FAMINE: a major human drama TOBB supports **"1 Billion People Hungry"** petition campaign



The Turkish leg of the "1 Billion People Hungry" petition campaign launched online by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations was announced at a press conference by Mr. Shahid Najam, Permanent Representative to the UN, Mr. Mustapha Sinaceur, FAO Representative to Turkey, and Mr. Faik Yavuz, Vice-President of TOBB.



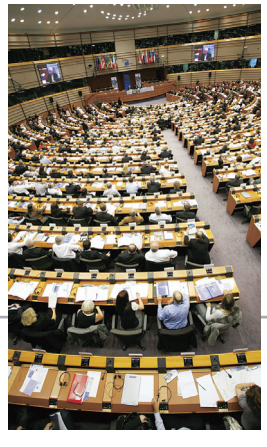
TOBB Visits **European Parliament of Enterprises**

TOBB President and EUROCHAMBRES' Deputy President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu hosted the Conference on Doing Business with the EU: an Eastern Perspective. The conference was attended by national chambers representatives from almost 40 European Countries with the participation of almost 200 businessman. Additionally, during his Brussels visit, Hisarcıklıoglu attended to EUROCHAMBRES General Assembly.











Hisarcıklıoğlu receives "**Professional Organization President of the Year**" award

The Journalists Association of Kayseri presented the "Professional Organization President of the Year" award to TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu. Also, the winners of the contest organized by the Association on the occasion of the "100th Year of Kayseri Press" received their awards from President Abdullah Gül and Derviş Eroğlu, Prime Minister of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Economy of Adana and **ABİGEM**

EU Turkish Business Centres (ABİGEM) which are funded in the framework of the Mediterranean Economic Development Area (AB-MEDA) program and are a joint project of the European Commission and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), will be introduced through the "Economic Forum Magazine" with an alphabetical sequence starting from this month. Commencing with Adana ABİGEM, we will continue introducing other centers established with the pioneering of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in other provinces.





Digital Tachograph System and its implementation in Turkey

Digital tachograph is an electronic system recording driving and resting time of commercial vehicle drivers. Besides, this tool records speed of the vehicle, distance travelled and other similar parameters in this regard.

In accordance with the AETR Agreement signed under the auspices of United Nations and in coordination with the EU harmonization process, the vehicles, carrying goods and passengers used for commercial purposes in international road transports, have to equipped with digital tachograph and after 31st of December 2010, the digital tachograph cards have to be used in this regard. TOBB, designated as card issuing authority of Turkey, established STAUM on this purpose and started to receive the applications through STAUM web-site: *http://staum.tobb.org.tr* .





Foreign Investments Advisory Council for **TRNC convenes**

The President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and of the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK) M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoglu spoke at the first meeting of Foreign Investment Advisory Council of TRNC that was held in Girne. Hisarcıklıoglu stated; "In order for the TRNC to reach its deserved economic development, the unfair economic and political isolations should be abolished. Our strategic aim is to see TRNC become self-sufficient in every possible area."

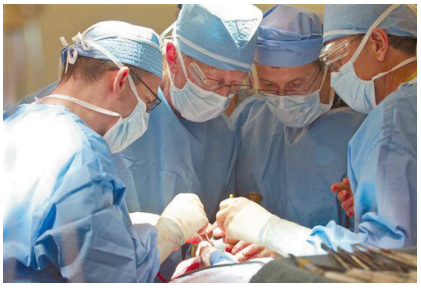
China ready to develop investment & industrial zone in Turkey

Meeting with some of the Turkish private industry members in Istanbul, Chinese Prime Minister Ven Ciabao said, "We wish to develop a Chinese investment and industrial zone in Turkey, and we will be happy if Turkey does the same in our Shinjiang Province. On the other hand, Mr. M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of both TOBB and the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK), said, "We will much appreciate if the Bank of China opens a branch office in Turkey."



American Academy of Opthalmology invites **Turkish physician**





The American Academy of Opthalmology (AAO), the world's largest medical association of opthalmologists, invited surgeon Bekir Sıtkı Aslan, Head of the Opthalmology Department of TOBB Economy and Technology University, to attend the world's biggest "Opthalmology Congress" it will hold in Chicago between 15 and 19 October 2010.