A thousand businessmen from 88 countries came together at the TOBB International Business Forum

As part of the celebrations of the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), representatives of the prominent private sector and international organizations of the world met at the TOBB International Business Forum. TOBB President, Union of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Eurochambres) Vice President and International Commerce Chamber (ICC) Board Member M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu hosted the Business Forum which was attended by the leaders of the business communities and international organization representatives from 88 countries including the USA, Russia, Greece, Latin America, Syria, Iran, China, Egypt and Malesia. Conducting the opening of the Business Forum were Macedonian President Gjorge Ivanov, Prime Minister Deputy Ali Babacan, Customs and Commerce Minister Hayati Yazıcı and TOBB President, Eurochambres Vice President and ICC Board Member M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu.



TOBB PRESIDENT M. RİFAT HİSARCIKLIOĞLU:

"This will be **the century of cooperation**"

Speaking at the opening of the International Business Forum held in honor of TOBB's 60th Anniversary, TOBB President, Eurochambres Vice President and ICC Board Member M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, requesting that the voice of global reason be paid heed, said, "Those who do not cooperate will lose out in this century. There are a thousand of us from all over the world in this hall. This platform presents great opportunities to set up cooperation."

Prime Minister Deputy Ali Babacan stated that there is no possibility of predictability in many countries and that the amount of valueless notes being printed by central banks has reached a historically record high, "Despite this, serious problems are still present. There are problems regarding growth and development in many countries."



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Business ethics gaining importance...

As one of the main subjects of the 21st century, ethics and the development of higher quality ethics and there is a conscious and systematic effort to increase the penetration of these values into the goals, strategies, the abilities of the employees, culture, structure and daily activities of the business place. The First International Business Ethics Congress held by TOBB and TÜRMOB is a first in this field in Turkey.

Speaking at the opening of the First International Business Ethics Congress, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu expressed that ethics are of paramount importance for the business world, and that ethics, thought to be solely the field of philosophers until recently, has evoked great interest in the business world.

Eurochambres Joint Members Committee Meeting was held in Zagreb

Eurochambres Joint Members Committee Meeting was held in Zagreb, hosted by the Croatian Chamber of Economy. The President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and Eurochambres Vice President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu presided over the meeting attended by the Eurochambres President Alessandro Barberis (Italy) and Croatian Economy Chamber President Nadan Vidosevic as well as the Presidents of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia and Israel, and the representatives of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Austria, Belarus, Montenegro, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.





The latest state of the constitution in **Turkey and the world**

The international conference on the "Formation of Constitution during the Transition to Democracy" held on the 19th of September, 2012 in Ankara by the Turkey Economic Policy Research Foundation (TEPAV) and Arab Reform Initiative (ARI). Present at the opening of the conference were TBMM Speaker and TBMM Constitution Negotiation Commission President Cemil Çiçek, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, Constitution Negotiation Commission Member Parliament Representatives and the members of the Constitution Platform, comprising of 13 profession organizations, syndicates and civil society organizations.

TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu stating that the constitution needs to reflect the needs of its age, said, "The new constitution is an unparalleled opportunity to document the advances in the field of democratization."



Hisarcıklıoğlu related Turkey's crisis experience to Greek business people

The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu visited Greece on the invitation of the President of the Hellenic Chambers Union, Constantine Michalos along with a delegation including TOBB Board Vice President and İstanbul Chamber of Commerce (İTO) Board President Dr. Murat Yalçıntaş and the Central Bank former President Süreyya Serdengeçti. Meeting the Greek Economy Minister Kostis Hatzidakis, Greek Tourism Minister Olga Kefalogianni and the Hellenic Chambers Union President Constantine Michalos, TOBB President Hisarcıklıoğlu said, "Greece's exports to Turkey have increased by 60% in the last two years. If we remove the obstacles to trade between the two countries, this process will gain even more speed."

TOBB PRESIDENT M. RİFAT HİSARCIKLIOĞLU:

"Carry the **TOBB ETU** badge with pride"

TOBB University of Economy and Technology (TOBB ETU) held its 2011-2012 Graduation and 2012-2013 Academic Year Opening Ceremony with the attendances of TOBB ETU Board of Trustees Chairman and TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, National Education Minister Ömer Dinçer, TBMM National Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Commission President Nabi Avcı, Central Bank former President Durmuş Yılmaz, the presidents of chambers and commodity exchanges as well as many guests.

TOBB ETU Board of Trustees Chairman and TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, addressing the graduates of the 2011-2012 Academic Year, said, "The TOBB and TOBB ETU family will always be by your side from this point on. Look to your family. Never sever your ties. Carry the TOBB ETU badge with pride."



The 15th meeting of the Turkish speaking entrepreneurs took place



The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) brought together the Turkish speaking entrepreneurs from neighboring countries for the 15th time. Turkish Speaking Entrepreneurs found the opportunity to meet and make assessments with the representatives of TOBB and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Education Ministry Economy Ministry, KOSGEB and TİKA during the session held on the 17th of September, 2012 at the TOBB Union Center.

The Private **TOBB ETU Hospital** renovated its website



Completely renovating its webpage, The Private TOBB ETU Hospital added the "OnlineAppointment Service" to its facilities. Also starting at the hospital is the Consult with the Doctor" Service. On the new page, patients will be able to choose their appointment times with their preferred doctor, selected by filling a form; the process will be finalized by the call center making confirmation calls according to the forms sent to them via the website. The site can be found at www.tobbetuhastanesi.com.tr.