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CITTASLOW SEFERİHİSAR

Seferihisar is the center of a coastal district in Izmir,  
third biggest city in Turkey.



Seferihisar became a  
Cittaslow (Slow City) in  
2009.

The population is 36.000.



# History of Seferihisar



There are two important  
Ionian ancient sites in  
Seferihisar:

Teos and Lebedos.



# Seferihisar's economy

- Agriculture and fishery has been the main livelihoods with eco-tourism developing in the recent years.
- Tourism's growing importance is attested by the increase to a total bed capacity of 4,539 in the recent years.
- Between 2007 and 2016, the number of fruit trees and vines increased, mandarin trees from 507.000 to 588.000, olive trees from 770.000 to 854.000, the total area of vineyards from 3.260 to 4.450 decares.



# Main Projects



# Seed Swap Center



We initiated a Seed Swap Programme in 2011 in order to protect the local seeds .

In 2015, 40 types of seeds were planted and 70.000 seedlings were distributed among farmers.

# Olive Oil Auction

Olives of almost 1000 year old trees were picked, pressed and filled into bottles to be sold at the auction.



# Children Municipality



Our purpose is to provide better education, options for participatory governance and a voice for the future of their city.

The Child Mayors do work in collaboration with the municipality.



The mayoral elections are being hold annually.

In 2016, Miss Selin Ada has been selected by children as the new Child Mayor.



# Mandarine Manufacturers' Union

- The Municipality constituted Mandarin and Olive Producers' Unions to establish direct sales channels for producers and protect the benefits of local producers.



# Blue Flag Beaches



Blue Flag beaches' numbers has been reached to 13 since 2011.



Seferihisar became the town with the highest number of blue flag public beaches in Turkey.

# Energy Cooperative and Geothermal



An energy cooperative has been founded to construct a solar field.

The new power plant is operated on geothermal energy planned to support greenhouse agricultural production and health tourism investment.



The new energy cooperative will construct a solar farm to make profit of sustainable energy

The roof of Seferihisar's local market has been covered with photovoltaic modules, which generate the energy of municipal building.

# Producers' Markets



- A municipal public market for women to sell home-made food and handicrafts. We are proud to say that around 350 trays are placed in the local handicrafts market every Sunday, which provides high earnings for women.
- The market has online sales website: [www.seferipazar.com](http://www.seferipazar.com)

# World famous tangerines



Seferihisar's satsuma tangerines are world-famous.

Geothermal dried tangerines are being exported to Romania and Poland.





- The Karakılçık wheat, (*Triticum durum* Desf.) is a local variety under extinction.
- We planted the seed, grained them in the stone mill and baked in the traditional oven to sell at the municipal groceries.



An Agricultural  
Development  
Collective  
organized  
culinary courses  
for local women.

The Collective's products  
are on the shelves of chain  
markets with the title  
“Anatolian Delicacies”.



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