Sustainability imperative for agriculture

A recent and important study points to the need for "climate sensitive" changes to be made in agriculture and livestock breeding worldwide. Among suggestions to this end are sustainably intensifying agriculture and decreasing solid waste and greenhouse gas emissions in agricultural areas.

The Minister of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Mehdi Eker stated that Turkey is the highest grossing country with a revenue of 62.7 billion Dollars in agriculture and said, "Turkey's agriculture has become a giant sector, answering the needs of its population of 74 million, that of 30 million tourists and exporting 15 billion Dollars' worth of agricultural goods in addition to all that."



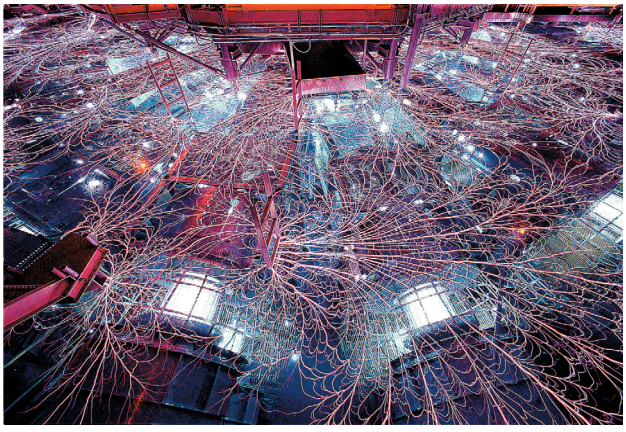
Turkey fully united against terror

As the wounds of the bomb attack in Gaziantep on the 20th of August are being mended, presidents of 16 civil society organizations representing approximately 50 million people in Turkey visited the city to boost morale. Speaking on behalf of the delegation, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu said, "Terror has met its match in targeting Gaziantep."

Emphasizing that those who aim to weaken the bonds of solidarity in Turkey are ignorant of the fact that these lands ferment much stronger bonds, TOBB President Hisarcıklıoğlu said: "Let none forget that this country is like no other and that no nation is like this nation! Because this nation sees the conspiracy at hand, and frankly, this nation will not fall for it!"



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Innovation is the locomotive of industry

The needs of science require innovation, innovations feed the industry and the industry provides better tools for fundamental sciences. This tried and tested coexistence has a record of producing new knowledge and innovations for many years.

Industry and science must work hand in hand in order to reach Turkey's joint goal of achieving 500 billion Dollars in exports in 2023. The government must firstly support fundamental sciences in researching accelerators and particle physics; transfer the scientists' innovations accumulated from knowledge and experience to the industry. Additionally the industry must plan for the long term, viewing difficulties as opportunities and every opportunity as a chance to grow and develop.

OPIC credit guaranteed for 3-20 years

Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), as an American public entity, helps American corporations make investments throughout the world as well as safeguarding economic development in new and growing markets.

As of September 30th, 2011, OPIC's supported project volume worldwide has reached 14.5 billion Dollars with Turkey as one of the countries benefiting the most from this in 4th place. In Turkey, the most supported sectors are financial services and energy.





Kazakhstan, the energy base of the future

Kazakhstan, defined as the new "Asian Tiger", holds great importance in global energy markets with its reserves of petroleum and natural gas. A strong candidate to become one of the most prominent producers and exporters of petroleum in the coming 10 years, the Republic of Kazakhstan is designated as one of the richest countries in the world in terms of natural resources. The country boasts of approximately 500 mineral deposits holding over 1200 types of natural resources. Kazakhstan holds the first place in regards to the quantity of zinc and wolfram; second in terms of the quantity of silver, uranium, lead and chrome; third in regards to the quantity of copper. Of the total uranium production in the world in 2011, 35% of it took place in Kazakhstan which also has significant amounts other minerals.

First cancer screening vehicle in İzmir

The mobile cancer screening vehicle, funded by TOBB and the İzmir Derivates Exchange (VOB) Board of Directors President Işınsu Kestelli, which will conduct screenings for breast, cervical and colon cancer has been donated to the Ministry of Health. Housing mammography equipment donated as part of the "Mom Beat Cancer" project, the vehicle is the first of its kind in Turkey.





The goal is **150,000** foreign students

The Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK) hosted the Education Economics Business Council International Student Enlistment Workshop to assess the projects to be developed with the aim of attracting students to Turkey.

DEİK Education Economics Business Council aims to draw 100,000 students by 2015 and 150,000 students by 2020 Turkey. Today, 4 million students are taking part in education in foreign countries. It is estimated that this number will reach 7 million in 2020.

They are **students as well as entrepreneurs**

Students in the Economics Department studying in London as part of TOBB ETU's Joint Education Model, the only one of its kind in Turkey, Bulut Murt and Erkin Özcan observed the sale of fresh orange juice sold to 5 star hotels and established a company to provide the same service in Turkey, thereby beginning their business careers. Buleron Food, Tourism and Commerce Ltd. started business as retail in a large shopping mall, shortly thereafter starting business with 5 star hotels.

Conducting business under the brand name "Santos" Murt and Özcan are continuing their education as seniors in the TOBB ETU Economics Department. Murt and Özcan have expressed that the Entrepreneurship and Leadership class and the experience from their Joint Education in TOBB ETU have supported their entrepreneurial efforts in establishing their business. Bulut Murt is still a member of the TOBB Young Entrepreneurs Council.

