

TOBB announced its goal at the 69th General Assembly **"We will be an economy giant in the world"**

Prior to the 69th General Assembly of Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) TOBB delegates met with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan at the TOBB Twin Towers hosted by TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu. Present at the meeting were politicians, civil society representatives, TOBB delegates, chamber/exchange presidents and many guests.

In his speech addressing the General Assembly delegates, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan pointed out the importance of an environment of stability and trust. TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu stated that among TOBB's goals is to make Turkey an economic giant, not just of its region but the whole world.

Hisarcıklıoğlu reelected as the President of TOBB for the fourth time



For the fourth time, M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu was unanimously reelected as the President of TOBB, the umbrella organization of chambers/exchanges in Turkey with nearly 1.5 million members throughout Turkey.

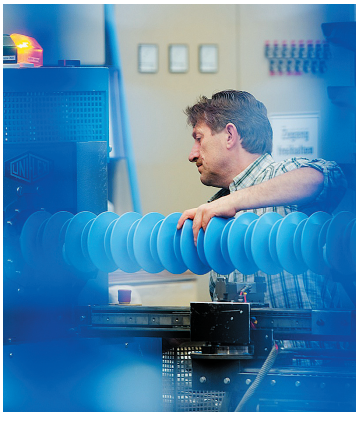
During the 69th TOBB General Assembly held at the TOBB University of Economics and Technology (ETU), M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu was nominated by 1734 delegates. Entering the elections as the only candidate, Hisarcıklıoğlu won all of the valid votes, becoming the President of TOBB for another four years. Hisarcıklıoğlu, in his speech thanking the delegates, said, "I have always felt great pride and honor in working with you and being your president."

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TEPAV assessed the Five Year Development Plan



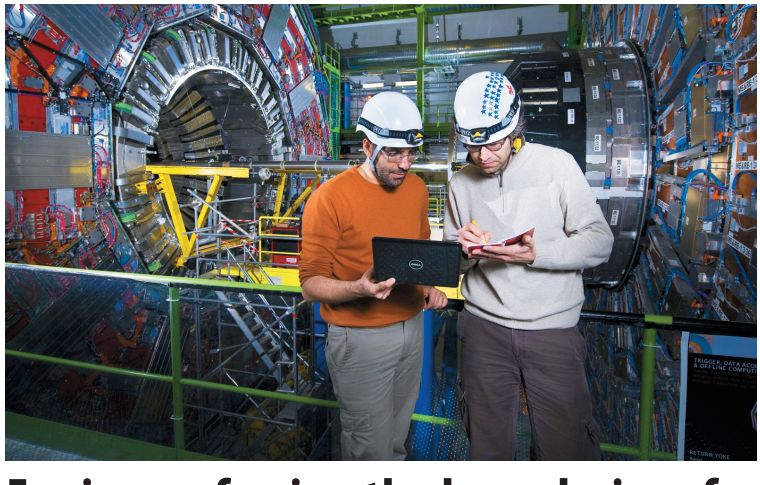
Turkey Economic Policy Research Foundation (TEPAV) assessed the Tenth Five Year Development Plan which will form the basis of economic and social policy for the next five years. In the report prepared by TEPAV analysts Esen Çağlar and Ozan Acar, it was expressed that a difficult time is ahead of Turkey until 2015. It is emphasized that if the plan is effectively enacted, it will contribute to Turkey can rising out of the middle-income trap and moving on its way to becoming a high-income economy. Stating that a set of prerequisites exist for the plan to contribute to this, it is emphasized that the plan must first be adopted politically.





Hisarcıklıoğlu receives Mediterranean **Leadership Award** from the Johns Hopkins University

Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu has been awarded the first Mediterranean Leadership Award from the Johns Hopkins University, a prominent university in the USA. As a result of the research and assessments made by the Johns Hopkins University, in addition to TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, Libya former President Mohamed Yousef El Magariaf, American Senator Jeanne Shaheen and US Congressman Robert Aderholt also received Mediterranean Leadership Awards.



Engineers forcing the boundaries of technology in light of fundamental sciences

Working at the world's largest particle physics research lab, CERN, are engineers and technicians as many as ten times the number of physicists on staff. The reason for this is that the research conducted at CERN requires engineering work ranging from the atomic scale to gigantic, forcing the boundaries of technology. The research is, in fact, conducted through the cooperation of physicists, engineers and technicians.

Global Alliance for Sustainable Employment introduced in İstanbul



Established under the partnership of the UNDP Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development (IICPSD) and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), "Global Alliance for Sustainable Employment" was introduced at its signing ceremony in İstanbul. The presentation was a part of the "The Role of the Private Sector in Vocational Training – Experiences Gained in Turkey" Conference on the 13th of June, 2013.

Attending the conference hosted by TOBB Board Member Ender Yorgancılar were Development Deputy Minister Mehmet Ceylan, IICPSD Director Dr. Simona Marinescu, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative Kamal Malhotra, Iraq, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Somali, Serbia, Turkey and Tajikistan's government and private sector representatives. Columbia University World Institute President and UN Secretary General Millennium Development Goals Special Advisor Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Sachs addressed the attendees.





TOBB reelected to **the Vice Presidency of the UNWTO Board**

United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) General Assembly was held in Zimbabwe and Zambia between the 24th and 29th of August, 2013. On the 27th of August, the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) was reelected to post of Vice President of the UNWTO Affiliated Members (Private Sector) Board at the election held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

Reelected to post of Vice President of the UNWTO Board, TOBB will continue to take on duties in the various organizations of the influential actors in world tourism for another two years.



TOBB ETU Garage's new and innovative mobile apps introduced to users

The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey University of Economics and Technology (TOBB ETU) and the Turkey Economic Policies Research Foundation (TEPAV), in partnership with Viveka, have begun to introduce the projects developed at TOBB ETU Garage to users. Young entrepreneurs, supported by the entrepreneurship center, are bringing to fore many new and innovative mobile apps. Among these Bvrjuva, TiviACE and Motivolog are already in use while Enforce, Parqr and Impresent are being introduced to users.