The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges Turkey (TOBB) **Carries the Asia Pacific Summit to Turkey**



The Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI) Conference representing approximately 3 million companies from 27 countries in the Asia Pacific Region, will be organised in Istanbul, by The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey(TOBB). The decision to hold the conference in Istanbul was made unanimously at the summit in Sri Lanka at the initiative of TOBB Chairman M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu.



Job guarantee vocutional courses will be given to **1 million unemployed people**

With the Specialized Vocational Course Centres Project (UMEM) 1 million unemployed people will take job guaranteed courses in 5 years parallel to their education.

Trainees who will receive TRY 15 during the course will also be insured against workplace accidents. TOBB Chairman M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu gave a speech at the publicity meeting of the UMEM Project known as BECERİ 10 said, "We are taking the first big step in the policy of active workforce."

International Iraq and Neighbouring Countries Fair brought neighbour countries together

TOBB Executive Board Member and Gaziantep Chamber of Industry (GSO) Chairman Nejat Koçer gave a speech at the opening ceremony of the International Iraq and Neighbouring Countries Fair, drewing attention to the desire of businessmen in the region to develop together and said, "We see the abolishing of visas with Syria as a very positive development, but we want passage to Lebanon, Jordan and Syria without passport. Thereby we will be able to travel among ourselves comfortably."



Priorities of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the **European Union**



Spain's Presidency of the EU which had begun in January 1st ended on June 30th. Belgium who took over the Presidency of the EU Council as of July 1st will pursue a policy that takes into consideration the "serious troubles" faced by the EU economy. It is reported that the new regulatory and supervisory structure of the finance industry will be prioritized within the scope of this policy. Belgium's other main priorities include in the problem of unemployment as well.

The reflection of the crisis in global economy to our country's foreign trade and suggested solutions

In order to alleviate the negative effects of the global crisis on our export, we need to prioritize products with high added value in our export. Technical textile products should are prominent in this regard. Furthermore, our export firms who complain of the scarcity of foreign demand and have difficulty depleting their existing stocks should not ignore the Barter System which might solve their problems. Our SME's should prioritize e-commerce in order to achieve competitive power against large firms in this environment of crisis.



Businessmen in Europe came together at the **4th Maastricht Economic Summit**



Union of Chambers and Commodities Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK) Chairman M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu who gave a speech at the 4th Maastricht Economic Summit attended by nearly 400 European Turkish enterpreneurs, reminded the audience of Turkey's various agreements with the EU in 1964, 1996 and 2005 said, "We and the EU made three stitches. But we have yet to wear a belt and braces. There is no more room to make the fourth stitch. From now on our objective is full membership."

"Business Administration in the age of Informatics" training in Istanbul!

The "Business Administration in the age of Informatics" training program jointly organized by TOBB, Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV) and CISCO was held at İstanbul Kadir Has University between 12-22 July 2010. TEPAV Entrepreneurship Institute Director Prof. Serdar Sayan stated that the training program which includes the recent methods and trends of business management are facilitating the administration of institutionalization and growth processes of firms and organizations –most prominently SME's.





Where are we in Turkey **Nabucco** Natural Gas Pipeline Project?

Aside from economic benefits such as the thousands of jobs and millions of Euro worth oinvestments that will be made through tenders in which Turkish firms will be able to participate, the Nabucco Project has strategic importance in terms of Turkey and Europe. However some difficulties in practical implementation and some bottlenecks have yet to be resolved.

TOBB ETÜ graduated 527 this year

A graduation ceremony was held for 527 students who graduated from the Union of Chambers and Commodities Exchanges of Turkey Economics and Technology University (TOBB ETÜ) in the 2009-2010 Academic Year. Minister of Industry and Commerce Nihat Ergün who attended the ceremony stated that they as the Ministry provided support to techno-entrepreneurs, TOBB Chairman and TOBB ETÜ Board of Trustees Chairman M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoglu gave the following advice in his address to graduating students: "Besure to dream. Nothing is as free as a man's imagination. Set objectives. No win will help a ship that has no objective. Toil, work in patience and do not se afraid to lose."

