



M. RİFAT HİSARCIKLIOĞLU
PRESIDENT OF TOBB

M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu earned his B.A. degree in Economics and Management from Gazi University in Ankara. After completing his undergraduate degree, his career started in family business and currently he is the Chairman of Eskişehir Group of Companies, which operates in the fields of construction, construction materials, export and import, investments, land development, food industry and automotive sector.

After a one year vice-presidency period at The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) , the largest non-profit business organization in Turkey, covering 365 Chambers and Commodity Exchanges and representing 1.5 million companies, Hisarcıklioğlu was elected as the President of TOBB in 2001 and was re-elected respectively in 2002, 2005, 2009, 2013 and 2018.

Hisarcıklioğlu holds many titles in various organizations:

- Vice President of EUROCHAMBRES (2009-...)
- Vice President of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (2009-...)
- Chairman of B20 Turkey (2015-...)
- General Council Member of World Chambers Federation (2011-...)
- ICC G-20 Advisory Group Member (2011-...)
- Chairman of ICC-Turkey (2001-...)
- Board Member of the Association of Balkan Chambers (2002-...)
- Board Member of ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2001-...)
- President of D-8 Chambers of Commerce and Industry (2017-2019)
- President of the Turkic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2019-...)
- Co-President of the Turkish- African Chamber (2008-...)

-Vice President of the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (2014-...)

-Honorary Chairman of the Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce (2015-...)

- Co-President of the Turkish-Arab Chamber (2016-...)

-International President of the Jerusalem Arbitration Center (2013-...)

-Chairman of the Ankara Forum (2005-...)

-Chairman of the Istanbul Forum (2007-...)

-Co-Chairman of PNB Turkey - Partners for a New Beginning (2011 - ...)

-Honorary President of TOBB Women Entrepreneurship Council (2007-...)

-Honorary President of TOBB Youth Entrepreneurship Council (2009-...)

-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of TOBB University of Economics and Technology (2003-...)

-Chairman of the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (2004-...)

-Co-Chairman of the EU - Turkey Joint Consultative Committee (2016 -...)

-Board Member of Turkey Wealth Fund Management (2018 -)

-Chairman of Turkey's Automobile Joint Venture Group - TOGG (2018 -)

-TUBITAK Science and Technology High Council Member (2003-...)

-High Advisory Board Member of UNICEF National Committee of Turkey (2005-...)

-Advisory Board Member of Construction Installation Industry Materials Association (1998-...)

Hisarcıkloğlu has received the Legion of Honour by the French Republic, Gold Medal of Merit by the Austrian Republic, the 'Commendatore' from the Italian Republic, Spanish Order of Civil Merit with degree of Encomienda, the Medal of Inspiration from Mongolia, Medal for Development of Friendship and Cooperation from Kazakhstan and the Mediterranean Leadership Award by the John Hopkins University, USA.

Hisarcıkloğlu was awarded with the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber Gold Medal, Medal of Honor from the Assembly of French Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Honorary Membership Award from the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania, Medal of Honor by Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Honor Award from the Pakistan Federation of Chambers and Commerce, Medal of Honor by Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Gratitude Award from the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Hisarcıkloğlu holds honorary doctorate degrees from Kyrgyzstan-Turkey Manas University, Karadeniz Technical University, Izmir University of Economics, Niğde University, Bayburt University, Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University, Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University, Iskenderun Technical University, Kayseri Erciyes University, Osmaniye Korkut Ata University, Van Yüzüncü Yıl University and Kahramanmaraş Sütçü İmam University in Turkey.

Hisarcıkloğlu has received the Honorary Townsman Awards, by Edirne, Çankırı, Kırşehir, Niğde, Kırıkkale, Kütahya Hisarcık and Malatya Battalgazi municipalities.