Turkey’s Gateway for Global Opportunities

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce Introduction

Imagine a city...
It connects not only roads and seas, but also the borders of the two continents of the world.

Imagine a city...
Rising over the heritage of three great empires
Through a sea of change for over 8500 years
Standing tall as a new age is drawn, right on its soil

It is a city that embodies a harmony of religions, languages, and cultures.

The only city through which both sea and commerce flows...
The City of Istanbul...

Located at the crossroads of the busiest trade routes of the past, today’s Istanbul continues to inspire both local and global investors as a hard to match metropolis.

Single-handedly generating more than 50% of exports and 43% of all budget revenues of Turkey, and creating a total output worth 250 billion dollars, Istanbul outperforms many nations in GDP rankings. Its geographical location and multi-lateral regional connections provide access to one third of total global population, and support its position at the top of the list as a developing international capital of finance, real estate, and tourism.

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce with its 380 thousand plus members and committees representing 81 distinct sectors, is the largest and most comprehensive business organization in this unique city. A significant stakeholder in Turkey’s economic development, our Chamber has been relentlessly putting in efforts to serve our members by improving their competitive position in both local and international arena, and to carry the brand of Istanbul to ever higher places, for 133 years now.

Undertaking projects for the whole country and the wider region from a single city, Istanbul Chamber of Commerce puts its mark on numerous works in not only the commercial domain, but also in a number of fields from technology to education, from culture and arts to sports. Having become one of the five largest chambers of the world, Istanbul Chamber of Commerce is indeed—in terms of diversity of fields of activity— the largest chamber of the world.

This booklet, I hope, will help you get acquainted with this establishment dedicated to the future of this country, by dwelling on a few of the countless works of Istanbul Chamber of Commerce. I hereby extend my kindest regards with respect and affection, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of Istanbul, where seas, continents, and people meet.

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Member of Executive Board
İlhan SOYLU

Member of Executive Board
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The rising star of global commerce:

Turkey...

A center of attraction at the crossroads of 3 continents...

At the crossroads of the Silk Road, the first route to intercontinental trade...

The Land that gave birth to 3 empires which ruled the world...

The land where the money was invented...
Center of the World: **Istanbul...**
Ancient city with the Milion, the zero-mile marker, for the commercial routes of the world...

MILON, one of the most important symbols of Istanbul as the center of the global trade, marks the starting point of the trade routes of ancient Rome and the distance from ancient cities to Istanbul. The world trade starts right at that point and in ISTANBUL...
### ICOC Through Years

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<td>1885</td>
<td>Publication of the first economics newspaper of Turkey, &quot;Dersaadet Ticaret Odası Gazetesi&quot; (Dersaadet Chamber of Commerce Newspaper), began.</td>
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<td>1889</td>
<td>From March 11 on, Chambers of Commerce were transformed into Chambers of Commerce, Agriculture, and Industry. Hence Dersaadet Chamber of Commerce assumed the functions of Chambers of Agriculture and Industry as well, and operated under the title of Dersaadet Chamber of Commerce, Agriculture and Industry till 1910.</td>
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<td>The book titled &quot;Hukuk-i Ticaret&quot; (Commercial Law) was the first book published by the Chamber.</td>
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<td>A by-law published on June 13 marked the dissociation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry from the Chambers of Agriculture.</td>
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<td>By-law of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry entered into force. Chambers were granted legal entity status, with mandatory membership.</td>
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<td>Istanbul Chamber of Commerce moved to 4th Vakıf Han.</td>
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<td>The first Assembly elections of Istanbul Chamber of Commerce and Industry took place.</td>
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<td>1928</td>
<td>The Chamber became a member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).</td>
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<td>1937</td>
<td>Istanbul Ticaret ve Sanayi Odası journal printed in Turkish and French. (From 1954 on, some of the items were featured in Turkish and English.)</td>
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<td>1948</td>
<td>The first price indices of Turkey were published, as part of the publications of the League of Nations.</td>
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<td>1950</td>
<td>Tradesmen Dispensary was founded.</td>
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<td>1955</td>
<td>ICOC joined in OEEC. (This event marks the start of Turkey's economic integration to the wider world.)</td>
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<td>The first professional trade fair organization activities of Turkey started.</td>
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<td>1963</td>
<td>The Economic Development Foundation (İKV) was founded through joint efforts of Istanbul Chamber of Commerce and Istanbul Chamber of Industry.</td>
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<td>Istanbul Huzur Hospital and Resorts Foundation was established.</td>
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<td>First Successful Taxpayer Awards was introduced.</td>
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<td>Membership to the World Commerce Centers Association.</td>
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<td>Foundation of İstanbul Dunya Ticaret Merkezi A.Ş, under the leadership of ICOC.</td>
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<td>Membership to the Association of the Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASCAME).</td>
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<td>Multi-purpose recreational facilities were opened in Kandilli.</td>
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<td>Istanbul World Trade Center (İDTM) trade fair building was opened.</td>
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<td>Project for e-Archives began (Registry Archives).</td>
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<td>The Chamber was tasked to serve as the Trade Registry of Istanbul.</td>
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<td>Perpa and İstoç Service Units were opened.</td>
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<td>Total Quality Management system was introduced and ISO-9001 Quality Assurance Certificate was received.</td>
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<td>For the first time Turkish Products Fairs for target markets were held.</td>
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<td>The first Commerce University of Turkey, Istanbul Commerce University founded by ICOC commenced education.</td>
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2002
• ICOC was accredited as the Best Chamber of Europe within the framework of the Accreditation Project led by Eurochamber.
• Istanbul Shopping Fest took place for the first time.

