

Welcome Address by Mr. Rifat Pergel, CEO TÜV SÜD TGK

Dear Distinguished Guests,

We as TÜV SÜD TGK Turkey are proud to host the 44th CIECA Congress of the International Commission for Driver Testing Authorities in this beautiful city, Istanbul.

First, I'd like to mention that TÜV SÜD TGK Turkey is the very first Turkish Member of CIECA. Each year the CIECA Congress is undertaken by its Members and organised in different countries. One of the special features of this 44th CIECA Congress is that for the first time, a Member undertakes the task to host a congress so soon after joining the association. We are pleased to have the opportunity to host here such a diverted and special group, including guests from Ministries, members of the European Commission and the United Nations and CIECA Members from all over the World.

CIECA is made up of international Members and has special cooperation with regional economic integration organizations. Thus, we see this as a great opportunity for our country to exchange standarts particularly in the areas of driver qualification and road safety which are very important issues and are in an enhancing process in Turkey.

This year's Congress will focus on the topic "Modern Technology, Education and Testing for Road Users". This especially refers to an important collaboration between the content of emerging technologies, driver assistance, training and testing processes. Thus, this Congress aims to be a great platform to develop the process of driver testing which will contribute to higher traffic safety.

We hope that today's speeches and presentations will give us new input and ideas for the improvement of driving training and testing. We are also sure that discussions taking place during meetings and face to face talks during the breaks will be beneficial for all participants.

At this point we would like to welcome especially our Turkish guests who are participating in this Congress for the first time and who will definitely give you more insight about the local situation in Turkey during personal discussions.

As a socially responsible organization, TÜV SÜD TGK Turkey sees this congress as our way of contributing back to society by increasing awareness on the need for increased traffic safety. As hosts, TÜV SÜD has grown to become one of the leading international technical service organizations active in industry, mobility and certification business segments. Today, more than 600.000 driver tests are yearly done in Germany by our company.

TÜV SÜD has more than 100 years of experience in driver testing and performed the first driver test in the World.

Once again, we'd like to thank CIECA for enabling us to organize such a beneficial event here in Turkey.

We hope to have a great organization and thank you for being here with us today.