

## **PRESIDENT OF INDONESIA CONVENED WITH TURKISH BUSINESS WORLD REPRESENTATIVES**

Turkey-Indonesia Roundtable Meeting was held on July 6, 2017 in Ankara within the scope of Indonesian President Joko Widodo's official visit to Turkey. Turkish and Indonesian business world representatives convened with the President Widodo, whereas potential cooperation areas between the two countries particularly energy and defence were addressed.

**President of Indonesia Joko Widodo** delivered a speech in the meeting and said that although distance between the two countries are quite far, Indonesia considers Turkey as a substantial centre. President Widodo, reminding that Indonesia is the most advanced economy in South East region with World's fourth most crowded population, stated that negotiations would be initiated in the soonest time for establishing a Free Trade Agreement between Turkey and Indonesia. Indonesian President, pointing out that Indonesia has accomplished full-scale reforms both in political and economic terms in the recent period, invited Turkish business world to Indonesia.

**Republic of Turkey Deputy Minister of Economy Fatih Metin** stated that Turkey, just like Indonesia, is a rapidly growing country in its region and the endeavours, required for the finalization of the Free Trade Agreement between Turkey and Indonesia with the first steps already taken, shall be performed in an expeditious manner.

**DEİK President Ömer Cihad Vardan**, stating that Asia-Pacific Region holds a leading role within the global economic developments and said, "We are exhibiting a versatile and well-rounded approach for the purpose of leveraging our trade, economic and strategic investments and increasing our trade volume. Within this context, we are well aware of Indonesia's role within this geography." DEİK President Vardan, indicating that Indonesia has always been within the area of interest of Turkish business world, further said, "Indonesia, with its market size, advanced, diversified and deepened economic sectors and the enormous potential in energy domain, has always been a focus of interest for us, Turkish business world." DEİK President Vardan, reminding that the process of Free Trade Agreement initiated between Turkey and Indonesia is required to be expedited as immediate as possible, further said, "We are required to transform our trade and economic relations, particularly in energy and defence sectors, with Indonesia with whom we share G20 table into a worldwide 'trademark'."