TOBB Initiates **A New Era Of Trade Relations** With USA







The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu (TOBB) attended the Partners for a New Beginning Summit between May 30th and June 5th. In his contacts during the summing, Hisarcıklıoğlu met with the USA Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton. As part of the Partners for a New Beginning Summit, convened with the former Secretary of Foreign Affairs Madeleine Albright presiding, Hisarcıklıoğlu conducted meetings with US National Security Council Desk for Turkey Chief Jeff Collins, USA Ministry of Defense Deputy Undersecretary James Townsend, USA House of Representatives North Carolina Democrat Party Member and Financial Committee Brad Miller, Wisconsin Democratic Party Member Jim Sensenbrenner, Indiana Republican Party Member Dan Burton and Wisconsin Republican Party Member Tom Petri, World Bank Vice President Phillippe Le Houerou and the IMF Vice President John Lipsky.



TOBB Starts **Global Entrepreneurship Program** With USA

Speaking at the signing ceremony of the memorandum of understanding on the Global Entrepreneurship Program, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu said that the Program represented a new era in Turkish-American relations that, for the first time, direct cooperation between Turkish and American entrepreneurs would be established in order to take steps to further financial and commercial relations.

Commercial Relations Strengthening With Hong Kong, The World's Gate Into China

A good will agreement between the Foreign Economic Relations Institution (DEİK) and Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) has been signed. Speaking during the ceremony, TOBB / DEİK President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu stated on behalf of the Turkish private sector that they would like to strengthen commercial relations with Asia Pacific countries, especially China.





TOBB Training **Islamic Countries' Chamber** Presidents

TOBB has started a training program for Islamic countries' commerce industry chambers' presidents. Giving the first lecture of the program, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu pointed out that the world has taken a new turn, "If we are able to identify this change we will be winners, not victims."

Great Success For TOBB Member Chambers And Exchanges Eu Grant Projects

In regards to the Civil Society Dialogue project conducted by the European Union (EU) in order to raise views on EU membership and inform civil society of EU's values and politics, the EU will provide a grant of 5.3 million Euros to the civil society organizations (STKs) in Turkey. A sum of 2.8 million Euros will be granted to the agricultural and fishery projects of the STKs, and a sum of 2.2 million Euros will be granted to the culture and art projects. A total of 42 projects have been approved for grants.

The contracting authority for all grants is the Central Finance and Contracts Unit (CFCU) with European Union General Secretary (EUGS).





Competitiveness In Turkey And The World

We observe that in today's world, competitiveness and development relations have gained a new dimension. Whether it be theoretical or practical studies, the view that innovation, competitiveness and financial development are related is shared worldwide and the public sector moves to take an active role in applications to strengthen this relation.

Hisarcıklıoğlu Met With **Mexico President Felipe Calderon**

At the congress hosted by the Mexico Chamber of Commerce (CANACO) in Mexico City, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu met with the President of Mexico, Calderon and stated that the Latin Americas and Turkey should share closer relations.

Hisarcıklıoğlu, speaking at the 7th World Chamber Congress, stated that obstacles to trade must be eliminated, the results of the Doha negotiations acted upon in 2011 and prohibitive policies be fought against. Hisarcıklıoğlu said that, for sustainable development, solid steps must be taken towards the development of a green economy and an effective global coordination and cooperation across all sectors must be enacted.









The 7th World Chambers Congress Brought **Global Leaders** Together

Speaking at the Opening the 7th World Chambers Congress, themed "Enterprise-Network-Prosperity" and started off by the President of Mexico Felipe Calderon, the World Chambers Federation President and Foreign Economic Relations Council Executive Committee President Rona Yırcalı said that the congress would, while helping to keep pace with the world, bring new responsibilities.

Architecture Department **Opened At The TOBB ETU Fine Arts Faculty**

TOBB ETU Fine Arts Architecture Department adopts the architecture discipline's binding role between theoretical concepts and professional applications, the innovation which swings between science and art and the activity of bringing real world problems and academic research closer together.