2003
• OECD opened a library in Istanbul under ICOC, marking a novel exception of its kind outside national capitals.
• Publication of İTOVİZYON Magazine took start.
• “İstanbul Chamber of Commerce - Vocational Training Center (İTOMEM)” was established.
• ICOC Turkish Subcontracting Exchange was awarded the “Best Service for Small Enterprises Award” by the World Federation of Chambers of Commerce.
• ‘Supplier Days’ events began to provide a meeting venue for local and foreign firms.
• “İCOC Info Line” went live. It was later renamed as the “Call Center”.
• Information Unit was established.
• Formula 1 track was built, and Istanbul was added into the race calendar.
• The first “Successful SME” contest took place.

2004
• “The First Step for Exports” program began, with the aim of encouraging SMEs for export operations.
• A cooperation protocol was signed between ICOC and KOSGEB, with a view to strengthen SMEs.
• ICOC’s Gıyımkent Regional Liaison Office was opened.

2005
• Restoration of Kızlarağası Mehmet Ağa Madrasa was completed.
• Work on the restoration of Rüstempaşa Madrasa began.
• Vocational and Technical Training Courses Project ÖZİMEK began.

2006
• 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency, where ICOC was a full member of both the consultative and the executive committee, was established.
• Turkey took part in Frankfurt Book Fair as the Guest of Honor.
• İstanbul Commerce University’s Kuşçukyali Campus was opened.

2007
• Restoration of Yenİ Camii Hünkâr Mansion was completed.
• Issuance of chamber certificates from a portal, with the assistance of a courier service, began.
• Bağcılar İCOC Autistic Children Education Center was opened.

2008
• Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, EU Information Center was opened.

2009
• Management firm “Teknopark Istanbul A.Ş.” was established within the framework of Teknopark Istanbul Project.
• Restoration of Hünkâr Mansion received “Europa Nostra” award.
• Construction of new schools began throughout Turkey. These schools were named after soldiers who passed away on duty.
• Electronic publication of all work went online.

2010
• TÜRKMEK “International Vocational and Technical Training Project” document was signed with Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA).
• ÖZİMEK Project brought the “Best Chamber of the World” award in the Best Corporate Social Responsibility Category.

2011
• Special Administration Vocational Training Courses (ÖZİMEK) Project executed jointly with the Special Provincial Administration, National Education Directorate, and Turkish Labor Agency (İŞKUR) provided trainings to a total of 37,751.
• With Istanbul Fashion Workshop, ICOC was named one of the finalists in the 8th World Chambers Award held by World Chambers Federation, in Qatar.
• ICOC Academy web portal was established within the framework of the ICOC Academy Qualification Based Human Resources Development Project aiming to serve SMEs.
• The first “Round Table” meeting with leading global firms takes place in Brussels.
• Chamber services were brought online under the e-ICOC initiative.
• ICOC took the helm in the organization of Shopping Fest as part of the platform led by the Metropolitan Municipality of Istanbul.
• Credit Guarantee Fund representative office was opened at ICOC headquarters.
• KOSGEB representative office was opened at ICOC headquarters.
• A cooperation protocol was signed with Turkish Standards Institution.
• The Chamber Library began to serve more effectively with its independent site.

