PROTOCOL
OF THE EIGHTH SESSION OF
TURKISH - MONGOLIAN
JOINT ECONOMIC AND TRADE COMMITTEE

The 8th session of the Turkish-Mongolian Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETC) was held in Ulaanbaatar on March 19-21, 2018, in accordance with the "Agreement on Trade, Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and Mongolia" signed on May 29, 1992.

The Turkish Delegation was headed by H.E. Hakan ÇAVUŞOĞLU, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey and the Mongolian Delegation was headed by H.E. Nyamaa ENKHBOLD, Minister of Defense of Mongolia.

The members of the Turkish and Mongolian Delegation are listed in Annexes I and II, respectively.

During his visit, H.E. Hakan ÇAVUŞOĞLU, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, was received by H.E Miyegombo ENKHBOLD, Speaker of the Parliament and met with H.E Ulziisaikhan ENKHTUVSHIN, Deputy Prime Minister, H.E. Nyamaa ENKHBOLD, Minister of Defense, H.E Damdin TSOGTBAATAR, Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E Chimed KHURELBAATAR, Minister of Finance, and H.E Jadamba BAT-ERDENE, Minister of Road and Transport Development of Mongolia.

The meetings and discussions between the two sides were conducted in a cordial atmosphere based on their desire to further strengthen and develop bilateral economic and commercial relations for their mutual benefit and progress.

At the Plenary Session of the JETC, the two sides reviewed the trends in overall economic and trade relations between the two countries, and discussed new ways and means to promote and enhance the bilateral trade and investment relations.

Both sides are pleased to note that the 8th session of the JETC will be followed by the visit of H.E. Binali YILDIRIM, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, to Mongolia.

Both sides highlighted the importance of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, to be celebrated next year, as well as confirmed their willingness to elevate their relations to the level of "strategic partnership".

During the technical meeting and the Plenary Session of the JETC, various issues of mutual interest were discussed and the results of these deliberations are summarized as follows:

1. Trade Relations

Both sides reviewed the developments in their bilateral trade and confirmed that the current level of trade volume was below their economic potential and there is more room for improvement in bilateral trade relations for mutual benefits.

Aiming to increase the trade volume between Turkey and Mongolia, and desiring to diversify the composition of bilateral trade, both sides expressed their intention to

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launch a joint study on economic possibility of establishing Free Trade Agreement between two countries. In this regard, Mongolian side will send a draft Memorandum of Intent.

2. Training Program for Foreign Trade

Both sides expressed their pleasure over training seminar on free trade agreements and the Turkey - EU Customs Union experiences which will be delivered by the Turkish side in Ulaanbaatar from April 25-27, 2018 upon the request of the Mongolian side.

The Turkish side also expressed its willingness to provide additional support to the Mongolian side in case of further need of technical assistance and capacity building about free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations. The Mongolian side welcomed this proposal and asked the Turkish side to share experience particularly on Turkey-South Korea FTA.

The Turkish side stated its willingness to provide technical training for the WTO issues, and trade related matters and any trade related area that might be requested by the Mongolian side.

3. Investment Relations

Both sides underlined the importance of investments in the development of their bilateral relations. In this respect, both sides expressed their willingness to renew the "Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Mongolia Concerning Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investments" signed on March 16, 1998, together with adjusting it to the recent legal regulations made in both countries.

To this objective, the Turkish side submitted a draft text.

Both sides agreed to launch cooperation in the field of animal husbandry by implementing Turkish advanced technologies in meat-processing and leather-processing manufactories in Mongolia and further create a meat-processing joint venture for exporting purposes.

4. Contracting and Technical Consultancy Services

Both sides acknowledged the importance of cooperation on infrastructure and upper structure projects for the development of Mongolia and agreed to encourage their companies as well as their related institutions for further collaboration in this area.

The Turkish side expressed its willingness to participate in the housing projects in Mongolia.

The Mongolian side informed, upon the request of the Turkish side, following websites where the open bid information is announced;

https://tender.gov.mn
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5. Business Cooperation

Both sides reiterated the need to enhance cooperation in the exchange of trade and investment delegations, business forums, and promotion of partnerships between business people, facilitated by the respective national business membership organizations of the two countries.

