

TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıođlu:

We should revamp the technological infrastructure of our industry

GDP per capita of Turkey in early 1980s was around 1.500 dollars. We reached 3.000 dollars in early 2000s. We made it to 10.000 dollars in 2007. Since then we've been driving round and round. If we go a little bit back, Turkey's GDP per capita was three times as Korea in 1960. Korea catch up with us and passed us in 1980. And today they have a threefold GDP per capita as ours. So it seems that we couldn't do what Koreans have done. Turkey transformed into a medium-technology industry country in 30 years. But what we do for high-tech production and export seems still inadequate and wrong. Industry expands through Anatolia but it doesn't leap forward towards high-tech. It means that we didn't succeed in revamping our industrial technology infrastructure decently.



Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) MEYBEM Professional Competence and Certification Centers Inc. (TOBB MEYBEM Mesleki Yeterlilik ve Belgelendirme Merkezleri A.Ş.) is established to prevent fatal occupational accidents and to give trainings in 81 cities for compulsory competency certificates for dangerous and very dangerous occupations with the initiative of Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges. The newly established institution will meet the license and certificate demands for employers and the ones willing to work in very dangerous occupations among 81 cities and 160 counties.

TOBB MEYBEM Mesleki Yeterlilik ve Belgelendirme Merkezleri A.Ş. General Manager Saygın Baban says "While raising awareness for preventing occupational accidents through exams and certification services, we also raise skills, knowledge and competence of employers regarding their occupation."

Is it the big enterprises making innovations?



With the global technological transformation not just production methods but also business models have changed. With the significant acceleration of innovation within science and technology and their spreading speed in 21st century, the new multi-disciplinary and complex characteristics of new technologies, the adaptation power of big enterprises to change their R&D departments according to changing conditions has diminished. R&D efficiency decreased. Besides the number of technology start-ups - which work relatively more focused on one or few areas within new technologies, and their significance increased. Big enterprises started to access innovation through technology start-ups as a necessity and as a cost-effective choice.

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Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) President M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu, addressed to secretary-generals of unions and commodity exchanges while attending Secretary-Generals Contact Meeting.

Stating being a single family with 81 cities and 160 counties’ chambers and commodity exchange community, TOBB President Hisarcıklioğlu said that they are the only professional body representing companies and entrepreneurs

from all over Turkey and from all sectors. “Our unity, strength and effectiveness is this community’s difference. What distinguishes us from other bodies is our primary characteristic” said Hisarcıklioğlu.



“Public administration should back our entrepreneurs”

Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) President M. Rifat Hisarcıkloğlu attended the award ceremony organized by Gebze Chamber of Commerce.

“The moment makes me proudest is this surrounding. Such ceremonies make me proud of this community. Business life is hard already. Money doesn’t grow on trees. Despite these challenges you have to survive and succeed. It’s no joke. Not

everybody can do that. That’s why everyone should appreciate our companies winning an award today which they deserve exceedingly” said TOBB President Hisarcıkloğlu. He continued: “If your entrepreneur is strong, your country is strong, your city is strong. In that case public administration to begin with should back this community, these people. Because these people are cherry of Gebze’s cheek.

Bingöl getting ready for future by creating a “city vision”



Bingöl Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Governorship, Municipality, university and other public enterprise rolled up their sleeves to transform Bingöl into a Brand City. Bingöl Chamber of Commerce and Industry cares a lot about forming a City Vision. Getting ready for 2023 goals led by Bingöl Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the city aims to realize a City Vision that is accepted by shareholders, to be a Brand City in winter tourism, to improve thermal facilities and to serve the whole region even Turkey, to be a known and preferred city, to create added value in bee culture not only in conventional means but also with pollen and royal jelly. Bingöl Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman Mahmut Ayas said “We attach high importance to brand on the basis of city as trade body.”