The history of Distance education in Turkey can be extended back to 1927. But the system gained its continuity with the Anadolu University Distance Education Faculty after 1982. Today, Anadolu University, with its nearly 630,000 students is one of the biggest distance teaching university in the world.

The book named “Anadolu University Distance Education System and The Educational Television of Distance Education Faculty in its 20 th. Year” is written in Turkish by Sensu Curabay and Emine Demiray in 2002. The book is the documentation of the studies in the field of educational radio and television in Anadolu University in Turkey.

The book is consisted of three chapters. The first chapter explains the components of distance teaching systems, and gives the samples and the practices of the system in the world. Second chapter is related with the Anadolu University’s efforts about the using TV in education, which started in 1970, and its distance teaching activities started in 1982. Chapter two contains the organizational structure, teaching programs, student profile and the services offered for the students by distance teaching faculties (three faculties). The chapter also gives detail information about the efforts Anadolu University spent to establish an educational TV throughout the1970s. Anadolu University officially assigned by Higher Education Board to make distance education in 1982; because at that time Anadolu was the only university, which had a colored TV studio, and well-trained production teams. Also the university has announced that ready to take the responsibility to establish distance teaching at university level in Turkey.

Chapter three is completely related with the Faculty of Distance Education (FDE) TV programs. This section gives information about the all TV programs produced in 20 years time: Name of the teaching programs, the courses have been thought in these teaching programs, the number of TV and radio programs prepared for each courses, the number of re-produced TV and radio programs for each year, and the total transmission hours ...

FDE produced and transmitted 200 TV programs with its own crew, and in its own studio in its first academic year (1982-1983). FDE transmitted 1259 TV programs in 1992-93 teaching year and 1299 TV programs in 2001-2002. In its past 20 years, totally 508 faculty member from different universities in Turkey has taken responsibility in TV programs.

FDE transmitted 3 hours TV programs per week in the first (1982-83) teaching year. Transmission duration has risen up to 37 hours per week in 2001-2002 teaching year. Anadolu University, has been produced the TV programs in its own studios, and has been transmitted on channel 2 and channel 4 of TRT (Turkish Radio Television Organization). TV programs are on the air between 10 am to 13 pm in weekdays, and repeated at 21.30-0.30 at nights.
FDE have been prepared three kind of TV programs for the students.

- Programs related with the courses
- Programs for preparing the students for the examinations, and
- Programs giving news to the student about the university and FDE.

Radio has been used for the foreign languages, Contemporary Turkish Literature, and Turkish Language courses in FDE. Radio Programs have been transmitted three times a week, and each week two hours radio programs transmit on TRT radio 1 channel.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that this book is the memory of a 30 years efforts spent by Anadolu University to establish the radio and television systems, and the products of these systems.