In this framework, the Turkish side stated that Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEİK) is ready to organize the Turkey – Mongolia Business Council Meeting in collaboration with the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MNCCI) in Mongolia and Turkey in 2018 and 2019 respectively.

The Mongolian side welcomed the initiative of the Turkish Exporters Assembly (TIM) to organize a visit of Mongolian companies to Turkey in the second half of 2018 for the future exporting opportunities.

Both sides also agreed to establish a Mongolian-Turkish Chamber of Commerce and Industry between the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and the MNCCI.

The Turkish side expressed the willingness of the TOBB to organize the Chamber Development Capacity Program for the MNCCI in the second half of the year.

Both sides agreed to task Turkey-Mongolia Business Council to prepare a "Joint Action Plan" for mapping of resources and opportunities for entrepreneurship development and facilitation, especially regarding SME's of both sides, aimed at mutual growth.

6. Agriculture

Both sides expressed their intention to sign the "MoU between the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia on Cooperation in the field of Agriculture" during the visit of H.E. Binali YILDIRIM, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, to Mongolia.

The Turkish side expressed its willingness to provide consultancy and planning services support to form a registration system of animal breeding for bovine and ovine animals, bio-technology and to share knowledge and experience between the producer associations of the two countries.

7. Cooperation on Free Zones

Both sides expressed their contentment over the visit of the representatives from the Altanbulag Free Zone to the İstanbul Thrace Free Zone and the European Free Zone on November 10-12, 2015.

Both sides agreed to sign the "MoU between the Republic of Turkey and Mongolia regarding Cooperation in the field of Free Zones" at the earliest.

Aiming to further deepen the relations in the field of free zones through this MoU, both sides agreed to establish a long-term bilateral cooperation in this field through holding regular consultations and engage in bilateral activities with an objective of creating the

foundation for an effective collaboration of the State Administrative Bodies and investors of free zones.

The Mongolian side informed the Turkish side on ongoing discussions between TİKA and the Tsagaannuur Free Zone Directorate.

8. Financial Cooperation

The Mongolian side expressed its willingness to cooperate with the Turkish side in financing projects, in particular Tourism Complex Project in "Orkhon Valley" and "Emeelt Park" industrial project. The Turkish side stated its willingness to work on projects once submitted through diplomatic channel.

The Turkish side informed that the Turk Eximbank allocated credit limit for the Khaan Bank, the Development Bank of Mongolia and the Golomt Bank. The limit for the Khaan Bank was activated. The Turkish side invited interested companies to use these loan facilities efficiently.

9. Energy and Mining Cooperation

Both sides decided to explore cooperation possibilities in the fields of energy and mining. Both sides expressed their willingness to develop cooperation in the fields of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

The Turkish side underlined its readiness to cooperate with the Mongolian side on effective utilization of coal resources, improvement of coals, effective use of coal products and derivatives in agriculture and industry sectors, and increasing energy efficiency in buildings.

Within the scope of legislations of two sides and in line with reciprocal expert opinions, both sides agreed to evaluate the joint project opportunities on research and exploration of mineral and energy raw material resources and organize training programs on earth sciences between the General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration of Turkey and the Mineral Resources and Petroleum Authority of Mongolia.

10. Transportation

Both sides underlined the role of regular flights by the Turkish Airlines on the route Istanbul-Ulaanbaatar-Istanbul in strengthening and promotion of bilateral trade, business and tourism exchanges between Mongolia and Turkey.

The Turkish side invited the relevant Mongolian authorities to "Turkey-Asia Conference" that will be held in Antalya from April 23-25, 2018. The Mongolian side received the invitation with pleasure and confirmed its participation.

Both sides agreed to hold a meeting between Civil Aviation Authorities and designated airlines within one month. The date and place of the meeting should be communicated through diplomatic channel.

Both sides also underlined the importance of promoting regional connectivity through rail and road transportation projects.

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Both sides highlighted the importance of the "Middle Corridor" initiative, namely Modern Silk Road, for economic development and prosperity of the region as it is the most secure, viable and shortest route. In this respect, the Mongolian side has also expressed its interest in getting involved in the Middle Corridor, which enables Mongolia to reach Europe and South-East Asia through an uninterrupted railway network.

