

Turkic World and Diaspora in Edirne

World Turkic Forum will be organized with global participation between 28th and 30rd of May 2014 for the third time in its history.

The second meeting of World Turkic Forum Wise Persons Council will take place in Edirne.

For the first time; “Red Apple Awards” will be given in 11 categories in Edirne to various individuals from Turkic World.

Turkish Asian Centre for Strategic Studies (**TASAM**) gathers academics, statesmen, diplomats, journalists, leaders of NGOs and Think Tanks from Turkic World and Diasporas around the world in Edirne.

The 3rd World Turkic Forum will be attended by Turkish Minister of Health **Mehmet Müezzinoğlu**; Iraqi Minister of Communications **Torhan Al Mufti**, PhD; Minister of Culture of Autonomous Republic of Tatars tan **Ayrat Sibagatullin**; Macedonian Minister of State **Hadi Nezir**; General Secretary of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey Prof. **Mustafa İsen**; Governor of Edirne **Hasan Duruer**; ,Governor of Eskisehir and Chairman of Eskisehir 2013 TWCK Agency **Güngör Azmi Tuna**; Secretary General of Turkic Council Ambassador **Halil Akıncı**; Secretary General of TURKSOY Prof. **Düsen Kasseinov**; Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Turkey Prof. **Canseyit Tüymebayev**; Vice-Chairman of Yunus Emre Institute Dr. **Ebubekir Ceylan**; Members of Azerbaijani Parliament Prof. **Musa Gasımlı** and Assoc Prof. **Ganire Paşayeva**; Switzerland Basel Canton Parliamentarian **Hasan Kanber**; Member of Turkish Parliament Dr. **Sinan Oğan, PhD**; Senator of Belgian Parliament **Fatma Pehlivan**; Member of Kyrgyz Parliament **Joomart Saparbayev**; Senator of Kazakh Parliament **Sarsenbay Ensegenov**; Member of Greek Parliament **Ahmet Haciosman**; Kyrgyz Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism **Maksat Chakiyev**; Azerbaijan Undersecretary of Ministry of Diaspora **Neriman Kurbanov**; Chairman of TÜRSAB **Başaran Ulusoy**; DEİK Board Member **Murat Yalçıntaş**; Netherlands Chairman of Turkic House Research Center **Veyis Güngör**, PhD; Former Prime Minister of TRNC **Hakkı Atun**; Former Minister of State Prof. **Ahat Andican**; Czech Republic Former Minister of Human Rights and Minorities **Dzamil Stehlikova**, PhD; Honorary Chairman of German-Turkish Society Prof. **Hakkı Keskin**; Denmark Social Democrat Party former Parliamentarian and Social Commission Associate **Hüseyin Araç**; Rector of Gediz University Prof. **Seyfullah Çevik**, Chairman of TASAM **Süleyman Şensoy** and various representatives from international organizations, NGOs and Think Tanks.

Chairman Şensoy: “We are aiming to strengthen institutionalization”

Chairman of TASAM Süleyman Şensoy mentioned that the main difference of World Turkic Forum which was institutionalized three years ago that it has the decree to include Turkic Diasporas besides independent Turkic States and institutions. He also said: “Based upon World Turkic Forum’s Strategic

Vision Document; it is aimed to strengthen the institutionalization with the participation of independent Turkic States' delegations whether they had signed the Agreement of Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States or not and opinion leaders of Turkic Diasporas around the world.

Two Different Main Themes in Two Different Meeting Halls

3rd World Turkic Forum will begin with the opening ceremony on 28th of May Wednesday evening at 19.30 in Edirne at **Trakya University Faculty of Fine Arts** (the old train station). The Forum which will begin with the opening session on 29th of May Thursday at 09.30 in **Ekmekçizade Ahmed Pasha Caravansary**; will continue in two different meeting halls under two main themes.

In the **Turkic World** sessions the issue of “**Turkic Republics; Culture Diplomacy and Tourism**” and in the **Turkic Diasporas** sessions the issue of “**Turkic and Armenian Diasporas; Public Diplomacy: Opportunities and Risks**” will be discussed.

“Red Apple Awards” to Turkic World

In the final declaration of **2nd World Turkic Forum** which took place in İstanbul on 03-05 April 2013; it has been adopted that a “**Turkic World Award**” ceremony should be organized within the body of the Forum. In order to honor and encourage successful individuals and institutions that strengthen Turkic World's vision and depth; it was decided that **Turkic World Red Apple Awards** would be given to those individuals and institutions annually beginning from 2014.

The awards will be given in 11 categories such as; Red Apple “**Public Diplomacy**” Award, Red Apple “**Special**” Award, Red Apple “**Sports**” Awards, Red Apple “**Strategy**” Award, Red Apple “**Technology**” Award, Red Apple “**Art**” Award, Red Apple “**Culture**” Award, Red Apple “**Science**” Award, Red Apple “**Business**” Award, Red Apple “**Diplomacy**” Award, Red Apple “**State**” Award. The awards will be given for the first time, in the second day of **3rd World Turkic Forum** on 29th of May 2014 Thursday evening in Edirne.

