**CEIT 386 REPORT**

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**PART 1: YOUR EXPERIENCES IN THE ORGANIZATION**

Please write at least 300 words about your tasks, experiences in the organization in detail. What did you do for 28 hours? For example, what type of problems have you faced in the organization, how did you solve them, what did you learn during that process, what did you feel or think during that process, what did you realize that you have not realized before this volunteering experience, and so forth.

During my volunteering experience with the foundation, I was assigned the task of finding and translating website articles from English to Turkish. It all began with the exciting challenge of identifying objectives that I genuinely enjoyed reading and writing about. To accomplish this, I explored numerous foreign websites and carefully selected articles that aligned with the foundation's goals and resonated with me personally.

Once the objectives were identified, I embarked on the translation process, spending roughly two hours on each article. Translating required careful attention to detail to ensure accurate transport of ideas while maintaining the tone of the original content. It was a fulfilling experience to bring valuable information and insights to the Turkish-speaking audience, expanding the reach and impact of the foundation's work.

During this experience, I was fortunate enough to not encounter any major problems or obstacles. The smooth execution allowed me to focus on the quality of the translations and the effectiveness of conveying the messages to the target audience. I utilized my language skills and research abilities to ensure that the articles were not only accurately translated but also effectively communicated to resonate with the Turkish readership.

I primarily selected technology and psychology topics due to my special interest in these subjects. Some of the topics I covered included "The Effects of Social Media on Mental Health," "How Computers Have Transformed Our Lives," "Who is Elon Musk," "How to Develop a Habit," "What is Motivation and How to Increase it," "Foundations of Web Development," "Internet of Things," "The Ethical Issues about Artificial Intelligence," "What is ChatGPT," and several others. I distinctly remember the immense joy I felt when my article titled "What is ChatGPT?" made it to the front page. The fact that they appreciated my article was truly pleasing.

In conclusion, my 28-hour journey with the foundation involved translating 14 website articles from English to Turkish. This task not only enabled me to fulfill my passion for reasearching the topics I love and writing about them, it also allowed me to bridge learn new informations about that topics. While I didn't encounter significant challenges during this experience, it provided me with personal growth, language development, and a deeper appreciation for the power of communication in fostering understanding and positive change.

**PART 2: CRITICS and CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR THE VOLUNTEERED ORGANIZATION’S PRACTICES**

With at least 200 words, write your criticism and your constructive suggestions for the **volunteered organization’** practices. For each criticism make sure you provide at least one constructive suggestion for improvement.

I would like to emphasize that my experience with the organization was mostly positive, leaving me with few criticisms to offer. However, if I were to identify an area that could be improved, it would be the level of ongoing supervision provided to volunteers on a weekly basis. While the instructions were initially clear during the first week, but there seemed to be lack of monitoring and evaluation afterward.

Personally, I adapted well to this approach because I am self-disciplined and committed to fulfilling my weekly responsibilities. However, it is important to acknowledge that not all individuals have the same level of self-control and may benefit from a more structured and regularly monitored system. Therefore, my suggestion is to implement a consistent and proactive supervision system for volunteers.

This could involve regular check-ins, progress assessments, or weekly meetings to ensure that volunteers are on track and have the necessary support to fulfill their duties effectively. By adopting a more attentive and organized approach to monitoring volunteer progress, the organization would foster a stronger sense of responsibility, provide timely feedback, and address any potential challenges proactively.

To clarify, this suggestion is not intended to criticize the TZV’s current practices but rather to enhance the volunteer experience, maximize individual contributions, and improve overall effectiveness.

In conclusion, while the organization's practices were generally commendable, implementing a more regular and structured supervision system could further optimize the volunteer experience and ensure that volunteers reach their full potential.