

“An Economic Potential of \$150 Billion” 2nd Turkey - Iran Forum is in Tehran

The second Turkey - Iran Forum, held in Van last year, is to take place in Iran in cooperation of Eastern Anatolian Development Agency (DAKA), Iran Foreign Ministry - Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS), Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Research (TASAM) and will be hosted by IPIS.

The event will be organized on 26-27 December 2015 in Tehran with the main theme “Opportunities for Sectoral and Financial Deepening”

Having the sub-titles of “Public Diplomacy”, “Culture and Tourism”, “Construction and Infrastructure”, Education (Language), “Health and Health Tourism”, “Energy and Petro-chemistry”, “Manufacturing and Defense Industry”, “Logistics, Transportation and Telecommunications”, “Banking and Finance”, “Economy and Trade”, “Media and Communication” and “Science & Technology”, The Second Turkey – Iran Forum, will also include a special session titled “Turkey - Iran Civilization Dialogue”

The conference will be attended chiefly by representatives of business circles as well as local authorities, press members, business circles, bureaucrats and diplomats from Turkey and Iran, and will last for 3 days. Turkish - Farsi simultaneous translation will be provided throughout the conference and all speeches will be compiled in a book by TASAM Publishing.

The first Turkey - Iran Forum was held last year in Van which is geographically an exit point for Turkey to Iran as well as Central and Southern Asia, Caucasus, and a reaching point to European Countries through Turkey for Iran. It dealt with the subject “Sectoral and Financial Consolidation” before the nuclear deal.

Chairman Sensoy: Turkey and Iran Have a Potential of \$150 Billion Trade Volume

In his statement regarding Iran-Turkey's trade volume that has a potential of \$150 Billion, TASAM chairman Suleyman Sensoy said that the "psychological threshold" for us to overcome is based on "sectoral and financial consolidation" on the basis of "mutual dependence.

Underlining that disputes serve to interests of foreign actors, Mr. Sensoy said neither Turkey excluding Iran nor Iran ignoring Turkey would achieve success in their regional and global politics

Stating that "The border cities such as Van and Khoy do not get the deserved share from Turkey-Iran economic relations, and for this purposes, in addition to transportation and communication, the deficiency in the areas of financial, bureaucratic and diplomatic services has to be eliminated". Mr. Sensoy continued "As a result of inspiration by the meeting of Iran, Azerbaijan and Turkey's foreign ministers during the second meeting, the main purpose of event that will take place in Iran this year is to provide strategic contribution to establishing mutual depth in the economies, particularly of cities, generally of Turkey and Iran. Successful result of nuclear negotiations offers to both countries strategic opportunities that will deepen interdependence. In this context, the forum will play an important role in bringing together industry representatives."

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