



CITIZENSHIP DECLARATION

As the Sun of Wisdom Association and the the Sun of Humanity Foundation envisioned the initiative titled 'An Exemplary Society for a Happy World.' Our purpose is 'to serve a peaceful and happy world formed by individuals and institutions that contribute value to nature, to society, to the advancement of humanity, and to the future.'

We have pursued this vision with the intention and hope that it may serve not only the present and the immediate future, but also generations beyond the span of a single human lifetime.

Our work began with the conviction that:

- A **happy world** requires exemplary societies.
- A **happy society** requires exemplary institutions.
- **Exemplary institutions**, in turn, require
- **Exemplary human beings and exemplary citizens.**

Accordingly, in alignment with the program's objectives, we sought answers to the some questions; one of which is "What defines an exemplary citizen?"

The purpose of 'Declaration of the Citizenship Declaration' is trying to explore the question: 'What does it mean to be a conscious and active citizen who recognizes and embodies individual, societal, and universal rights, freedoms, and responsibilities?' (2018 - 2019)

*To raise awareness about citizenship rights and freedoms, duties and responsibilities on an individual, social and universal scale: to develop skills and thus to raise awareness of citizenship. In essence, this declaration seeks to define **value-creating responsibility***



CONSCIOUS AND EFFECTIVE CITIZENSHIP DECLARATION

“Citizens have a duty to the nation in the sense that they are members of a nation, and to all humanity in terms of their nation being a family of civilized people.” G.M.K. Atatürk

“... There are some with great temperament who hold their hearts and souls the same not only to the society they belong to, but to all humanity.” G.M.K. Atatürk

An Exemplary Citizen;

1. Is aware of its duties and responsibilities towards the society in which it lives or is a member, and towards the whole of humanity as that society is a member of the humanity family
2. Is aware of the individual, social and economic rights, freedoms, duties and responsibilities recognized by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the constitution of the country in which it lives. Protects its rights and freedoms, fulfills duties and responsibilities.
3. Embraces the values of humanity and implements these values in line with the principle of living together.
4. Respects people's thoughts, feelings, beliefs, expressions, lifestyles, rights and freedoms.
5. Knows that rights and freedoms are not absolute, they can be limited and also the reasons and conditions of these restrictions.
6. Uses the right to demand the social structure that guarantees rights and freedoms.
7. Does not use its rights and freedoms as a tool in initiatives and actions aimed at destroying these rights and freedoms and does not allow them to be used in that way.
8. Has the culture of defending its rights and organizing. While defending the rights, observes societal morality based on fairness and justice.
9. Fulfills the responsibility of objectively learning the history of the geography it lives in.
10. Is aware of the natural, historical and cultural richnesses of the geography it lives in. Owns, protects and improves them.
11. Is in harmony with its socio-cultural environment and nature. Develops the ability to ask questions, inquire, find answers and make choices.
12. Develops mentally, spiritually and physically.
13. Is sensitive to the demands of the society for change and development.