The Turkish side proposed to cooperate on production, maintenance and repair services for the locomotives and wagons, technical services, education, consultancy services, and experience share in the field of railway sector. In return, the Mongolian side welcomed the Turkish side proposal in this area and proposed to jointly develop a feasibility study for the establishment of Freight Wagon Plant in Mongolia and possibly implement the project once the study is completed.

Both sides also expressed their desire to further developing the existing cooperation in the field of road transportation.

11. Industrial Cooperation

Both sides highlighted the importance of broadening the scope of cooperation and further increasing the number of activities and meetings under the "MoU on Industrial and Technical Cooperation between the Ministry of Industry and Agriculture of Mongolia and the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of the Republic of Turkey" signed on July 19, 2005.

Both sides agreed to develop their bilateral industrial cooperation through exchange of information and experience, creating joint projects, and providing technical support.

Furthermore, both sides expressed their readiness and willingness to sign the related MoU. The Turkish side will submit a draft to the Mongolian side through diplomatic channel within one month.

The Mongolian side expressed its interest to implement "Emeelt Park" project with Turkey and the project presentation was submitted.

12. Small and Medium Sized Enterprises

Both sides agreed to promote cooperation between the SME's in their respective countries, and stated their willingness to organize events for sharing knowledge and experience on SME's.

Both sides also agreed to sign the "MoU between the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization (KOSGEB) of the Republic of Turkey and the SME Development Fund of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia" during the visit of H.E. Binali YILDIRIM, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, to Mongolia.

13. Tourism

Both sides confirmed their readiness to foster the bilateral tourism cooperation.

Both sides expressed their satisfaction over the common understanding reached between the Presidents and Prime Ministers of the respected countries through letters concerning the implementation of tourism complex project in Orkhon Valley. The Turkish side expressed its readiness to work on this project within the framework of this common understanding. In this regard, both sides decided to determine the ways of cooperation to implement the project, by 2019.

14. Science and Technology

Both sides expressed their common desire on exchanging of views and developing cooperation on research and development support and incentive programs performed by both countries as well as developing joint projects on primary technological areas for both countries.

Both sides expressed their intention to sign the "Protocol of Scientific & Technological Cooperation" between the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBİTAK) and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Sports (MECSS) of Mongolia and decided to jointly develop and fund projects covering both academia and industry. The TUBİTAK will send a draft Protocol to the MECSS in one month.

Both sides also expressed their willingness to develop relations between the Turkish Academy of Science and the Mongolian Academy of Sciences (MAS) through providing further support for the joint academic activities.

Both sides decided to develop cooperation in the fields of renewable energy, environment research and other actual topics of common interest between the TÜBİTAK and related Mongolian bodies.

15. Culture

Both sides agreed to hold cultural events and exhibitions in their respective capitals on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. The Mongolian side expressed its intention to organize the Ancient Hun Empire exhibition with collaboration of the MAS and relevant organizations of Turkey.

16. Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation

Both sides expressed their satisfaction with ongoing cooperation in the fields of standardization, conformity assessment, testing and calibration. In this regard, with a view to enhancing existing cooperation, both sides agreed to sign an Action Plan between the Turkish Standard Institute (TSE) and the Mongolian Agency for Standardization and Metrology (MASM) on April 18, 2018, in Ulaanbaatar in order to implement the signed protocols between the two countries.

Both sides stated that the TSE and the MASM will continue the cooperation within international standardization organizations such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electro-technical Commission (IEC).

Both sides agreed to start cooperation between the National Metrology Institute of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK UME) and the MASM. Within this context, the TÜBİTAK UME will send a draft Cooperation Protocol to the MASM in one month.

The Turkish side provided general information on its Halal Accreditation Council (HAK) established for the accreditation of halal conformity assessment bodies functioning in Turkey and all around the world.

17. Urbanization

Both sides decided to cooperate on exchange of expertise in the fields of upper-scaled spatial planning, urban development policies for sustainable cities, rural area planning, urban renewal, environmental management and risk assessment.

The Turkish side offered technical cooperation in the field of construction works including project management, building safety, knowledge-sharing, engineering education, and building inspection as well as damage assessment, debris removal and infrastructure coordination works with regard to disaster. The Mongolian side welcomed these proposals.

