



THE FEDERATION OF  
CANADIAN TURKISH  
ASSOCIATIONS

FEDERASYON HABER

3 Ekim 2009

ANKARA LIBRARY of  
TORONTO INC.

AZERBAIJANI COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION

BABA GURGUR TURKMEN  
CENTER HAMILTON

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION for  
SOLIDARITY of TURKS FROM  
BULGARIA

CANADIAN CYPRUS  
TURKISH ASSOCIATION

CANADIAN TURKISH  
ISLAMIC HERITAGE  
ASSOCIATION INC.

CANADIAN TURKMEN  
CENTRE

ISTANBUL TECHNICAL  
UNIVERSITY ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION of CANADA

THE TURKISH SOCIETY OF  
NOVA SCOTIA

TURKISH CANADIAN  
CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

TURKISH CANADIAN  
CULTURAL ASSOCIATION of  
CALGARY

TURKISH CULTURE &  
FOLKLORE SOCIETY of  
CANADA

TURQUEBEC ASSOCIATION  
CULTURELLEE and AMICALE

UNIVERSAL UNION OF  
CANADIAN TURKMEN  
COMMUNITY CENTER

UYGUR CANADIAN SOCIETY

VANCOUVER ISLAND  
TURKISH CANADIAN  
FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

VANCOUVER TURKISH  
CANADIAN SOCIETY



## Queens Park'ta coşkulu bayrak çekme töreni

Cumhuriyetimizin 86. Yıldönümü Kutlamaları kapsamında 29 Ekim 2009 tarihinde şanlı Türk Bayrağımız, Queens Park'ta "Flag Raising Ceremony" çerçevesinde göndere çekildi. Kanada ve Türk milli marşlarının okunmasıyla başlayan törene çok sayıda toplum kuruluşumuzun temsilcileriyle birlikte ellerinde Türk bayraklarıyla çocuklarımızda katıldı. Açılış konuşmasını Sayın Tony Ruprecht'in yaptığı törende, Federasyon Başkanı Mehmet Bor'dan sonra Bora Çelikel Kanada Türk Dernekleri Federasyonu adına bir konuşma yaparken, Hatice Pakdil Notidis'de Sayın Büyükelçimiz Dr. Rafet Akgünay'ın yolladığı kutlama mesajını okudu. Devamında ise Evrim Delen, Şükür Arkin, Garfield Dunlop, Mike Colle ve İsmail Vataner kısa birer konuşma yaptılar.

Queens Park'ın önündeki töreden sonra meclis toplantı salonuna geçildi. Burada yine Davenport MPP'si Sayın Tony Ruprecht, toplumumuzu temsilen salona gelen beş kişiyi ayrı ayrı meclise tanıttıktan sonra günün anlamını belirten bir konuşma yaptı. Bu konuşması sırasında özellikle Türkiye Cumhuriyetinin seksen altıncı yılını kutladığını belirten Ruprecht, Türkiye'nin önemi üzerinde durdu. Dinleyici sıralarında birçok toplum üyemizin de yer aldığı tören saat 13:30 da sona erdi.

İkinci ve üçüncü sayfalarımızda Büyükelçimizin ve Federasyonumuzun yayınladığı bildirimlerin tamamını bulabilirsiniz.

## Turkish National Flag raising ceremony Queens Park 29 October, 2009

By Hatice Pakdil Notidis on behalf of The Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in Ottawa Dr. Rafet Akgünay

Members of the Turkish Canadian Community,

On the occasion of the 86<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic which we celebrate as our National Day, I would like to extend my best wishes to all of you.

As we celebrate today's historical significance, we also remember the great sacrifices made by our forefathers in their arduous endeavours to preserve the independence of Turkey, protect its territory and provide future generations with an opportunity to prosper as proud members of the community of nations.

We feel particularly indebted to Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of modern Turkey. As one of the greatest leaders in history, a brilliant commander and peace-maker, a visionary reformer and a farsighted statesman, he continues to provide us with inspiration.

The declaration of the Republic crowned the Turkish people's struggle to revitalize their resources and build a country from scratch. The goal of the Republic remains as pertinent as it was initially foreseen: to offer to the Turkish people the highest standards in social, political and economic life. To this end, we will uphold our pluralist democracy, secular system and the rule of law. We will continue to advocate universal values in and around Turkey. Atatürk's famous dictum will guide us: Peace at home, peace in the world.

On this day, I also observe with appreciation that you have become honorable and productive members of your adopted home Canada. I encourage you to continue to act as a bridge of goodwill between our two friendly countries. Your peaceful integration in this multicultural society will be the guarantee of younger Turkish Canadians to thrive in this country while preserving their Turkish background.



**Hatice Pakdil Notidis**  
Kürsüde Büyükelçimiz Dr. Rafet Akgünay adına konuşmasını okurken

Let me also commend Turkish Canadians in the Toronto region for upholding their identity. The flag raising ceremony you take part in today at Queens Park symbolizes first and foremost the strength of the friendship between Turkey and Canada.

I also salute the friends of Turkey at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario who attend today's ceremony. We sincerely hope to enhance our relations with the Assembly and the Members in the period ahead.

With the opening of the Turkish Consulate General expected in the coming months, we will not only be delivering better services to the Turkish community, but will also open new channels with the Government and the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

Respectfully,

Dr. Rafet Akgünay  
Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in  
Ottawa

## Turkish National Flag raising ceremony Queens Park 29 October, 2009

By Bora Çelikel on behalf of The Federation of Canadian Turkish Associations

Dear all,

We, Canadians of Turkish origin, are gathered here today with great pride and overjoy to celebrate the anniversary of Turkish Republic, our home country, after 86 years of its establishment, for many good reasons. We are also proud to share this exciting moment with our Canadian friends of other origins here.

Ataturk, the undisputed leader of the Turkish heroes who established the Republic of Turkey in 1923 claimed that, in history of the Turkish nation which has established many great empires in the past, the most important achievement is the creation of Turkish Republic which is the ultimate proof of Turkish Nation's ability to contribute to the civilization of mankind.

This claim seems to be a bit exaggeration, but indeed when we think of the speed of the social, economical and political transformation and reforms that Turkish nation has implemented in such a short time period after establishing the Republic, we can appreciate the importance of its achievements.

Turkish Republic was built on the ruins of Ottoman Empire that ruled the nation for 650 years based on the fundamental religious principles, and yet it became a truly modern democratic and secular state within a few decades transforming its nation from middle ages to a Western society with a new Latin script and a civilized dress code. All its citizens were granted with the equal rights regardless of gender, background, color, belief and ethnicity. Some of the most remarkable examples of these reforms can be seen in women rights area. As a result of these reforms, Turkish women got the rights to vote and being elected 15 years before their Switzerland sisters; not to mention the first Turkish women pilot of the world, Turkish women military officers, women politicians and even Turkish women prime ministers.



**Bora Çelikel**  
Kürsüde Federasyon  
adına konuşmasını  
okurken

Since then Turkey has been a a great contributor to the peace and stability in the region and around the World, abiding with all the International UN charters and laws and contributing to the all the causes of the free world and its great principles in NATO and other World organizations, side by side with Canada and other democratic nations.

It is an amazing fact that the Turkish Grand Assembly under the leadership of Ataturk granted the Republic to the children on April 23, 1920, and tasked the youth with its custodianship soon after its establishment. He said: "O Turkish youth, we established the Republic, but you shall protect it forever".

Long live Turkish Republic. Long live Canadian and Turkish friendship.

Thank you very much.

On Behalf of the Executive committee  
The Federation of Canadian Turkish  
Associations