

## DEIK DELEGATION CONVENED WITH UZBEKISTAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IN BUSINESS DINNER

A business dinner was organized and hosted by DEİK/Turkey-Uzbekistan Business Council on September 6, 2017 with the participation of Uzbekistan Deputy Prime Minister Cemşid Kuçkarov. Ministry of Economy Deputy Undersecretary Hüsnü Dilemre, DEİK President Ömer Cihad Vardan, İstanbul Chamber of Commerce President İbrahim Çağlar, Turkish Eximbank General Manager Adnan Yıldırım and senior officials of enterprises operating in Uzbekistan have participated in the meeting and convened with Deputy Prime Minister Kuçkarov as well as Uzbekistan Investments State Committee President Azim Ahmedhadjayev and Uzbekistan Tourism Committee Vice President Şahruh Şarahmetov.

Uzbekistan Deputy Prime Minister Cemşid Kuşkarov delivered an opening speech in the business dinner and emphasized the importance of confidence factor in bilateral relations between Turkey and Uzbekistan and stated that medicine and healthcare tourism, pharmaceutical industry, agriculture, horticulture, greenhouse cultivation, livestock, establishment of cold storage warehouses, utilization of cutting-edge technologies in irrigation and forestry and forestry products, reciprocal development of tourism are the top priority matters within the economic and trade relations with Turkey. Deputy Prime Minister Kuçkarov, stating that there are numerous cooperation opportunities with Turkey in construction areas in particular, pointed out that deliberations were held with Turkish banks particularly Turkish Eximbank regarding convenient and favourable loans for hotels, shopping centres and residential construction.

DEİK President Ömer Cihad Vardan has stated in his speech that political and trade relations between both countries have gained momentum n the recent years and noted, "We seek to situate the Turkish-Uzbek cooperation as a trademark in the entire Eurasia starting from Uzbekistan by means of improving the trade volume between our countries, expediting the investments and exploring our strengths in various sectors"