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Dear Friends,

I am excited to share with you some of the events and activities Turkic American Alliance (TAA) has filled the month of the June. In this month, the 11th International Turkish Language Olympiad took place in Istanbul and other cities of Turkey. This major event brought together hundreds of foreign students from all over the world. Students from 140 countries participated in this 16-day Olympiad, which is the first of its kind. International students fascinated local audiences with nearly 100 stages in more than 50 cities across Turkey. Thankfully, many members and volunteers of the TAA stepped up and contributed to the success of this event.

In addition, Turkic American Alliance had a friendly visit to meet with Ekrem Erdem, Deputy Chairman of AK Party (Justice and Development Party). Mr. Erdem, who attended Annual 2013 Turkic American Convention in Washington, DC earlier in March, was very glad to see his guests from the other side of the Atlantic Ocean.

Later that month, Turks Abroad Advisory Board (TAAB) had their first meeting in Ankara, Turkey. Advisory Board consists of 63 board members from all over the world and as the President of Turkic American Alliance, I was one of the eight board members representing the US. The primary mission of the organization is to promote interests of Turkish citizens living abroad and to help to preserve their cultural values and traditions. President of Turkey Abdullah Gul received the delegation at his Cankaya Office in Ankara, Turkey.

Also, on June 28-30, The Abant Platform organized 29th Abant International forum titled: "Africa: Between Experience and Inspiration" in Bolu, Turkey. On the behalf of TAA, I attended the forum and had a chance to meet with ministers, journalists, and other honorable guests. The goal of the forum was to emphasize the true and right image of Africa. Panelists also discussed the means they could preserve African values and traditions and the way they could contribute to universal peace and coexistence.

Last, but not the least, with the beginning of the Holy Month of Ramadan, I would like to congratulate Muslim Communities of the U.S. and all over the world. Ramadan Kareem.

Sincerely,

Faruk Taban, Ph.D.
President

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The Abant Platform's 29th International Forum



June 28, 2013

On June 28-30, the Abant Platform organized 29th Abant international forum titled: "Africa: Between Experience and Inspiration" in Abant, Turkey. TAA President Faruk Taban attended the Abant Forum and had a meeting with the delegations including Minister of Education of Mali, Former Turkish Minister of Finance Ekrem Pakdemirli, two members of African Union, and Nigerian journalist Belkis Muhammed. Dr. Taban mentioned that they

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Diaspora Heads of Turkic-Speaking States Met in Baku



June 22, 2013

Capital of Azerbaijan hosted first Forum of Diaspora Organizations Heads from Cooperation Council of Turkic-Speaking States on Friday, June 21. Dr. Faruk Taban participated in that event as a representative from the Turkic American Alliance. This one-day program was full on various events. Early in the morning guests of the Forum visited Heydar Aliyev Memorial, later they also visited Martyr's Lane cemetery and memorial to honor Turkish troops as a part of a tour of common historical key sites in Baku.

Participants later moved to Gulustan Palace, main state convention center of the Azerbaijani

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Turkic Americans Voiced the Message of Unity and Peace



June 20, 2013

The New York State Reception is organized by Council of Turkic American Associations (CTAA) and New York Turkish Cultural Center (TCC). 8th Turkic Culture Day celebrated with the representatives of the Turkic governments. The event was sponsored by Vakıfbank. More than 200 State Senators and Delegates were in attendance. The Governor of New York Andrew Cuomo was awarded for the best leadership.

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Turks Abroad and Relative Communities Advisory Board Meeting

June 19, 2013

Turks Abroad and Relative Communities (TARC) Advisory Board was the first meeting in Ankara organized by the TARC Department. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan. There were a total of 63 members from USA, Germany, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Canada, Cyprus, Norway, the



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TAA Paid a visit to AKP Deputy Chairman in Ankara



June 19, 2013

Turkic American Alliance's delegation headed by its President Dr. Faruk Taban had a friendly visit at the headquarters of ruling AK Party (Justice and Development Party) in Ankara. Particularly, the delegation paid a special visit to Ekrem Erdem, Deputy Chairman, at his office.

Deputy Chairman Erdem, who attended Annual 2013 Turkic American Convention in Washington, DC earlier in March, was very glad to see his guests from the US and was very delighted to hear the news that Dr. Taban attended first annual Turks Abroad and Relative Communities meeting as a board member representing Turkish diaspora in the US.

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11th International Turkish Olympiad's Farewell Ceremony



June 17, 2013

A breathtaking closing ceremony at the Ataturk Olympic Stadium wrapped up the 11th International Turkish Olympiad in Istanbul on June 16. Olympic stadium that normally has a capacity of 80,000 people was equipped with additional seats for 50,000 more people and nearly 120,000 people watched the ceremony on giant screens set outside the stadium. Thus, more than 250,000 people attended the event. Students from 140 countries participated in this 16-day Olympiad, which is the first of its kind. International students fascinated

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The 11th Turkish Olympiads Kicked Off in Izmir

June 9, 2013

Students coming from all over the world participate in the 11th International Turkish Language Olympiad, which brings together hundreds of foreign students each year from Turkish schools established. This event aims to build strong ties and lasting friendship and in turn raising hopes for world peace. The First Turkish Olympiad were launched in 2003 with the participation of 62 students from 17 countries. This year Turkish Olympiad brought

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