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Konu : Our request about establishing a visa
office in Fethiye

Dear Consul General Despoina Balkiza,

We highly appreciate your support in regards to running the Greek visa procedure through our institution that was started in 2019. Thanks to your permission, we were able to take the Greek visa applications and was conducting the required procedure in our own building. We had begun to take the applications in July 15, 2019 and pursued until the end of the year. Within this period, 205 people had applied for visa and received it easily. Each and every person knew that it was a good opportunity to be able to complete the visa procedure here in Fethiye instead of going to Marmaris or İzmir.

As the year of 2019 ended, the tourism season also naturally ended but there arised Covid-19 pandemic worldwide, arised in Turkey as well, in March 2020. One of the major unfavorable consequences of COVID-19 pandemic was the restrictions regarding travel, all around the world, Therefore we could not able to proceed the take visa applications.

Although there always remains some uncertainties regarding the course of COVID-19, we hope the ongoing vaccination process favorably alter the course of disease. Therefore, as the tourism season starts, poeple would resume their travels. Before COVID-19 pandemic, there were approximately 23.000 passengers who had entrance and exit from Fethiye to Rhodes border crossing. Likewise, from Kaş district, there were approximately 25.000 passengers had entrance and exit to Meis Island. A great majority of the passengers are Turkish citizens who are obliged to obtain a visa.

Within this scope of this information, that significant and meaningful data makes us understand that the existence of a visa office in Fethiye is a great opportunity and we have a request to possess a visa office in our chamber building in order to be able to offer a greater convenience and help to ease the whole process for the people who must have their visa before visit. Thus, we are asking for you to take into consideration the opportunities of existing an office in here and kindly demanding your support and precious contribution in opening a visa office in Fethiye. We kindly also would like to inform you that our chamber will provide a secure office and safe area in our own service building. Speacial thanks for the cooperation and collaboration of your Consulate up until now, we would looking forward to receive your reply.

Yours Sincerely,

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