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Dear Friends,

During October, The Turkic American Alliance attended various meetings on Capitol Hill with staff from three of its Member Federations: the Turkic American Federation of Midwest (TAFM), the Western Turkic American Council (WTAC) and the Council of Turkic American Associations (CTAA). The purpose of these meetings was to conduct outreach initiatives and to invite Members of Congress to events organized by TAA's respective Member Federations. TAA and its Member Federation staffers also had the privilege to attend a private meeting with the Honorable Ali Babacan, Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister for Economic and Financial Affairs.

Additionally, one of TAA's member organizations, Rumi Forum, hosted its 7th Annual Rumi Peace and Dialogue Awards, as well as a two-day International Symposium on the Hizmet Movement and Peacebuilding. TAA had the honor of hosting dinner for distinguished guests and panelists at its offices on one of the nights during the Symposium. The Hizmet Movement is a non-centralized, international social movement inspired by the teachings of Fethullah Gülen, a distinguished contemporary Turkish scholar of Islam. Core tenets of the movement are interfaith and intercultural dialogue, in addition to high-caliber education in private school settings worldwide that specializes in mathematics and the physical sciences while also paying focused attention to the spiritual development of each and every one of its students. These schools are not religiously affiliated; rather, they emphasize humanitarian values of love, empathy and peace.

Be sure to also check out Rethink Institute's latest publication this month, entitled "Religious Radicalism in Central Asia."

Also, don't forget to follow the Turkic American Alliance on Twitter @TurkicAmerican.

Yours Sincerely,

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Tennessee's Annual Governor's Conference



October 3rd-4th, 2013

On October 3-4, 2013, the 60th Annual Tennessee Economic and Community Development Governor's Conference was held at the Music City Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The conference's aim was to recognize and acknowledge Tennessee's past accomplishments related to economic and community development, as well as a view towards future projects

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EastWest Institute's Annual Awards Dinner



October 10th, 2013

On Thursday, October 10, 2013, The EastWest Institute (EWI) hosted their Annual Awards Dinner at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. The theme of the evening was "Honoring Global Change Agents." The EastWest Institute presented its Lifetime Achievement Awards to Secretary General Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu of the Organisation

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Borsa İstanbul Forum



October 11th, 2013

On Friday, October 11, 2013, Borsa İstanbul organized an international forum entitled "İstanbul: Regional Hub, Global Actor." The forum took place at the Ritz-Carlton Ball Room in Washington, D.C., and was attended by TAA President Faruk Taban. The Honorable Ali Babacan, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic and Financial

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Meeting with Deputy PM Ali Babacan



October 12th, 2013

On Saturday, October 12, 2013, the Turkic American Alliance and the heads of its component organizations met with the Honorable Ali Babacan, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic and Financial Affairs for the Republic of Turkey. TAA President Faruk Taban, Executive Director Mahmut Yeter of the Mid Atlantic Federation

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Statement: OPCW Nobel Peace Prize

October 21st, 2013



The Turkic American Alliance congratulates the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) for its 2013 Nobel Peace Prize. The Norwegian Nobel Committee describes the work of the OPCW as the impetus behind international law that defines the use of chemical weapons as taboo. According to a press

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2013 Rumi Peace and Dialogue Awards



October 24th, 2013

On Thursday evening, October 24, 2013, Rumi Forum hosted its 17th Annual Peace and Dialogue Awards at the National Press Club Grand Ballroom in Washington, D.C. Over 15 countries from 5 continents were represented at the Awards dinner. The evening's Master of Ceremonies was Kris Van Cleave, an Emmy and

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2013 International Hizmet Symposium: Day 1



October 25th, 2013

October 25-26, 2013, marked Rumi Forum's 2013 International Symposium on the Hizmet Movement and Peacebuilding. On Friday, October 25, Day 1 of the conference opened with welcoming remarks from the President of Rumi Forum, Emre Çelik and opening remarks from James Harrington, a human rights attorney with nearly four

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Hizmet Symposium Dinner at TAA



October 25th, 2013

On Friday evening, October 25, 2013, the Turkic American Alliance welcomed panelists and guests of the International Symposium on the Hizmet Movement and Peacebuilding to its office headquarters. Guests mingled before dinner was served, taking in the rich cultural mosaic of the seven Turkic countries' cultural artifacts showcased throughout

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2013 International Hizmet Symposium: Day 2

October 26th, 2013

On Saturday, October 26, Day 2 of the International Symposium on the Hizmet Movement and Peacebuilding opened with Panel V and was followed by Panel VI, an Author's Roundtable, a Book Signing and a



Deliberative Session. Day 2 also took place at the National Press Club. Panel V: Spirituality

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