



TRCNA Newsletter - a monthly publication

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Greetings!

This month we were honored to welcome Turkish Ambassador to the United States, Namik Tan, to East Lansing, Michigan. Ambassador Tan's visit included a reception at Michigan State University's Cowles House, a private meeting at the Eli and Edythe Broad Museum, and a reception at the TRCNA office. The trip emphasized the benefits of building economic relationships between Michigan and Turkey.

We are also excited to announce Design Global, a design-oriented summit to be held in Istanbul June 15-16. Please save the date and pass on the information below to contacts who may be interested in either attending or presenting at the conference.

Please [contact us](#) if you would like to learn more, or if you are interested in becoming involved with TRCNA. [Like us on Facebook](#) to receive Turkish news and TRCNA updates.

Sincerely,

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Turkish Ambassador Namik Tan Visits East Lansing, MI



From left to right: Consul General Fatih Yildiz, TRCNA Co-Executive Director Steve Webster, Ambassador Namik Tan, and TRCNA Co-Executive Director Nurten Ural

On February 11, TRCNA was honored to host a reception for the Turkish Ambassador to the United States, Namik Tan, at the Cowles House at Michigan State University. Ambassador Tan visited East Lansing to discuss shared connections and opportunities for partnership between Turkey and Michigan. The event was also attended by leaders in the Michigan political and economic community, all of whom expressed their enthusiasm for building relations between Michigan and Turkey. The Turkish Consul General in Chicago, Fatih Yildiz attended and helped facilitate the event. Speakers included Lou Anna K. Simon, President of Michigan State University; Virg Bernero, Mayor of Lansing and East Lansing Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Triplett.

Ambassador Tan also had the opportunity to visit the newly built Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum on Michigan State's campus, where he met with representatives of Dow Corning, Design West Michigan, the Detroit Creative Corridor Center, Oakland University and Ferris State University.

For pictures of the event and a video interview with the ambassador, visit our [Facebook page](#).

Upcoming Event: Design Global: June 15-16 in Istanbul



US - TURKEY CREATIVE ECONOMIES SUMMIT

Currently, TRCNA is preparing for Design Global, a summit for design professionals to be held in Istanbul, Turkey June 15-16. The event will be an opportunity for to connect with members of the design industry and learn about industry innovations.

TRCNA is also looking for experienced design professionals that are willing to share their insights and give presentations during the conference. Please submit presentations to n.ural@trcna.org. Learn more about the summit on [TRCNA's website](#).

Articles of Interest

Hurriyet: [Turkey's foreign trade gap down by 21 percent](#)

Hurriyet: [Turkey, EU consumer confidence increases](#)

Wall Street Journal: [Lira strengthens as current account gap narrows](#)

Did You Know?



Hurriyet Photo

Turkey has a robust automotive sector and in 2012 exported \$20 billion of vehicles and automotive components.

[Read more here](#)

Notable Quote

"We are the fastest-growing economy in Europe. Between 2002 and 2011, we had annual economic growth of 5.2 percent. And we are forecast to be inside the top 10 of the world's biggest economies by 2023 measured by gross domestic product. The time is right for Turkey, and for Istanbul"

- **Hasan Arat**, Chairman of Istanbul's campaign for the 2020 Olympics