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## NEW COVERED MARKET AREA TO BE OPEN

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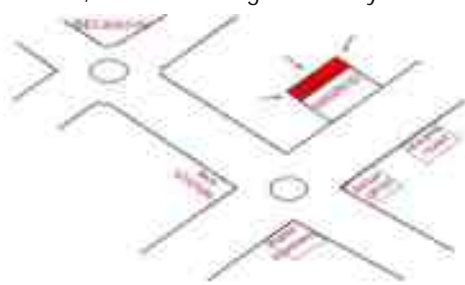
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## Hilton Worldwide launches Curio in Turkey



Hilton Worldwide, which operates famous hotels such as Conrad and DoubleTree in Turkey, is introducing another brand into the country. The U.S. hotel chain will open its youngest brand, Curio, in the historical Rumeli Han located on İstiklal Avenue in Beyoğlu. Hilton Worldwide marketing and public relations manager for Turkey, Burcu Yatmazoğlu, said the 170-room hotel will begin operating in 2017. "There are 12 Curio hotels in the world right now. The centuries-old Rumeli Han will be renovated," Yatmazoğlu said, adding that Hilton was looking for other hotels that are still active to establish new Curio hotels around Turkey. She said: "Hilton Worldwide is a hotel group that has the highest number of rooms under construction in the world, and Turkey is in the front row in terms of capacity. There is a planned investment of more 34 hotels in Turkey in addition to the current 34 hotels operating right now in the country. However, sometimes we venture outside of our plans and can open more hotels when new brands are created. This is applicable to Curio, for instance."

Celebrating its 60th anniversary in Turkey, Hilton Turkey is exporting its experience to neighbouring countries as well. Having made its latest investment in Georgia, Hilton opened the fourth 5-star hotel in Batumi. Hilton Turkey is also promoting the hotel, which was built in the jail where Georgian-origin Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin had stayed. Moreover, the hotel has importance for Turkey in terms of touristic mobility and investment. The Tourism Bridge between Artvin and Batumi, which came first in Europe and third in the world on the list of the most preferred 100 tourist destinations prepared by Euromonitor, is the most significant key of Hilton's growth strategy. Batumi sees 4.5 million tourists per year and 3.5 million of them are from Turkey, Hilton Batumi's general manager said, adding that this figure would increase with visa-free travel to Georgia. Turkey came third on the list of countries investing in Georgia. Turkey opened production facilities in Georgia valued at \$525 million over the past five years.

### Turkey among top 10 medical tourism spots

Turkey, the sixth most visited tourism destination in the world, has also become one of the most popular medical tourism destinations with more than half a million medical tourists visiting the country last year, according to data compiled by Anadolu Agency from the Association of Turkish Travel Agencies (TÜRSAB), the Health Ministry and private hospital figures.

While 109,000 medical tourists visited Turkey in 2010, this figure rose to 583,000 last year, mainly due to the rise in the number of tourists from Libya, Iraq and Germany.

With the addition of plastic surgery figures, this figure increased up to 700,000, according to sector representatives.

"A total of 30 million people travel to receive medical care across the world a year and they spend over \$150 billion, producing almost six times higher added value than sector average. Turkey became one of the top ten medical tourism destinations last year, although the country ranked 17th place five years ago," said the vice president of the Aegean Medical Tourism Association, Zeki Hozer.

The United States and Germany have been the most popular destinations for medical tourists, Hozer said, adding India, Malaysia, Cuba, Belgium and Poland were also very popular.

With rising state incentives and marketing activities in the sector, the number of medical tourists has been increasing, according to Levent Baş, the vice president of Turkey's Medical Tourism Development Council.

Baş said around 50-70 percent of the promotional activities were supported by the state and some portions of visiting medical tourists' flight tickets were paid.

"Turkey has been the best medical tourism destination after the U.S. and Germany in quality. Many health centers in Istanbul now make almost half of their revenue from their foreign patients," Baş said.

He added European people usually visit Turkey for optical care, dental treatment, plastic surgery, hair transplantation operations and in vitro fertilization treatment.

