

TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıođlu:

Turkey needs new industrial policy

In Turkey, our major problem is that we have been acting in a way as if we are not yet aware of the new industrial revolution. Being unfamiliar with what has been changed through the developments in IT and communications is preventing Turkey from structuring its exports incentive system correctly. On the other hand, we can not spread our own innovation culture by simply telling people stories about innovation. Turkey needs some thorough technological renovation, a new industrial policy, and a brand new story of growth.



TMO-TOBB Lidaş, trusted partner of agriculture industry

TMO-TOBB Tarım Ürünleri Lisanslı Depoculuk AŞ was established as a subsidiary of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) in an effort to play a leading role for the agriculture industry on the basis of Law No. 5300 Regarding Licensed Warehouses for Agricultural Products promulgated in 2005. Yahya Toplu, Chairman of TMO-TOBB Tarım Ürünleri Lisanslı Depoculuk AŞ., said that the system was very important for the future of the agriculture industry. He added, "We established a cereals storage warehouse in both Ahıboz and Lüleburgaz in 2012, increasing the number of our warehouses to three and our total storage capacity to 90 thousand tons."



New goal in urban transformation: **SMART CITIES**



Turkey entered a new era with the promulgation of Law No. 6306 on Transformation of Buildings under Disaster Risk in 2012. As the process of urban transformation has been launched in risky areas across Turkey, urban planning experts call on the government to embrace a modern

urbanization policy while complaining that the process is going at a very slow pace. Playing a leading role in the urban transformation process, the Mass Housing Authority (TOKI) and the Ministry of Environment and Urban Planning have both rolled up their sleeves to build "Smart

Cities". To that end, their intention is to focus on a new urbanization approach in an effort to develop ecological cities where less energy and water is consumed and the existing transportation problems are solved by means of new mass transportation systems.



Hisarcıklioğlu calls on Arab League to cooperate

Coming together with the ambassadors of the Arab League-member countries at a business lunch, M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu, Chairman of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), said that the Arab League represented a huge economy of USD 2,8 trillion and underlined the need to grow trade with the League members. Hisarcıklioğlu

said, "The whole region covering Arab states is very important for Turkey. We are all brothers and neighbors. Growing trade is the only way for us to increase our welfare and reduce economic inequality across the region. Removing the barriers to trade can improve politics as well. It is important for our national governments to remove the obstacles for the private sector to grow."



Roadmap for licensed warehousing and specialized exchange for agricultural products

During a meeting hosted by M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu, Chairman of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and attended, among others, by Faruk Çelik, Minister of Food, Agriculture and Livestock Farming,

the contemporary agricultural market was discussed, with the focus being on licensed warehousing and specialized exchanges for agricultural products. Stating his gratitude to Minister Faruk Çelik for always being a strong supporter of

the private sector, Hisarcıklioğlu said, "We will discuss in detail the issues of licensed warehousing and specialized exchanges for agricultural products as both are indispensable to the agricultural markets."



Antalya, one of the top-ranking cities in Turkey in terms of tourism and agriculture, has been developing new projects in a bid to become a leading city also in terms of industry, culture-arts and environmental protection. Wishing that industry be integrated into its economy which is dependent totally on tourism and agriculture, Antalya expects considerable improvement particularly to its poor logistics infrastructure to that end. Business people in the city say, "Integrating the manufacturing industry into the city's economy, which is dependent totally on tourism and agriculture, can play an important role in minimizing damage to the city's economy in case of any serious problem affecting both tourism and agriculture."