Hisarcıklıoğlu in **Eurochambres by record vote**

The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu was elected the Vice President of Eurochambres, European Chambers of Commerce and Industry, by a record vote of 43 out of 45 countries during the 110th Plenary Meeting. Hisarcıklıoğlu will hold the office of the Vice President of Eurochambres, which represent 19 million establishments in 45 countries and an employment volume of 120 million, throughout the 2012-2014 period. TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu said, "This election is the recognition of the greatness of the Turkish economy."







Turkey is **healing the wounds** of the earthquake

Stating that the tears which followed the 7.2 earthquake in Van made the 74 million into a single heart, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu said, "The tears that this disaster has brought on are ours. The pain is ours." Mobilizing to aid those who were affected by the quake in Van, TOBB, in addition to the monetary aid and various aids in kind, has started a campaign to provide zero-interest credit loan support for urgent needs. TOBB has made a donation of 1 million TL and will provide support for 25 million TL zero-interest credit.



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NGOs unite **against terror**



Thirteen nongovernmental organizations representing all regions of Turkey and all parts of society along with TOBB visited the Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan to discuss the issue of terror. Making a joing announcement after the meeting, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, stating that they vehemently condemn terrorism, said, "Today is the day to act in unison for a peaceful and strong Turkey."



Prime Minister **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** "Africa isn't a seasonal business partner for us"

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, in his official visit to the Republic of South Africa with 125 people from the Turkish business world, said "Our goal is to always make our relations stronger, to benefit from friendship and cooperation opportunities as much as possible. Africa isn't a seasonal business partner for us, it is an eternal friend."

TOBB and DEİK President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu stated that Turkey and South Africa would be the stars of the new term, "This is a time to further our relations and cooperate."

TOBB BOARD MEMBER **HARUN KARACAN:** "The obstacles in commerce **should be abolished"**

Speaking at the DEİK Turkish-Albanian Business Council attended by the President of Albania Bamir Topi, TOBB Board Member and ETO Board President Harun Karacan stated that in order to revitalize commerce and economic affairs, political authorities must bi-laterally abolish obstacles to commerce and investments and liberalize the business world.



Women's entrepreneurship is not a fad, it is an imperative



TOBB President and Eurochambres Vice President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, speaking at the First Meeting of the ABC Women Entrepreneurs Council stated that in order to prosper and become richer the number of entrepreneurs must be increased and that in order to decrease the incidences of violence against women, increasing the number of women entrepreneurs and ensuring fairness of the ratio between men and women in matters land deeds is essential.



TOBB brings together **"Turkish Speaking Entrepreneurs"** from 22 countries together

TOBB brought together over 40 entrepreneurs from 22 different countries to gether with its XIII. Turkish Speaking Entrepreneurs Program. TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, making a speech while presenting the certificates to the participants of the XIII. Turkish Speaking Entrepreneurs Program, said, "Always dream big, don't be afraid and don't give up. What is needed for entrepreneurship before money is boldness and perceptiveness."

TOBB supports the advancement of **intellectual property rights**

Speaking at the conference discussing the development of intellectual property rights in Turkey to the highest level, TOBB and ICC Turkey National Committee President, Eurochambres Vice President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu stated that the preservation of intellectual property rights in transitioning to a competitive economy focusing on innovation and productivity.

