"Turkey is a Nation Great Enough Not to Credit Attempts of Coercion"



The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) condemned the adopted resolution on Armenian allegations by the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs. TOBB emphasized that it hopes for the US Government to recognize the adoption of the resolution as disrespect to both history and to the honor of a friendly nation and its people.

Women Employment in Turkey and the World

Turkey and most of the world have displayed a poor performance on women employment. According to data for the year 2009, on a global scale, while 77.7% of the male population of working age participates in the work force, this percentage is lowered to 51.6% with the female population. As of 2009, while the female labor force participation rate is 26% in Turkey, this rate is 51.6% in the world.





Tariq Azizuddin, Ambassador of Pakistan to Ankara:

"We are allocating 100-hectare of land to Turkish Entrepreneurs"

Prior to the visit of President of Turkey to Pakistan, accompanied by a private sector delegation, on March 30th – April 2nd of 2010, Tariq Azizuddin, Ambassador of Pakistan to Ankara, gave a special statement to the Economic Forum Magazine.

The Ambassador stated that "The Government of Punjab is working on creating an industrial zone of 100-hectare near Lahore for the use of Turkish entrepreneurs. The land will be allocated to these entrepreneurs free of charge and they will only be responsible for the expenses of their own business development."



"EUROCHAMBRES Affiliated Members Committee" gathered in Istanbul

M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of TOBB and Deputy-President of EUROCHAMBRES, hosted the EUROCHAMBRES Affiliated Members Committee, on February 22nd of 2010, in Istanbul.

Ali Babacan, State Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey, Alessandro Barberis, President of EUROCHAMBRES, Marietje Schaake, Member of European Parliament, and Miltiades Economides, Expert in the Turkey Desk of the European Commission Enlargement General Directorate attended the Meeting.

M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of TOBB and Deputy-President of EUROCHAMBRES, drew attention to the visa and quota problems along with the Free Trade Agreements (FTA) signed by the European Union (EU) and asked for a resolution to these problems.



TOBB Received the "Contribution to Industrial Property" Award



TOBB was deemed worthy for an award in the category of "Organizations and Institutions who Contribute to Industrial Property" by the Turkish Patent Institute. M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of TOBB, was given the award by Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the Turkish Prime Minister.

In his speech during the ceremony, Prime Minister Erdoğan said "We attach great importance to anyone who has generated information, developed technology, created a new brand and manifested unique designs for this country."

India Will Leave a **Mark on the 21st Century**





A large businessmen delegation accompanied Abdullah Gül, President of Turkey, on February 7-13th of 2010 during his official visit to India which was the first official visit on a Presidential level organized in 15 years.

The visit to India and Bangladesh, organized by the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK) consisting of nearly 900 Turkish businessmen was reported to be highly productive.

Agreement Worth 1 Billion Dollars Signed During the Bangladesh Visit

Abdullah Gül, President of Turkey, who organized the first official visit on a Presidential level to India in 15 years, expressed that major steps were taken to increase the trade volume between the two countries from 600 million dollars to 1 billion dollars.



Support to Turkish Businessmen by Assad, President of Syria



Bashar al-Assad, President of Syria, hosted M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of TOBB, and stated that Turkish businessmen were welcome to contact him directly for any problem they may face while doing business in Syria, in which case M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of TOBB, requested that Turkish businessmen and contractors be given priority in contracts such as road construction.