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Summary

This paper presents information on the collaboration between Czechia and Turkey in the sixth Turkish Antarctic Expedition (TAE-VI).

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Mutual collaboration is crucial in Antarctic research as Antarctica is a continent dedicated to science. Turkey aims to support mutual progress by signing bilateral agreements with the Antarctic Treaty Parties in order to highlight the intention to promote global scientific development. This mutual collaboration between Czechia and Turkey has been conducted in the context of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Between the Ministry of Industry and Technology of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic on Scientific Cooperation in Antarctic Research which was signed in Prague on July 8, 2019.

During TAE-VI, the importance of cooperation in Antarctica emerged once again. The parties fulfilled their commitment to support each other and carried out a joint operation that is worthy of the solidarity spirit of Antarctica.

Scientific and logistic collaboration was conducted with Czech scientists during the TAE-VI on the way back from King George Island to Punta Arenas. Turkey shared available seats on the chartered flight with Czech Antarctic Research Program.

Conclusion

Scientific and logistic collaboration enhances the states’ international collaboration and also reduces the carbon footprint in the Antarctic region. It was a mutual pleasure to work together in the last season. Czechia and Turkey intends to increase this collaboration with further available sources in the upcoming years.