

**Türkiye-UAE Joint Economy and Trade Commission (JETCO)
Meeting – 1st Session**

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Minister of Trade Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat,

Minister of State for Foreign Trade, Thani bin Ahmet Al Zeyoudi,

UAE's Special Envoy, Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansoori,

**H.E. Mustafa Varank, Head of Inter Parliaments Friendship
group,**

Dear Representatives,

On behalf of Foreign Economic Relations Board-DEİK, I'm pleased to be together again for 1st term JETCO meeting, after Business Forum we held in Abu Dhabi 3 months ago.

Yesterday, business people from both countries had very productive Sectoral and B&B meetings at our DEİK headquarters.

We believe, JETCO and Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) which in force on September 1st, will bring new horizons to our bilateral trade.

Let me point out few points which I believe will help us all:

- UAE wants to have differentiation in it's economy with "Abu Dhabi Vision 2040". There're special opportunities in housing, transport and infrastructure.
- Finance, banking, fintech, e-commerce, renewable energy, agriculture, industry, hightech, innovation, tourism, logistic are also other possible areas to cooperate.
- Thanks to UAE originated companies acting in our country, we want to have them more.
- It's important to have representatives of Sharjah ve Fujairah here today, they're welcome.
- Since UAE is also an important re-export center, let's also focus on having partnerships at third countries.

I'd like to extend my gratitude to esteemed Ministers and all the attendance.

Thank you.

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President of DEİK