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The 32nd CACCI Conference
November 23-24, 2018, Ciragan Palace Kempinski, Istanbul, Turkey

Tentative Program

(As of August 27, 2018)

November 23, 2018 , Friday

08:00am-17:00pm Registration

09:00am-12:00am Final Selection of Winners

- The 7rd Asia –Pacific Young Entrepreneur Award (*Mabeyn Room*)
- The 8th Local Chamber Awards (*Enderun Ballroom*)

09:00am – 12:15pm Parallel Breakout Sessions

These parallel breakout sessions focusing on three sectors each will feature sectoral roundtable discussions and concurrent sessions that will gather government and private sector leaders for dialogue and panel discussion and information sharing on important sectoral issues, as well as to explore possible areas of cooperation among CACCI members within the same sector.

09:00am-10:00am Group One

- ⤴ *CACCI Women Entrepreneurs Council (Yildiz A)*
- ⤴ *Asian ICT Council (Yildiz B)*
- ⤴ *Asian Council on Health and Education (Yildiz C)*

10:00am-11:00am Group Two

- ⤴ *Young Entrepreneurs Group Asia-Pacific (Yildiz A)*
- ⤴ *Asian Council on Tourism (Yildiz B)*
- ⤴ *Asian Council on Trade Facilitation (Yildiz C)*

11:00am – 11:15am Coffee Break (Conference Center Foyer Area)

11:15am -12:15pm Group Three

- ⤴ *SME Development Council (Yildiz A)*
- ⤴ *Asian Council on Food and Agriculture (Yildiz B)*
- ⤴ *Asian Council on Water, Energy and Environment (Yildiz C)*

12:15pm-01:15pm Lunch (Ciragan Ballroom)

- 01:30pm-04:00pm** **Final Selection of Winner for the 2nd Asia-Pacific Women Entrepreneur Award** (*Kaftan*)
- 02:00pm-03:00pm** **Policy Advocacy Working Group Meeting** (*Yildiz A*)
- This session will review and finalize a paper focusing on a policy or policies of current interest to CACCI members and to the region's business community as a whole, and for submission – along with their recommendations – to regional or multilateral organizations and to relevant government authorities for consideration and possible input into their policy-making endeavours.*
- 03:00pm-05:00pm** **Discover Business Opportunities Through CACCI** (*Enderun Ballroom*)
- This session will feature the following: (a) country presentations by selected member chambers on current economic conditions in their respective countries and opportunities for trade and investments, or on special programs, projects, products or services that have benefited their members or the community they serve and may be adapted by chambers from other countries; and (b) invited CEOs of companies or successful entrepreneurs from various CACCI member countries who will share their success stories; the challenges they faced and how they overcame them; and/or their innovative business models*
- 02:30pm-04:00pm** **Advisory Board Meeting** (*Open only to Advisory Board members*) (*Yildiz B*)
- 04:00pm-05:00pm** **Budget Commission Meeting** (*Open only to Budget Commission members*) (*Yildiz B*)
- 05:00pm-05:15pm** **Coffee Break** (*Conference Center Foyer Area*)
- 05:15pm-06:45pm** **89th CACCI Council Meeting** (*Mabeyn*)
- 07:15pm-09:30pm** **Welcome Reception/Dinner** (*Ciragan Ballroom*)

November 24, 2018, Saturday

The 32nd CACCI CONFERENCE (*Ciragan Ballroom*)
Theme: ASIA: EXPANDING BOUNDARIES

The Conference will identify measures that the business sector and governments in the region can undertake to address the challenges being faced by the global economy and take full advantage of the current opportunities offered not just by markets in the Asia-Pacific region but by countries in other parts of the world as well, thereby enabling them to grow and expand beyond the domestic borders and into the global market.

Invited speakers will discuss how chambers and businessmen in the region can work closely together in defining a new role for the Asian business community in achieving a sustainable economic development, grasping common opportunities outside the usual geographical and technological boundaries, and managing shared risks and problems amid a rapidly changing world market, while playing a substantial, constructive and catalytic role in global economic growth.

- 10:00am-11:00am** **Opening Ceremony**
- Welcome Statement from **Mr. Rifat Hisarciklioglu**, President, The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)
 - Welcome Remarks from **Mr. Jemal Inaishvili**, President of the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI)
 - Special Address by a High-Level Government Official of Turkey
 - Keynote Address by Invited Expert
 - Presentation of Plaques of Appreciation to the High-Level Government Official and to the Keynote Speaker
- 11:00am - 11:15am** **Coffee Break** (*Conference Center Foyer Area*)
- 11:15am – 12:15pm** **Plenary Session 1: The Changing Role of Chambers in Promoting Business** (*Ciragan Ballroom*)
- This session will feature speakers who will share their views on how SMEs can be assisted by chambers in their internationalization efforts and in becoming a part of Global Value Chains (GVCs). Within the scope of authentication issue and providing data, chambers have a critical role to expedite the process. They can cooperate on cross border regulatory policy needs and; therefore, facilitate cross border trade.*
- 12:15pm - 01:15pm** **Plenary Session 2: Innovation and Digitalization: Implications for Business** (*Ciragan Ballroom*)
- This session will examine how new technological revolution has directly transformed our lives and trade mechanisms. It should be realized that distributed ledger technologies have forced Asian developing countries to move from cross border trade to fin-tech solutions. According to GVCs formation, service sector value added in manufacture industries should also be considered with Artificial Intelligence (AI).*
- 01:15pm - 02:30pm** **Lunch** (*Exhibition Hall or Ciragan Ballroom*)
- 03:00pm - 04:00pm** **Plenary Session 3: Regional Integration and Connectivity for Sustainable Development** (*Ciragan Ballroom*)
- Invited speakers will elaborate on their perspectives as to why traditional shipping connectivity is not enough for Asian integration/transformation. Among others, they will explain how the One Belt, One Road Initiative is expected to bring in new transportation corridors and regulatory harmonization needs, why the latter is important for diversification of the Asian economies, and how at that point chambers could have a role to play to increase connectivity between Asian countries and the world.*

04:00pm – 05:00pm Plenary Session 4: A New World Economic Order: What It Means for Asia (Ciragan Ballroom)

This session will feature panelists who, in light of the rising protectionism among major economies which is seen to threaten the developing world, will examine and share their views on how to define new aspects of the new world economic order, and how opportunities and threats of this new era of populist backlash should be identified and addressed.

05:00pm – 05:15pm Coffee Break (Conference Center Foyer Area)

05:15pm – 06:30pm 90th CACCI Council Meeting (Ciragan Ballroom)

08:00pm Gala Dinner

- Formal Turnover Ceremony for Incoming CACCI President
- Announcement of CACCI Awards Winners
- Video Presentation by 2019 CACCI Conference Host

November 25, 2018, Sunday

- Optional Post-Conference Tour
- Departure of delegates
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