



TOBB held its 67th General Assembly in its 60th year

We will construct the **Great Turkey**

Celebrating its 60th anniversary, the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) held its 67th General Assembly on the 19th and 20th of May, 2012 at the TOBB University of Economics and Technology (ETU) Hall, hosted by the TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu. Attending the General Assembly were Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Customs and Commerce Minister Hayati Yazıcı, Economy Minister Zafer Çağlayan, Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communication Minister Binali Yıldırım, CHP President Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu, BBP President Mustafa Destici, AK Party Vice President Bülent Gedikli, political party representatives, Grand National Assembly Members, bureaucrats, representatives of the business world and TOBB delegates from 81 provinces of Turkey.



Esendere, Kapıköy, Dilucu and Çıldır-Aktaş **customs gates renovated**

The protocol regarding the modernization of four Land Customs Gates and the renovation of the Halkalı Customs Directorate on a 220 acre plot in Çatalca was signed by the Customs and Commerce Minister Hayati Yazıcı and TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu.

TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu stated that TOBB will be investing a total of 225 million TL for the five projects.

The global organization **abolishing borders: ICC**

Assisting the business world in adapting to the changes brought on by globalization and taking advantage of the opportunities afforded by it, ICC is working to develop international trade and cooperation, combating protective policies in trade, strengthening of private enterprise and regulating the standards required by the international business world.

TOBB and ICC Turkey National Committee President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, in office since after ICC's first Turkish President between the years of 1994 and 1996 by Turkey's prominent businessman Rahmi M. Koç, is preparing for duty as an ICC Board Member beginning July, 2012.



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The CEOs of 17 global companies met in İstanbul for the **7th IAC Meeting**

Chief executive officers of 17 international companies as well as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) President Christine Lagarde, World Bank Executive Director Sri Mulyani Indrawati, Deputy Prime Minister Ali Babacan, Economy Minister Zafer Çağlayan, Treasury Minister Mehmet Şimşek and TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu attended the 7th Investment Advisory Council (IAC) held on the 11th of May, 2012 in İstanbul with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan presiding over the proceedings.

Speaking at the IAC's 7th meeting Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan stated that Turkey being reviewed differently by certain international credit investigation institutions is unacceptable.





ICC Turkey and ICC Palestine sign for cooperation

A cooperation agreement has been signed between ICC Turkey and ICC Palestine. The agreement, signed by ICC Turkey President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu and ICC Palestine President Munib R. Masri, states that bilateral trade delegations will be organized and joint meetings will be held alongside ICC's commission work. The Turkish business world will share its experience in the fields of R&D, insurance, retirement systems as well as women and youth entrepreneurship with the Palestinian business world.



The effects of the Turkey-Egypt Free Trade Agreement are **reflected on export figures**

Speaking at the Turkey-Egypt Business Dinner held at the TOBB Union Center, TOBB/ DEİK President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu stated that the Ro-Ro and Land Transportation Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two countries will render Turkey and Egypt neighbors.

Turkish Speaking Entrepreneurs receive their certificates

The Turkish Speaking Entrepreneurs Program started in 2005 by the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB), and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs held its 14th term this year. The participants of the 14th Turkish Speaking Entrepreneurs Program from Balkans, Eastern Europe, Caucasia, Middle East, Central Asia countries, Germany and Russia received their certificates in a ceremony held at the TOBB Social Facilities.



Turkey-USA **Economic Partnership Commission** meeting held

The 8th Economic Partnership Commission (EPC) held between Turkey and the USA regularly since 2002 was held on the 8th of May, 2012 with the Foreign Affairs Ministry Deputy Undersecretary Ambassador Halit Çevik, USA Ministry of Foreign Affairs Economy, Energy and Trade Deputy Undersecretary Jose Fernandez co-presiding over the proceedings hosted by TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu and attended by businessmen at the TOBB Union Center. During the Turkey-USA EPC meeting, joint agendas of the two countries and potential cooperation opportunities in entrepreneurship were assessed.



Turkish-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry headquarters moved to Berlin



The headquarters of the Turkish-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TD-IHK), previously situated in the city of Köln, Germany, was moved to the capital, Berlin. Attending the opening ceremony of the new headquarters were President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, Federal Germany Economy and Technology Minister Political Undersecretary Peter Hintze, Turkey Ambassador to Berlin Hüseyin Avni Karslıoğlu, TD-IHK President Dr. Rainhardt Freiherr von Leoprechting, Food, Agriculture and Livestock Ministry Undersecretary Vedat Mirmahmutoğulları.