# AVİM HELD A CONFERENCE ON 'MONGOLIA'S POTENTIAL IN THE REGION, THE CURRENT SITUATION IN MONGOLIA PRIOR TO THE 11TH ASIA-EUROPE MEETING (ASEM) AND TURKISH-MONGOLIAN RELATIONS'

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On 18 January, 2015 the Center for Eurasian Studies (AVİM) held a conference on Mongolias potential in the region, the current situation in Mongolia prior to the 11$^{th}$ Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) as well as Turkish-Mongolian Relations.

Following the opening presentation delivered by Director of AVİM, Ret. Ambassador Alev Kılıç, the Turkish Ambassador to Ulaanbaatar, H.E Murat Karagöz, delivered a thorough presentation on Mongolias current situation within the broader regional context focusing on Mongolias unique situation. In his presentation, H.E Murat Karagöz touched upon a wide array of topics including but not limited to the historical ties between Turkey and Mongolia, the strategic importance of Mongolia for Turkey and the region, and vice-versa, particularly with the inclusion of Turkey as a Third Neighbour in the Mongolian foreign policy. H.E Murat Karagöz also conveyed his views on the potential for economic and trade relations between the two countries, the increasing cooperation in the field of education, the need to allocate more resources and attention on advancing bilateral relations with Mongolia and to develop further economic and commercial ties by taking advantage of all the possible grounds for cooperation.

In the second part of the meeting, discussions continued in the Q&A session with the contributions of the participants which consisted of prominent scholars from universities and think-tanks, namely Anka Institute, representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Economy, the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA), The Presidency for *Turks Abroad and Related Communities, the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey and from the Public Administration Institute for Turkey and the Middle east (TODAIE).* In this section of the meeting, the discussion was centred on Mongolias position in the region vis-à-vis Russia and China as well as Turkey-Mongolian relations in light of recent developments in the region.

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