

# Turkey - Iran Forum will be Held in Van

**Turkey - Iran Forum** with the main theme of “**Sectoral and Financial Deepening**” will be held in Van on **23-25 October 2014** by cooperation of **Van Governorship, DAKA** (EADA | Eastern Anatolia Development Agency), **IPIS** (Iran’s Foreign Ministry Institution for Political and International Studies) **Van Yüzüncü Yıl University** and **TASAM**.

**Turkey - Iran Van Forum** will be convened in Elite World Van Hotel and opening speeches will be made by Chairman of TASAM Süleyman Şensoy, Rector of Van Yüzüncü Yıl University Prof. Peyami Battal, Governor of Van Aydın Neziğ Doğan, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Islamic Republic of Iran His Excellency Hadi Solemimanpour, and Representatives of Republic of Turkey.

After reception on Thursday evening 23<sup>rd</sup> October, official program of Forum will continue with opening speeches on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. In the first session of **Turkey - Iran Van Forum**, “**Public Diplomacy**” will be talked in Venue A, while in Venue B “**Culture and Tourism**” will be discussed. Afternoon in the second and third sessions, “**Education (Language)**” and “**Energy and Petrochemistry**” topics in Venue A and “**Banking and Finance**” and “**Industry**” topics in Venue B will be discussed respectively,

In sessions on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October, in Venue A “**Turkey - Iran Dialogue of Civilizations**” (joint session), “**Logistic, Transportation and Communication**”, “**Economy and Trade**” and “**Science and Technology**” topics will be talked respectively, while in Venue B “**Health and Health Tourism**”, “**Media and Communication**” and “**Construction, Construction Business and Infrastructure**” topics will be discussed respectively.

## **Şensoy “Cognitive Threshold in Turkey Iran Relations; Sectoral and Financial Deepening”**

“To reach an ideal point in Turkey - Iran relations in multidimensional world power systematic, it is required to gravitate towards a structure that is deepened in not only political and strategic ground but also each parameters mutually” is stated by Chairman of TASAM Süleyman Şensoy before the Forum. He also added that Turkey and Iran are two candidates for the regional power that have common interests in regions like Central Asia, South Asia, Middle East, Caucasians and share common history and values; relations of the two countries are defined as strategic partnership, and to deal with global and regional issues cooperative working of Turkey and Iran is needed deeply.

Chairman Süleyman Şensoy remarked that despite of all initiatives, Turkey - Iran relations are stuck in “more talk – less action” and full of ups and downs; it is vital whether status of relations will remain same or not in term of future of the region and coping with regional problems.

Turkey – Iran relations contains potential in every field is added by Chairman Şensoy while he pointed to German - French cooperation in Europe and it is emphasized that it could be bigger than German - French cooperation.

Şensoy underlined that Turkey is very important for Islamic Republic of Iran due to Iran’s wish for penetrating Europe’s natural gas market, moreover both countries are also facing common threats in the region. He continues “Sectoral and financial deepening in relations by focusing on common ground of politics rather than differences are reasonable and beneficial mutually. **Turkey - Iran Van Forum** contributes strategically and intellectually to especially Van and in large sectoral deepening of economies of Turkey and Iran.”

In addition to paper presentations; experts, researchers, academicians, journalists, representatives of business, bureaucrats, diplomats from Turkey and Iran will attend 3 days Forum as a audience or negotiator. In the Forum, Turkish and Persian simultaneous translation will be provided, and presented papers will be published into a book by TASAM.

For detailed information please click the link:

[http://www.tasam.org/en/Etkinlik/631/turkey\\_-\\_iran\\_van\\_forum](http://www.tasam.org/en/Etkinlik/631/turkey_-_iran_van_forum)