

TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıkliolu: Turkey has to turn 2017 into a restructuring and reform year

Turkey can no longer be a country where anything is possible and has to turn into a foreseeable country. We should recall the restructuring and reform issue which we have neglected for a very long time.

There must be a strong and consistent public policy against the fundamental problems. Turkey needs a strong policy framework that can help to distinguish itself positively in a global world.

First with reforms of Özal, then with customs union process and eventually with the reforms after the 2001 crisis, Turkey had joined the global economy and became a part of the global production chains. By this means the economy had grown and Turkey got richer. Raising Turkey's predictability in 2017 and after then means to continue this enrichment. Turkey has to turn 2017 into a restructuring and reform year.



Full support from TOBB for employment

Turkey Economic Council took place with the attendance of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım and economic ministers hosted by TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıkliolu. Repeating his call for employment TOBB President Hisarcıkliolu

said "While it's getting worse out there, we have to close the ranks. As the fire of reform glows, dogmatizing rating institutions can be embarrassed." TOBB President Hisarcıkliolu underlined the fact that the fast rising foreign currency cause troubles among the companies and markets too.



“Turkey 100” contest, determined the fastest growing companies of Turkish economy, organised under the leadership of Turkish Union of Chambers and Exchange

Commodities. Shipyard company from Antalya Ares Tersanecilik has become the fastest growing company of Turkey 100 by raising its sales by 4473% in three years. TOBB President

M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu said “We want to underline our fastest growing companies’ success by drawing attention to them on a global scale and strengthen their connections”.

“Konya has become a model city for the world”

Konya Economy Awards Ceremony has taken place in Konya Chamber of Trade with the attendance of Customs and Trade Minister Tüfenkci and president of The Turkish Union of Chambers and Exchange Commodities (TOBB) M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu. TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu said in his speech for the ceremony that Konya was not only a model city for Turkey but also for the world with its economy and town planning. He also stated that Konya was listed within the most important 500 cities of the global economy.





“Egypt should abandon its protectionist policies”

After a period of four years Turkish-Egyptian Business Forum took place in Egyptian capital Cairo. President of the Turkish Union of Chambers and Exchange Commodities (TOBB) M. Rifat Hisarciklioğlu and President of Egyptian General Union of Chambers of Commerce Ahmed al Wakil attended the forum. “Egypt has started to pursue some protectionist policies. To be honest with my Egypti-

an friends, protectionist policies can't make a country richer, on the contrary it makes a country poorer” said the TOBB President Hisarciklioğlu in his opening speech. Hisarciklioğlu added “We don't come to Egypt just to sell some products. We want to build partnerships with Egyptian businessmen, we want to invest here and we want to make exports to global economy from Egypt”.

Organic agriculture and nature tourism is Tunceli's priority



Tunceli having difficulties achieving its objectives due to regional conditions, plans to make use of its nature and virgin nature. Chairman of Tunceli Chamber of Trade and Industry Yusuf Cengiz argues that the city should use its own natural resources. Cengiz says “Our priority will be organic agriculture. We are aware that there is need for an industrial infrastructure and our region is not suitable for that. Our priority for being a brand city is organic agriculture and nature tourism. Winter tourism is especially important to us. Our city is very suitable for camping and trekking”.