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Interview with Hasan Pirkul, Dean of the Jindal School of Management at the University of Texas at Dallas

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1. Where did you grow up? Do you think that it has any impact on your life’s work?

I grew up in Turkey, mostly in the capital city, Ankara. It must have had an impact; however, it is difficult for me to determine to what extent. It is hard for me to say how it would be different if I grew up somewhere else.

2. Where did you go to school? Why there?

I received my Bachelor’s degree from Bosphorous University in Istanbul. I chose this school because it was the top school in Turkey. Also, it was in Istanbul (away from home).

3. What did you do after your first degree (if second degree, where was that done, what did you do after that?) How did you get into your first major area?

Immediately after graduation, I came to the United States to attend Simon School at the University of Rochester. I wanted to do a Ph.D. in the Operations Research/Operations Management field. I ended up double majoring in Operations Management and in Information Systems.

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