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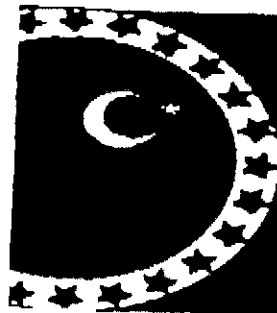
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## Houston - Turkey Business Forum

The Greater Houston Partnership, in collaboration with the Consulate General of Turkey, Texas Turkish American Chamber of Commerce, Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the Houston Airport System, cordially invites you to the Consular Forum 2012: Houston - Turkey Business Forum which will showcase the economic and trade opportunities between Houston and the Republic of Turkey.

Consular Forum is Houston's celebration of its distinguished Consular Corps and the diplomatic and trade ties they provide between Houston and the rest of the world. The Republic of Turkey has been selected to be the featured country of the Consular Forum 2012 and 61st Annual Consular Ball.

With the announcement of the non-stop Houston - Istanbul flight scheduled to commence on April 1, 2013 by Turkish Airlines this is a prime opportunity for Houston businesses to establish and nurture ties that will help them grow their business in Turkey.

Houston and Turkey continue to share extensive business and cultural connections. More than 340 companies in Houston report doing business with Turkey. There are 154 firms in the Houston region (either headquarter or branch locales) associated with 471 subsidiary locations throughout Turkey. Annual trade between Houston and Turkey almost doubled in 2011 to \$3.6 billion. The Houston/Galveston Customs District ("Houston") ranks as Turkey's 2nd largest U.S. gateway for international trade, while Turkey ranks as Houston's 23rd largest international trade partner.

The business forum will include two panel discussions followed by a keynote luncheon and business matchmaking meetings. The first panel "Business & Investment Opportunities in Turkey" will feature high level representatives from several Ministries from Turkey. The second panel "Houston - Turkey Business Connections" will feature representatives from Houston, Texas based companies that have experience doing business in Turkey.

Keynote speakers for the luncheon will be Mario Diaz, Director of the Houston Airport System and a high level official from Turkey.

**WHEN:** Friday, November 2, 2012 | 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Hilton Americas, 1600 Lamar Street, Houston, TX 77010

**COST:** Members: \$25 | Nonmembers: \$50

**HAVE QUESTIONS?:** Contact Farah Waheb at [fwahab@houston.org](mailto:fwahab@houston.org) or 713-844-3828

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**"CONSULAR FORUM 2012: FEATURING THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY"**  
**HOUSTON-TURKEY BUSINESS FORUM**  
(Hilton Americas, November 2, 2012)

- 9:00 INTRODUCTION OF THE PROGRAM  
Carlos Obando, Chair of the Consular Forum 2012
- 9:05 OPENING REMARKS  
- Cemalettin Aydın, Consul General of Turkey  
- Anthony Chase, Chairman of the Greater Houston Partnership-GHP (TBC)  
OR  
Bob Harvey, President and CEO of the Greater Houston Partnership-GHP (TBC)
- 9:15 PANEL 1: BUSINESS & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN TURKEY  
Moderator :  
Representative of Turkish Investment Agency  
Representative of Turkish Ministry of Economy  
Representative of Turkish Ministry of Energy  
Representative of Turkish Ministry of Tourism  
Representative of Turkish Airlines
- 10:15 Q&A
- 10:30 BREAK
- 10:45 PANEL 2: HOUSTON-TURKEY BUSINESS CONNECTIONS  
Moderator&Panelist: Genaro Pena, Vice President, Int. Investment and Trade, GHP  
Mike Nassar, President&CEO, Energy Allied  
Speaker from MD Anderson (TBC)  
Speaker from Transatlantic (TBC)  
Speaker from AECOM or Bechtel or other companies (TBC)  
Don Baggio, President&CEO, PBK Construction (TBC)
- 11:45 Q&A
- 12:00 Break
- 12:15 LUNCHEON PROGRAM  
Speaker-1 : Turkish Official  
Speaker-2 : Mario Diaz, Director of the Department of Aviation, City of Houston  
Closing Remarks: Carlos Obando, Chair of the Consular Forum 2012
- 13:30 BUSINESS MATCHING MEETINGS