

TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıkılıođlu:

Turkey should undergo a comprehensive administrative reform

Turkey's bid to become an EU-member state is entering a new phase. We believe this is an important opportunity. Though a vast majority of the people in Turkey is not very much interested in this issue, there are some reasons for us to get excited about it. To Turkey, the European Union means a public administration reform. Even the steps that should be taken on the road to visa liberalization can be described as a public administration reform. All in all, Turkey should undergo a comprehensive administrative reform. We need and should trust the EU as they need and should trust us for the benefit of mutual interests.



72nd General Assembly's message: Turkey belongs to us all

Thousands of representatives from chambers and commodity exchanges across Turkey came together at the 72nd General Assembly meeting of the Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB). Among the participants in the General Assembly, hosted by TOBB Chairman M. Rifat Hisarcıkılıođlu, were CHP leader Kemal Kılıçdarođlu, Economy Minister Mustafa Elitaş, Customs and Trade Minister Bülent Tüfekci, Finance Minister Naci Ađbal, Interior Minister Efkan Ala, MHP Deputy-leader Oktay Vural, some former cabinet members, chairmen of various chambers and commodity exchanges and other invitees. Delivering a speech at the General Assembly meeting, which was broadly covered by the media, TOBB Chairman M. Rifat Hisarcıkılıođlu's key message was, 'Turkey belongs to us all.' Hisarcıkılıođlu said, "Turkey needs a brand new growth and industrialization model. We should maintain and strengthen our structural reform agenda. And we must do this through common sense and solidarity."





TOBB UND Lojistik Yatırım A.Ş.

TOBB UND Lojistik Yatırım A.Ş., a subsidiary of both the Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) and International Transporters Association, is working to become a solution partner for logistics companies by offering technological, legal and

management solutions to help them cut down on operating costs, improve service quality, and grow in a systematic, sustainable and uninterrupted manner.

TOBB UND Lojistik Yatırım A.Ş. creates transit declaration forms to assist them

with their export, import and transit operations, without requiring any security in return. Having expert knowledge of national and international laws, the company also supports strongly the transport industry and develops solutions for challenges facing them.



“Solutions needed for visa liberalization transport quotas and TTIP”

A meeting was held at Istanbul Hilton as part of the High Level Economic Dialogue between the EU and Turkey. Among the participants were Deputy Prime Minister Mehmet Şimşek, Customs and Trade Minister Bülent Tüfekci, EU Affairs Minister Volkan Bozkır, Economy Minister Mustafa Elitaş, EU Commissioners, business people and representatives of NGOs from

Turkey and the EU as well as executives of international finance institutions. M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu, Chairman of the Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges and Vice-chairman of Eurochambers, called upon the EU to support the visa liberalization process, the lifting of the existing transport quotas and the inclusion of Turkey in TTIP between the US and EU.



Insurance agents set their 2023 vision

A report prepared by Deloitte Turkey under the title "Survey on Insurance Agents' Practices Across the World and Setting a Vision for 2023" for both the Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) and Insurance Agents Executive Committee (SAİK) was released at

a press conference. Stating that the report will create a roadmap for both the insurance industry and insurance agents, TOBB Chairman M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu said, "We expect insurance agents to cooperate and join their strengths. They naturally need support from KOSGEB (Small and Medium-sized Enterp-

prises Development and Support Agency)". Likening the relationship between the industry and insurance agents to an essential principle of marriage, Hisarcıklıoğlu added, "An insurance company can not be happier than its agent and an insurance agent can not be happier than its principal."

Samsun to become logistics center



Bringing forward its strategic advantage on its path towards becoming a branded city, Samsun is getting ready ambitiously for the country's 2023 goal with a giant project, "Samsun Logistics Village", developed by the Samsun Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Samsun Commodity Exchange, Samsun Metropolitan City Municipality, Tekkeköy Municipality, Samsun Central Organized Industrial Zone, and the Central Black Sea Development Agency jointly. The Euro 43 million project is intended to make Samsun an international logistics center. Planned to be constructed in Tekkeköy/Samsun where all the alternative routes in the region meet, the Logistics Village will bring logistic warehousing services to companies operating in the region and will also make the region more competitive. The construction of the project has commenced this year and is planned to be completed in 2017.