Both sides stated their readiness to make cooperation on advanced construction technologies and development of disaster-resilient infrastructure systems as well as its experience on managing relations among the relevant stakeholders within the scope of urban transformation implementations.

Both sides agreed to further enhance and activate the direct relations and cooperation between the Housing Development Administration (TOKİ) of Turkey and the State Housing Corporation (TOSK) of Mongolia.

18. Forestry, Environment Protection and Water Management

The Turkish side proposed to conduct joint projects in the fields of ecosystem based functional forest planning and management, combatting harmful agents (forest fires, pests and diseases) of forests and desertification, conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, exchange of experience on the management of pastures within protected areas and sustainable game/hunting management.

The Turkish side proposed to establish technical cooperation and to exchange experts and programs in the following fields:

- Preparation of river basin management plans,
- Impacts of climate change on water resources,
- Sustainable water management, water and waste water treatment technologies,
- Design and operation of water and wastewater treatment plans.

The Mongolian side expressed its readiness to cooperate in above-mentioned as appropriate.

19. Cooperation in the field of Education

Both sides agreed to cooperate on higher education, provide support for exchange programs for students, academicians, and government officers, grant scholarships and organize promotional events for their scholarship programs.

Both sides agreed to work together towards concluding the "Agreement on Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Mongolia on Higher Education Scholarships".

Both sides also agreed to sign the "MoU between the National Academy of Governance of Government of Mongolia and the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities of the Republic of Turkey" during the visit of H.E. Binali YILDIRIM, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, to Mongolia.

Both sides agreed to renew the Agreement of Cultural, Educational and Scientific Cooperation signed in 1992 between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Mongolia, and to sign following documents:

- Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Education between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Mongolia.
- Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Culture and Tourism between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Mongolia.
- Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Youth and Sports between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Mongolia.

The Turkish side expressed its interest and the Mongolian side took note that the Turkish Maarif Foundation along with the Ministry of National Education of Turkey shall conduct the educational activities by opening schools and educational facilities on behalf of the Republic of Turkey in accordance with its domestic law.

The Turkish side asked the Mongolian side to take all necessary steps to assist the Foundation on this matter within Mongolian laws and regulations.

The Mongolian side expressed its willingness to cooperate in the field of vocational training and education, particularly to improve the capacity of teachers through exchange of experts and experiences.

20. Defense Cooperation

Both sides expressed their willingness to continue to cooperate on defense industry and identify potential defense industry cooperation projects in order to attain tangible and mutually beneficial results on the basis of the Agreement on Defense Industry Cooperation between the Government of Mongolia and the Government of the Republic of Turkey signed in 2001.

21. Technical Assistance by the Turkish International Cooperation Administration

Both sides expressed their satisfaction with the signing of the "Development Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Mongolia" in Ulaanbaatar on April 8, 2016. With the spirit of this Agreement, both sides underscored their common desire to further develop technical cooperation between the two countries.

The Mongolian side expressed its pleasure with the Turkish International Cooperation Administration (TİKA) projects realized in the fields of education, health, development of administrative units, social infrastructure needs, vocational courses, urbanization,

reduction of air pollution, transportation, protection of cultural heritage, agriculture, animal husbandry and light industries.

The Turkish side agreed to complete construction of health centers (10 health centers and 1 dialysis center), as promised by the Turkish side during Istanbul Mayor's visit in Mongolia in 2016, by 2020 through TİKA.

22. Cooperation in the field of Social Affairs

Both sides also expressed their contentment over the signing of the "Agreement on Social Security between the Government of Mongolia and the Republic of Turkey" on 7th of March, 2018 in Ankara and agreed to take all the necessary measures to ratify the agreement as soon as possible.

The Mongolian side proposed to develop cooperation in the area of occupational safety and hygiene and to share experts and experiences in this regard.

23. Emergency and Migration Issues

Both sides expressed their intention to sign the MoU on cooperation in the field of emergency management between the National Emergency Management Agency of Mongolia and the Disaster and Emergency Management Authority of the Republic of Turkey as well as the MoU on cooperation between the Mongolian Immigration Agency and the Directorate General of Migration Management of the Republic of Turkey on the sidelines of visit of H.E. Binali YILDIRIM, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, to Mongolia.

