

REGISTRATION OF INTEREST SBF BUSINESS MISSION TO TURKEY 8 – 15 JUNE 2009

The Singapore Business Federation (SBF) is soliciting business interest for a possible business mission to **Turkey** from 8 – 15 June 2009 in conjunction with a high level government visit. This is a great opportunity for our companies to **explore entry into the country**, and to have a **first-hand experience of the business dynamics and opportunities** of the emerging economies of Turkey. The mission is intended to **introduce new companies to these rapidly expanding markets**. For companies that are already active in the region, this mission is also a great opportunity to **make new contacts and reinforce existing relationships**. The highlights of this mission include briefings **by government and private sector agencies, visits to chambers and business associations**.

What TURKEY presents:

- An easy access to the markets of Europe, Central Asia, Middle East and North Africa, an unique geographical location **at the crossroads**
- Young, talented, motivated and skilled **workforce** of over 24.7 million people
- The 17th **largest economy** in the world and the 6th largest in Europe, with a 742 billion USD GNP and 10.436 USD per capita GNP
- **An open economy** which is fully integrated to the world economy
- **A gateway** to Europe through her Customs Union with the EU as well as her "accessing member" status
- An attractive and well secured **investment hub** in the region due to her liberal foreign investment policies, EU adapted legislation and rules as well as her well-established infrastructure in banking, telecommunications, and transportation
- **A good commercial partner** with a foreign trade volume of 334 billion USD for the year 2008. Ranked 19th for imports and 33rd for exports in world trade in 2007. Exports over 7.000 products to 170 countries, more than half of which exported to EU countries
- **TURQUALITY**: Good quality and safe products produced according to applicable EU technical legislation by companies winning the European Quality Award 21 times so far
- **A hospitable country**: 31 million tourists visited Turkey and tourism revenues reached to 22 billion USD in 2008
- **A transit hub of energy resources**: Once the ongoing projects are completed, the annual transit capacity will increase to 221 million tons of oil and 43 billion m³ of natural gas

Business opportunities present in these sectors:

▪ **Textiles and Clothing** ▪ **Ceramics and Glass** ▪ **Steel** ▪ **Chemicals** ▪ **Light Consumer Goods** ▪ **Agriculture** ▪ **Manufacturing** ▪ **Services in the Media, Transport and Tourism**

As part of the delegation accompanying the official visit, we seek your kind cooperation & understanding to adhere to the programme that is planned and stay throughout the entire mission in order not to miss out any opportunities to attend business forums and establish relevant contacts. Due to limited availability of seats, registered participants are subject to confirmation by SBF. We would require businesses that are keen to visit these markets and to be on the delegation to **INDICATE YOUR PARTICIPATION TO US BY FRI, 24 APR 2009**

Estimated Costs:

1	++ Air Tickets and Hotel Accommodation (Price per night, incl. Breakfast)	<i>To be advised</i>
2	Estimated Common Cost (incl. local transfers, meals, networking, brochures, gifts and other miscellaneous expenses)*	<i>To be advised</i>

++ Eligible companies can apply to International Enterprise Singapore for double tax deduction for accommodation and air travel costs for up to 2 representatives per participating company **OR** up to 60% subsidy for accommodation and economy airfare for 1 representative per participating company. Please refer to our Participation Agreement Form for more details.

***SBF members will receive preferential rates on common costs. Common cost subsidized under IMAP is already factored into the estimated common cost.**

For any queries, please contact **George Chan or Claire at 6827 6842/ 898**.

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