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Dear Friends,

July was a very special month for the Turkic American Alliance, as well as for almost a quarter of the world's global population--the Holy Month of Ramadan. Its thirty days of fasting serve to cleanse the heart and soul, to make understood the pangs of hunger experienced by far too many of our brothers and sisters, and, most importantly, to bring us closer to our Creator through spiritual renewal.

During this most blessed time, the Turkic American Alliance and its almost 250 member organizations have kept very busy. We have hosted hundreds of *iftars*, or meals that break the daylong fast, in addition to the occasional *sahur*, or pre-dawn meal. The Turkic American Alliance this year hosted iftars in both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate, in addition to a joint signature iftar with its member organization the Rumi Forum, among many others.

Additionally this month, the Turkic American Alliance attended the National Governors Association summer meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, and the National Association of Secretaries of State summer meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. At the NASS meeting in particular, TAA President Dr. Faruk Taban delivered a presentation before the International Relations Committee and discussed future opportunities for collaboration.

Wishing you and yours a very happy and blessed Eid Mubarak, the three-day holiday that marks the end of the month of Ramadan.

Sincerely,
Faruk Taban, Ph.D.
President

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Ramadan Dinner with Sister Cities International



July 2nd, 2014

On Wednesday, July 2nd, the Turkic American Alliance hosted a Ramadan Dinner for Sister Cities International (SCI). In attendance were the CEO and President of SCI Mary Kane, SCI staff and members of SCI's Board of Directors. Conversation ranged from Sister Cities International's upcoming annual conference in San Jose, California...[Read More](#)

TAA Visits ABC7/WJLA-TV and News Channel 8



July 7th, 2014

On Monday July 7th, 2014, TAA staff visited the ABC7/WJLA-TV studio and News Channel 8- award-winning news, entertainment and sports media stations covering local news for the greater Washington, D.C., area. The guided tour included an exclusive behind-the scenes experience of television production in the studios, which included the assignment...[Read More](#)

TAA and Rumi Forum's 2014 Signature Ramadan Dinner

July 9th, 2014

On Wednesday, July 9th, Turkic American Alliance hosted its annual Signature Ramadan Dinner. Over 80 VIP guests attended this event, including a U.S. Senator, the Maryland Secretary of State, Ambassadors, high-level State Department officials and other federal and state government officials, academics...[Read More](#)



Ramadan Dinner with National Conference of State Legislators



July 10th, 2014

On Thursday, July 10th, a distinguished delegation of over 20 guests from the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) attended a Ramadan dinner at the Turkic American Alliance (TAA). Guests included NCSL leadership, NCSL staff and state senators from around the country. As the guests took their seats, Dr...[Read More](#)

TAA Attends National Governors Association Summer Meeting



July 11th, 2014

On July 11th and July 12th, Dr. Faruk Taban, the President of the Turkic American Alliance, attended the National Governors Association Summer Meeting, which has held this year in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Taban attended the Opening Session, for which the Vice President of the United States Joe Biden...[Read More](#)

TAA Presentation at NASS Summer Meeting

July 15th, 2014

On Tuesday, July 15th, Turkic American Alliance (TAA) staff attended the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Summer Meeting, which was held this year in Baltimore, Maryland in conjunction with the city's summer-long bicentennial celebrations of the anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner. The President of TAA, Dr...[Read More](#)



Congressional Ramadan Dinner at House of Representatives



July 16th, 2014

On Wednesday, July 16th, Turkic American Alliance (TAA) hosted its Annual Congressional House Ramadan Dinner. Attended mostly by congressional staffers, the event saw over 100 guests, including six U.S. Members of Congress-Joe Garcia (FL), Yvette Clarke (NY), Al Green (TX), Sheila Jackson Lee (TX), André Carson (IN) and...[Read More](#)

Ramadan Dinner with the Albanian and Kyrgyz Embassies

July 21st, 2014

On Monday, July 21st, the Turkic American Alliance (TAA) hosted distinguished representatives from the Embassy of Albania and the Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic, including His Excellency Gilbert Galanxhi,



the Ambassador of Albania. Conversation ranged from the respective Kyrgyz and Albanian communities in the U.S. to current...[Read More](#)

Balkan States Cast Aside Hostilities In Aftermath of Flooding



July 22nd, 2014

Diplomats from three former Yugoslav republics that once waged war against each other are banding together to raise money in the wake of the worst flooding to...[Read More](#)

Turkic American Alliance Hosts Senate Ramadan Dinner



July 23rd, 2014

On the evening of July 23rd, Senate staffers gathered in the Dirksen Senate Office Building for the Turkic American Alliance's (TAA) first Senate Ramadan Dinner. The event saw over 80 people, including His Excellency the Ambassador of Albania, His Holiness of the Bektashi Order of Dervishes and several...[Read More](#)

Ramadan Dinner with NASS and NAAG

July 24th, 2014

On Thursday, July 24th, the Turkic American Alliance hosted the Executive Directors and staff of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), respectively, at its offices for a Ramadan Dinner...[Read More](#)



Ramadan Dinners around the Country



July 31st, 2014

During the holy month of Ramadan, countless member organizations under the the Turkic American Alliance hosted Ramadan dinners across the United States, from Queens, NYC to Buffalo, New York; Houston, Texas to Fairfax, Virginia; and Chicago, Illinois to Huntington Beach, California. We thank all...[Read More](#)



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