2012
• The first “Istanbul Chamber of Commerce Awards” were held, projected to support achievements which take our economy to the future and contribute to our commercial life.
• ICOC-Mobile Service Bus began operations to offer better services with on-site reach.
• ICOC took part in the world’s largest real estate fair MIPIM held in Cannes, France, with a giant living Istanbul model covering an area of 96 square meters.
• Arbitration Center of Istanbul Chamber of Commerce (İTOTAM) entered into service as an independent arbitration agency where arbitration rules apply.
• Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, Workshop for the 2023 Strategic Action Plan for the Construction and Property Sector” took place.
• #İstanbul Instagram competition was introduced. It aims to further promote Istanbul as a tourist destination.
• The first English language newspaper of the Chamber entered into publication.
• ICOC Archive to maintain the commercial archives of Istanbul was opened.
ICOC operates with the vision of increasing the share of its members in international trade, guiding them through global economic developments, and contributing to the rise of Turkey as a regional power.

ICOC is aware of its crucial role regarding the need to respond to the structural and current issues faced by the private sector, enhance Turkey’s international trade power, and provide a safe and stable development environment for the national economy. It carries out its work in line with the mission of supporting the development of all aspects of economic and commercial life.

As an institution dedicated to the future of Turkey, ICOC encourages rapid development and expansion of trade, small-scale industry, and service sectors on the basis of its mission. It strives to develop new overseas markets, and organizes trade shows. It identifies and tries to eliminate the obstacles before the development of the business world.

It executes the procedures concerning its members, quickly and without delay. It informs the public and helps maintain professional ethics and solidarity as referred to in its character. It cooperates with all kinds of public and private, professional, scientific, social, and cultural entity with a view to helping further the development of the nation.
Regional Offices

Eminönü Headquarters
Istanbul Chamber of Commerce - Headquarters Reşadiye Cad. 34112, Eminönü

SERVICE UNITS

Giyimkent
Turgut Reis Mah. Giyimkent Sitesi 12. Sok. No:82, Esenler

Perpa
Perpa Ticaret İş Merkezi B Blok Kat:13 No:2269-2270, Okmeydanı

Kadıköy
Eğitim Mah. Kasap İsmail Sok. Sadıkoğlu Plaza 5, Hasanpaşa- Kadıköy

Pendik
Doğu Mah. Namık Kemal Cad. Neyzen Tevfik Kültür Merkezi Kompleksi No:45, Pendik

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İstanbul Dünya Ticaret Merkezi A1 Blok Giriş Kat, Yeşilköy

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Kargo Terminal A Blok Kat:2, Kurtköy

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for ICOC Headquarters or service units.
RESPONDS TO SECTORAL PROBLEMS THROUGH OCCUPATIONAL COMMITTEES
Members of various occupational committees meet at ICOC and review current issues confronting their respective sectors.

PREPARES COUNTRY AND SECTOR REPORTS
ICOC publishes country and industry reports in order to guide its members and shed light on the socio-economic state of Istanbul.

INVESTMENT CONSULTING CENTER
ICOC helps foreign investors get acquainted with company establishment procedures in Turkey. Assisting foreign direct investors, Center provides access to information and services and carries out the company establishment and registration procedures quickly. It also provides investors information about the investment subsidies offered by the government.

ORGANIZES VISITS ABROAD FOR COMMISSION DELEGATES
ICOC organizes “Study Visits” and “Regional Trade Delegations” for target markets, Turkish Product Fairs, and trade shows subject to national participation, to increase export figures, find out new markets, and lay down the foundations of future partnerships abroad.

ORGANIZES INVESTOR MEETINGS ABROAD
In order to attract new foreign investors, ICOC provides a meeting ground for leading firms of Turkey and global investors. It arranges Round Tables and B2B Meetings which provide a venue to facilitate bilateral business meetings, cooperation, and investments.

ENGAGES IN LOBBYING
Within the framework of its lobbying efforts, ICOC represents the Chamber in international activities including seminars, conferences and forums.
OUR OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

EXTENDS THE REACH OF TURKISH FIRMS WORLDWIDE THROUGH FAIRS
ICOC takes part in trade shows and Turkish Products Fairs represents Turkey as guest of honor or partner country and as such provides Turkish firms a platform for exports enabling them to reach out to the world. Firms that participate in trade shows along ICOC also gain know-how that enhances their export capacity. ICOC’s efforts pay off by drawing attention and generating a good response globally. It ensures a significant number of participating firms, booth sizes, product quality and diversity. Trade shows are also supported by the Ministry of Economy.

