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Dear Friend,

As the Turkic American Alliance, we are saddened by the attacks on the U.S. diplomatic facility in Benghazi, Libya that resulted in the murder of four Americans including U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens. We offer our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives!

Nevertheless, in this month, we attended to the Celebration of Kazakhstan's Constitution Day at Kazakhstan Embassy. Speaker of the Kyrgyz Parliament Asilbek Jeenbekov along with his delegation; Deputy Prime Minister Teuta Arifi of Macedonia along with Ambassador Zoran Jolevski visited TAA. I attended to Federation of Balkan American Association (FEBA)'s Road Map 2012 event. At the TCC in Manhattan New York, we hosted Mayor Kadir Topbas for a briefing.

We will begin to the month of October with a great excitement of the Silk Road Festival which will be held at the Stafford Center from October 4th - 7th, 2012 that organized by the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians. Address: 10505 Cash Rd. Stafford, TX 77477

Hope you will enjoy our monthly newsletter!

Faruk Taban, Ph.D.

PS: <http://silkroadfest.org/>
Watch Silk Road Festival Movie

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2012 NAAG Presidential Welcome Reception

September 27th, 2012

Dr. Faruk Taban attended to a reception which was organized for the honor of Doug Gansler, NAAG President and Maryland Attorney General in Washington DC. There were United States Secretary of [Housing and Urban Development](#), Shaun Donovan and around 15 Attorney Generals as well as former Attorneys General from the Society of Attorneys General Emeritus (SAGE) at the event.

Following Attorney Generals were in attendance: Doug Gansler (MD), Greg Zoeller (IN), Robert Cooper (TN), Gary King (NM), Martha Coakley (MA), Catherine Cortez Masto (NV), George Jepsen (CT), J.B. Van Hollen (WI), David Louie (HI), Linda Kelly (PA), Jon Brunig (NE), Chris Koster (MO), Jack Conway (KY) and Irvin Nathan (DC). Dr. Taban met with several of them during the reception.

He said it was pleased to observe that most Attorney Generals have been already contacted by TAA local chapters for various occasions. Some AGs have even attended certain functions by our component organizations.

Istanbul Mayor Kadir Topbas attended TCC's briefing in Manhattan



September 26th, 2012

Mayor of Istanbul, President of United Cities and Local Governments, Kadir Topbas, who is selected as a member of a High-level Panel to advise on the global development agenda, came to New York to attend the first gathering of panel. During his visit, he attended Turkish Cultural Center (TCC)'s briefing in Manhattan. Kadir Topbas said that "I am aware of the effort behind these activities you have mentioned briefly due to the limited time. I support you all from my deepest heart and I wish you continued success with your work. Dr. Topbas said I represent our country with my best. There is no rival for the 3rd term of UCLG Presidency. Today, my name was

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FEBA's Road Map 2012 event in NY



September 26th, 2012

TAA President Faruk Taban attended to Federation of Balkan American Association (FEBA)'s Road Map 2012 event on the evening of September 25th at the Waldorf Astoria [Hotel in New York](#). Theme of the 2012 Road Map leadership conference was "Women Shaping Society" and thus, there were several distinguished women at the event in order to talk the role of women in shaping the society. Being at the US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton's reception in the same hotel, Foreign Minister of Turkey, Ahmet Davutoglu and his wife Dr. Sare Davutoglu attended to the FEBA's event. Dr. Sare Davutoglu spoken in English and encouraged

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Deputy Prime Minister Teuta Arifi of Macedonia visited TAA



September 20th, 2012

Deputy Prime Minister Teuta Arifi of Macedonia along with Ambassador Zoran Jolevski visited the Turkic American Alliance this afternoon. They had a luncheon by learning about the TAA. They shared their ideas and thoughts about the organization.

After brief office tour, Dr. Faruk Taban presented a gift to Deputy Prime Minister. They have also enjoyed TAA's rooftop along with Turkish tea.

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TAA Briefing: Speaker of the Kyrgyz Parliament



September 20th, 2012

Speaker of the Kyrgyz Parliament Asilbek Jeenbekov along with his delegation have visited TAA. Members of the Kyrgyz Parliament: Mr. Almazbek Baatyrbekov - Chairman of the International relations Committee, Mr. Tokon Mamytov, Chairman of the Committee for Defense and Security, Mr. Zairbek Zhooshebekov, - Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance, Mr. Abdyrakhman Mamataliev, Ms. Dinara Isaeva, Mr. Akybek Eshimov, Mr. Chingiz Aidarbekov, Head of International Relations Department, Mr. Almazbek Idrisov, Deputy Head of International Relations Department; Ms. Tolgonay Stamalieva, Head of the Speaker's press

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Attending to Kazakh Constitution Day Celebration

September 12th, 2012

Constitution Day of Kazakhstan Republic was celebrated at Kazakhstan Embassy with great enthusiasm where delicious food such as Kazakh pilav, manti and beshparmak were served. The event is also sponsored by TAA's following component federations/councils, Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians (TCAE), Council of Turkic American Associations (CTAA), Turkish American Federation of Midwest (TAFM). Their presidents and some of their deputies were also present to



celebrate this event. At the opening speech, Ambassador Erlan Idrissov greeted all guests and spoke about the importance of this day in relatively new Republic's history. Short PBS video

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TAA Statement on the Benghazi attack



September 12th, 2012

As the Turkic American Alliance, we are shocked and saddened by the attacks on the U.S. diplomatic facility in Benghazi, Libya that resulted in the murder of four Americans including U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. We condemn this vicious attack that took their lives, there is no justification for this act of violence. We offer our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives and our thoughts and prayers are also with those injured.

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Peacebuilding Through Education Conference



September 24th, 2012

International conference on peacebuilding through education has been successfully held in the Times Center, New York. Minister of Education of Philippines, Minister of Education and Vocational Training of Tanzania, Secretary of Higher Education of New Jersey, and many other professors from different countries have presented their works with policy implications. Topics covered in the conference varied from the education policies of specific countries to the methodologies in peace education.

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