

**TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu:**

## Education system needs improvement principles of merit must be prioritized

**W**e now have a structural problem. Poor education system is deteriorating our workforce quality, which in turn generates unproductive enterprises. The public administration is unable to enforce regulations just to help those unproductive enterprises survive. Those unproductive enterprises cause unfair competition, preventing efficient and productive enterprises from growing. In conclusion, Turkey is going nowhere, just spinning its wheels.

For that reason, we must first improve our education system and then prioritize the principles of merit when appointing individuals to public offices, but particularly to high-ranking offices. This is inevitable for us to eradicate all the followers of the Fethullah Gülen Terrorist Organization who dared to stage a coup attempt after having infiltrated the Turkish state and abused public authority power recklessly.



## 'Roadmap' for developing a Turkish national car



**T**urkey will develop its own branded automobile through the "Turkish Electric Car Development Project" which is conducted by TUBITAK under the coordination of the Turkish Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology. The first four prototypes for the domestic electric car, running on locally-produced batteries, have already been manufactured. TUBITAK has been testing and working to improve the prototypes. Turkey aims to launch mass production of the locally-made car by 2019 in cooperation with a private corporation. A special team of experts has been working on a number of related issues, such as logistics, manufacturing, branding, quality, marketing and after-sales services. Faruk Özlü, Minister of Science, Industry and Technology, said, "We aim to complete the development and manufacturing of a fleet to be tested under all climate and road conditions by the end of 2016 and to initiate mass production of the locally-made car in 2019."

# 'Turkey 100' opens doors to international markets for Turkish businesses



**T**he Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) is taking the 100 fastest-growing corporations in Turkey to the 'World League'. Applications will be accepted for the "Turkey 100" competition, launched under

TOBB's leadership in cooperation with U.S.-based AllWorld Network and TEPAV in an effort to name the fastest growing corporations in Turkey, until 15 October. Turkish corporations will have the opportunity to enter the global market th-

rough the "Turkey 100" competition. Accordingly, TOBB is bringing together the executives of fast-growing Turkish corporations and eye-catching U.S.-based entrepreneurs, investors and think-tank experts as part of a business trip to the U.S.



## Time to put economy back on its track and take concrete steps

**A** Joint Council Meeting was held at the TOBB Twin Towers by the TOBB Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Council, TOBB Chambers of Commerce Council, TOBB Industry Chambers Council, TOBB Maritime Trade Chambers Council and TOBB Commodity Exchanges Council, all affiliated with the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB). Among the participants of the Joint Council Meeting were TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıkloğlu, Customs and Trade Minister Bülent Tüfenkci, and Council Chairpersons. Speaking at the Joint Council Meeting, M. Rifat Hisarcıkloğlu said, "Our community has once again set a new re-

cord in the charitable donation campaign launched by the Turkish government for the martyrs and veterans who took part in the historic, epic defense of democracy. Jointly with Chambers and Exchanges, TOBB has collected TL 27 million in donations (as of 31 August) and will continue to do so. I am proud of our community." Hisarcıkloğlu added, "Now it is time for us to put the economy back on its track and take concrete steps. We need structural reforms and steps to strengthen our position in the global market now more than ever."

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## Clearing way for more trade

Arriving in China alongside Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan to attend the G20 Summit, TOBB Chairman M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu was present at the opening ceremony for the B20 Summit (Business World Summit).

Among those attending the ceremony held in Hangzhou, the capital city of the state of Zhejiang to the west of China,

were Chinese President Xi Jinping, South African President Jacob Zuma, Canadian PM Justin Trudeau, and TOBB Chairman M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu.

Speaking at the "Inclusive and Interconnected Growth" session, held in Hangzhou as part of the B20 China Summit, TOBB and B20 Turkey Chair M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu highlighted the need for clearing the way for more trade.



## Aksaray needs water, railway and airport

Aksaray is one of the oldest settlements in Anatolia, the cradle of many cultures and civilizations. It is also one of the cities that have assumed a historical mission due to its geographical position and strategic importance. Located in the South-eastern part of Central Anatolia and serving as one of the important hubs along the ancient Silk Road, Aksaray stands at the crossroads of the major connection routes stretching from all the cardinal directions. The main sources of income in the city are agriculture and livestock breeding and raising. However, the city needs more irrigation water and a strong transportation network to further develop in these industries.