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Turkey's Strategic Vision 2023 | Development of Values

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PRESENTATION

The history of humanity is also in the same time **the history of civilizations**. Throughout the history human and humanity have been in a great effort and in a lot of scramble to keep on its vitality and existence. Every civilization is the manifestation and the result of searching a transition from the complex structure of the human nature to the social order.

The first social structure which was established on the road to civilization is **a city**. The concept of “civilization” which is already derived of the word “medina” that means “city” signs that fact. Civilization occurs as a result of the search towards from city to government, from government to “**world order**”. As the necessity of “**freedom**” and “**security**”, that humanity has been trying to face, gains new qualities in the process, the formation problems of different civilizations have been removed.

To get civilizations on the stage of history, it is necessary to identify **the perception of existence**, to redact the knowledge capacity by systematizing, to determine moral and legal norms, to transfer a sense of history to new generations, to emerge a mentality which surrounds political and economical fields with the rearrangement of cities and places in the frame of this conscience and norms. If the factors of existence and permanence of a civilization can be decided, it is possible to define the contributions of humanity for their own prosperity and happiness at the moment and in the future.

Even if in the process of the last few centuries, **Western Civilization challenges** to other all civilizations by the thesis of being the most advanced civilization in the result of modernization activities which has begun in the West, the other civilizations have maintained their existence, in so much that they have begun to shadow out their existences more with the increasing effect of globalization.



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For the perception of existence, **the main quality of Western civilization is to transform the relation between human and nature to the relation of freedom by accepting human and nature as two different sides of existence in the result.** Consequently, a complete variation and so a mentality of battle between subject and object has been common. **In the final analysis, “civilized” human is driven away into a battle which has been reaching up to the madness in social formations and the patterns of production and consumption.**

The perception of existence of civilization mentality centered Anatolia, has been concreted in the quotations of “I cared the Created, because of the Creator” by Yunus Emre and “Keep the People alive to let the Government live” by Seyh Edebali. The perception of civilization based on these theses has a potential to create a starting point to the solution of lots of questions that has to deal from the crimes against humanity to the environmental degradation in the recent world.

Now, in which the relations between government and society are evaluated according to economical benefits, in which ethical and moral values are lost their importance; the necessity to be revived of the perception of **“existence, human and justice”** in civilization mentality concreted in Anatolia has been felt deeper and deeper day by day. **So the secret of living all together with “the other” will be understood, all the obstacles in front of being in freedom, safety, peace and prosperity with all social sectors will be removed.**

Turkey has a specific and highly important location in the process of the dynamic globalization and the interaction among the civilizations. The geography of Anatolia that has had a central geography in the most convenient point of the continents of Africa, Asia and Europe is located on the basin of the interaction among the civilizations in which the accumulation of the ancient humanity has been concreted and has left behind by the most colorful and permanent way. It has had a special accumulation with the detailed modernization experience. In this respect, Turkey is one of the leading countries living in the most comprehensive way and **that reflects directly the tensions of East - West in the sense of tradition - modernity, and the tensions of North - South in sense of economy - policy.**

Turkey has a special place among the rare countries that have the capability to carry **the ancient wisdom of the East and the tradition of rational thought of the West with the economical productivity of the North and the search of global justice of the South** on the stage by assimilating all together. This status can provide Turkey to be a Pioneer of an important evolution in the context of civilization. **To understand this dynamic transformation process correct, then to comment and to be able to direct it, different methods and strategies should be developed.**



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AIM AND JUSTIFICATION

All the institutions of society, especially the think tanks should develop a vision for being established a relation between current level and future, then they should be the intellectual foundation of orienting civilization members to this process practically. **The first task to be done is refreshing the confidence to durability and prosperity of the accumulation of our own civilization, removing doubts about the identity, strengthening the links at the point of civilization mentality between society and government, as a result, producing thoughts for benefit of the whole humanity and developing the social vision in this way.**

