

"THE WORLD CADASTRE SUMMIT, CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION"
THE INAUGURAL SPEECH OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF LAND REGISTRY AND CADASTRE
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Distinguished Ministers
Esteemed Minister,
Honorable Governor
Distinguished Undersecretary...

And distinguished colleagues and guests from 5 continents and 82 countries who accepted the invitation to gather with us. Distinguished colleagues and students, press members, ladies and gentlemen...

I would like to welcome you all in Turkey and Istanbul, one of the most beautiful cities around the world.

I would like to welcome you to the "World Cadastre Summit, Congress and Exhibition" held by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, and the General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre.

Carrying out efforts in line with the objective to safeguard, update and make available property information about real estates, the General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre is a long-established and robust institutions with a 168 year of background and a vision of "growing into a leading institutions that define and manage policies on real estates" in line with the objective to turn into an efficient institution that meets international standards with an ability to provide fast, uninterrupted, safe and up-to-date e-state integration by making use of functions, advanced information and communication technologies in the light of transparency in public services, participation, efficiency and citizen satisfaction for well-qualified people and a robust society.

The General Directorate fulfills tasks carried out by approximately 18 thousand professionals in 81 cadastral and 970 land registry offices affiliated to 22 Regional Departments across the country and 13 central departments. The ever-increasing importance of real estates makes services provided by the General Directorate much more important. Taking full account of it, the General Directorate has put many projects into practice in the past decade in line with short and long term objectives. Through service purchases from Private Surveying-Cadastral Industries in particular, the General Directorate has carried out major projects to contribute to the development of Turkey and improvement of service quality since 2004.

Thanks to such projects, the General Directorate completed

- cadastral efforts for about 15 million parcels,
 - forest cadastral efforts for an 80.139 km² area,
 - 2/b cadastre of 692.827 real estates,
 - renewal efforts for 5 Million parcels.
- The General Directorate has also launched forest cadastral efforts in approximately 5.600 units on a 1.942.719 Hectare area, and aimed to complete them all in 1 year.

Generating maps by making use of cutting-edge technologies and making cadastral information available for the public through the e-state platform in line with the objective to establish spatial information systems, the General Directorate provides around 20 million citizens with services, and shares online data with approximately 200 public institutions and organizations.

As one of the main service areas for the General Directorate, the real estate industry is considered as a means of investment with a high circulation such as in capital markets, and equipped with a transaction volume accounting for 10 million per year. In addition, the increase of investments in urban transformation and industrial zones improves dynamism in real estate industry. The General Directorate keeps tabs on industrial investments, develop and perform projects to fulfill tasks with a high performance and professional manner in a fashion to reinforce the national and regional development.

One of the most tangible epitomes to this end is the TAKBIS Project. Thanks to this project, the General Directorate identified the real estate inventory of Turkey, put it at the disposal of shareholders through online services, and integrated it into the e-State platform in an effort to enable citizens to have access to information about themselves.

The General Directorate has also begun to render services on electronic platforms for own departments. In addition, the General Directorate launched many functions such as making an online appointment, online delivery of documents and informing citizens through short messages (SMS) about the course of every process.

Such projects contribute to the establishment and securement of public order in social and economic areas for real estates, offering solutions for legal problems among citizens, identifying areas to invest in, assessing and evaluating the treasury real estates, and identifying the tax-based value of real estates. On the other hand, the General Directorate provides services for the public and the private industry by updating legal and technical registries of real estates and generating statistical data.

Apart from the projects carried out by own resources, the General Directorate also carries out projects by benefiting from the financing and technical assistance of the World Bank. These projects are considered as an international information and exchange platform contributing to the improvement of know-how and experience of the General Directorate while such experience is transferred to other countries that the Directorate cooperates with, and thus the General Directorate grows into an influential institution across the world as well. I hope that "the World Cadastre Summit, Congress and Exhibition" held by the General Directorate equipped with the will and determination to share its experience and know-how based on a long-established background will take on a major mission to build the future and pave the way for the establishment of bilateral cooperation and relation networks among respective countries, and I would like to welcome you all once again.

Best regards,
Davut GÜNEY

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