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32 NGOs challenge the crisis





The nongovernmental organization leaders that are the members of Producing Turkey Platform led by the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, or TOBB, announced fifth and the last leg of "If there is a crisis, then there is a solution" campaign at a meeting held in Adiyaman province as "When one exists, all exist! Production, Employment, Consumption." In his speech at the meeting, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu noted it is necessary to revive the domestic markets at the times of crisis and told the expenditure capacity of low-income population should be boosted.





TOBB President Hisarickliogl: "Everyone needs to give a hand to eradicate the crisis"

Forum Ankara Outlet commenced a "Gift Coupon Campaign" in order to support the campaign "If there is a crisis, then there is a solution," and the very first coupon was presented to a shopper by M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB). He noted the most prominent issue that is being talked about these days all around the world, and in Turkey as well, is the economic crisis. Hisarcklioglu added: "Everyone needs to give a hand to eradicate the crisis."

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The fourth leg of the "If there is a crisis, then there is a solution" campaign called "Believe in your strength" led by the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) was made known to public at a press conference held at Topkapi Sisecam Factory on 22 June. TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu said, "It is not an era of profit anymore, but an era of perseverance. With the persistence to keep standing on their feet, numerous firms continue on their path at the expense of loss."



TOBB President: "Turkey began walking on the way to EU with full membership in mind."







M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, or TOBB, met a delegation of French Businesspeople Confederation (MEDEF) presided by Henri de Castries. Hisarciklioglu noted at the meeting Turkey began walking on the way to EU with wull membership in mind and told, "EU leaders should bear the same vision their predecessors had, promises should be kept, and signatures must be valid."



TOBB ETU produces 2nd graduates



TOBB University of Economics and Technology organized its diploma ceremony for its second graduates this year. Participated in the ceremony, Nimet Cubukcu, Minister of National Education, said the young graduates now face with the real life. M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and Board of Trustees of TOBB ETU, asked the graduates to safeguard the values of country and society, Republic, and democracy.







Turkish-Arabic Economic Forum held in Istanbul

The 4th Turkish-Arabic Economic Forum (TAF '09) convened on 11-12 June 2009 by Al-Iktissad Wal Aamal Group (AIWA) in collaboration with Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK) and Arab League Secretariat-General. The Forum saw participations of Egemen Bagis, State Minister, Mehmet Simsek, Minister of Finance, Mehmet Mehdi Eker, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu, President of TOBB/DEIK, and Amr Moussa, Secretary General of Arab League.







Modernized by TOBB, Kapikule and Hamzabeyli border crossings reopened

Kapikule and Hamzabeyli border crossings, the modernizations of which were carried out by the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), were reopened with an inauguration ceremony attended by Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan. TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu told the modernization projects of border crossings were conducted with build-operate-transfer model jointly by 137 chambers and commodity exchanges and led by Customs Undersecretariat and TOBB. "The 17th largest economy in the world, Turkey has to have border crossings worthy of its greatness," Hisarciklioglu said.



Anatolian Businesswomen visit TOBB President Hisarciklioglu

During the visit paid by Anatolian Businesswomen, M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, or TOBB, told they requested from the government to start new practices for repayments of Social Security Institution (SSK) and tax debts in order for women entrepreneurs to benefit from Credit Guarantee Fund.



TD-IHK Berlin branch opens



The Berlin branch of Turkish-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TD-IHK) was put into service with an official inauguration ceremony. Speaking at the ceremony that witnessed broad participation, Olaf Scholz, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, emphasized the friendship between the two countries and told efforts are exerted intensively for the EU accession of Turkey in recent years. TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu said all the problems before the mutual economic relations must be eradicated, and in doing that, both countries should do anything necessary.

