

Türkiye-Netherlands Business Roundtable Meeting

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Dear Representatives,

I'm delighted to be with you in the Netherlands today and I greet you on behalf of the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK).

I would like to congratulate our 4th term JETCO Meeting.

Our bilateral trade with the Netherlands reaching \$12.5 billion and showing an increasing trend, is a clear indicator of this strong connection. Moreover, there are significant foreign direct investments from Netherland in Türkiye. Our goal is to increase business relations to higher level.

There are some points to further enhance the development of our cooperation, such as;

- We believe that collaboration between Türkiye and the Netherlands can be established within the framework of **climate change and the European Green Deal**.

- The **transfer of knowledge and technology** from the Netherlands in logistics and infrastructure, livestock and agriculture, smart cities, to Türkiye is significant.
- **Health tourism** is also an important agenda for us, and the Netherlands is one of our main target countries.
- Also, collaboration in e-commerce, port construction and management, contracting, advanced agriculture technology, environmental waste management, chemicals and renewable energy is significant.

“Alle beetjes helpen. (Alle beytis helpi)” says our Dutch friends. It mean that, **“All contributions, however small, are of use”**.

I believe we will do our best to contribute, step by step, to further enhance our business relations.

Thank you.

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President of DEİK