

TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu:

We should show the world our new growth story

Politics that can gather the society around a common vision makes it easier to become a high-income economy and freed from the middle-income trap. The countries where politics can't achieve that are gearing down. One day we celebrate the growth but as we look back we see that we didn't gain any ground. First with reforms of Özal, then with customs union process and eventually with the reforms after the 2001 crisis, Turkey had joined the global economy and became a part of the global production chains. By this means the economy had grown and Turkey got richer. Now we should change the negative course of perception management about our country and revive the reform process beginning from 2017 We should show the whole world our new growth story.



3.5 million small and medium sized enterprises (SME) operating in our country generates the 99% of whole enterprises; makes a great contribution for general macro economic figures by creating employment, providing investment and improving entrepreneurship. Small and Medium sized Enterprises Development Organisation (KOSGEB) founded in 1990 with the aim of boost SME's efficiency and share in the economy, raise their competitiveness and integrate them in the industry conveniently for economic developments, regenerates the SME's with intencives it hands out.

"SME's are irreplaceable element of industrialisation, a healthy social structure, the balance in income distribution and dynamism in trade" says KOSGEB President Recep Biçer answering our questions.

Shadow employment project “Reducing the Shadow Employment Project” will support employment

Reducing Shadow Employment Project offered to Promotion of Registered Employment 2nd Grant Scheme organised in collaboration of Ankara Chamber of Trade, Adana Chamber of Trade, Istanbul Chamber of Trade and Ministry of Labour and Social Security carries forwards. Project including three cities aims to promote, encourage and support registered employment by raising awareness of employees, job searchers and employers about shadow employment, providing coordination between non governmental organisations. Reducing the Shadow Employment Project started on July 1st, 2016 feels the pulse of sectors, defines the needs and deliver solutions. Following the project ending on June 30th 2017 and strategic planning, it is expected new project ideas to arise and new collaborations to build.



“It’s time for unity and solidarity”



Second “Producing Turkey Talking” meeting took place in Adana with attendance of Minister of Customs and Trade Bülent Tüfenkçi, EU Minister Ömer Çelik, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, presidents and representatives from HAK-İŞ, MEMUR-SEN, TESK, TİSK, TOBB, TÜRK-İŞ, Türkiye KAMU-SEN, TZOB, ASKON, MÜSİAD, TİM, TÜGİAD, TÜGİK, TÜMSİAD and TÜRKONFED. TESK President Bendevi Palandöken made a joint declaration on behalf of non governmental organisations. Starting Turkey has dealt a difficult year, Palandöken underlined the importance of unity and solidarity. Minister of Customs and Trade Bülent Tüfenkci said that they were give support not only to industrialist but also smaal and medium sized enterprises (SME) as well.



“We should establish a common transport corridor”

5th Turcic Council Business Council Meeting organized by Turkic Council and Kazakhstan’s Atameken Entrepreneurs Union took place in Astana. The meeting organized under the presidency of Turcic Council General Secretary Ramil Hasanov, took place with the attendance of Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) Chairman M. Rifat Hisarcıkloğlu, Azerbaijan

Business Association President Mamed Musayev, Kirghizistan Chamber of Trade and Industry President Marat Şarşekeyev and Kazakhstan Entrepreneurs Association Chairman Ablay Mirzahmetov. “As Turcic Council we should build our own transport corridor. Such a corridor that can work most efficiently in a time of global risks on the rise” said TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıkloğlu.

Having an industry for ages and promising a bright future in tourism with its historical heritage, Groundbreaking city of Uşak has become a hub in textile recycling generating a 57% market share and now longing for state aid to be competitive in global scale. Uşak Chamber of Trade and Industry Chairman S. Selim Kandemir says “We have to allocate a share for research and development projects. Considering textile recycling as any other recycling sector and reducing the VAT down to 1% would be the greatest aid for us”. Uşak Commodity Exchange Chairman Mustafa Sezer says “To establish an organized greenhouse site in the thermal springs region, governmental procedures should be accelerated and we should pave the way for investors”.



Uşak yearns for state aid