‘Haldun Dormen Special Award’ in the category of ‘Best Comedy’ at the Afife Jale Awards for ‘Yoldan Çıkan Oyun’ and the ‘Best Musical Award’ at the Sadri Alışık Theatre Awards for ‘Seni Seviyorum Mükemmelsin, Şimdi Değiş’. Stating that she was interested in theatre from an early age, Pamir shared her memories of Yeşim Kindergarten with Yeşim employees. Pamir said, “I took part in the end-of-year shows of primary, middle and high schools until university. But my favourite was dressing up as Barış Manço when I was at Yeşim Kindergarten. I think it was my first time on stage.”

Emphasising that as the daughter of a working mother, Yeşim Nursery has a very important place in women's employment, Pamir said, “The most impressive aspect of Yeşim Kindergarten for me is its contribution to employment. I don't know if my mother would have been able to start working if I hadn't been going to kindergarten. We spent our childhood worrying about my mother not being able to devote enough time to pre-school education for us. Therefore, I would like to draw attention to the indisputable importance of women's employment. When I look back today, I am proud to be the daughter of a working mother.”

Underlining that the theatre stage is a team work, Pamir also mentioned how team spirit and solidarity shape success, “Theatre is a branch of art where team harmony and solidarity are as important as individual efforts. Today, I am delighted to explain how meaningful the value of ‘We Succeed Together’ is with the team spirit behind the stage.”

Since its establishment, Yeşim Kindergarten has enabled nearly 6 thousand children to take their first steps safely and at the same time continues to raise successful individuals of the future.