

# CACCI President Leads Visits to Turkey and Georgia

CACCI President **Mr. Harvey Chang**, accompanied by a number of CACCI officers and representatives from CACCI Primary Members, visited Turkey on May 27-29, 2010 and Georgia on May 29-31, 2010 to meet with government and local business leaders in the two countries.

The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) led by its President **Mr. Rifat Hisarciklioglu**, and the Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) led by its President **Mr. Jemal Inaishvili**, received the CACCI delegation in Turkey and Georgia, respectively.

The other members of the delegation included **Ambassador Benedicto Yujuico**, CACCI Executive Vice President and Vice President for International and Trade Affairs of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry; **Mrs. Teresita Yujuico**, wife of Amb. Yujuico; **Mrs. Golnaz Salahshour**, Expert on Multilateral Trade Relations of the International Chamber of Commerce, Industries, and Mines (ICCIM); **Mr. Reza Lessan Pezeshki**, husband of Mrs. Salahshour; **Dr. Webster Kiang**, CACCI Director-General; and **Mr. Amador Honrado**, CACCI Deputy Director-General.

## Ankara Visit

The CACCI delegation visited Ankara on May 27 and Istanbul on May 28. In Ankara, the delegation visited and met with the key officers of the following organizations:

a. **Middle East Technical University (METU) Technopark** – From the presentation made by **Mr. Mustafa Ihsan Kiziltas**, General Manager, the delegates learned that the METU Technopark was established in 1991 primarily to encourage entrepreneurship and, in particular, to support the formation and development of high-tech using-producing firms to ensure the development of technology, and to maximize the university-industry cooperation.

b. **The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)** – TOBB President **Mr. Rifat Hisarciklioglu** hosted lunch for the CACCI visitors on May 27 at the TOBB headquarters. During lunch,

**Mr. Hisarciklioglu**, with the assistance of his officers, made a presentation on the TOBB and its activities.

c. **Ankara Organized Industrial Zone** – Key officers of the Ankara

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## PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Turkey Visit



*At the METU Technopark main entrance in Ankara*



*TOBB President Hisarciklioglu presents gift to CACCI President Harvey Chang during lunch hosted by TOBB*



*CACCI delegates listen to presentation on the Ankara Organized Industrial Zone*



*Touring the kitchen appliance factory in Ankara*



*Posing in front of the land excavator plant in Ankara*



*During the session at the DEIK headquarters in Istanbul*

## Georgia Visit



*Inspecting the 400-year old winery in Kakheti region*



*Enjoying late lunch with Georgian food and home-made wine*



*Delegates learn about investment opportunities and tourist attractions in Georgia during the Business Forum*



*Paying a courtesy call on the Prime Minister of Georgia*

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Organized Industrial Zone briefed the CACCI delegation on the activities of the Industrial Zone. The visitors were informed that the Industrial Zone occupies a total area of 575 hectares located some 25 km away from the city centre and houses some 268 industrial plants. Following the presentation, the CACCI delegation toured two plants located in the zone – one produces kitchen appliances and the other manufactures land excavators.

### Istanbul Visit

In Istanbul, the CACCI delegates met with the following officers of various organizations:

a. **Mr. Rona Yircali**, Chairman of the Executive of the DEIK (Foreign Economic Relations Board) and concurrently Chairman of the ICC World Chambers Federation, hosted breakfast for the CACCI visitors. The two sides exchanged views on areas where the two organizations can work together to further help their respective members establish stronger relationships with each other.

b. **DEIK** – Following the breakfast with Mr. Yircali, the CACCI delegation attended a session organized by the DEIK on the economy and investment climate in Turkey. DEIK is the body created to pave the way for the development of Turkey's economic, commercial, industrial and financial relations with foreign countries as well as international business communities. The session included presentations by representatives of the following organizations:

- *Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT)*, which is the official organization for encouraging and promoting investment in Turkey, with the mandate to present investment opportunities to members of the global business community and to assist them before, during, and after

their entry into Turkey.

