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Being the private bank investing the most in agricultural sector, DenizBank is expanding its service network within the framework of Agricultural Festival:

DENİZBANK EDİRNE COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE BRANCH OPENED...

Ranking first amount private banks in terms of financial support to agricultural sector, DenizBank is expanding its service network within the framework of **Agricultural Festival** launched on 14th of May, World Farmers' Day and given as a gift to Turkish producers, which is the first and largest organization for agricultural producers.

Edirne Commercial Exchange Branch to start to operate within this context was opened on 23May 2008 with a cocktail attended also by Mr. Gökhan Ertürk, DenizBank SME and Agricultural Banking Executive Vice President and Mr. Ayhan Dinçer, Manager of Edirne Commercial Exchange Branch.

During the speech he delivered Mr. Ertürk said that DenizBank would get closer to producer friends through branches to be opened within the framework of Agricultural Fest, first of its kind. Mr. Ertürk continued:

"Edirne is a very suitable place to meet customers thanks to its geographical location. We are very happy to open Babaeski and Edirne Commercial Exchange Branches after Gelibolu Branch within the framework of DenizBank Agriculture Festival. With the new branches, our number of branches spread all over Turkey will be 342. We hope that our expanding network will bring best of luck to our producers".

The agricultural festival will be held from 15 May to 30 August 2008 and will cover nearly 86% of 36.669 villages located in 65 provinces and 813 counties of Turkey. 'DenizBank Agricultural Festival' will include many activities to add value to both economic and social life ranging from social activities and concerts to training seminars for farmers and agricultural chats, lotteries for gifts, advantageous shopping campaigns.

Making a special cooperation with Turkish Education Foundation (TED) in the context of Agricultural Festival, DenizBank is implementing a social responsibility project for producers. With the project, TED will provide full scholarship to successful children of poor farmer families living in villages covered by the Festival. In addition, PCs will be donated to schools in villages to be visited.

With 111 meetings to be held in villages with the participation of DenizBank's field team of 270, 4.500 producers will receive training from expert trainers in their field, enterprise and shed about trimming techniques, use of fertilizers, animal health, greenhouse, irrigation, milking techniques, crop dusting, soil analysis. In this framework, soil analysis will be made for 1000 producers, and 2000 animals in 1200 agribusinesses will be ear-ringed.

With the dissemination meetings to be held, 6.500 producers will be offered to participate in theoretical training on economy, drought, global warming, productivity and EU processes. 3.500



farmers will benefit from medical services. Eye scan, blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetic tests will be offered for free.

Aiming at providing YTL 300 mn of financing to 150.000 producers during the festival, DenizBank will reach 3 million producers during visits, meetings, training and social activities to be held in the course of the festival.

Differentiating itself from the sector with its innovative approaches, DenizBank will break a new ground in Turkey and in the world with the 'Agricultural Festival' and enable all producers to apply for a Producer Card via SMS during the festival.

In festival concerts to be held in 8 provinces, famous singer Seda Sayan will be on stage followed by the presenter Savaş Karakaş. The concerts will be made in Kırklareli/Lüleburgaz, Bursa, Konya, Kayseri, Manisa, Samsun, Adana and Şanlıurfa. Before concerts, stands of suppliers and manufacturers of agricultural inputs will be opened in concert areas, where such companies will have the chance of promoting their products and services. During the festival 650 open air bazaars will be visited by DenizBank field teams, there will be theater shows for children, and some networking will be made with producers.

Lotteries for gifts during "DenizBank Agricultural Festival" will include a total of 333 gifts making life easier for producers ranging from an off-road vehicle to tractor, plasma TVs and oil purchasing cheques.