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**Visit from Turkish Down Syndrome Basketball National Team Before the European Championship**

**Ahead of the European Championship, the Turkish Down Syndrome Basketball National Team paid a visit to Yeşim Sports Club. During the visit, the special athletes were presented with an inspiring basketball book prepared in celebration of Yeşim Sports Club’s 20th anniversary.**

The team visited Yeşim Sports Club, the reigning champion of the Bursa U10 Boys’ Basketball League, before heading to Italy for the championship. As a token of appreciation, the players were gifted the book titled “Golden Advice from Basketball Seniors to Star Basketball Players of the Future”, specially published for Yeşim Sports’ 20th year.

This special publication, which features guidance from 91 prominent figures who have made significant contributions to Turkish basketball, serves as a roadmap for young people devoted to the sport. Prepared to promote sports culture and support the development of young athletes, the book aims to inspire especially grassroots-level players.

During the visit, Yeşim Sports Club Director and Head Basketball Coach Cem Çağal stated that the book is not just a publication, but also a symbol of the unifying power of sports. He also remarked: "The presence of Turkish Down Syndrome Basketball National Team here today is one of the most meaningful examples of the inclusive and transformative power of sports. At Yeşim Sports Club, we wholeheartedly support the participation of individuals with special needs in sports. Their presence on the court continues to inspire Turkish basketball.”

The visit concluded with a commemorative photo session of the two teams.