

# Vecihi Hürkuş

Hello, future scientists!

Do you know what 'teyyare' means? I believe you call it an airplane. There are many different models, different designs, right? In my time, flying in an airplane was a dream. Wait, let me tell you about my life story and my dreams of flying. I am Vecihi Hürkuş. I was born and raised in Istanbul. I attended Tophane School of Arts.



Later, I graduated from the School of Mechanics and became a machinist. Thanks to my education, I became familiar with the internal mechanisms of airplanes. Later, I attended the Aviation School and finally became a pilot! Our country was going through difficult times due to wars. I wanted to build and fly my own plane, but it was very challenging. So, I decided to revive old engines that were no longer in use, and I built my first plane, Vecihi K6!

I started working on my second plane in my workshop and built Vecihi K14. However, at that time, there was no one in our country who could provide the necessary permits to fly this plane. I needed to take the plane to Prague for that.

The plane was very large. How would I transport it?

I decided to disassemble the plane and take it to Prague by train, where I could obtain the necessary permits. That's what I did. Now, my plane had the permission to fly. When I returned to my country after obtaining the necessary permits,

I tried to inspire children and young people to fly by flying in many cities. The love of flying that I created during these trips encouraged me, and I decided to establish a school. I founded the first Turkish Civil Aviation school. The training sessions were very successful, and new pilots were trained here. My eagerness to learn new things never faded. Nobody believed in me, but I had succeeded! With the education I received and my flying experience, I worked my entire life to be a beneficial person for my country.

Future scientists! I have great hope for you. Now, tell me a bit. Has an airplane been produced in our country?



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