

## Preface

### **“Reopening the Silk Road in the Legal Dialogue Between Turkey and China”**

June 12-14 of 2012 marked a new history, a new calendar, a new celebration, a new tradition and a new dialogue. The legendary Silk Road was once again reopened in the legal dialogue between Turkish and Chinese scholars. The very first Silk Road conference was the brainchild of our conference chairs and conference organising committee, who worked hard to bring together scholars from Turkey and China.

The conference successfully considered many key topics, including foreign investment law, capital market law, arbitration, international commercial law, private international law and intellectual property law. It brought together deans, professors and young scholars from 17 law schools across Turkey and China, as well as a professor from Canada. In addition, judges, arbitrators and lawyers contributed to the conference by sharing their practical experiences. We believe this venue provided a platform for legal scholars in Turkey and China to collaborate, share interests and exchange ideas relating to the legal profession.

Law School of Marmara University organised the conference in collaboration with Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, Xinjiang University and the Capital Markets Board of Turkey.

We truly hope this unique dialogue, which marked a new tradition, will be carried on by our followers and supporters. In honour of such a remarkable and historical dialogue, we are publishing some of the papers presented.

We would like to thank Mr. Bekir BOZDAĞ, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey, who attended the conference and gave us his valuable support.

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Sincerely,

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