For this purpose, the activities intended of defining constituent values, pioneers and artifacts centered Turkey and Islamic World better, should be focused on. In this regard, Anatolia that is related directly with the whole basins of the ancient and modern civilizations has an unique accumulation to flash the entire world. This is the only way to provide an original and productive contribution to grow thought and science leaders of 21st century. Sources **have been consumed rapidly** in consumption era of today in which people has been away of history and has become distant to anxieties of future, i.e. in which relations of time and place has been becoming problematic. In the case of failure to end the consumption madness, forecasts about to be consumed away fossil fuels that have been synthesized and stored in millions; perhaps billions of years by natural ways just in a few centuries have constituted the most obvious proof.

While environmental crises with the modernity have been happening, the suggestion of “human dominates the nature” turns into a contradiction that destroys the existential security on behalf of the access of freedom. The approach, which has been presented like one of the basic criteria of being modern, has opened the front of environmental disasters, which threats global existence by accepting the nature as eternal source that will be irresponsibly dominated and exploited. The parameters of competition in the relations among the people are related who begins dominate basically on which elements of nature. Also **the definition of “human” has new dimensions in terms of existential security and freedom** on today in which developments of genetics and cloning activities have been raising, in which the usage of chemical and radioactive materials has been spreading, in which environmental matters have been becoming more problematic.



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On the other side, **uncontrolled usage of modern technology** have brought with lots of unsolvable environmental problems. **If a serious healthy change in consumption patterns can't be actualized, it is understood that we can not leave a habitable world behind to the future generations.**

Also, consumption patterns have been causing to define social status on the consumption power and this has been causing basic civilization values to become meaningless and social dissolution. The solution of all these problems will be possible only with providing profound enough and qualified civilization mentality. The cores of such a mentality have been existed in the accumulation of Anatolian civilization.

The problems derived from technological developments, the matters of industrialization and urbanization; issues about energy, water and environment should be handled in the point of preserving and maintaining the civilized values, should be reevaluated and in this regard, appropriate policies should be developed. The approaches in the fields such as urban planning, water safety, energy safety, environmental security etc. should be reevaluated in such a view.

The problems which are attempted to explain here, are both the reason and the result of the search of capitalist economic growth. If necessary measures aren't taken, present problems will grow into coils and will become more problematic in a short time. **Health and climate matters with unstable movements of population have been gaining more anxious dimensions day by day.** The solution of all these problems is to make searches of permanent solutions based on civilization obligatory.

In the result of intense interaction between technological developments and present culture of consumption, **the feelings of dissatisfaction of people** have been deepening, individuals who have an unlimited ambition, have been beginning to be more interested in rowdy and terrorist structures with dreams of becoming rich by the shortest way and consuming more.

Developing the concepts such as **cyber terror, cyber security** etc. is the result of increasing **international rowdy organizations and activities** in the unexpected level with the concept of smuggling money, people, drugs etc. and spreading the situation within wide audiences which over-ambitious people has become to accept everything allowable for reaching their aims.



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To find a permanent solution to this problem with domestic, foreign and international security precautions is impossible; **so, implementation of the permanent civilization projects is an inevitable obligation.** Starting to rise of Asian countries, especially China, based on the factors such as government capitalism and cheap labor, has shaken competition power of Western countries and has made revising social security policies obligatory. **It has to make original civilization organizations functional such as foundations by strengthening the civil social connections that have been reducing the onus of government.**

In present days, countries have been facing with some challenges. One of the top challenges is the **micro-nationalism trends**. External forces, who wish to expand their domains in some countries or locations, aims to use micro-trends in there by transforming them to nationalist movements. Unfortunately, policies applying by many countries have been causing to attrition of legitimation and this has been constituting centrifugal effect on micro-nationalist movements.

In the recent periods, some countries have been developing new synthesis such as **“social democracy” or “liberal economy, communist regime” between the routine liberal/capitalist and communist/socialist government models** in 20th century to deal with such problems. That proves the necessity of revising time-varying conditions in the concept of civilization.