"Iraqi and Libyan people visit Turkey as they could not find proper medical care in their countries and Turkey is geographically proximate to their countries. People from Kuwait, Qatar and Saudi Arabia, however, prefer Germany for medical reasons rather than Turkey," he said.

Turkey's Health Ministry intends to increase the number of medical tourists to 2 million by 2023 by introducing tax-free health care zones specifically tailored for foreign patients.



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## Turkey's hazelnut harvest doubles in 2015

In an encouraging development for Turkey's hazelnut producers, this year's hazelnut harvest nearly doubled that of 2014, according to an announcement from Turkey's Hazelnut Promotion Group (FTG) this week.

Producers harvested 400,000 tons of hazelnuts last year, while this year's yield hit the 733,000 mark. The Black Sea provinces of Ordu, Giresun and Samsun produced the most hazelnuts this year, typical for the region that is known to be synonymous with the growth and harvesting of the nut. Turkey produces around 75 percent of the world's supply.

According to the FTG, 90 percent of Turkish hazelnuts are exported abroad, a major part of which is purchased by European chocolate producers.

Prices of the nut skyrocketed last year alongside a number of other agricultural products as adverse weather conditions drastically reduced harvests, creating a nightmare for farmers and consumers alike.

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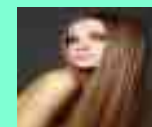
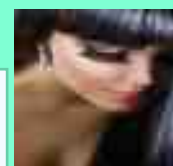


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## A five-star town for cats



A “cat town” has been established after two years of work in the northern province of Samsun with the aim of giving a healthy and comfortable life to stray cats.

The Samsun Metropolitan Municipality established the facility, named “cat town,” on a 100-square-metre area in its animal shelter. Sick cats will also be treated in the facility.

The “cat town” has bungalow houses as well as various bridges and walking routes for its feline inhabitants.

Shelter official and veterinary doctor Hüseyin Aydın said stray cats were brought to them from district municipalities and were neutered or spayed.

He said they had a different place for sick cats undergoing treatment, adding, “After treatment and neutering, we leave the cats to the cat town. We have an area here for cats to group. They will live healthily and happily here.”

He also noted they had created walking routes to prevent cats from becoming muddy in the forestland and that they provided all the necessities for the cats.

Aydın said “cat town” was unique in Turkey, adding, “We can expand the area of the cat town in the future. We now have 50 cats. We have designed the town especially for poor and sick cats from the streets.”

## First ice sculpture museum in Antalya

Turkey’s first ice sculpture museum is under construction in the southern province of Antalya. The museum is being established in the Snow World Entertainment Centre inside the Antalya Aquarium. Sculptor Serkan Kalkan recently gave the ice sculptures their final shaping.



Among the ice sculptures will be a two-metre pyramid as well as Bellerophon (a mythological Greek hero who killed a Chimera) and recreations of Hadrian’s Gate, the Temple of Apollo and the Lycian necropolis, among many others. The walls of the museum are also covered with ice aquariums, where frozen fish and crabs are on display.

The director of the center, Murat Selek, said the opening would be held in a few weeks.

He said the museum would be the first one in Turkey, adding it would be open 12 months a year, while an entrance fee for the museum has not been set yet.

## Turkey has ‘huge potential’ to sell more properties to foreigners



Around 25,000 properties are sold to foreigners in Turkey annually, far below potential in a sector that builds around 700,000 properties every year, according to Haluk Sur, the head of real estate consultancy firm Cushman & Wakefield Turkey.

“Turkey needs to develop solid policies to lure foreign buyers who want to use their potential homes in Turkey for several weeks or months, rather than others who buy many properties just to sell on later or rent out,” Sur, who is also an executive board member of the Association of Real Estate Investment Companies in Turkey (GYODER), told the Hürriyet Daily News.

According to Sur, Turkey has the potential to sell around 60,000 properties to foreigners annually.

Sur noted that there is currently an over-demand in Turkey from both local and foreign buyers. “It is not right to concentrate on Istanbul too much for the sector. Other centers of attraction

must be created. Actually, some cities elsewhere in the country have been developing rapidly, such as Bursa in the northwest, Antalya on the Mediterranean, İzmir on the Aegean, etc. ... There are other centers that have a huge growth potential, including Gaziantep in the southeast or Kayseri in Central Anatolia. With the required infrastructure projects and employment opportunities, more people will opt to live in these cities,” he said.

