















THE CITY OF FIRSTS USAK





### HISTORY

Uşak, whose name was "Temenothyrea" in ancient times, is located in the inner part of Aegean region where western and central Anatolia are connected.

It has been found that the continuous settlement started in the Middle Paleolithic period( 250.000-60.000 BC) in the area where the settlement was observed.

Before the historical ages, Uşak came under the rule of Phrygia and then Lydia, and in 330 B.C., it was ruled by the Great Alexander. Its rule passed to the Roman Empire in 189 BC, and to the Eastern Roman Empire in 395 AD with the division of the empire into two parts.

After 1071, the region was changed between Seljuks and Byzantium. It exactly came under the rule of Seljuks in 1176. Uşak Joined the Germiyanids(Turkish: Germiyanoğulları Beyliği ) with the collapse of the Seljuk State and it joined the Ottoman lands in 1429 and became an township connected to the Kütahya sanjak. During the Republic period, it became the city center in 1953.

# **GEOGRAPHY**

Uşak, like its neighbors Kütahya and Afyon provinces, constitutes the transition zone between Central Anatolia and the Aegean Region. It is surrounded by Saphane (a district of Kütahya province) in the north, Murat Mountain in the northeast, and Bulkaz Mountain in the southeast. Murat Mountain, which forms the Uşak-Kütahya provincial border, has a volcanic structure. There are hot springs on the western skirt of the mountain.

Due to its geographical location, Uşak is located between the Mediterranean climate and the continental climate of Central Anatolia and the vegetation shows a similar situation like the location. The continental climate is dominant, with hot and dry summers and warmer winters than in central Anatolia. The precipitation brought by the clouds coming over the Aegean Sea separates the provincial climate from the Central Anatolian climate.

## **INDUSTRY**

Uşak is one of our regions where the first industrial enterprise emerged in Turkey. Carpet and rug industry played a determining role in the establishment of the manufacturing industry in Uşak.

With the establishment of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in 1923, the scattered traders and industrialists were gathered under one roof.

Leather: Uşak leather dealers carry out 60 % of the country's production. In addition, fleshing residues obtained as a by-product during the processing of leather are used in the soap industry, and shaving residues are used in the shoe (lin-Ing manufacturing) industry. 300 busi nesses are active in the leather industry.

Textile: The second main sector is textiles. The main manufacturing issues in this sector are as follows;

- 1- Cotton Weaving (muslin, book muslin, canvas, lining etc.)
- 2- Finishing dye printing 3- Cotton Thread
- 4- Carpet, rug and blanket thread
- 5- Plush Blanket

6- Machine Made Carpet and Rug

Most of the new and old facilities have incentive certificates. The economy of the province witnesses a heavy traffic in terms of industry and commercially in parallel. In accordance with the marketing activities of the products that are produced, traders from all over our country revive the life in

**Weaving:** With the opportunities provided by the investment incentive laws, the industrialists of Usak started to use modern technology and increased their production capacities by importing new machines. The history of weaving is very old. Calico and American cloth are produced in our city.

Blanket: Flat and patterned plush blankets are manufactured in large weaving machines established by individual persons in some factories in order to utilize the wool yarn which is produced in the wool yarn factories that have increased in recent years in our province. Between 1973 and 1981, our province was among the provinces with secondary priority in development and the modernization of the machinery was achieved with the incentives brought, and 85% of the country's production has been manufactured in our province.

Ceramic Industry: There have been important developments in the ceramic industry in parallel with the textile industry in our province. There are 3 ceramic factories operating in our city.

\* The first coin-minting civilization, which is the Lydian kingdom, and Karun Treasures, which are the world's largest treasures were located in the Uşak region. These treasures were smuggled abroad in 1965 and returned to the lands where they were abducted on February 14th, 1993 that is Valentine's Day. Now, it has been exhibited in Usak museum.

02 \* Molla-Ömaroğlu Nurl Şeker who is the symbol of private enterprise in Turkey and managed to establish the first sugar factory by collecting eggs etc from villages, towns and cities. Uşak Sugar Factory was opened on December 17th,

\* During the Ottoman Period, Usak Province hold a big place in the trade and industry, and during the Balkan war, the army's need for serge cloth and blankets was supplied from the four large serge factories in Uşak. Almost all of Turkey's cotton gauze swabs are woven on 16,000 cotton looms in Usak.

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There is an 800-year-old Uşak Carpet in Ümmi Mosque in Damascus and a 700-year-old Uşak Carpet in Konya Mevlana Mosque. There are 144 loops per cm2 of the 12th century Uşak Carpet in Konya Mevlana

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\* • While Istanbul Streets and all region of Turkey were being illuminated with gas and petroleum products etc., the first power plant was established in Uşak and Uşak streets were illuminated with electricity.

· The first asphalt road of our Republic was built in the area between Paşa Hanı (Pasha Inn) and Ulu Mosque in Uşak in 1932.

•According to the mosaics found in the ancient city, it is understood that the first volleyball competition in the world was played in the ancient city of Banaz Ahat Akmonia in the 1st century AD.



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