



**TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu:**

## The Victory on August 30 was an example for underdog countries

The month of August is depicted as the month of victories. Especially the

victories on August 26, 1071 and August 26, 1922 are important milestones in Turkish

history. In 1071, Sultan Alparslan and his army won the Battle of Manzikert and opened the gates of Anatolia for the Turks.

But the Turkish Republic owes this modern democratic, secular, social law state version of it as described in our constitution to the gates opened by the victory on August 30.

The victory on August 30 was echoed all around the world, not only in Turkey, and became an example for all underdog countries in the world. This great victory was celebrated in Asia, Africa, Caucasus, India, and Egypt as if their own. Mosques were decorated with lights in India, marches were organized for the victory, and celebratory telegrams were sent to Mustafa Kemal from all around. This victory shook the foundation of British colonial empire and the fight of the Turkish nation for independence and freedom gave hope to all underdog countries.

I remember all our ancestors from Sultan Alparslan to Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, who have gifted this spectacular country and these marvelous August victories to us, with respect and longing.



## A new era in energy

Carrying out Turkey's first national deepwater drilling in the Black Sea, Fatih Drill Ship discovered a natural gas reserve of 320 billion cubic meter in Sakarya Gas Field. This amount can significantly prevent Turkey's natural gas import, which currently regressed to approximately \$12 billion annually.

Announced by the President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan as "good news" to his countrymen, Fatih Drill Ship's natural gas discovery is the largest in Turkish history,

and it is the first tangible result of the intense seismic research and drilling operations Turkey carried out in the waters lately.

This discovery, which Turkey found 170 kilometers offshore in its exclusive economic zone in the Black Sea and which can meet for an important part of the country's natural gas import, marks a new era for deepwater research and production activities.

Turkey's discovery is expected to

increase the attention the Black Sea received from international companies; it is also regarded as a development that can alter the balances in the region.

As Turkey focuses on national resources in order to decrease foreign dependency in energy, production of domestic and renewable energy increased by 65% in the first half of 2020. With the investment of \$2 billion made in 2018, Turkey is ranked number 19 in the world in renewable energy investments.



**"We will continue to invest in vocational education"**

**M**. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu, President of the Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) told that the capacity of 104 programs out of 106 in vocational schools created through the cooperation between the Ministry of Education (MEB), Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) and TOBB Economy and Technology University (TOBB ETÜ) is full and that the average occupancy rate of the programs under this protocol is 99.28 percent.

Hisarcıklioğlu, President of TOBB

underlined that TOBB and Chambers & Commodity Exchanges as a group believe in the role of vocational education on the development of skilled work force in Turkey and added, "With this vision we will bring together skilled and expert workforce with our investors. We, as the group will continue to make necessary investments in vocational education just like we have been doing so far".

Hisarcıklioğlu, President of TOBB told "I would like to congratulate all students and their families for believing in vocational

education and choosing our schools to invest in their future careers" and added "I would like to thank Ziya Selçuk, Minister of Education, Mahmut Özer, Deputy Minister, Kemal Varın Numanoğlu, Our General Director and all officers in the Ministry of Education, provincial directors of education and school principals for their support to private sector for vocational education. I would like to thank all of our Chambers and Commodity Exchanges who show interest and invest in vocational schools in cities and districts."

## TOBB Economy and Technology University in Tashkent is launching

**U**nion of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) Economy and Technology University (ETÜ) is founding a university in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

