

TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıkılıođlu: First, we should rebuild our legal and educational system

We see that the problems in the economy have been growing and the current structure cannot increase the growth pace in the desired level.

Primarily, we must rebuild our legal system that fell into a deep disrepute and our educational system that got out of date, and design a public administration system, which will not allow parallel organisms within the state structure again. Otherwise we cannot get over the trap of middle income that we have stuck in for the last eight years.

Of course, these are not as easy to carry into effect immediately. Yet, even to demonstrate that we have taken the action with this aim in mind, and started to take certain steps, would influence the perceptions for our country in a positive way and negative perception operations would be defeated. Therefore, Turkey should immediately calm down, normalize and turn back to the structural reform agenda.



Cover news TOBB will relieve 80 thousand SMEs



Exhale Credit realized with the leadership of Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey and the Chambers and Commodity Exchanges thereunder, under the guarantee of Garanti Fund and within the cooperation of Ziraat Bank and Denizbank, will help the SMEs to be relieved from the burden of interest. SMEs will be able to receive 1 year term loan with interest rates of 9.90% per year and 0.83% per month from the branches of Ziraat Bank and Denizbank, with the membership certificate, taken from the Chamber and Commodity Exchange they are the member of. President of TOBB, M. Rifat Hisarcıkılıođlu said, "We have shouldered the responsibility as TOBB, along with our 365 Chambers and Commodity Exchanges. We have joined all our resources. And then our Treasury and Loan Guarantee Fund became a part of the effort. We will be a remedy to the problems of approximately 80 thousand SMEs within three months. We will not let our SMEs to be under the burden of interests."



We will not take this bait!

After the treacherous terrorist attacks organized in Istanbul and Kayseri, where we have high number of martyrs and injured, our fellow citizens, living almost all around the country exhibited an example of fraternity and solidarity against the at-

tacks and became "one voice, one body". TOBB President, M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu also cursed terror and those who appeal to it and emphasized that the terror is a crime against humanity that would do no good to anyone.

TOBB President Hisarcıklioğlu said, "We are standing united against terror and to those who would like to bring us down and want us to surrender. We will not let terror and the terrorist to fade out future. We will not take this bait. It is the day to be united".

"We have to have 90 thousand new entrepreneurs every year"

One of the most important events of the Global Entrepreneurship Week, celebrated simultaneously with over 160 countries in the world, sixth G3 Forum (Power of the Future: Entrepreneurs Forum) was organized in Istanbul. In the event hosted by TOBB, Berat Albayrak, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources and M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu, President of TOBB addressed to the entrepreneurs during the panel moderated by Hakan Güldağ, Executive Editor of Dünya Newspaper.



President of TOBB, M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu stated in the panel, "Today, the richest countries of the world are those that are the most entrepreneurial. One entrepre-

neur employs 10 people. We have to have 90 thousand entrepreneurs so that we can create employment opportunities for 900 thousand people".



“EU’s success is possible with Turkey’s full membership”

The 35th meeting of the Turkey-European Union (EU) Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) was hosted by TOBB Chairman and attended by EU Affairs Minister and Chief Negotiator Ömer Çelik, Turkey-EU JCC Co-chair Annie Van Wezel, and Ambassador Christian Berger, Head of EU Delegation in Turkey.

Acting also as Co-chair of the Turkey-EU

JCC, TOBB Chairman M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu delivered the opening speech and said, “The EU’s future strategic success is likely with Turkey’s full membership.”

TOBB Chairman Hisarcıklıoğlu added, “The visa requirements for Turkish citizens should be lifted and the Customs Union negotiations should be commenced as soon as possible.”

Adıyaman wants the logistics network to be enhanced



Adıyaman, hosting many civilizations throughout the history, is targeting to have a big leap on the path to become a “Trademark City”. The city expects the infrastructural deficiencies in terms of railroads and transportation to be removed in order to achieve its targets.

Mustafa Uslu, the president of the executive board of Adıyaman Chamber of Commerce and Industry stated: “As the Adıyaman Chamber of Commerce and Industry, we put our efforts to remove the biggest deficiency of railroad for our city become a Trademark City and to make our city more attractive”.

Mahmut Fırat, the president of executive board of Adıyaman Commodity Exchange Market said: “With Southeastern Anatolian Project, and the completion of our dams, which are under construction, and other irrigation projects, there will be much higher increase in fertility and productivity in our city, with the increase in irrigable land”.