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News& Events

Representatives from the China's and Thailand's capital markets institutions visited the CMB

A group of high-level delegates from China's and Thailand's capital markets-related institutions visited the Capital Markets Board of Turkey on 6-7 June 2011.

The Chinese Delegation composed of seven representatives from Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) and Shanghai Stock Exchange first visited the Capital Markets Board's (CMB) Istanbul Office. During this visit, the CMB Chairman Mr. Vedat Akgiray, Board Members Mr. Emin Özer, Mr. Bülent Gökrem and other CMB representatives gave brief information about the CMB and Turkish capital markets. The regulatory framework on listing procedure, mergers and acquisitions and other issues on cooperation were among the main discussion topics.



Subsequently, the China Delegation met with the representatives of the Association of Capital Market Intermediary Institution and Istanbul Stock Exchange. The markets, key statistics, listing procedures and the Emerging Companies Market of the ISE were discussed during these meetings.

Thailand delegation of 28 persons, including representatives from the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Stock Exchange of Thailand and the private sector came together with the representatives from the Capital Markets Board, Istanbul Stock Exchange, Association of Capital Market Intermediary Institution and private sector to discuss the regulatory and supervisory system for the securities market in Turkey, liberalization of the market, development of derivatives market, foreign investments and capital markets activities of banks.



Capital Markets Licensing, Registration and Education A.S. has been established

A new corporation has been established in Turkish capital markets for the purposes of providing activities in education, licensing and research. The name of the corporation is “Capital Markets Licensing, Registration and Education A.S.” which is jointly founded by all the institutions in the sector and it is based in Istanbul. The founding partners and Capital Markets Board of Turkey are represented in the Board of Directors.

As well as conducting nationwide activities in relation to education, presentation and research of capital markets, one of the main purposes of this corporation is to keep registry records of capital market employees and to carry out licensing.

With the aim of increasing awareness regarding capital markets, it is planned that the corporation will handle intensive presentations both at the national and international levels. Additionally, the corporation will carry out important tasks in the fields of investor education and increasing financial literacy, which gained even more importance after the recent financial crisis.

As a final remark, one of the targets of the corporation is to act like a bridge between the activities of the institutions regarding education, licensing, registry, presentation and research for increasing the number of publications. Likewise, the corporation aims to take the necessary actions for developing the collaboration between the capital markets sector and universities.

Main Legislative Developments

The Communiqué Serial: I, No: 43 Amending the Communiqué Serial: I, No: 40 on Principles Regarding Registration With Board and Sale of Shares (date of official gazette: 10.6.2011)

With this amendment, the provisions regarding the proceedings to be carried out to enable the shares to be sold in the stock exchange as trading shares have been changed. The amendment will enable corporations whose shares are traded in the stock exchange, those shares registered with the Board, but not traded in the stock exchange become trading shares and can be sold in the stock exchange through an application by Central Registration Agency (CRA) member financial intermediaries on the basis of the principles established by CRA and after the Board registration fee is deposited. A subparagraph is also added stipulating corporations listed in Emerging Companies Market (ECM), those shares which are not traded in ECM, shall not be qualified as trading shares in the stock exchange. On the other hand, the article will not be applied for wholesales carried out at the relevant market of the stock exchange.

Also, article 13 of the Communiqué regarding private placement has been changed. With the amendment, the corporations traded in the stock exchange and the corporations whose shares shall be traded in the ECM are required to carry out the private placement through capital contribution in the relevant market of the stock exchange. Shares subject to these proceedings can be qualified as non-trading or as trading in the stock exchange without being subject to article 8 of the this Communiqué on the discretion of the corporation.

Main Indicators

	December 2008	December 2009	January 2011
Number of ISE Companies	323	322	346
Market capitalization of ISE companies (Million \$)	119,698	235,996	287,985
Market capitalization as a % of GDP	16.15	38.21	39.13
Number of investors in ISE	989,853	1,000,261	1,056,817
Investors Deposit Balance (% of Total)			
-Foreign	67.5	67.3	64.7
-Domestic	32.5	32.7	35.3
Number of open mutual fund accounts	2,938,904	2,998,648	3,412,645
Number of pension funds participants	1,859,824	2,141,287	2,488,423
Intermediary Institutions	145	144	144
-Brokerage Firms			
-Banks	104	103	103
	41	41	41
Investment Funds NAV*	19,776	26,086	27,811
-Mutual Funds NAV (\$ Million)			
-Pension Funds N AV (\$ Million)	15,768	19,921	20,190
-Foreign Funds NAV (\$ Million)	3,973	6,126	7,591
	35	39	30
NAV of investment funds as a % of GDP	3.20	4.22	3.77
Investment Trusts NAV (\$ Million)	364	479	453
Real Estate Investment Trusts NAV (\$ Million)	2,808	3,172	11,189
Venture Capital Investment Trusts NAV (\$ Million)	90	103	121
Total Investment Trusts NAV as a % of GDP	0.44	0.61	1.59
Number of Portfolio Management Companies	23	23	28
Portfolio value of port. man. comp. (\$ Million)	20,213	26,694	29,893
Number Of Independent Auditing Companies	97	95	92
Number Of Real Estate Appraisal Firms	50	63	84
Number Of Rating Agencies	8	9	9
*NAV: Net Asset Value, ** GDP as of December 2010 (735,828 \$ Million)			

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