

6TH TASAM STRATEGIC VISION AWARDS CEREMONY IS TONIGHT

TASAM (Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies) annual “Strategic Vision Awards” which have been granted since 2006, were announced.

TASAM Strategic Vision Awards are being granted as always to various eminent persons this year for the 6th time. There are 8 different categories: Strategic Vision Award Offered for Statesman, Politician, Bureaucrat, Scientist, Corporation, Businessman, Artist and Journalist-Writer. The awards are also given to who make serious endeavors for bringing Turkey over contemporaneous civilization level.

In 2011, Strategic Vision Awards are offered to eminent persons from Turkey such as: Deceased Former Prime Minister Prof. Necmettin Erbakan, Turkish President Abdullah Gül, Deputy Undersecretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Yaşar Halit Çevik, Academician - Writer Vamık Volkan, Comptroller General Dr. Recai Akyel, President of KARSAN Board of Directors İnan Kırış and Cartoonist-Actor Hasan Kaçan.

CHAIRMAN ŞENSOY: “TURKEY’S AIM TO BECOME A REGIONAL POWER & A GLOBAL ACTOR DEPENDS ON THE CHANGE IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES’ QUALITY”

Süleyman Şensoy the chairman of TASAM mentioned that as we are living on one of the breaking points of history, we need institutions and administrations that have strategic vision more than usual, therefore it is crucial to honour the individuals and institutions which have “strategic vision”. He said “The main theme of these awards is to support the development model that is based on human resources”.

Chairman Şensoy added that TASAM is also offering awards to foreign persons, statesmen and institutions who achieve Turkish people’s amity on the basis of friendly relations and cooperation.

The Award Ceremony will start on 29th of December 2011, at Ortaköy Princess Hotel, at 19.00.

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CATEGORIES AND NAMES OF 2011

Strategic Vision Award offered for **Statesman**

Abdullah GÜL, President of Republic of Turkey
Prof. Necmettin ERBAKAN, Deceased Prime Minister

Strategic Vision Award offered for **Corporation**

Kızılay, Turkey Red Crescent Foundation
AKUT, Search and Rescue Foundation

Strategic Vision Award offered for **Journalist - Writer**

Avni ÖZGÜREL, Writer, Radikal Newspaper
Yaşar ÇAĞBAYIR, Researcher - Writer
Mehmet Şevket EYGİ, Writer, Millî Gazete

Strategic Vision Award offered for **Politician**

Tahir AKYÜREK, Mayor of Konya Metropolitan
Sadrettin KARADUMAN, Member of GAB, Saadet Partisi
Prof. Yılmaz BÜYÜKERŞEN, Mayor of Eskişehir Metropolitan

Strategic Vision Award offered for **Bureaucrat**

Dr. Recai AKYEL, Comptroller General
Özgür ÖZASLAN, Undersecretary at Turkish Culture and Tourism Ministry
Ambassador Yaşar Halit ÇEVİK, Deputy Undersecretary at Foreign Affairs
Ambassador James A. Larocco, Director of NESAs (USA)
Kenan ÇİFTÇİ, Governor of Kütahya
Ahmad Mohamed Ali AL-MADANI, President of the Islamic Development Bank
Prof. Hüsnü Salih GÜDER, Rector of Mustafa Kemal University

Strategic Vision Award offered for **Artist**

Şule GÜRBÜZ - Recep GÜRGEN, Dolmabahçe Palace Clock Museum Artists
Esin AFŞAR Deceased Singing Artist - Writer - Actress
Hasan KAÇAN, Caricaturist - Actor

Strategic Vision Award offered for **Businessman**

Hasan ÇAPAN, Chairman of Avrasya Medical Health Products
İnan KIRAÇ, KARSAN Inc. Chairman of KARSAN Inc.
Recep KONUK, Chairman of Konya Şeker Inc.

Strategic Vision Award offered for **Scientist**

Assoc. Prof. Ekrem DEMİRLİ, Lecturer, Faculty of Theology; Istanbul University
Prof. Ambassador (E) Ali Engin OBA, Lecturer, Çağ University
Prof. Bekir KARLIĞA, Chairman, National Coordination Committee of the Alliance of Civilizations, Bahçeşehir Üniversitesi
Prof. Bülent ARAS, Lecturer, Istanbul Technical University | Chairman of SAM
Prof. Vamık VOLKAN, Academician - Writer

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