

Support from Denizbank to the competition "Adding value to agriculture"

- **Applications are now open for the competition "Adding value to agriculture" realized by the Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey and sponsored by DenizBank.**
- **The works of the employees of the Ministry employed in provincial and district directorates and 10.000 staff of Agricultural Extension Development Project (Tar-Gel) working in 81 provinces can be nominated in the project and it can be participated with up to 3 individual works and 1 project from each province. The deadline for application is April 3, 2015.**

DenizBank, which is the leader among private banks in extending loans to agricultural sector, continues to support the sector by acting together with the shareholders of the sector. In this context, applications are now open for the competition "Adding value to agriculture" which is an important part of the works of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey and DenizBank towards supporting the development of agricultural sector which is positioned as dynamo of the Turkish economy.

In the competition which consists of two categories and for which applications are open till April 3, the works of the employees of the Ministry employed in provincial and district directorates and 10.000 staff of Agricultural Extension Development Project (Tar-Gel) working in 81 provinces will be awarded. Extension works that have been realized in the last 7 years or finalized by the end of 2014 can be nominated in the competition.

With this competition it is aimed that the importance of agricultural extension and its affects are emphasized, and the leading figures in their fields are recognized by the public and their motivations are increased to high levels.

The awards which consist of gift cheques of Denizbank and which will be granted in individual works and projects are determined as follows:

In division of women: 5 thousand TL for the first place winner, 3 thousand TL for the second place winner, 2 thousand TL for third place winner

In division of men: 5 thousand TL for the first place winner, 3 thousand TL for the second place winner, 2 thousand TL for third place winner

In category of projects: 5 thousand TL for the first place winner, 3 thousand TL for the second place winner, 2 thousand TL for third place winner

In addition to these, the works that are selected in "Jury Special Prize" and "Denizbank Special Prize" categories will be awarded with gift cheques of two thousand TL.

"We will increase our support for agriculture"

DenizBank SME and Agricultural Banking Group Executive Vice President **Gökhan Sun**, emphasized that they are happy to be supporting the extension of the projects that will add value to agriculture and make a difference in the society through this competition and that the Bank is ready to fulfill its responsibility for the agricultural sector."

Sun continued his speech as follows: "Among the private sector banks, we have become the champion of the sector in terms of agricultural loans with the major investments we make to agriculture and important advantages we provide to our producers. For showing our appreciation to our producers and all shareholders who have allowed us to reach this important position with the trust they have put in us and the power they have given to us, we carry out various works to add value to the social lives of our producers, in addition to our financial activities. I sincerely believe that this important competition to which we give support will provide an added value to our sector and motivate the employees. Our Bank which sincerely believes in the strategic importance of agricultural sector for our country and carries the leadership flag in this field with a great honor will continue to develop its relation with agriculture in the coming periods. I wish success to all participants."

About DenizBank

DenizBank was established in 1938 as a state economic enterprise aimed at funding of the developing Turkish maritime sector. In the early 1997, DenizBank was acquired by the Zorlu Holding in the form of banking license from the Privatization Administration and in October 2006, a leading European financial group, Dexia incorporated it to its structure. For 6 years, DenizBank operated in Dexia's main shareholding and since 28 September 2012, continues providing services under the umbrella of Russia's largest and well-rooted bank, Sberbank. DenizBank has become one of the remarkable banks of Turkey in a short period of time. DenizBank Financial Services Group was established in 2003 in order to create a "financial supermarket" accumulating various financial services under one roof. There are totally 745 branches within DenizBank Financial Services Group operating in 81 provinces of Turkey and abroad employing close to 15 thousand people. DenizBank Financial Services Group consists of DenizBank, seven domestic, three international financial subsidiaries, five domestic non-financial subsidiaries, and a branch in Bahrain. Deniz Investment Securities, Ekspres Securities, Deniz Real Estate Investment Trust, DenizPortfolio Management, DenizLeasing, DenizFactoring, Destek Asset Management Company, Intertech, Deniz Kültür, Deniz Card Payment Systems, Açık Deniz Radio – TV and Bantaş are the group's domestic subsidiaries while Eurodeniz, DenizBank AG and DenizBank Moscow are its international subsidiaries.

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