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Fellow entrepreneurs, business partners, and friends:

Filled with excitement and enthusiasm, it is my pleasure to write to you in this very first newsletter brought to you by the Turkish Canadian Chamber of Commerce (TCCC).

TCCC was founded as a politically independent, self-supporting, non-governmental and not-for-profit organization in Toronto. The Chamber's mission is to foster a sustainable growth in social, economic and political relations between Turkey and Canada. TCCC will provide a progressive platform for sharing the knowledge, experience and relations which Turkish and Canadian businessmen may need while conducting business in Canada, Turkey and in the International arena.

The Chamber formally started its operations on October 28, 2009. Speaking on behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, we are certain of nothing except of our own effort to make things work. We've set an aggressive direction for the Chamber and only time will tell if we were successful. In fact, you will tell us through your participation and involvement. I encourage you to come to our events, ask us questions and share your ideas.

I also encourage you to make this an opportunity of your own. Because opportunities don't come excellent by themselves; it's what we make of them. The Chamber has the potential to become what you want it to be. Do you see a role for the Chamber in growing your business? Do you see a role for yourself in fulfilling the Chamber's purpose? Do tell us about it. Our primary objective is to make the TCCC an organization that truly serves its members.

Wishing you success, good health and prosperity,

Hakan Toprak  
President

## TUSKON Trade Bridge

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## Did you know...

- The Turkish Canadian Chamber of Commerce is member of Toronto Board of Trade. ([www.bot.com](http://www.bot.com)) Toronto Board of Trade offers 25% discount on membership fees to the TCCC Members.
- Turkey is the 15th largest economy in the world and the 6th largest economy when compared with the 27 EU countries, according to GDP figures in 2008.
- With The rate of 11.3 percent, Turkey has accounted for the lion's share among the countries in the European retailing investments. It was stated that Turkey will become the favourite country in retailing again with respect to consumption and sales potential, as soon as conditions improve.

TCCC invites you to Turkiye..!



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For more information: [www.tuskonwtb.com](http://www.tuskonwtb.com).

The Trade Bridge concept has been developed by TUSKON and consists of bilateral business meetings, product displays, and complimentary field trips to different regions of Turkey. Bilateral business meetings and product displays constitute the core of Trade Bridge programs and are organized in Istanbul, Turkey. Trade Bridge programs are open to importers from all countries, cover all sectors, and provide excellent opportunities to meet with Turkey's leading manufacturers and exporters.

At TUSKON's Trade Bridge programs, thousands of participants are matched in advance according to their business profiles, thanks to TUSKON's unique IT infrastructure. TUSKON also provides an interpreter to each international participant in his/her own language for bilateral meetings to handle all possible communication problems.

In addition to international business people; foreign dignitaries, including but not limited to, presidents, prime ministers, ministers of trade and industry, presidents of chambers of commerce and industry, and selected journalists are also invited to TUSKON's Trade Bridge programs.



### MOU Agreement with TUSKON

TCCC has entered into a Member of Understanding (MOU) agreement with the Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialist of Turkey (TUSKON).

TUSKON is largest NGO in Turkey representing more than 14,000 entrepreneurs.

TUSKON has offices in Washington D.C., Beijing, Brussels, and Moscow and partners such as TCCC in more than 100 countries.

Through this agreement, both parties will exert their utmost efforts for the promotion of commercial and industrial relations between Canada and Turkey on the basis of cooperation and mutual benefits. As a result of this agreement, entrepreneurs will have access to resources and network of TUSKON through their TCCC membership.



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## TCCC was at Montreal

The Turkish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce formally started its operations in Montreal office on 18 March 2010. Chamber has organized an introduction meeting in Montreal, Quebec, on that day.

It was the first meeting at outside of Ontario. The meeting started with a traditional Sunday breakfast and TCCC's activities and projected action plans were presented after. Around 25 Turkish-Canadian businessmen attended to this event. They briefly uttered that Chamber activities will have a solid support from Montreal and mentioned that establishing a Chamber of Commerce to connect Turkish and Canadian entrepreneurs was a definite necessity.

Mr. Ayfert Barak was announced as Montreal representative for Chamber in this meeting as well.

In the near future similar introduction meetings will be conducted in Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Winnipeg which territory representatives have been already appointed. All other informations about TCCC can be obtained from Chamber's Web Site. ([www.tcccommerce.org](http://www.tcccommerce.org))

## Upcoming Events

- Chamber's third official Seminar will be taking place at Grand Hotel in Montreal on May 23rd, 2010
- TCCC will be attending to Hamilton Turkish Festival on June 13th, 2010
- TCCC is being a part of Toronto Turkish Festival on Aug 7,8 of 2010 as an organizing partner

## Want to Join to the Chamber?

- Please visit our website ([www.tcccommerce.org](http://www.tcccommerce.org)) to apply online or..
- Contact with our Executive Coordinator, Mr. Mehmet Budak at (416) 663-9000

## ARE YOU AN EXISTING BUSINESS OWNER LOOKED FOR AN HST SEMINAR?

Operating a business can take a lot of time and paperwork. Then there are the taxes. How do the PST and GST work, and how would the proposed HST affect your business? The Ontario Government has introduced this change to encourage economic growth and prosperity. To find out more about the transitional effects of HST on your business, TCCC conducted a very informative seminar to Chamber's members. The seminar has been presented by **Jason Ho** from Canada Revenue Agency on May 8th, 2010.



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## DO YOU WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH TURKEY? DID YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

Doing business is never been hard with Turkiye. The Turkish Canadian Chamber of Commerce conducted it's first official seminar to its members on March 28th, 2010



with the contribution of Turkish Ambassador's Commercial Counsellor Mr. Ferudun Baser. The seminar was held at Toronto Turkish Cultural center. Mr. Baser explained basic import and export rules of Turkiye to our members. He also made a detailed presentation about exporting-importing procedures and documentation in Canada.

Another honourable representative of this seminar was Economy

Professor, Talat Genc, from Guelph University. Mr. Talat Genc informed participants about Canada's general economic structure and growth.



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