On the other hand, the disorders existing because of this negative view have been preparing the ground for developing and becoming widespread of “illegal” formations at the other end. Being desperate of nation-states against the present problems, has been causing to increase **non-governmental factors in the country or international level** fast. The acts in African countries such as Mali and Somali are the most obvious proof of that.

The precautions taken in the international field, can't be enough for the solution of such problems. Even the trends and images of parties, who would like to solve the problem, sometimes make the solution more impossible. The permanent solution of such problems will only be possible with the parties who get maximum benefits from capacity of history and civilization through humanist trends.



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Insisting on the point of shaping today's cities only with central and mechanical policies of modern government, has been causing problems, which are impossible to be solved in long-term at a lot of fields such as economical, social and architectural fields, especially social security and general security.

At this point, there has been necessity of trends, which can make cities more livable places by bringing humanist and ethic values to the forefront. To be recognized in the global level and to contribute meaningfully to new-coming world system can't be expected from a civilization that couldn't be transformed into a livable and prosperous place.

According to the time and place factors, **spiritual places and social institutions such as foundations** has a highly important place in the concept of existing, spreading, shaping of civilizations and protecting their existences. Again in the same context, importance of **significant persons and opinion leaders**, who left the mark on history, has been highly much.

The virtues such as trust in **Allah, good neighborhood, patience** existed in the frame of existence mentality of a civilization, have been transforming to protective castles of civilization and Relations of government and society have been playing a descriptive role. So, it is necessary to represent, to keep alive and to protect **people, values and places**, which make civilizations a civilization.

It is necessary to activate **think tanks and NGOs** more active as a complementary power, to strengthen the government image, to make relations of society - government better and **to strengthen the legitimation of government in the view of society.**

The steps that will be taken under the general title of "Development of Values", will have an important role **on being able to move Turkey to the forefront at human advance** in the 21st century, its local and global efficiency and prestige. By putting forth the historical foundations and original attributes of the accumulation of civilization centered Anatolia as 3rd main section in the context of **Turkey's Strategic Vision 2023**, it has been foreseen the studies of **"Development of Civilization - Turkey Vision"** to contribute strategically a new perspective of civilization regarding the future of the world and Turkey. **After the pre-acceptance that prosperity and strength without Development of Values bring with degeneration, the actual comments of civilization values of the Country and the ability to represent these comments institutionally have been accepted as a basic focal point.** A multidimensional wide study plan has been prepared within this title.



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Consequently, to provide a strategic contribution to **the development of a living area**, which people all around the world can say that **“I Want to Live in Turkey”**, whose **public administration, companies, cities, social and cultural fabrics have been branded in base of strength and justice with a nonstop innovation produced by a strong critical thought dynamics**, by being a pioneer country at human advance, is a main reference of the studies.

MAIN THEME

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SUB-THEMES

Civilizations and Civilizations' Interaction

Development of Civilization Turkey Vision | Reference Values

Development of Civilization Turkey Vision | Reference Institutions

Development of Civilization Turkey Vision | Reference Persons

Development of Civilization Turkey Vision | Brand Cities

Development of Civilization Turkey Vision | Brand Companies - Production Models

Development of Civilization Turkey Vision | Critical Thought Dynamics/Institutions

Development of Civilization Turkey Vision | Arts and Esthetic

Culture Diplomacy and Tourism: Products, Models and New Strategies



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PROCESS

THE “TURKEY’S STRATEGIC VISION 2023” PROJECT

The “Turkey’s Strategic Vision 2023” Project, which has been maintaining since 2008 to flash future of country by accepting **2023 that is the 100th anniversary of foundation of Turkish Republic**, began **under the spiritual auspices of Presidency of Turkish Republic and the initiative of TASAM** that is a think tank and nongovernmental organization. A discussion of future vision has been started by developing fertile cooperation processes with the participation of governorship, local managements, NGOs, universities, Capital City senior management of public, media and private sector.

