Dear Friend,

There were great events in the month of June. I attended to the event entitled "Citizens Living Abroad Meeting of Civil Society Organizations" which was held in Ankara, on June 7th 2012. At the same time, H.E. Ahmet Erdengiz, Washington Representative of The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus spoke at the TAA.

Then, the Rethink Institute organized a conference in order to understand the Syrian opposition and what is going on in Syria nowadays.

Prominent event of the month could be considered 10th International Turkish Olympiad's finale in Istanbul which I also attended. You will find details below and more on our website.

Hope you will enjoy our monthly newsletter!

Faruk Taban, Ph.D.

10th International Turkish Olympiad Finale took place in Istanbul

June 20th, 2012
Joy and excitement prevailed as tens of thousands of people gathered in İstanbul's grand stadium on Thursday to watch the outstanding performances of student competitors in the 10th Turkish Olympiads.The venue for the grand finale on Thursday was the Türk Telekom Arena - Galatasaray's new multi-billion-dollar, 52,000-capacity football stadium in İstanbul's Seyrantepe neighborhood. Thousands, arriving early in the hope of getting seats in the stadium,remained outside

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Understanding the Syrian Opposition

June 8th, 2012
The Rethink Institute organized a conference on a topic "Understanding the Syrian Opposition" in the Conference Hall of TAA. There were a huge turnout in the event. In light of increased frustration over the failing UN peace plan, the Syrian crisis has taken a tragic turn for the worse. The Al-Houla massacre and the wave of attacks in residential areas have amply demonstrated the importance of seeking alternatives for resolving the Syrian crisis.The Rethink Institute, in line with its mission of understanding contemporary political and cultural challenges in realizing peace and justice around the world, and in collaboration
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Ankara: Citizens Living Abroad Meeting of Civil Society Organizations

June 7th, 2012

President of Turkic American Alliance Dr. Faruk Taban attended to "Citizens Living Abroad Meeting of Civil Society Organizations" which was held in Ankara, on June 7th 2012. Dr. Faruk Taban pointed out that this event was productive in terms of exchanging ideas and experiences of each other. He also had chance to meet with his other colleagues who represent various Turkish organizations around the world. Many officials attended to this event such as Deputy Prime [Minister](#) Bulent Arinc, Minister of State for Family and Social Policies Fatma Sahin, Youth and Sport Minister Suat Kilic, Minister of State for [European](#) Union Sanctuary Egemen Bagis, Custom and Trade Minister Hayati Yazici, First Deputy Foreign Minister Naci Koru and many others.

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Cyprus: Two People on One Island

June 7th, 2012

Today, H.E. Ahmet Erdengiz, Washington Representative of The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus spoke at the TAA. His topic was "Cyprus: Two Peoples on One Island".The Cyprus Issue began in 1963. It has passed through many phases, but always defying solution. After 6 U.N. Secretary-Generals and 9 U.S. Presidents and 44 years of intermittent negotiations it still eludes a solution. Why? There is certainly no lack of expertise, knowledge or skill at the negotiating table and at requisite times there was no shortage of international interest, assistance and even

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