DEİK, the compass for global investors, held its **2012 General Assembly**

The Foreign Economic Affairs Council (DEİK) held its 2012 General Assembly with the attendances of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in İstanbul. DEİK aims to tangibly increase the Turkish business world's power in global markets with the roadmap it put forth as it entered its 25th year of service. TOBB and DEİK President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, announcing DEİK's 2013 goals, said, "We will contribute to increasing our exporter numbers from 50,000 to 70,000 by 2023."



PRIME MINISTER **RECEP TAYYİP ERDOĞAN:**

"Turkey's exports have reached **139 billion USD**"

In his speech at the opening of the DEİK 2012 General Assembly, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, drawing attention to the fact that Turkey's 2012 exports have reached 139 billion USD as of December and that Turkey has become a noteworthy country viewed with admiration throughout the world.

Prime Minister Erdoğan stated that, while Turkey's economy grows and its global and regional activity increases, DEİK members have contributed greatly to the country's grand vision and said, "This increases our hope and excitement."

Stating that DEİK conducted 749 activities in 2012 and that he had found the opportunity attend some of these, Prime Minister Erdoğan congratulated DEİK directors.







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TOBB & DEİK PRESIDENT **M. RİFAT HİSARCIKLIOĞLU:**

"DEİK will enact its "**High Income League"** in 10 steps project



TOBB and DEİK President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, emphasizing that the world is headed for a world much different from today, said, "It is up to us where we will end up tomorrow. It took Turkey 50 years to move up from the low-income league to the mid-income league. Now we aim to enter the high-income league. In order to achieve this, we must work harder in the coming 10 years than we've worked in the last 10 years," and went on to outline the 10 steps they plan to take as DEİK.



TOBB is **starting a new period** of trade with the USA



The Memorandum of Understanding to draw the roadmap for the development of economic affairs with the USA has been signed between the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and one of the world's largest trade organizations, US Chambers. According to the agreement, the prominent company CEO's from the four large states of the USA will hold meetings to discuss investment opportunities. Trade delegations will be formed and business opportunities proliferated, cooperation in third countries will be emphasized. A campaign promoting Turkey will be undertaken in the USA.

TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu and the TOBB delegation accompanying him discussed ways to strengthen bilateral financial and economic affairs in Washington as per the Memorandum of Understanding.



The future of the media and communication sector discussed

The Media and Communication Search Conference held by the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) took place in Bolu. Attending the conference were Deputy Prime Minister Bülent Arınç, Customs and Commerce Minister Hayati Yazıcı, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, TOBB Board Treasurer İlhan Parseker and TOBB Board Member Harun Karacan.

Speaking at the Media and Communication Search Conference, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu stated that they drew TOBB's roadmap with a search conference, defining its new vision and mission and said, "We are researching what our future mission will be."

The 3rd **Bosphorus Regional Cooperation Summit** held in İstanbul

The 3rd Bosphorus Regional Cooperation Summit, hosted by the International Cooperation Platform (ICP) and Turkey Exporters Council, was held under the auspices of President Abdullah Gül on 13-14-15th of November in the Çırağan Palace, İstanbul, with the attendances of 42 countries from Europe, USA, Russia, Middle East, North Africa, Gulf Countries, Turkic Republics and the Balkans. The summit which turned the eyes of the world on İstanbul, brought together the leaders of politics, foreign affairs, energy and economy.





ICC Board Meeting held in Paris

TOBB President and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Board Member M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu attended the ICC Board Meeting held in Paris on the 10th of November, 2012. During the meeting, ICC Board of Directors members expressed their views on ICC's G20/B20 Summits and the new Positive Innovations Agenda Project.

Prior to the ICC Board Meeting, Hisarcıklıoğlu attended the ICC Global Network Committee Meeting. During the meeting wherein the ICC's national committees in 90 countries, members in 120 countries and memberships in other international organizations were assessed, it was expressed that a structuring would be suitable.

A new support for information economy in Turkey

The European Investment Bank (EIB) announced on the 9th of November that it would be providing finances of 175 million Euros for use in the information economy of Turkey. This financing which will aim to strengthen the information system, research and innovation capacity in Turkey will be transferred to two of Turkey Scientific and Technological Research Institute's (TÜBİTAK) R&D programs.

EIB, has financed 5 projects which endorse information economy and R&D since 2008, providing 1.4 billion Euros for intellectual expansion in Turkey.

