Asia Pacific Region: **Rising Star of the Global Economy**



Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI) annual meeting took place with the participation of President Abdullah Gül on 6-8 March in Istanbul. The theme of the conference this year was "Asian Business: Re-Setting Priorities Amid Shifting World Economic Balance". TOBB/DEİK President and Eurochambres Vice President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu stated "The businessmen of these countries most of whom visited Turkey for the first time discovered Turkey."



More than 400 Entrepreneurs from 22 Countries Came Together in CACCI

TOBB/DEİK President and Eurochambres Vice President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu said in his evaluation of the 25th CACCI conference that more than 400 representative from 22 countries were at the conference. Mr. Hisarcıklıoğlu mentioned that the costs of the Asia Pacific countries will increase in the following period and Turkey must be aware of this market.



European Movement International Istanbul Congress

President of TOBB and DEİK Mr. M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoglu attended to the EMI Istanbul Congress which is organized in cooperation with TUSEV at Istanbul Bilgi University Dolapdere Campus and make a speech in the opening session. In his statement Hisarcıklıoglu touch upon Turkey's willingness towards EU and referenced Turkey as a young and dynamic country which could be an asset for the EU.

The 19th World Congress And Exhibition On Safety And Health At Work (Ohs) Will Take Place In Istanbul

XIX World Congress' Exhibition on Safety and Health at Work, organized by The Ministry of Labour and Social Security in cooperation with International Labour Organization (ILO) and International Social Security Association (ISSA), will be held from 11-15 September 2011 in Istanbul. The OHS Congress and Exhibition is expected to accommodate 250 exhibitors from 120 countries and 20,000 visitors, including public and private sector managers, workers' and employers' representatives, health and safety professionals who will form the base of exchanging knowledge with experts from all over the world.





EUROHAMBRES Presidency Meeting in Brussels

The President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and Deputy President of EUROCHAMBRES(European Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry), Mr. Hisarcıklıoglu attended to the EUROCHAMBRES Presidency meeting in Brussels. Besides Mr. Hisarcıklıoglu, Presidents and/or EUROCHAMBRES representatives of Trade Unions from Germany, Austria, France, Spain, Italy, UK and Poland were attended to the meeting as well.

Turkish Entrepreneurs' right for chamber elections in Austria

TOBB President M.Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu and President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber Christoph Leitl have signed a joint declaration in Brussels. The declaration gives way to new rights for Turkish entrepreneurs operating in Austria to vote in chamber elections and also being a candidate.



Riot and Uprising from Maghrib to Egypt: **What Does the Arab Street Want from the Palace?**

TEPAV said the uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt were caused by "the unhappiness of the Arab street". High rates of youth unemployment and large increases in the price of food were explained to have created a favorable climate for uprisings. TEPAV declared that "Social globalization has triggered the uprisings in Maghrib and Egypt by creating awareness on the relative poverty of the Arab streets that has been going on for decades."





HİSARCIKLIOĞLU:

"Shipping quotas must be raised between **Macedonia and Turkey."**

TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu visited Macedonia President Dr. Gjorge Ivanov in Skopje. Mr. Hisarcıklıoğlu stated Turkish investors had been in many accomplished projects, explained Ivanov the problems experienced because of work permits and mentioned the expectation for a solution. TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu mentioned if the shipping quotas are increased, there will be a rise in the bilateral trade.