

TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu:

Turkey needs a strong reform program

2016 was a disquieting year for all of us. We hope that 2017 will be a more peaceful year and bring us some tranquility. But first impressions don't seem as such. It's one thing after another. Turkey needs a strong reform program for a fast growing process. The uncertainties in the economy and cost of the progress has to be reduced in this way. The change proposals in the constitution could have been better considered in this context and play a better role in reducing the uncertainties. But this seems gone by the board too. For stability Turkey should resume its growth and for growth it should definitely eliminate the uncertainties in economy especially in public administration. Turkey should be a more foreseeable country in every aspect.



Turkey in 'giants league' with mega projects

Turkey, aiming to be one of the world's largest 10 economies by 2023, carries out several billion dollars worth infra and superstructure projects one after another. Projects as Marmaray, Yavus Sultan Selim Bridge, Avrasya Tunnel and Osmangazi Bridge are already completed. The new projects leading Turkey's economic developments and worth a total of 200 billion dollars includes Kanal Istanbul, Istanbul Finance Center, 3rd Airport, Çanakkale 2015 Bridge and new nuclear power plants. Minister of Transportation, Maritime Affairs and Communication Ahmet Arslan says "We plan all these projects aware of the geographical importance of Turkey and the region and qualifying all these projects".



Which policies does European business world support?

The European Parliament of Enterprises organised every two years by Eurochambres, took place in European Parliaments General Assembly Hall on the 13th October 2016. More than 750 enterprises

from 45 European countries has attended the 4th European Parliament of Enterprises event which has the motto "Business to Europe, Europe to Business" and shared their insights over current economic

problems with European policymakers.

Vice President of European Parliament Antonio Tajani underlined SMEs' financing problems and the need for creating alternative sources as solution to this issue.

"A city's economic progress is possible with solidarity"

Akdeniz University, Manavgat Chamber of Trade and Industry Tourism Faculty was opened with a ceremony with the attendance of Minister of Foreign Affairs Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, president of The Turkish Union of Chambers and Exchange Commodities (TOBB) M. Rifat Hisarcıkloğlu, Antalya Governor Münir Karaloğlu, CHP Antalya Deputy to the Parliament Deniz Baykal, CHP Vice President Çetin Osman Budak, MHP Vice President Mehmet Günel, Antalya Metropolitan Deputy Mayor Mesut



Kocagöz, Akdeniz University warden Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünal, Manavgat Mayor Şükrü Özen and President of Manavgat Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ahmet Boztaş.

TOBB President Hisarcıkloğlu stated that a city's economy can progress with solidarity and he would like to see this solidarity seen in Antalya, all over Turkey.



Hisarcıklioğlu calls EU for a 'common solution'

The president of The Turkish Union of Chambers and Exchange Commodities (TOBB) M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu attended "Turkey-EU Civil Society Meetings: The Future of Europe" meeting organised by European Union in London. TOBB President Hisarcıklioğlu stating that there were several areas like energy security, balance between

freedom and security or counter terrorism, in which Turkey and EU should cooperate regionally and globally, called EU for a common solution on these areas. TOBB President Hisarcıklioğlu states that they have been sorry to see the European Parliament suspended the EU-Turkey talks and said "We will be complaining the EU".

Aydın wants to make more use of 'incentives'

Aiming to be the locomotive of Aegean Region, Aydın wants to make more use of the states incentives and aids. The city is looking forward for Aydın Çıldır Airport to begin operating commercial flights. Chairman of Aydın Chamber of Trade Hakan Ülgen says "Aydın has to change its static economic potential to dynamic. Therefore Aydın should make more use of state incentives and aids and economy can get into action". Chairman of Aydın Commodity Exchange Adnan Bosnalı says "On the road to be a brand city our commodity exchange is ready to do its part".