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On the road to 'Global Force Turkey'

Among each and every section of the Turkish business world around the globe, entrepreneurs and organizations of businesspeople based abroad, Turkish executives with outstanding achievements in international corporations, Turkish professionals, economists, experts, senior politicians, bureaucrats, businesspeople and organizations based in Turkey, young entrepreneurs, and women entrepreneurs will meet in Istanbul on April 10-11 at the "World Turkish Entrepreneurs Assembly" event.



World Turkish Entrepreneurs Assembly to convene

M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK), and World Turkish Business Council, noted the World Turkish Entrepreneurs Assembly will be convened on April 10-11, 2009 will become one of the most significant instruments for Turkey in boosting its brand value.

Hisarciklioglu: "The most significant danger awaiting the world is famine"



Speaking at the panel titled "Turkey's EU Accession Process and Agriculture," hosted by Siirt Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and organized jointly by the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV), TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu noted the most significant danger that awaits the world is famine, and Turkey needs to revise its agricultural policies and amend inheritance law.







Business in the pink

The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, or TOBB, held its annual Women Entrepreneurs Board Consultative Meeting on the International Women's Day in Ankara. As the women members of a total of 365 chambers and exchanges assemblies and administrations were quite few in previous years, a revolution took place this year and 149 women elected to memberships, two of whom now holds the presidency post of chamber and commodity exchange assemblies, and one was elected the president of a commodity exchange.





Hisarciklioglu: "We wish to see 1.3M women entrepreneurs with us"

M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, or TOBB, reminded at the Consultative Meeting of the TOBB Women Entrepreneurs Board, established on the Republic Day in 2007 and has a member count of 1,275, that one out of ten women active in the business world is an employee. TOBB President said, "Our goal is to see 1.3 million women entrepreneurs in addition to our members reaching 1.3 million."

TOBB President: "All the concerned segments of the society should be informed about the accession process"

In his speech at the meeting organized by Egemen Bagis, State Minister and Chief Negotiator for EU talks, that brought together the nongovernmental organizations which may contribute to accession to the EU and its process, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu pointed out the significance of informing the entire segments of the society on the EU accession, and said exclusion of the public from the process reduces the support and interest invested in the issue, and the EU membership of Turkey is a benefit for everyone.





TOBB President: "G20 Summit is the most significant instrument to manage this crisis"



In a speech at the meeting "Toward the London G20 Summit: Revival of Global Economic Growth organized in Istanbul, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu told the world is experiencing a period which will shape its fate. He added: "G20 Summit is the most significant instrument to manage this crisis. In this new global architecture, we are fully self-reliant as a country in throwing both economic and political weight of ours even more."



Hisarcıklıoğlu meets Trichet

The Board of Directors of the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry (EUROCHAMBERS) and M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, or TOBB, met in Frankfurt with European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet. Noting his critique concerning IMF at the meeting, Hisarcıklıoğlu said SMEs are not responsible for the crisis dominating the world these days. However, they can be a part of the solution.



Austria confers its greatest order of merit to TOBB President

TOBB President Hisarcıklıoğlu received the "Grand Decoration of Honor in Gold", Austria's greatest order of merit, due to his contributions to the improvement of economic and trade relations between Turkey and Austria. In a speech he delivered at the ceremony, Hisarcıklıoğlu said, "The most concrete example of the importance attached to Turkey by Austria was to send an ambassador to whom we are very close."