- *ENKA Insaat ve Sanayi A.S.*, which is a Turkish construction conglomerate based in Istanbul, with 37 subsidiaries engaged in a diverse range of construction activities including power generation, airports, petroleum, and roadways.

- **Bursa Chamber of Commerce and Industry**, which is the business group from Bursa, a province in western Turkey with an area of 11,043 sq. km, and an estimated population of 2.5 million.

c. **The Banks Association of Turkey** – Mr. H. Ersin Ozince and Dr. Ekrem Keskin, Chairman of the Board and Secretary General, respectively of The Bank Association of Turkey, received Dr. Kiang and Mr. Honrado at the Association's headquarters in Istanbul. The Association is a Special Member of the Asian Bankers Association (ABA), which was formed under the CACCI umbrella as one of its Product and Service Councils.

The TOBB, led by President Hisarciklioglu, hosted a Farewell Dinner for the CACCI delegation at the Lacivert Restaurant located alongside the famous Bosphorus Strait, with local business representatives in attendance.

### Tbilisi Visit

During their Georgia visit, the delegation met with officers and members of the Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) in Tbilisi; traveled to the Kakheti region for a winery tour; toured the historical city of Signagi; and paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister of Georgia. GCCCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili also hosted dinner and lunch for the delegation during the two-day visit.

The GCCCI organized a Business Forum on May 31 to introduce the CACCI delegation to some of the important government and business organizations of Georgia. Chaired by GCCCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili, the half-day Business Forum included presentations by representatives of the

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following organizations:

a. **Ministry of Economic Development of Georgia**, with the Deputy Minister delivering the Welcome Speech on behalf of Minister Zurab Pololikashvili.

b. **Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry**, with Mr. George Chirakadze, Director of Business Association, introducing the activities of the Chamber

c. **National Investment Agency**, with Mr. Irakli Mantkava, Director, describing investment opportunities in Georgia and some of the important incentives offered by government to attract foreign investors

d. **Department of Tourism and Resorts, Ministry of Economic Development of Georgia**, with Mr. Zaal Abazadze, presenting the major tourist attractions of the country

e. **Bank Center**, with Director Mr. Levan Gogoladze, briefing the delegates on the various activities and programs of the Bank Center

f. **Rakia Georgia**, with Mr. Ioseb Nibladze, Executive Director of the Marketing Department of Rakia Georgia, making a presentation on the Poti Free Industrial Zone.

Following the Business Forum, Mr. Jemal Inaishvili accompanied CACCI President Mr. Harvey Chang, CACCI Executive Vice President Ambassador Benedicto Yujuico, and CACCI Director General DR. Webster Kiang on a courtesy call to Georgian Prime Minister **Mr. Nikoloz Gilauri**.

The CACCI Presidential visits are intended to give the CACCI President and members of his delegation the



**CACCI President Meets with WCF Chairman in Istanbul** – CACCI President **Mr. Harvey Chang** (3rd from left) poses with **Mr. Rona Yircali**, Chairman of the ICC World Chambers Federation and concurrently Chairman of the Executive of the DEIK (Foreign Economic Relations Board) (4th from left), following the breakfast hosted by Mr. Yircali for the CACCI visitors. The two sides exchanged views on areas where the two organizations can work together to further help their respective members establish stronger relationships with each other. Others in photo include (from left): **Mrs. Golvaz Salahshour** from Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Mines; **Mr. Cefi J. Kamhi**, Chairman of Turkish-Indian Business Council at DEIK; **Amb. Benedicto Yujuico**, CACCI Executive Vice President and Director of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and **Dr. Webster Kiang**, CACCI Director General.

opportunity to: (a) gather first-hand information on the business situation in the host country; (b) build up the image of CACCI by making courtesy calls on economic and other high-ranking government officials of the host country to seek support for CACCI and its activities; (c) meet the top businessmen in the host country, particularly those from industries or

sectors that the host country wishes to promote; and (d) invite the host Chambers to organize a delegation to attend the annual CACCI Council Meeting and Conference and hence provide them the opportunity not only to personally meet with CACCI members from other Asian countries but also to learn from the discussions during the Conference. ■