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"Preparing the Business Community for the EU" meeting held

M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, or TOBB, noted the accession to the EU is actually quite a technical process, and added, "Regrettably, political approaches and stances can hinder the technical projects. This is the way it is in Turkey's relations with the EU."



Hisarciklioglu: "Global issues can be solved only if handled globally"

In order for trade and wealth to exist, told M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, or TOBB, peace of mind is much needed. "If countries resolve their disputes with each other, only then businesspeople would play more active role and countries' level of prosperity would rise," Hisarciklioglu said.

TOBB hosts Former Foreign Ministers from 16 countries

Formed by the Former North American and European Foreign Ministers, Aspen Atlantic Group gathered for the ninth time on April 24. Hosted by the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), the meeting "Turkey: Forging a Common Agenda for a Defining Moment" was attended by Ali Babacan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Egemen Bagis, State Minister and Chief Negotiator, M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu, TOBB President, and Former Ministers of Foreign Affairs from 16 countries.



2009: Year of Trade Fair Sector

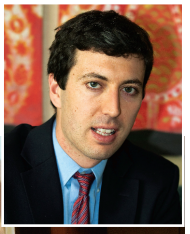


Powerhouses and long-established firms from the trade fair sector, which present firms with the opportunity to promote themselves in the most rational manner, were not shaken by economic crisis. Although the improvement of trade fair sector reflected in numerous provinces of Anatolia attracts a great deal of attention, Istanbul outperformed other cities in Turkey with a total of 198 fairs for the 2009 trade fair calendar. Istanbul is succeeded this year by Izmir with thirty trade fairs and Ankara with twenty six trade fairs.

Representatives from Turkey and the EU gathers at the JAC meeting



The 26th Turkey-EU Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) meeting was held on April 27-28. While the next JAC meeting is decided to be organized in Stockholm, the outcome of this meeting is that another meeting will be held to discuss the way Turkey and EU was affected from the global economic crisis and the grey economy in Turkey.







26th Turkey-EU Joint Advisory Committee assembles

Speaking at the JAC meeting, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu told the visa issue which he described as a nontariff barrier for Turkish entrepreneurs and their employees should be prevented to become the common argument for the EU opponents in Turkey and Turkey opponents in the EU.







TOBB President: "Unite! And bring back our enthusiasm"

Appealing to the public "Unite! And bring back our enthusiasm," Hisarciklioglu said in his speech at the opening of the 64th General Assembly of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, or TOBB, "I call for each and every one to love this country more than their own desires, protect democracy, defend the rule of law, listen to their conscience, to become capable of giving account for anything, not to view their neighbor as 'the other', reach an agreement on a common ground that would keep all of us united, and to fight only for jobs and food."

The 64th Elective Annual General Assembly of TOBB meets "8 Untainted Years of Success"

In his speech at the 64th Elective Annual General Assembly of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, or TOBB, organized with the theme '8 Untainted Years of Success', TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu appealed to the ruling and opposition parties to unite and asked for the cabinet members not to postpone taking measures against the ongoing economic crisis by thinking the crisis has lingered.





