

NEWS

BREXIT With Deal in Favor of Both Turkey and UK



"Turkey expects Brexit with a deal, which would be favorable for both sides," Minister of Trade Ruhsar Pekcan said at a forum in the capital city, Ankara.

Minister of Trade Ruhsar Pekcan and UK International Trade Secretary Liam Fox met for the Brexit process. The two Ministers discussed Turkey's Chambers and Commodity Exchanges Union (TOBB) at home - the future of trade relations between the United Kingdom spoke at the meeting. Turkey will continue to enhance

economic relations with the U.K. regardless of the latter's exit from the EU with or without a deal, Minister of Trade said. Pekcan added, Turkey desires to cooperate with the U.K. especially in the Middle East, Africa, Central Asia, the Balkans and Far East.

Speaking at the forum, Liam Fox, Britain's Secretary of State for International Trade, said the ties between the two countries are deemed more important after Brexit. Fox added that British companies are encouraged to invest more in Turkey. U.K. aims to launch an independent trade system after leaving the EU, and Turkey will be an important partner to the country. Brexit is an opportunity and not a threat to the relations with Turkey, Fox said.

For detailed information, please see [The Turkish Perspective](#) magazine July 2019 issue.

Turkey and Canada Sign MoU on Economic, Trade Cooperation

Turkey and Canada signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen relations in the fields of trade, industry, services and investment.

Minister of Trade of the Republic of Turkey, Ruhsar Pekcan and her Canadian counterpart Jim Carr signed the Joint Economic and Trade Commission's (JETCO) MoU at the G20 Ministerial Meeting on Trade and Digital Economy in Tsukuba, Japan. "We believe that the agreement will contribute to increase commercial relations and investment between Turkey and Canada and pave the ways for business people." Pekcan said.



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A Digital Africa



As more nations have made the transition to technology-enabled platforms for services, low-income countries have not been left out of the digital boom. With the right policies, they stand to benefit the most.

With digitalization come opportunities to leapfrog development. Digital technology lowers costs and enhances efficiency while safeguarding inclusion. For low-income countries, it provides a way to deliver services when traditional institutions are weak. Yet the potential is

far from being realized. That will require additional investment in information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure, an enabling policy environment, adequate skills, and steps to ensure privacy and security.

For detailed information please see [F&D](#) magazine of IMF June 2019 issue.

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Turkish Hazelnut



Nutritious, delicious, environmental friendly... Named after its motherland and globally famed as "Turkish Hazelnut", the highly nutritious and extremely delicious fruit is popular for many solid reasons. Gaining ever more reputation for a wide range of health benefits owing to its rich content of vitamins, minerals, dietary fibers and mono-unsaturated fat, Turkish Hazelnut contributes to the Earth's eco-system by preventing soil erosion and requiring no irrigation.

Today, Turkey undertakes 70% of the world's total hazelnut production. As the protagonist of the chocolate industry, Turkish Hazelnut is the secret ingredient in most of your favorite snacks and deserts.

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Sectoral Reports: Natural Stones



The natural stone industry consists of basic stones such as marble, granite and other natural building stones such as limestone, travertine, basalt, sandstone, serpentine, diabase, and slate. In addition to these stone varieties, in recent years slate stone, pebble stone and tufa are coming to the forefront in Turkey's stone production and export.

Today natural stone and stone products are used by different end-users. The main endusers are stone processing industry, the building industry and the consumer market. The main uses of natural stone are tiles for floors and paving, special works such as balustrades, columns, fireplaces, fountains, gravestones, structural works like sets and curb stones, internal & external wall cladding and stairs/steps.

More than 1.500 marble quarries, 2.000 factories and about 9.000 workshops operate in the sector. Ninety per cent of quarries are located in the west of Anatolia, mainly in the Aegean and Marmara Regions.

Natural stone exports have developed rapidly in the last decade. Turkish stone can be found in the buildings and sidewalks of 200 different countries. The total value of natural stone exports reached US\$ 2 billion in 2017. Almost half of Turkish natural stone exports are made to China with 46,3 %. The other important trading partner is USA with a share of 14 %, which is followed by Saudi Arabia, Iraq, India and UAE.

For the full report, please visit the [Ministry of Trade website](#).

EVENTS

Turkey's National Participations at Exhibitions - July 2019

Turkish companies from various sectors will participate in exhibitions from all around the world in July 2019 as listed below:

EXHIBITION	DATE	PLACE	SECTORS
INA PAACE AUTOMECHANIKA MEXICO CITY	Jul 10-12, 2109	Mexico City, Mexico	Automotive
PREMIERE VISION NEW YORK	Jul 16-17, 2109	New York, USA	Textile
LONDON TEXTILE FAIR	Jul 16-17, 2109	London, UK	Fabrics, Clothing Accessories, Print Studios, Vintage Garments
PURE LONDON	Jul 21-23, 2109	London, UK	Womenswear, Menswear, Kidswear
KENYA INT. TRADE EXHIBITION	Aug 1-8, 2109	Nairobi, Kenya	General Trade

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MAGIC	Aug 11-14, 2109	Las Vegas, USA	Apparel, Fashion Accessories
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