SERVICES FOR SMEs

• INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS FOR SUBCONTRACTORS
Turkish Sub-Contracting Exchange introduces Turkish Sub-Contractors to both national and international industrialists, and paves the way for making business with them. On an annual basis, the Exchange provides a platform to match roughly 3000 applicants with local companies.

• PREPARES SUPPORT PROGRAMS
ICOC provides support for sales minded entrepreneurs with potential to create employment opportunities with products / services that appeal to foreign and domestic markets.
• **GLOBAL GIANTS MEET TURKISH SMEs**
ICOC allows global big names to engage in bilateral contacts with small scale Turkish firms as guests of the Chamber, during the Traditional Cooperation and Supplier Days events.

• **INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL COURSES**
Through the International Vocational and Technical Training Project (TÜRKMEK), ICOC supports the training of trainers from friendly and sister countries.

• **CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROJECT**
ICOC supports vocational training of the work force, by providing equipment and hardware for the Specialized Vocational Training Centers (UMEM) project as well as input for the curriculum to ensure conforms to the sought qualities by the industry.

• **EXPORTER TRAININGS**
ICOC provides training for exporters through the “First Steps of Next Generation Exports” program. It is a 10-month training with 75 hours of consulting for each firm, with a view to carving exporters out of SMEs.

• **NEW MARKETS WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF POTENTIAL**
ICOC, with International Competition Development (UR-GE), identifies new markets that have significant commercial potential, and the means to penetrate such markets. It arranges face to face business contacts and participation in trade shows in these target markets.
OUR OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

VISA FACILITATION AND FAST TRACK
VISA PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERS
ICOC facilitates commercial visa processes for its members through agreements with diplomatic missions of many countries, and also extends reference letters.

PROVIDES CONTACTS AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION WITH CONSULATES
ICOC maintains good relations with consulates and provides information and guidance to its members regarding the business community of the destination country. It also arranges events to host mutual delegation visits and review investment opportunities. The Chamber invites guests from interested countries for bilateral meetings with members of Turkish business community as per demand.

ENGAGES IN DAILY MONITORING OF LEGISLATION
ICOC monitors administrative decisions and changes in regulations concerning tax, foreign trade, customs, labor and social security on a daily basis, and reports these to its members and to potential local/foreign investors.

PUBLISHES STATISTICAL REPORTS
ICOC prepares the monthly Istanbul Consumer Prices Index (CPI) and Producer Prices Index (PPI). Such indices are used as reference by the authorities steering the economy. ICOC updates Turkish Economy in Numbers and Istanbul’s Economic and Social Indicators, and publishes them online in English and in Turkish.

COMMERCIAL ROAD MAP
ICOC and Istanbul Commerce University cooperate to keep the tabs on the economy through the Commercial Activity Index drawn up on the basis of 81 professional committees’ input. The Index is compiled under the Production, Commerce, Services, and General Commercial Activities sections, and provides a road map for the relevant sectors’ future plans. Index figures are announced to the members and domestic press during the monthly meetings of ICOC Assembly by ICOC Chairman.
ICOC Library and Information Center serves members, the business world, universities, and researchers. It provides access to information on Turkish and global economy, provinces, national and international statistics, as well as to OECD library, rare works, books, magazines, brochures, CDs, and large scale databases such as Compass to which the Chamber is a subscriber. There are some 2,983 electronic Chamber publications in PDF format also available on ICOC portal.

HOSTS THE LARGEST DATABASE OF ECONOMICS AND TRADE FIGURES

ICOC provides update information to its members regarding the economics agenda, Chamber’s activities, and Istanbul through press, media, and e-media. Thanks to e-media and press releases of the newspaper of the Chamber, Istanbul Ticaret, members are able to get information about business opportunities, national and international trade shows calendar, bilateral business meetings, regulations and business requests and offers timely and in a convenient fashion.

PUBLISHES THE FIRST ECONOMICS NEWSPAPER OF TURKEY: ISTANBUL TICARET

Boasting a weekly circulation figure of 120,000, Istanbul Ticaret Newspaper is published in Turkish and English languages and represents the voice of commerce and economy.

