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Burkay: The fate of Bursa is industry

New President of Bursa Chamber of Commerce and Industry, ibrahim Burkay, noting that Bursa has production in all of the genetic codes, said that there is a need to change the pattern of production.

Ibrahim Burkay, who won the election held in May in Bursa Chamber of Commerce and Industry, became a member of Administrative Board of BEBKA. Mr. Burkay, who made evaluations about Bursa's financial future and BEBKA's role by stating that the fate of Bursa is industry, said 'There is a need to change the pattern of production. Some variety of products in some sectors may no longer contribute to the competitiveness of Bursa. Bursa has been the most respected industrial city of Turkey. I believe that industry will be kept going, however it will change dimension in time. By the way, it is indispensable that Bursa will be specialised and become prominent in the field of tourism which we call 'An industry without chimney' and its sub-branches such as health and congress tourism.'

Crucial city, Bursa to get Turkey's 2023 targets

Burkay, drawing attention that BEBKA,

which guides development and produces local-oriented solutions to local-oriented problems, contributes to the assessment of Bursa's present potential. He continued his speech as follows:

'Bursa is a leading and crucial city to get Turkey's 2023 targets. Bursa has intervention skills, well-educated people, logistics and competitive production pattern. We need to continue diversion of countries and sectors in external trade and additively focus on alternative sectors such as tourism. Bursa is an old industrial city. It needs to be regenerated and needs to shift from low value-added products to high added value ones. While we need to keep research & development and innovation capacity strong in the sectors of Automotive, Textile Machinery, Electrical and Electronics, Chemical and Materials; we have to accelerate Defence, Space, Energy, Health, Water and Food sectors. However, we also need other sectors for a balanced future. Tourism is the most leading one. In the

last five years, more than 20 significant investments of hotel were made. Bursa has a big chance to be a centre of tourism, especially in spa and congress tourism. Bursa should be the centre of Turkey's high-tech, R&D and innovation. That's why, new fields as mentioned above such as defence, health investment need to be promoted. I imagine in 2023, Bursa will be as follows: It is a city whose population exceeds 3.5 million, which contributes over 5 per cent of Turkey's national income, produces 110 billion worth of goods and services and exports more than 75 billion \$, whose most of business become among Turkey's top 500 industrial companies, has national income of 30.000\$ for per capita and unemployment rate is decreased to %5, which becomes owner of global brands. I see BEBKA follows the strategy which is compatible with these targets. What our city needs is just to share common sense and to combine the power of local capabilities.'

Bilecik will Move Up with crucial projects

New President of Bilecik Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Fevzi Uzun, said that they would begin to work for the third Organised Industrial Zone. He emphasized that new projects will move-up the industry of Bilecik.

A new era began for Bilecik Chamber of Commerce and Industry which has 1200 members. Firstly, the new president Fevzi Uzun, formed a project group. Mr. Uzun, being also executive board member of BEBKA, informed that they would try their best for the establishment of third organised industry zone. In his interview to BEBKA News, Fevzi Uzun said as follows:

'Industrialization started later than other cities in our city. One of the most important problems was transportation. We have made progress in transportation in the last 5 years. Bilecik declared a campaign for transportation. Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications Minister has been coming here and taking reports every month. He especially follows the High-Speed Train project. Formerly, we had problems with İstanbul-Eskişehir Highway, a huge investment was made and this investment paved the way for Bilecik. On the other hand, first and second organised industrial zones are nearly full. The remaining

lots are very small parcels which do not attract inventors. We also have organised industrial zones in districts but there is no investment due to various reasons. Nowadays, the biggest problem is the absence of third organised industrial zone. We had interview with the president of Bursa Chamber of Commerce and Industry Zone, İbrahim Burkay. At the end of the interview, we made decision to hold meetings. If Bursa, Bilecik and Eskişehir work together, both region and Turkey will accomplish great success. Both Bursa and Eskişehir will take advantage from the development of Bilecik. They may have demands for third organised industrial zone or there may be shifting industrial establishments from other cities to Bilecik. From now on, we will be in contact with each other. We need to provide cheaper lots to attract industrialists. The first and second organised industrial zones are about total of 5.200 square meters. We also have 8-9 thousand square meters areas which are publicly owned and non-arable for the

third organised industrial zone. On the other hand, we still have communication problems within the city and the districts. In order to overcome the problem, we are planning to hold board meetings in districts every month. We want to provide uniformity by bringing together regional dynamics. We want to bring together industrial zones, export unions, industry and business associations, other business organizations and professional organizations. We aim to produce projects and bring all dynamics of the province together. If we achieve these goals, we will have a stronger voice for Bilecik.'





