



The American Turkish Society's *Meet the Ambassadors* program
and
DEİK/Turkish-American Business Council (TAİK)

cordially invite you to a reception honoring

H.E. Nabi Şensoy
Ambassador of Turkey to the United States

with remarks on

Turkish Foreign Policy

Friday, February 20, 2009
6:00– 8:00 pm

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Patrons Lounge, 4th Floor
1000 Fifth Avenue
(Please use entrance at 81st Street)
New York City

H.E. Ambassador Nabi Şensoy was born in Istanbul in 1945. After graduating from the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Ankara, he started his career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1970 and has since served in various high-level posts, including Consul General in London, Deputy Undersecretary, and Ambassador to Madrid and Moscow. He has been serving as the Ambassador to the United States since 2006.

Following H.E. Ambassador Şensoy's remarks and reception, guests will have an opportunity to visit Beyond Babylon: Art, Trade, and Diplomacy in the Second Millennium B.C. until the museum's closing at 8:45pm.

Beyond Babylon: Art, Trade, and Diplomacy in the Second Millennium B.C., on view at The Metropolitan Museum of Art until March 15, 2009, focuses on the extraordinary art created as a result of a sophisticated network of interaction that developed among kings, diplomats, merchants, and others in the Near East during the second millennium B.C. In addition, **Beyond Babylon** features cargo of the oldest known seagoing ship, which was wrecked near Uluburun, off the southern coast of Turkey in the Mediterranean Sea, around 1300 B.C. and discovered in 1982. DEİK/Turkish-American Business Council (TAİK) along with Doğuş, Doğan, Koç and Sabancı Groups are proud to be the corporate sponsors of the exhibition.

The American Turkish Society, founded in 1949, is America's oldest not-for-profit organization seeking to enhance ties between Turkey and the United States. The Society achieves its mission by bringing together leaders in government and business, as well as journalists, scholars and artists covering a spectrum of fields. Its *Meet the Ambassadors* program has hosted numerous U.S. and Turkish Ambassadors over the years. In addition, The Society initiates and sponsors a variety of educational and cultural exchange opportunities between the two countries. The American Turkish Society is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization.

Turkish-American Business Council (TAİK), founded in 1985, is the largest and most established of the 82 bilateral councils operating under the permanent secretariat of Turkey's international trade umbrella, The Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEİK). TAİK's vision is to increase the volume of Turkey-U.S. trade, to be recognized as the source of information and networking on bilateral issues for both Turkish and U.S. companies and to assist U.S. companies to view Turkey as a key partner and destination for direct investments in the region.

The event is by invitation only. Space is limited. Registration is strictly required for entry. No walk-ins will be allowed.
To RSVP, please email info@americanturkishsociety.org or call 212.583.7614 by **Wednesday, February 18.**