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## Award-winning TC journalist at ATA event

Members of the ATA with guest speaker Hasan Cakmak (third from right front)

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CYPRUS culture was discussed at a recent Anglo-Turkish Association (ATA) event where award-winning Turkish Cypriot journalist and author Hasan Cakmak was the guest speaker.

The event, held recently at Girne's Eric Premier, was attended by members of the ATA and guests who listened to Mr Cakmak talk about his books on Cyprus culture and also his work around the world on culture and arts.

Mr Cakmak explained how the culture of the island evolved throughout history.

During the first part of the event, Mr Cakmak gave examples of music, food and dress style in Cyprus during different eras.

Following a question and answer session he then gave information about his latest "travel book" called *Yol (Road)*, which he claimed would take people "on a trip to Switzerland, Poland, Armenia, Holland, Spain, Greece, Austria, Turkey and Cuba".

He explained how he began writing it and the invitations to attend events that he has received since. He also signed a number of copies of his books for the audience.

Mr Cakmak, who holds 69 international awards for his work on culture and arts, spoke of his "great joy" in telling people from other countries about the culture of Cyprus.

Events organiser Pearl Mitchell said "Mr Cakmak gave a very interesting (talk) about the similarities between the cultures of the two communities (on the island) and how it was before they were divided."

"After his speech, a lot of people stayed behind for a meal and to ask questions while also socialising, which was absolutely brilliant. That's when they sit together and start to chat away and get to know each other."

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