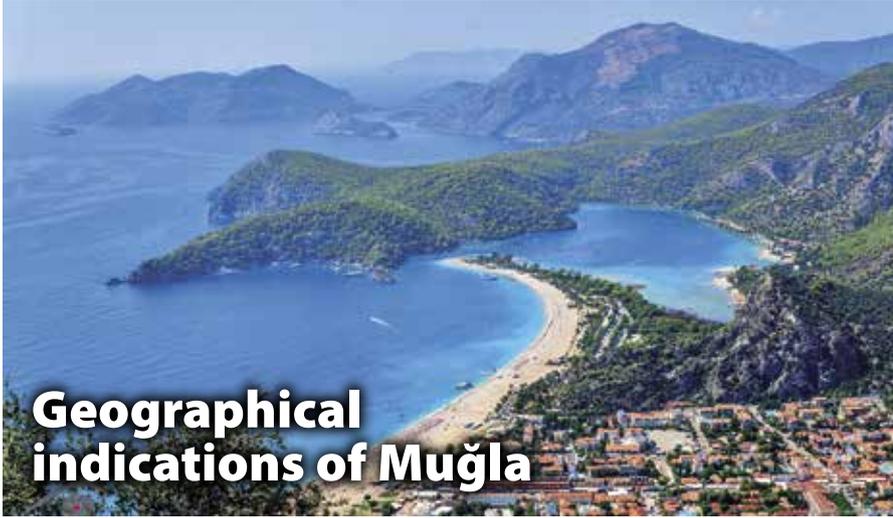
M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu, President of TOBB and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of TOBB ETÜ, speaking in the video conference held on the issue said: "Uzbekistan is the heart of Asia. It is the shining star of Central Asia both culturally and economically. Our elders marking our civilization with their wisdom as Imam Bukhari, Imam Maturidi, Ali Qushji and Ali-Shir Nava'i, all grew here from Uzbekistan."

Reminding that President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev had welcomed him within the scope of a study visit on 4 October 2019, President of TOBB,



Hisarcıklioğlu stated: "During those visits Mr President assigned many tasks to the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey with a visionary approach. We started to work Adkham immediately. Mr. Mirziyoyev also visited our country on 19 February 2020. In that visit, we had

the opportunity to explain our projects. On that day we signed the cooperation agreement for foundation of TOBB ETÜ in Tashkent with Uzbekistan CCI. TOBB ETÜ Tashkent is founded together with Ministry of Education of Uzbekistan, Tashkent Economy University and Uzbekistan CCI.



## Geographical indications of Muğla

**A**s a global phenomenon of the day, geographical indications have become an important tool with their role in the rural development. Export of products with high added value is an essential key not only for the increase in the income of local people, but also for the sustainable growth of the country...

Visited by millions of tourists every

year, Muğla, one of the beautiful cities of Aegean Region, draws attention with its geographical indications.

Muğla CCI, Muğla Mercantile Exchange, Bodrum Chamber of Commerce, Fethiye CCI, Marmaris Chamber of Commerce and Milas CCI play a key role by protecting these values both at the stage of registration and on the points of branding and commercialisation.



Geographical indications make local products gain distinctive features and increase their added value by registering their authenticity. Thus, they provide a competitive edge to producers and develop local economies.

Chambers and Commodity Exchanges sustain the geographical indications that are the wealth of these lands by performing efficient studies on control, promotion, and marketing of the geographical indications.

Chambers and Commodity Exchanges perform the controls on-site together with the authority registered, considering the frequency of the controls defined for each geographical indication they are registered for.

## Niğde wants a fast train line and airport

**Ş**evket Katircioğlu, Chairman of Niğde Trade and Commerce Chamber, said "Niğde is not included in the fast train project connecting Kayseri, Nevşehir, Aksaray, Konya, Adana and Antalya. Inclusion of our city in this High Speed Train Line, together with Ulukışla County Dry Load Port Project will contribute to an increase in our country's exports and integration of modes of transportation such as rail, road, air and sea will decrease transportation and labor costs.

Niğde region needs a local airport in order to attract new investors to the region and revitalize the industry and trade further in the region using investment and incentive areas."

Zafer Uyanık, Chairman of Niğde



Commodity Exchange said, "Our region has been proved to be productive and competitive in agriculture and animal husbandry. Agriculture and animal husbandry are among the strongest aspects of Brand City Niğde project. Agricultural and animal production should have priority in Brand City Niğde processes.



Brand City Niğde project has been run by Niğde Governor's Office with the goal of increasing private sector investments and achieving development in all economic sectors especially including tourism, renewable energy, mining and industry sectors. Members of our commodity exchange have contributed to the project."