Furthermore, Istanbul Ticaret Newspaper is also published online, please visit at www.itohaber.com

PROVIDES PRESS, MEDIA AND E-MEDIA CONTACTS FOR ITS MEMBERS

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OUR OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

ORGANIZES SECTOR-WIDE SEMINARS
ICOC organizes informative meetings including seminars and panels, in order to help our members get in tune with the changes and developments, and to respond to their needs for information.

PROVIDES ASSURANCES FOR CONSUMERS
Customer Complaints Unit serves to handle problems that might arise due to customer complaints on products or services offered by ICOC member firms. This unit appoints members to represent ICOC before Provincial Arbitration Committees, and nominates expert witnesses.

ICOC also strives to prevent unfair competition between its members, and to help implement the sector-wide decisions to strengthen professional ethics and solidarity and further the protection of consumers.

PROVIDES REGISTRATION SERVICES FOR 380,000 FIRMS
Having served as the registry of all documents and operations of the firms in Istanbul, ICOC Trade Registry issues relevant documents for the 380,000 firms.

Changes in the Trade Registry, as published in the Official Gazette, are relayed on the portal early in the morning for members’ information.
OFFERS THE FASTEST AND MOST AFFORDABLE WAY TO GET E-DOCUMENTS
42,000 visitors access ICOC Portal on a daily basis and file applications for Certificate of Activity or Trade Registry Gazette Copy with e-signature or physical signature. Certificate of Activity can be issued in Turkish, French, English, and German. Members use the portal as it allows them to get many things done without having to visit ICOC or regional units.

ISSUES FOREIGN TRADE DOCUMENTS
ICOC issues and certifies foreign trade documents such as ATA and TIR certificates, Certificate of Origin, A.TR Circulation Certificate, EUR1 and EUR-MED Circulation Certificates, and Simple ATR for its members.
MAINTAINS ISTANBUL’S COMMERCIAL ARCHIVE
ICOC set up the most modern chamber archive of Turkey. With total indoor area of 1,300 square meters on five floors, the archive is equipped with high-tech systems, has access authorization systems, 24/7 CCTV monitoring and continues to preserve the commercial memory of ICOC.

OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS
Each year ICOC offers scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Students from Turkic countries and related communities are also offered scholarships.

ICOC ARBITRATION CENTER (İTOTAM) PROVIDES INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION SERVICES
www.itotam.com

The Address for Quick and Efficient Settlement by Respected and Expert Arbitrators:
• ICOC offers arbitration services in-line with international practices.
• It provides a quick and efficient means to settle commercial disputes through arbitration.
• It also helps improve and promote arbitration as a means of settlement.
• ICOC monitors national and international developments regarding arbitration, and notifies relevant parties.
SERVING ALL CORNERS OF ISTANBUL THROUGH ICOC MOBILE

Each week ICOC Mobile Service Bus visits different parts of Istanbul and provides easy access for members to the following services:

- Trade Registry Gazette Copy
- Activity and Social Security Certificate
- Signature certification
- Apprenticeship certificate approval
- Chamber ID
In 2001, the first Commerce University of Turkey, Istanbul Commerce University admitted its first class of students. Istanbul Commerce University is also the first Turkish private university established by Chamber, and positions itself beyond and above competition through continuously updated programs that respond to the needs of the business community.

**Firsts by Istanbul Commerce University:**

- Opinion and Project Production Academy (DUPA)
- International Creative Economy and Culture Industries, Creative Cities Application and Research Center
- ICOC Academy
- Continuous Education Coordinator
- Precious Stones Cutting Center
- Heir Program
- Career Center
- Global Experience Campus
ICOC CEMİLE SULTAN FACILITIES

Located in Kandiller on the Anatolian side of the Bosporus, and home to a multitude of venues offering unique tastes and spectacular views in a 100 acre woods, Istanbul Chamber of Commerce Cemile Sultan Facility has been a center of excellence since 1994. It has a swimming pool, basketball and volleyball fields, tennis courts, helipad, indoors and outdoors restaurants.

