TOBB PRESIDENT M. RİFAT HİSARCIKLIOĞLU:

"Turkey has become the **center of the multiple-pole system"**



The "Arabian Spring and European Neighborhood Policy" panel held by the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Eurochambres) was conducted in Antalya. Speaking at the opening of the meeting, TOBB President and Eurochambres Vice President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu stated that Turkey has become an important focus in the newly forming multiple-pole system and Turkey has performed impressively during the economic crisis.



Hisarcıklıoğlu elected to **EUROCHAMBRES** Board Membership once again

The EUROCHAMBRES Joint Members Committee Meeting was held in Belek, Antalya. The election of the members of the board of directors has been conducted and the EUROCHAMBRES Vice President TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu has been re-elected to membership in the board of directors. The distribution of the tasks of the members of the board of directors of EUROCHAMBRES, which will be taking office in January 2012, will be decided in a meeting on a later date.

TOBB assess the expectations of various regions in the **Consultation Meetings**

In the Consultation Meetings, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, briefed chamber and commodity exchange presidents regarding TOBB's works and engaged in an exchange of ideas. Stating that TOBB's infrastructure has been shown as an example by OECD, Hisarcıklıoğlu said that TOBB is Turkey's most democratic establishment.





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A helping hand from TOBB to Somalia

The "Aid for the Hunger Disaster in Africa" aid campaign initiated by TOBB and TR Directorate of Religious Affairs has garnered much interest throughout Turkey. The monetary aid and aids in kind donated by chambers and exchanges under TOBB and the public has reached 9.537 million TL by September 26th, 2011.



Free Trade Agreement in effect between **Turkey and Jordan**

As part of the Free Trade Agreement, signed December 1st, 2009 and went into effect March 1st 2011, to further economic relations between Turkey and Jordan, tariff quotas for many goods to be imported from Jordan have been decided upon. Among the agreement's goals are; the development of economic, technical and industrial cooperation between the two countries; the lifting of limitations for trade goods; ensuring a healthy competition environment; the encouragement of bilateral investment and the development of trade and cooperation in third country markets.

The UMEM Project provides **hope for youth**

The vocational training activities directed by İŞKUR and conducted in partnership with the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), the Ministry of Labor and Social Securities, İŞKUR and the National Education Ministry aims to increase effectiveness and efficiency of training, especially in fields related to industry. The goal is to develop a vocational training and skill engendering course which is addresses the needs of the workforce market as well as allowing the interaction of the employer.



Hisarcıklıoğlu was, **along with NGO Presidents,** the guest of Gül, the President of the Republic



During the dinner which brought the presidents of the civil society organizations held at the Çankaya Mansion which TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu also attended, the President of the Republic Abdullah Gül said, "Peace in business life is one of the pillars of a country's peace. It is the government's duty to ensure this."

Turkey is the **second largest market** in the factoring sector after China



The Factoring Association President Zafer Ataman, who defines the factoring sector as Turkey's unchanging finances source, stated that Turkey is the second largest market in factoring -a global volume total of 2 trillion dollars- after China. Ataman, stated that the sector would reach an endorsement of 100 billion dollars in a couple of years.

Erzurum Entrepreneurs informed



The Erzurum Women Entrepreneurs and Young Entrepreneurs Councils were informed regarding the new period work procedures by the President of the TOBB Sectors and Entrepreneurship Department, Cihat Alagöz. Alagöz emphasized that, women and youth in all regions are able to strengthen their initiatives through the help of the women and youth entrepreneur councils as well as the importance of entrepreneurship in battling unemployment.