TIME AND VENUE OF THE NEXT SESSION

Both sides agreed to hold the 9th session of the Joint Economic and Trade Committee in Ankara, Turkey on a date to be mutually determined through diplomatic channels.

Done and signed in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on March 21, 2018 in two originals in English language.

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EIGHTH SESSION OF TURKISH – MONGOLIAN JOINT ECONOMIC AND TRADE COMMITTEE 19-21 MARCH 2018, ULAANBAATAR

LIST OF TURKISH DELEGATION

1. H.E. Hakan ÇAVUŞOĞLU	Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey
2. Muhittin Ahmet YAZAL	Turkish Ambassador to Ulaanbaatar
3. Mustafa ŞENTOP	Member of Parliament
4. Salih CORA	Member of Parliament
5. Fuat KASIMCAN	Head of Technical Delegation Deputy Director General of Agreements, Ministry of Economy
6. Dr. Cahit BAĞCI	Member of Board of Trustees Turkish Maarif Foundation
7. Nedim KAYA	Member of Board of Directors Turkish Maarif Foundation
8. Sait YUSUF	Vice President Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities
9. Salih Tuna ŞAHİN	Vice President Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization
10. Fatma Ömür ÜNSAY	Deputy Director General for Bilateral Economic Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs
11. Veysel ÇİFTCİ	TİKA Coordinator in Ulaanbaatar Turkish International Cooperation Administration
12. Mehmet Hakan AKGÜN	Head of Department Directorate General of Agreements Ministry of Economy
13. Oğuzhan BERBER	Head of Department Directorate General of Free Zones, Overseas Investment and Services Ministry of Economy

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14. Gökhan DURSUN	Foreign Trade Expert Directorate General of Agreements Ministry of Economy
15. Neslihan Ece KORKMAZ	Expert Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock
16. İbrahim Aykut ARAZ	Assistant Foreign Trade Expert Directorate General of Agreements Ministry of Economy
17. Bilal BELYURT	Assistant Foreign Trade Expert Directorate General of Free Zones, Overseas Investment and Services Ministry of Economy
18. Gülşen ALPER	Expert Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization
19. Hale KARAİSMAİLOĞLU	Assistant Expert Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities
20. Ali ÖZDEMİR	Turkish Airlines Ulaanbaatar Director
21. Çağla MAZLUM	Regional Coordinator Foreign Economic Relations Board
22. Adem KULA	Expert Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey

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LIST OF MONGOLIAN DELEGATION

1. N.Enkhbold	Minister of Defence, Co-chair of Mongolian side
2. R.Bold	Ambassador of Mongolia to the Republic of Turkey
3. L.Sayanaa	Head of Deputy Prime Minister's office
4. M.Tsengeg	Director General, Department for Europe, MFA
5. E.Gansukh	Head of Department of international cooperation, Ministry of Defense
6. I.Batkhuu	Head of Development financing department, Ministry of Finance
7. T.Gantogtokh	Head of Department for Policy Coordination and Implementation of Food Production, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia
8. G.Ulziisaikhan	Deputy Director General, Department of Foreign trade and economic cooperation, MFA
9. B.Bolor-Erdene	Head of International cooperation division, Ministry of Road and Transport development
10. S.Munkhnasan	Head of Air transportation policy regulation division, Ministry of Road and Transport development
11. L.Munbat	Head of International trade and investment department, Chamber of Commerce
12. N.Tileuhan	Head of Investment division, Ministry of Construction and Urban Development
13. B.Bilguun	Deputy head, Agency for Standardization and Metrology
14. D.Gardi	Head of International relations division, Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Sport
15. B.Ankhbayar	Head of Nonmetal mineral division, Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry
16. O.Bavuudorj	Head of Renewable energy division, Ministry of Energy
17. Kh.Ankhbayar	Officer, ODA policy division, Ministry of Finance
18. B.Nyamsuvd	Officer, International cooperation division, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection
19. G.Batbayar	Head of Division, Civil aviation authority
20. A.Lkahmserjid	Senior officer, International Cooperation division, Ministry of Construction and Urban development
21. D.Navchaa	Officer, International cooperation division, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia
22. B.Zolzaya	Officer, Project and international cooperation division, Mayor's Office
23. G.Ganbayar	Secretary, Joint economic and trade committee

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