The Second Meeting of World Turkic Forum Wise Persons Council will take place in Eskişehir

The first meeting of **WTF Wise Persons Council** was suggested to be formed in **1st World Turkic Forum** in October 2012; took place in İstanbul in April 2013 at the margin of **2nd World Turkic Forum**. The second meeting of the Council will take place on 28th of May Wednesday in Eskişehir; **2013 Turkic World Culture Center** and will be attended by: Secretary General of Turkic Council Ambassador (R) Halil Akıncı; Former State Minister of Republic of Turkey and Academic from İstanbul University Prof. Ahat Andıcan; Former Prime Minister of TRNC and Academic from Near East University Hakkı Atun; Netherlands Chairman of Turk house Research Center Veyis Güngör,Phd; Honorary Chairman of Turkish-German Society Prof. Hakkı Keskin; Academic from Manas Kyrgyz - Turkish University Prof. Kadırali Konkobayev; Academic from Hacettepe University Prof. Onur Bilge Kula; Academic from Marmara University Prof. Emine Gürsoy Naskali; Azerbaijan Member of Writers Union Anar Rızayev and Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to UNESCO Writer Olcas Süleymenov.

Participation of Armenian Representatives

The sessions; “Historical Perspective of Turkic-Armenian Relations from Ottoman Empire to Republic of Turkey”, “Intellectual Dialogue between Turkic-Armenian Diasporas; Pro-active Perspectives” and

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“Current Turkic-Armenian Relations, Problems and Solutions Suggestions” will take place in B Meeting Hall during 3rd World Turkic Forum and will be attendant by: Member of National Council of NCWA and National Academy of Sciences of Armenia Prof. Vahan Melikyan; Executive Director of Armenia Caucasus Research Resource Center Heghine Manasyan, PhD; Member of National Council and Coordinator of Projects in Turkey of NCWA Sevak Artsruni; Russia Institute for Social Studies Karine Gevorgyan; Christopher Gunn, PhD from Florida State University; Gevorg Kalloshyan from KAFKASSAM and Chairman of KAFKASSAM Hasan Oktay.

Justin McCarthy in 3rd World Turkic Forum

Prof. Justin McCarthy who is a lecturer in University of Louisville, USA and worldwide known expert on history of Ottoman Empire, Balkans and Middle East, will be present at the Forum as a speaker in “Historical Perspective of Turkic-Armenian Relations from Ottoman Empire to Republic of Turkey” session. Forum will be concluded with general negotiations in closing session which will be chaired by Prof. Vildan Serin.

Forum’s Media Sponsor TRT’s Board of Directors will be present

The meeting of board of directors of Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT) will take place simultaneously in Edirne. The board members include Director General of TRT İbrahim Şahin, Prof. Coşkun Çakır, Ahmet Koyuncu, Lawyer Recep Şahin, Hikmet İnce, Feridun Keşir and Zeki Çiftçi, PhD; they will attend the 3rd World Turkic Forum and then proceed to meeting of board of directors.

Important Issues of Turkic World on the agenda

On 29th of May Thursday, in the meeting hall A, under the main theme “**Turkic Republics: Culture Diplomacy and Tourism**”; The issues of “Cultural Diplomacy; New Tools and Models”, “Culture Diplomacy and Tourism Perspectives; (Azerbaijan - Kazakhstan - Kyrgyzstan - Uzbekistan)”, “Culture Diplomacy and Tourism Perspectives (Turkmenistan - Turkey - Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus)”, “Non-State Actors in Tourism; Proactive Suggestions; Civil Society, Private Sector, Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation in Tourism”, “Health Tourism”, “Non-State Actors in Tourism; Local Administrations Private Sessions (**C Hall**)” will be discussed. **In the B meeting Hall** in the sessions of **Turkic Diasporas** under the main theme “**Turkic and Armenian Diasporas; Public Diplomacy: Opportunities and Risks**”, the issues of “Historical Perspective of Turkic-Armenian Relations from Ottoman Empire to Republic of Turkey”, “Current Turkic-Armenian Relations, Problems and Solutions Suggestions”, “Intellectual Dialogue between Turkic-Armenian Diasporas; Pro-active Perspectives, (Turkic Diasporas - Armenian Diasporas)”, “The attitude of third parties towards Turkic-Armenian Issue: Causes and Consequences” and “Non-State Actors in Tourism; Media Special Session” will be discussed.

[For detailed information about 3rd World Turkic Forum http://www.tasam.org/en/Etkinlik/579/3rd_world_turkic_forum]

[For detailed information about Turkic World Red Apple Awards <http://kizilelma.dunyaturkforumu.org/index.php/en/>]

