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"If there is crisis, then there is a solution" campaign keeps snowballing

Led by the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, or TOBB, the largest employer and labor organizations in Turkey, namely HAK-IS, TURK-IS, TESK, TISK, KAMU-SEN, TIM, TUSIAD, and MUSIAD join forces to launch the campaign "To put a smile on Turkey; if there is crisis, then there is a solution". The first leg of the campaign planned to last five weeks was commenced with the message, "Don't stay in, hit the markets."



"Let no one lose their job!"

Noting the second leg of "If there is crisis, then there is a solution" commenced by the largest employer and labor organizations of Turkey is called "Let no one lose their job!", M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, or TOBB, told they believe the domestic market will certainly expand the employment capacity of private sector thanks to the platform, that they wish to see everyone employed, and as the primary concern of economy, they would like to begin a remedy-focused debate process.





Hisarciklioglu: "Campaign has turned into a social movement"

M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), said in a statement on the "If there is a crisis, then there is a solution" campaign they initiated a long-lasting movement in unison with workers, employers, merchants, and civil servants with an understanding of cooperation Turkey has long been waiting for. TOBB President added this has turned into a social movement and it is gradually spreading out.

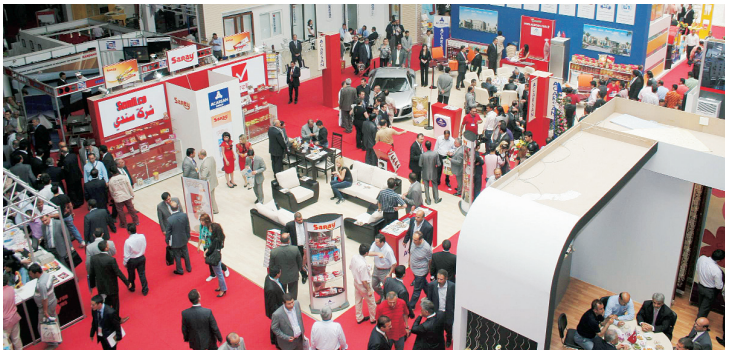


Hisarciklioglu attends EUROCHAMBRES and Global Chambers Platform meetings in Prague



TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcikliogl participated in the General Assembly of the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry (EUROCHAMBRES) as the member of Executive Board and Presidency. Hisarciklioglu also signed the membership agreement of Global Chambers Platform of Economic Cooperation Organization as the Chairman of ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry.





4th Iraqi International Fair hosts 40K guests

Organized in Gaziantep and gathered thousands of business people from such regions ranging from Far East, Africa to Europe and Middle East, the "4th Iraqi International Fair" saw participations of around 700 firms from 23 countries, among which were USA, Syria, Italy, India, China, Poland, Iran, Romania, Jordan, Bulgaria, Ghana, United Arab Emirates, along with Turkey.



Slovenian President Turk: "Turkey has our full support in the course of EU accession"

Speaking at the Turkish-Slovenian Business Forum, Slovenian President Danilo Turk noted Turkey has previously shown its full support to Slovenia in its UN and NATO memberships and that they will never forget it. Turk told Slovenia will be the leading, continuous, and persistent supporter of Turkey, and added "We would like to reciprocate this way due to our friendship with Turkey."







20 projects awarded financial grants in World Bank's competition

Organized by the World Bank, the final of the competition titled "Creative Development Ideas of Turkey" was held at Istanbul Sutluce Congress Center. Among the total of 80 projects, 20 were awarded financial grants from the World Bank. In his speech at the ceremony, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarickliogluu underlined the importance of developing creative ideas and told the ability to solve issues requires imagination and creative thinking.



Turkish entrepreneurs visit Macedonia



Busines forums organized on the occasion of Macedonia and Kosovo visits of State Minister Zafer Caglayan were held between 25 and 28 May 2009 in Ohrid and Pristina. Hosted by Macedonian Prime Minister Gruevski, the meeting saw the opening speech delivered by TOBB-DEIK President M. Rifat Hisarcikliogluu. Hisarcikliogluu noted a dialogue that would be transformed from the common cultural history of both countries to a regional economic cooperation is possible through the joint endeavors of business world and governments.

Hisarcikliogluu: "Turkey needs young entrepreneurs to be the role models"

In his presentation titled "Development Process of Turkish Economy" delivered at the National Youth Parliament meeting, M. Rifat Hisarcikliogluu, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, told Young Entrepreneurs Board will soon be active and Turkey needs young entrepreneurs to become role models to solve unemployment issue.

