**Talents for Akkuyu**

More than 25,000 people are employed at the Akkuyu NPP site, and over 80% of them are Turkish nationals. The new jobs created by the Akkuyu NPP project, including those in related sectors, will facilitate growth of the local population to 30,000 people and thus stimulate development of the consumer market, transport and housing infrastructure, hospitality and catering businesses, etc.

Along with the plant construction and equipment production, Russia trains professionals for Turkey’s first nuclear power plant.

In 2011–2022, more than 260 Turkish students received degrees in nuclear-related fields from leading Russian universities, National Nuclear Research University (MEPhI) and Saint Petersburg State Polytechnic University.

In June 2022, another group of 49 Turkish graduates who studied in Russia took jobs with the Akkuyu NPP under construction. Another 24 Turkish nationals were enrolled in the master’s program with Russian universities in the 2021/2022 academic year.

At present, 26 students from Turkey continue their studies in Russia under the training curriculum for Akkuyu employees.

**Employees’ Residential Quarters**

The Akkuyu NPP construction site is located on the Mediterranean coast in the Turkish province of Mersin. Büyükeceli (Gülnar District) is the town closest to the site.

The Akkuyu NPP has already created tens of thousands of new jobs both at the construction site and at supplier and contractor companies across Turkey.

In February 2023, construction started to build residential quarters for the operating and maintenance staff of the Akkuyu NPP. This compact development will make the life of employees more comfortable and minimize social risks

Designed to accommodate over 6,000 people, the residential district will feature a kindergarten, a school, stores, restaurants, cafes, a medical center, a pharmacy, recreation facilities, and a hotel. Play and sports grounds and a common recreational area will also be available for the residents.

The development will be finished in three stages, with over 800 apartments, a school for 1,000 children and a kindergarten for 450 kids to be built at the first stage. When all three stages are completed, more than 2,700 apartments will be ready to accommodate Akkuyu employees. The total area to be developed amounts to 700,000 square meters.