Cemile Sultan hosts many large scale events and corporate services including seminars, conferences, and meetings as per the needs of the business community.

www.cemilesultan.com
ISTANBUL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS
ICOC believes "skills deserve compliments". ICOC Awards were introduced to support and encourage members whose achievements contribute to business and commerce.
YENİ CAMİİ HÜNKÂR MANSION
Restoration project of the 350 years old Yeni Camii Hünkâr Mansion in 2004, under ICOC sponsorship, was acknowledged by (European Union Cultural Heritage Preservation) through the 2010 Europa Nostra awards.
ICOC continues its sponsorship efforts at Yeni Camii Hünkâr Mansion through the monthly exhibitions of various examples of traditional Turkish art forms such as calligraphy, ornamentation, miniature, and marbling.

SUPPORTING EDUCATION THROUGH BUILDING NEW SCHOOLS
ICOC is a leader in financing of national education in Turkey as the number two name after the Ministry of Education and Special Provincial Administrations. It also donates buildings to the Ministry for educational use.

RESTORATION OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS
ICOC sponsored restoration of Historic Beyoğlu Vocational High School for Tailors, Süleymaniye Compound, Kızılarası Mehmet Ağa Madrasa, Rüstempaşa Madrasa, Yeni Camii Hünkâr Mansion, Vasilianus Bastion and various historic fountains. These restorations were carried out in conformity with the original plans, forms and features of the historic monuments and ensured their preservation for future generations.
ICOC TURKISH MUSIC CHORUS
ICOC Turkish music chorus is composed of ICOC members. It takes part in numerous events and continues to meet music lovers on radio and TV shows.

ICOC EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOUNDATION SPORTS CLUB ASSOCIATION
ICOC Education and Social Services Foundation Sports Club Association was established in March 2004. The foundation sponsors basketball and football teams, and also encourages young people to do sports in amateur branches.

www.itosporkulubu.com

• SPORTS COMPLEX WITH A CAPACITY OF 1,000
ICOC aims to encourage and support young people interested in and with potential for sports activities. Its infrastructural support efforts included building a 10,000 m² sports complex with a capacity of 1,000 in Istanbul’s Kartal-Yakacık district.
ISTANBUL WORLD TRADE CENTER (IDTM)

Established in 1987 under the leadership of ICOC, IDTM focuses on efforts to expand international trade, ensure better integration of developing countries and enhance opportunities for cooperation among members.

IDTM is part of the Association of World Trade Centers (WTCA) located in the US with more than 320 World Trade Centers as members established in 96 countries all around the globe.

www.idtm.com.tr

ISTANBUL SHOPPING FEST (ISF)

A unique event to activate the industry in numerous sectors such as retail, tourism, food, transportation and accommodation, Istanbul Shopping Fest became a tradition in 2011, and includes ICOC among its sponsors.

One of the most important festivals of Turkey, ISF enables tourism focusing on shopping, entertainment, culture, and history, with a rich selection of events covering all of Istanbul.

www.istshopfest.com
ISTANBUL CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (ICVB)

ICOC is the term chair of Tourism Development and Education Foundation (TUGEV), which was founded to present a global tourism brand out of Turkey. Istanbul Convention and Visitors Bureau (ICVB) set up in 1997 within the framework of TUGEV, continues to attract numerous international conventions to Istanbul, and continuously raise the bar for the city. The first official promotion site of Istanbul, “howtoistanbul.com” provides access to any information about the city.

www.howtoistanbul.com

TEKNOPARK İSTANBUL CORPORATION

Planned to be the largest technopark of Turkey, and one of the top three in Europe, Teknopark Istanbul will offer a total indoor space of 61,000 m², and was established in cooperation with the Undersecretariat of Defense Industry, ICOC, Istanbul Commerce University and other stakeholders, to contribute to Turkey’s technology development capabilities and creating a dynamic innovation framework for entrepreneurial ventures.

Teknopark Istanbul invites firms seeking growth via the development of new and innovative products through academic and scientific works in the fields of aerospace, medical sciences, defense industry, energy, maritime, high-tech materials, advanced electronics and industrial software and venture into the global arena.

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ISTANBUL PARK

Istanbul Park served as the venue for Formula 1 World Grand Prix, the most famous race series of the world, and also many race series and corporate events including WTCC World Touring Car Championship, LMES Endurance Races, DTM German Touring Car Championship, RWS Renault World Series, MotoGP, and ETRC Europe Truck Races.

Istanbul Park, where ICOC is a shareholder, is considered as one of the top 3 tracks the racers love most in the whole world, thanks to its counter-clock-wise run, altitude range up to 60 meters, and challenging technical features.