Alaattin Üçok

We Produce, Treat and Protect Environment

Mustafakemalpaşa Organised Industrial Zone (OIZ), increased efficiency and capacity of sludge dewatering unit with 225.000 TL grant from BEBKA , in accordance with motto 'we produce, treat and protect environment' by improving the current state of wastewater treatment facility.

Bursa Eskişehir Bilecik Development Agency (BEBKA) makes a significant contribution to environmental protection with the institutions which are provided with financial support within '2011 Environment and Energy Financial Assistance Program'. One of them is Mustafakemalpaşa Organised Industrial Zone (OIZ). The institution, which

deserves to receive 75 per cent grant for 350.000 TL worth of project, improved the current state of wastewater treatment facility by increasing efficiency and capacity of sludge dewatering unit. Therefore, better quality of treated water is achieved by meeting standards for phosphorus levels. The director of Mustafakemalpaşa OIZ, Alaattin Üçok,

having told the process of initiation of project, said all the production of industrial zones needs to be done without harming the environment. Mr. Üçok, stating their motto is 'we produce, treat and protect environment', said that they had also started this project for treatment facility out of this motto.

Tepebaşı Municipality Converted Sun's Energy into Electricity

Municipality of Tepebaşı has finished an exemplary project for 'Renewable Energy'. Municipality service building produces its own electricity with the project which was supported by BEBKA.

Ahmet Ataç



The grant given by BEBKA for 'renewable energy', which is becoming more and more important due to the limited energy resources, has realized Eskişehir's dreams.

Municipality of

Tepebaşı began to produce its own electricity by means of the project called 'Energy

Efficient Building for Low Carbon Footprint' whose 75 percentage of budget was supported by BEBKA.

Ahmet Aytaç, the mayor of Tepebaşı Municipality, said the investments in renewable energy have been coming to the forefront, noting that our country is foreign-dependent in terms of energy. Mr. Ataç, noting that they have done research to save energy and reduced their own consumption, continued as follows: 'We began to work

for improvement of the effective use of energy used in our building as a result of energy audit and energy simulation studies in 2010. Improvements in heating, cooling and ventilation systems were made. The automation system was installed in order to convert the building into smart building. We had encouraging results. We tried to consolidate the sensibility to the environment by doing studies for effective use of energy a step further.'

Environmental Revolution in Bilecik 2nd OIZ! (Organised Industrial Zone)

Wastewater Treatment Facility project with a budget over 2 million Turkish Liras, changed the face of Bilecik. The facility, which BEBKA contributed nearly 500 thousand Turkish liras, has begun to serve in a short period of time. After Solid Waste Landfill Project put in operation, a major transformation will witness the region.

Wastewater Treatment Facility aiming to contribute to the improve the quality of Karasu stream which flows through Bilecik 2nd Organised Industrial Zone into the River Sakarya, has been implemented in a short period of time: 5 months. The projects in which environmental and health risk factors are aimed to be minimized began implementing with the support of Provincial Special Administration and BEBKA. Quality of life in industrial zone and surrounding will be improved with the help of facility which

accepts connections of the firms meeting discharge criteria.

BEBKA lessens the burden on Bilecik organized industrial zone

Halis Nalbant, who is Board Chairman of Bilecik 2nd Organised Industrial Zone, a member of BEBKA Development Board and Secretary General of Bilecik Provincial Special Administration, stated that 2nd Organised Industrial Zone's management will be turned over to industrialists after completion of

establishment. He also said that no loan was used for infrastructure of 2nd Organised Industrial Zone. Mr. Nalbant said 'The most important problems were discharge of sewage and industrial wastewater.



Mustafa Ünal



Green to Blue... A Place of Tranquility

Hidden Paradises of Bursa, Eskişehir and Bilecik await those who want to get away from the stress of the city life.

Bursa: The Beautiful City

Bursa, which is highlighted with industry identity, amazes those who also see natural beauties and values.

Bursa embodies so much beauty that you become confused where to begin. The more you witness the beauty of Green Bursa which welcomes you, the more passionate you will be.

Uludağ National Park, Lake Uluabat, Küreklidere, Aras, Oylat, Suuçtu and Saitabat Falls, the Flooded forests and Inkaya Plane are only a small portion of these beauties.



Many Alternatives for Eskişehir Nature Tourism

Recreation areas in forest and near riverside in Eskişehir which is lucky city of barren Central Anatolia, offers a variety of alternatives for those who want to get away from city chaos.

Eskişehir, which was founded by Phrygians near River Porsuk in around 1000 B.C, is one of the most important road junctions. Eskişehir, in which historical figures such as Yunus Emre and Nasrettin Hodja grew up, is famous for its hot water springs which are beneficial for various illnesses. Eskişehir aims to be an important tourism attraction centre with the cultural

richness, natural beauty, cuisine and shopping opportunities. Although its vegetation does not allow for abundant recreation area, some recreation spots in various places, mineral springs and spas, riversides and dam lakes are available. Here are the major natural wonders of Eskişehir: Lake Balıkdamı, Çataçık Forest, Sakaryabaşı, Kalabak Waterfall and caves.



