**STATEMENTS ABOUT THE ELDERLY SERVICES IN BEŞİKTAŞ MUNICIPALITY’S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE YEARS 2015-2019**

According to the date specified in the strategic plan of our Municipality; the proportion of the population aged 65 and older to the total population is 7% in the whole of Turkey, while the same proportion is about 13% in Beşiktaş. Accordingly, geriatric services and elderly care services are among the prominent services of the Beşiktaş Municipality in terms of our fields of activity and priorities.

The subtitle “to improve the life standards of the components of society and to carry out social welfare and social services effectively” specified in the Article 2 of the strategic goals and objectives in the Strategic Plan of our Municipality prepared for the period between the years 2015-2019 includes the following topics:

* Holding panels, seminars, conferences in cooperation with the public institutions and non-governmental organizations
* Organizing social activities with non-governmental organizations
* To conduct *the Leisure House Project*
* Offering the needed services to the segments of the society who have limited access to the services provided by our Municipality
* Creating hobby zones for the use of our retired citizens as well within the present parks and the parks that will be built

The subtitle “to extend the services aimed at economically and socially improving the life standards of our citizens who are in need” specified in the Sub Article 2.2 of the Article 2 includes the following topics:

* To continue the current Well-Being Service of our Municipality
* To continue the current *Social Alarm Project* of our Municipality
* To continue the current Soup Kitchen Service of our Municipality
* To carry out the Nursing Home Project
* To continue to give psychological and social support for elderly people with Leisure Houses and Social Service Department

The subtitle “to put into practice all the required conditions for an Accessible Beşiktaş” specified in the Sub Article 2.3 of the Article 2 of the strategic goals and objectives aimed at achieving the target of creating an accessible Beşiktaş for the people with any type of disability includes the following topics:

* To establish the *Leisure House for the Disabled* (already performed in 2016)
* To compose the accessibility action plan for an Accessible Beşiktaş
* To construct the substructure and superstructure elements to achieve our ‘Accessible Beşiktaş’ target
* To construct the substructure and superstructure elements in the parks to achieve our ‘Accessible Beşiktaş’ target

Many of the strategic goals and objectives set aimed at the elderly have been put into practice and our efforts on this topic are still in progress.

Besiktaş Municipality intend to improve services for old age for strategic plan between 2020-2024. To our old age friendly purposes, we need your advices. Your advices and directions will be guideway for our strategic plan.