Turkey and Japan have a strong relationship built on common values and mutual interests. Our bilateral cooperation has expanded into various fields, not only business and economic, but also cultural and academic. On trade and investment, for example, if the ongoing negotiation for a Japan-Turkey economic partnership agreement is concluded successfully, it will be the most comprehensive and more stable business environment for both countries, thereby inducing more investments from Japan to Turkey,” explained Japan’s Ambassador to Turkey H.E. Kazuhiro Suzuki.

In science, the Turkish Japanese Science and Technology University in Istanbul is a prominent institution. The two countries are working hard to establish it and make it a hub for academic and research excellence, aiming to realize its opening in 2023,” he noted.

Yako Tanaka, chief representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in Turkey, said that more projects in various fields are expected to start soon. “Our four top priorities in Turkey are to contribute to the establishment of a strong urban infrastructure that supports the economic development of Turkey as well as disaster risk reduction; to strengthen partnership with the private sector; to strengthen ties with development partners for development of other parts of the world; and to support the governmental policies regarding vulnerable people, food security, and social development as well as disaster risk reduction,” Tanaka explained.

New areas of Japan’s cooperation with Turkey include 1,800 research and development engineers, and we are helping to transform industries by delivering technologies and products. Every year, Vestel allocates 20% of its revenue to research and development; in 2024, it will be a global company one of the highest-priority in Turkey,” he said.

Turun Erdog˘an, chief executive officer of Vestel said, “We aim to adopt renewable energy and transform Vestel into a net-zero emissions company. We deliver solutions which meet future needs while creating environmental and societal value.”

“Guided by our Akilli Hayat (Smart Life) 2023 Vision, we are delivering smart technologies which can improve the power of technology to facilitate life, contribute to climate change, including such areas as energy efficiency, renewable energy and response to natural disasters. We will make our best effort to contribute to strengthening the fruitful relations between Turkey and Japan,” Tanaka added.

Hiroto Kobayashi, senior managing director of the Tokyo-based Japan External Trade Organization in Istanbul, stated that Turkey and Japan have much to look forward to in the coming years.

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