



PRESS RELEASE

Bahadır Kaleađası assumes the presidency of Institut du Bosphore

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The nomination of Mr. Bahadır Kaleađası as the president of the Institut du Bosphore was announced by Mr. Kemal Dervis and Mr. Henry de Castries, co-presidents of the Scientific Committee of the Institute, during the last Committee meeting held in Paris on 25 March 2011.

Mr. Bahadır Kaleađası, the international coordinator of TUSIAD, (Turkish Industry & Business Association) officially assumed office on 1 April 2011. He succeeded the founder and president Mr. Haluk Tukul , who for will continue to contribute to the Institute's activities as a member of Scientific Committee

Mr. Kaleađası is also a scientific member at the Institute of European Studies in the University of Brussels, a board member of TUSIAD International, JC International - Europe and Forum Istanbul, advisor for the development of international projects, commentator for the daily newspaper Radikal and the monthly Finans Dunyasi, founding president of Turkish environmental association TEMA-Brussels; member of numerous institutions, associations and foundations worldwide. *(Please find the biography of Dr. Bahadır Kaleađası attached.)*



Message from the President of Institut du Bosphore, Bahadır Kaleağası

« Conceived as an organization fostering ongoing, free and objective dialogue, Institut du Bosphore tackles the full range of geopolitical, economic, societal and cultural issues, in order to highlight Turkey's involvement in the international fabric of society, the G20 and in particular its proximity to France and integration to the European Union.

Institut du Bosphore has made considerable progress since its establishment in 2009. By implementing a strategy of high-level institutional and media-related meetings, by connecting with influential actors from the largest cities in France and by publishing on its website numerous analyses about the current situation in Turkey's election process, the latest social and geopolitical developments in Turkey, Institut du Bosphore has become, in several months, the leading think tank on Turkey, on Turkish-French relations and the relations between Turkey and the rest of Europe.

Our annual seminar brings together prominent people from various backgrounds and takes place around a main theme treated through its various political, economic and cultural aspects. The seminar has become the "rendez-vous" of the year for the members, the press and for all those who are interested in Turkey.

Institut du Bosphore has a demanding work program for 2011 considering the upcoming political and geopolitical agenda marked by the Turkish parliamentary elections and the presidential election in France. This program also aims to address various topics such as the efforts to overcome the global economic and financial crisis and as well as the political instability in the Euro-Mediterranean region which neighbor countries are currently facing. Institut du Bosphore will continue to strengthen its collaboration with French and European think tanks to lead discussions and to publish its political and economic analyses in line with the particularly busy current affairs.

We are confident that as a European think-tank Institut du Bosphore will further contribute to discussions concerning global issues, the European integration project and to the positions of France and Turkey within such configuration during this new period. »



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