Discover the Natural Beauty of Bilecik

Natural Beauties of Bilecik await to be discovered. You will see lush mountains smelling of thyme, colourful flowers, embracing of unpolluted lakes, plane- pine and

fir trees, coolness; the blue and the green. You will be captivated by charming beauties, by drinking clear water eagerly and by breathing fresh air.



Tamer Değirmenci Appointed as New Secretary General of BEBKA

Tamer Değirmenci, who served as Manager of Program Management Department, has been appointed to the Secretary General position which was vacated by the first Secretary General, Dr. Mehmet Sait Cülfik.



Tamer Değirmenci

Tamer Değirmenci, who was born in İstanbul in 1977, worked on Production Planning and Supply Chain Management furniture and textile industry after graduating from department of Industrial Engineering of Uludağ University. Mr. Değirmenci who moved to Canada in 2002, worked on inventory management, process improvement and project management as an engineer and manager at leading international companies such as Emerson Electric and WIS International focusing in production and logistics. He took part in Lean Manufacturing, Product Development, Investment Planning and Quality Teams and carried out many projects. He received his master degree at Mechanical

Engineering Department, University of Waterloo in 2008 and completed his master's thesis on application of Lean Manufacturing. Tamer Değirmenci, who served as the Manager of Program Management department of Bursa Eskişehir Bilecik Development Agency since June 2010, has been appointed as Secretary General of BEBKA with the Decision of Administrative Board dated 11 April 2013 and the approval of Ministry of Development dated 3 May 2012. Mr. Değirmenci, has articles and conference papers in national and international journals about Regional Development, Logistics, Lean Manufacturing and Management Systems. He is married and has two children.

Getting ready for 2023

BEBKA has been carrying out 2014-2023 Regional Plan studies, which will determine the vision for development of the region, without ceasing.

Bursa Eskişehir Bilecik Development Agency (BEBKA) organized a workshop as part of the Regional plan 2014-2023 studies for 3 cities which BEBKA has been providing support for local development.

Deputy Governor of Bursa, Ahmet Hamdi Usta, making an opening speech for 2013-2023 Regional Plan Workshop, said 'BEBKA is an institution that has undertaken an important mission to determine the future visions of the provinces' by drawing attention to role of BEBKA in the region.

Mr. Usta, emphasizing that regional plans peculiar to the regions are important, said 'the activities including this workshop will enable the preparation of plan which is feasible and peculiar to the region and will contribute to the acceleration of steps for regional development in next 10 years.'

Active Participation to the Workshop

Tamer Değirmenci, Secretary General of BEBKA, said that active participation to important meetings in which future roadmap for the region is determined is pleasing. Mr. Değirmenci, noting this meeting is more different than the other meetings, said 'Participation is the most important step. We wish to prepare Regional Plan with the highest level of participation. We have been



maintaining our studies meticulously and have made big progress. Today, we will work on the vision and projects of region with a focus group.' He also said that regional plans are crucial strategy document which is beneath national development plans prepared and includes 10-year goals of the region.



Advisory Committee Meetings have ended

Advisory Committee Meetings, held within 'Bursa Eskişehir Bilecik Regional Plan Studies' in order to determine 10-year roadmap for the future, will enlighten the development strategy.

Advisory Committee Meetings, held in Bursa, Eskişehir, Bilecik and aimed to shape the region for the period 2014-2023.

Advisory Committees were formed on sectorial and provincial basis with the participation of public, private sectors and

nongovernmental organizations. The committees were assembled under six titles: 'Spatial Development and Accessibility', 'Social Structure', 'Environment, Energy and Natural Resources', 'Agriculture, Agro-Industry and Forestry', 'Tourism' and 'Industry'.

The Role of Development Agency in New Incentive System

The Development Agencies have undertaken important roles within New Incentive Program which the government had introduced in April, 2012 and had gone into effect in 15 June, 2012.

In TR41 Region, the provinces of Bursa and Eskişehir appear in the first region while Bilecik appears in the third region within New Investment Incentive Program.

Development Agencies described as local units with the 'Investment Decision on State Aid' dated and numbered 2012/3305, are authorized to prepare General Incentive Certificate on investments which take place within the scope of General Incentive, whose amount of fixed investment does not exceed 10 million TL.

Development Agencies were also assigned to monitor incentive certificates prepared by Ministry of Economy in a period 6 months. Besides, agencies are assigned to Investment Completion Visa process.

