

History:

Idea of founding International Turkish Ukrainian Businessmen Association (herein after called as "TUID") was born in March 2004. Thanks to diligence of few Turkish businessmen and moral support coming from our Embassy, we have applied to state authorities with our charter and related documentation in June. As a result of representative actions hold all over Ukraine the number of TUID members rapidly increased. Finally, at the beginning of September due to Ukrainian law we were registered as non profitable organization. Our 1st General Meeting of TUID was arranged on 23/10/2004 and we have succeeded to celebrate 81st anniversary of Turkish Republic with our new management. Uncertainty in the period of presidential elections and long lasting New Year holidays our activities in November-December-January months have been slowed down. In February 2005 we had a new start with country tours aiming to increase the number of our members. At the first quarter of 2005, we have reached a three-digits number of TUID members. In future we are planning to pay attention not only quantity but quality features of TUID membership. Due to increasing of Association needs in 2005 we moved to more convenient and close to the city centre office (Saksaganskogo Str, 112A, office 4 – Kiev) increasing our staff to 4 persons. In the 1st quarter of 2006 our 2nd General Meeting was arranged and with newly elected Board of TUID we will continue concentrating upon progressing and increasing our activities.

TUID accepts only physical persons as members. We pay attention to the fact that our candidate has active business activity in Ukraine. We ask of copies of passport-visa and tax ID code as complimentary documents. On the other hand, only one member from each individual company can be a member of TUID. Thus, the number of our members corresponds to the number of our companies registered in TUID. In August of 2006 the number of our members reached 170 persons.

Main principle of TUID is to coordinate both side businessmen in order to increase the volume of trade. We are not interested in involving any kind of business activity. We believe that each businessman is unique and once we succeed to make right connection, they will manage to do business without our presence. Our first priority is to respect legislation and concentrate on doing business in a fair environment. One of our aims is drawing interests of young generation and women to participate in our activities.

Our nearest future plans include focusing on registration of Ukraine members and attending serious meetings to promote image of TUID and to increase ability of finding correct people from both sides. We trust in businessmen intuition and ability of our members to make right and fast decisions. We realize that there are plenty ways of developing business collaboration between our countries, still we believe, that success starts from making simple steps.

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Finally, we would like to emphasize the significance of continuing and strengthening historically friendly relations between Turkey and Ukraine in 21st century. However important business rules, meetings and contracts are, we shouldn't forget the importance of friendly feelings and relationships. Nowadays we can see the importance of mutual understanding between countries and cultures is. In our turn, on behalf of Turkish businessmen who spend in Ukraine a part of their life we'd like to wish further increasing of trade relations between our countries in future as well.

Best regards,
Board of TUID