THE “MACRO” PROCESS

The vision; which will bring our country onto level of contemporary civilizations, targets, strategies and policies; which should be used to reach these targets, have been determined by being a gain of multidimensional studies in the context of the Turkey’s Strategic Vision 2023 Project that has been constructed on 6 main themes titled as “**International Relations**”, “**International Security**”, “**Domestic Politics**”, “**Economy**”, “**Education, Science and Technology**” and “**Culture**” in the macro base.

In the point of vision, targets, strategies and policies; the whole Turkey have been informed, the ideas and suggestions have been received and it has been seriously contributed to gain a new dynamism to all people in the Region, especially prior to Turkey that have been an inspiration.

In the context, application meetings have been organized in the host of Ministries in Ankara, Governors in approximately 30 Cities and other institutions. Also lots of academic activities and congresses were held, 2 main document drafts in 3 presses were published.



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THE “STRATEGIC LOCOMOTIVE SECTORS” PROCESS

Strategic Locomotive Sectors are determined as **“Agriculture, Food and Livestock”, “Security, Defense and Defense Industry”, “Social Policies and Civil Society”, “Vocational Education, Industry and High Technology”, “Finance, Banking and Development”, “Energy and Nuclear Technology”, “Innovation in Public Administration and Human Development”, “Tourism, Environment and Urbanism”, “Automotive, Logistic, Transportation”, and “Health and Social Security”.**

In the continuing process of the Turkey’s Strategic Vision 2023 Project, the studies, which have been focusing onto the most prior ten strategic locomotive sectors that can bring Turkey to the macro forecasts, have been keeping on. The sector studies, which have strategically contributed to the institutionalization of our Grand enterprising spirit in the production of macro forecasts as a country, have been implemented as a participant development of process. To do each study in cooperation with the actors and authorities that have the competition claim in these fields, is the main reference.

“DEVELOPMENT OF VALUES” PROCESS | DEVELOPMENT OF CIVILIZATION - TURKEY VISION

The studies under the title of “Development of Values” have been third and the last process of the Project. The actual comments of values of the country and the ability of the country to represent these comments have been accepted as the main focus point by the presupposition that prosperity and power will bring the corruption without the Development of Values. The steps in the same context will have an important role on **being able to move Turkey to the forefront at human advance** in the 21st century, its local and global efficiency and prestige. By putting forth the historical foundations and original attributes of the accumulation of civilization centered Anatolia, it has been aimed by the studies to create an academic discussion platform for developing a new perspective of civilization regarding the future of world and Turkey.

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ACTIVITIES (DRAFT)

Method

Induction, Participation and Specialization

Preparation Workshop (General)

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Wise Persons Board Meetings

That will be held for directing the concept and vision of Development of Civilization with knowledge and experience of Wise Persons Board, which represent the top roof of Scientific Board of the Project.

Workshops

Multilateral workshops paralleled the sub-themes will be organized.

Brand City Meetings

That will be held in our assertive cities in the civilization/brand potential.

Brand City Concept Documents/Reports

That will be prepared in our assertive cities in the civilization/brand potential.

Development of Civilization – Turkey Vision International Congress (2 Days)

That will be held with wide participation from every discipline in official and civil level.

Brand Company / Production Model Meetings

That will be held with our institutions, which have assertion of Brand/Company Production Model in the perspective of Ethic/Civilization.

Brand Company / Production Model Reports

That will be prepared with our companies, which have assertion of Brand/Company Production Model in the perspective of Ethic/Civilization.

Brifing Meetings for Determinants

Course and results of studies will be presented to official offices as brief.

Preparation of Research Projects and Reports

That will be prepared paralleled to sub-themes.

Other Academic Studies

Publishing of Up-to-date TSV 2023 Main Document, TV Programs, and Media Conferences will be held with academic studies such as Civilization Report, Book, Article, Thesis etc.



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