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### **THE GRADUATES RECEIVED THEIR DIPLOMAS IN SECOND YEAR OF FIATA DIPLOMA IN FREIGHT FORWARDING PROGRAM IN TURKEY**

**FIATA Diploma In Freight Forwarding Program organized by UTIKAD (Association of International Forwarding and Logistics Service Providers) in cooperation with Istanbul Technical University Continuing Education Center (ITUSEM) has graduates in its second year. The graduates have received their FIATA Diplomas in Freight Forwarding, FIATA Air Cargo Certificates, ITU Certificates of Expertise in Logistics and UTIKAD Certificates of Participation in the graduation ceremony held on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Istanbul.**

**“We as UTIKAD enjoy making our colleagues meet through FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding Program. I present my heartfelt congratulations to each of my colleagues for participating in this 36-week long unique training,” UTIKAD President Mr. Emre Eldener said in his opening speech of the ceremony.**

UTIKAD continues its contributions to Turkish logistics industry. FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding, implemented by FIATA (International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations) representing 40,000 forwarding and logistics companies and 10 million people in 150 countries all over the world, has graduates in its second year under UTIKAD's roof. 19 participants of the FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding conducted by UTIKAD in cooperation with ITUSEM have received their diplomas in the graduation ceremony held at the Radisson Blu Hotel.

UTIKAD President Mr. Emre Eldener, UTIKAD Vice President and FIATA Extended Board Member Mr. Turgut Erkeskin and UTIKAD Vice President Mrs. Nil Tunasar, UTIKAD's Former President and Honorary Member of FIATA Mr. Kosta Sandalci, UTIKAD Board Member and Sea Working Group President Mr. Cihan Yusufi, UTIKAD Board Member and Customs and Warehouse Working Group President Mr. Ridvan Haliloglu, UTIKAD Board Member Mr. Serkan Eren, UTIKAD's Former Board Member and Former Secretary-General Mr. Arif Davran, UTIKAD's General Manager Mr. Cavit Ugur, ITU Management Faculty Industrial Engineering Department Academic and FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding Program Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Baskak and instructors of the program have participated in the graduation ceremony where 19 successful participants are presented their diplomas and certificates.

UTIKAD President Mr. Emre Eldener noted that the honor and happiness of bringing the logistics industry together through an international training is experienced by UTIKAD. Highlighting the importance of education, Mr Eldener said, "I present my heartfelt congratulations to our graduates who made a great effort. Completing this demanding, 36-week, 296-hour challenging training is highly commendable. This prestigious training is probably the best logistics training that money can buy in Turkey. FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding can be seen as a master's degree program due to its content of practical information of our industry alongside the theoretical knowledge. Besides, the participants who have at least two years of work experience have joined the program for the purpose of transforming their current knowledge into world standards."

Addressing the importance of receiving support from the long-established Istanbul Technical University in configuration of the program, Mr Eldener said, "Through the training, in which each transportation modes are included in detail, the participants have joined the field visits in order to witness practical on-site operations alongside the in-class trainings. I express my sincere gratitudes in the name of UTIKAD Board to our members such as MNG Airlines, U.N. Ro-Ro, Marport and Ekol Logistics for not refraining their support."

Congratulating the participants of 296-hour long challenging training of FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding, Mr. Eldener said "19 colleagues deserved the right to receive both FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding and FIATA Air Cargo Certificate, and also Certificates of Expertise in Logistics by ITU. I wish them continued success," and concluded his speech.

Holding the floor after UTIKAD President Mr. Emre Eldener, ITU Management Faculty Industrial Engineering Department Academic and FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding Program Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Baskak expressed his thanks to UTIKAD which has successfully made the comprehensive program meet the Turkish logistics industry. Congratulating the participants who have completed the long-term and challenging program, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Baskak said "A very significant and valuable process has begun in 2015-2016 period for all of us. Last year, we have experienced the excitement of having our first graduates. We had the opportunity to make the program more efficient this year. I hope it will get better the coming year. Our participants are entitled to receive ITU Certificates of Expertise in Logistics together with FIATA Diplomas in Freight Forwarding. Emphasizing that FIATA Diploma program stands out compared to other logistics trainings considering its content, Mr. Baskak has also expressed his satisfaction due to the interest of the industry towards the program and the feedback provided by the participants.

UTIKAD's Former President and Honorary Member of FIATA Mr. Kosta Sandalci has shared his opinions at the opening of the ceremony. Stating that he has been active in FIATA for many years, Mr. Sandalci said "The fact that this training program is being provided in Turkey under UTIKAD's roof is a source of happiness for myself. I believe that this valuable training will greatly benefit all participants. Especially the case studies, allocation of time for hands on training besides the theoretical training are significantly valuable for the participants in terms of sharing of experiences".

Holding the floor after Mr. Kosta Sandalci, UTIKAD Vice President, FIATA Extended Board Member and FIATA Region Europe Chairperson Mr. Turgut Erkeskin emphasized the importance of FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding and said "The fact that professional logisticians attach importance to training pleases us highly. We are of the opinion that this valuable training program is going to contribute to the careers of each of the participants to a great extent. On the other hand, we have an important expectation from our graduates. We expect that they make use of the training and experience they have received in adding new values to the industry. Our greatest wish is that they contribute to the creation and development of logistics culture in Turkey.

After opening speeches, UTIKAD President Mr. Emre Eldener has presented 'Certificates of Appreciation' to the instructors of FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding program, Maltepe University Department of International Trade and Logistics Management Head and Loder President Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tanyas, Yıldız Technical University Department of Industrial Engineering academic Prof. Dr. Umut Rifat Tuzkaya, Planet Logistics General Manager Dr. Mehmet Ali Emekli, MSC Forwarder Relations Manager Mr. Ahmet Aytogan, UTIKAD's Former Board Member and Former Secretary-General Mr. Arif Davran, UTIKAD Risk Management and Insurance Manager Mrs. Pinar Kapkin, UTIKAD Board Member and MUNDOIMEX General Manager Mr. Ridvan Haliloglu and UTIKAD Board Member and MNG Airlines Ground Operations Director Mr. Serkan Eren.

UTIKAD President Mr. Emre Eldener, who contributed to FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding as an instructor, received his 'Certificate of Appreciation' from Mr. Kosta Sandalci.

UTIKAD Board President and Members, Honorary Member of FIATA Mr. Kosta Sandalci and UTIKAD General Manager Mr. Cavit Ugur has presented the graduates their diplomas. Mehmet Yavuz Kankavi, one of the graduates of the program, expressed that he has been in the industry for many years and waited to receive this training for a long time. Indicating that FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding opens new horizons not only for the young colleagues but also for the experienced personnel in the industry, and expressed gratitude to UTIKAD for making this program possible in Turkey.

The celebration concluded with the cocktail party after the ceremony.

#### About UTIKAD:

*UTIKAD (Association of International Forwarding and Logistics Service Providers), established in 1986, represents road, air, sea, rail, combined transport and logistics service providers companies in Turkey and at international arena as the most important and active association in Turkish Logistics Industry.*

*UTIKAD is the national representative of Turkey in FIATA (International Federation of Freight Forwarders Association) which is the largest non-governmental organization in the field of transportation and logistics in the world. Separately, UTIKAD is an associate member of European Association For Forwarding, Transport, Logistics and Customs Services (GLECAT), and founder member of ECO Logistics Providers Associations Federation (ECOLPAF).*

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