The construction sector has been one of the drivers of Turkey’s growth in recent years, but attention among economists has turned to finding a new growth story in the country.

“This doesn’t mean that Turkey should halt its construction activities. Yes, the construction sector has grown rapidly over the last decade, but this also enabled several complementary manufacturing industries. While the local construction materials that Turkey exported were worth \$1.5 billion in 2000, this figure has now increased to \$25 billion,” he added.

“Turkey will not become a technology producing country overnight ... Comprehensive programmes must be developed in order to become a highly competitive technology-producing country, to be executed over 20 to 30 years, just as Germany, Japan, South Korea and Singapore did before,” Sur said.

He also predicted that Turkey would start to grow by around 4 percent in 2016.

## China uses animals for earthquake prediction



Chinese government-affiliated researchers are using chickens, fish and toads to predict earthquakes, media reported.

The seismological bureau in the eastern city of Nanjing has transformed seven animal farms into seismic stations, the China Daily newspaper reported last week.

Breeders on the farms are asked to update the bureau about the behavior of the animals twice a day, the report said.

Possible abnormal behavior which could indicate imminent earthquakes includes chickens flying atop trees, fish leaping out of water or toads moving in a group, it added.

Nanjing plans to recruit seven more farms into the scheme this year, it said. Facilities need to house more than three species to be eligible.

But some animal keepers seemed reluctant to become involved.

"Our zoo is not being transformed into a monitor station because the animals will display abnormal behaviour when they are teased by visitors," the report quoted a local zookeeper as saying.

Using animals to predict earthquakes is not new in China. State-run media said last year that the central city of Nanchang was using dogs to predict tremors.

China is regularly hit by seismic incidents, with hundreds of thousands killed in major disasters in the past.



## The Butterfly Effect': Europe's biggest tropical butterfly garden awaits its visitors in Turkey



Europe's biggest 'Tropical Butterfly Garden' was opened in Turkey's Konya in July.

Attending the opening ceremony of the unique gardens, Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu congratulated all the contributors to the project and said that these gardens are sure to attract attention all over the world.

Stating that "The Wings of Love" tropical butterfly garden and valley of the butterflies was built within the scope of preserving the aesthetics and nature of Konya, Davutoğlu highlighted that Konya was, indeed, a capital of civilizations and spirituality.

The PM also emphasized that these gardens will surely contribute to Konya's development as well as the improvements in transportation.

Stating that the butterfly garden ranks first in Europe for having the largest man-made habitat for butterflies, Davutoğlu said that Konya will be the region of reds and roses, greens and trees with the Valley of the Butterflies.

The Turkish PM further added that the gardens will be home to 10,000 trees, 100,000 roses, 600,000 seasonal flowers and about 2 million tulips.

## Istanbul to host UNESCO's 2016 World Heritage Committee meeting

Turkey will be hosting UNESCO's next World Heritage Committee meeting, which will take place from July 10 to 20, in 2016, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has announced.

According to reports, Turkey's UNESCO ambassador Gürcan Türkoğlu will preside over the meeting which will be held in Istanbul.

The World Heritage Committee ended its latest meeting on July 8, which was chaired by Maria Böhmer, -the Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office- held in the German city of Bonn. A total of 24 new sites were inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List, while three sites were added to the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Two Turkish landmarks were recently added to the reputable list at the meeting. Diyarbakır Fortress and Hevsel Gardens in Southeastern Turkey were added to the list and the ancient city of Ephesus situated in West Turkey in İzmir was finally inscribed to the list on Sunday after a 21 year wait on the tentative list.

UNESCO defines the Diyarbakır Fortress and Hevsel Gardens Cultural Landscape as follows: Located on an escarpment of the Upper Tigris River Basin that is part of the so-called Fertile Crescent, the fortified city of Diyarbakır and the landscape around has been an important center since the Hellenistic period, through the Roman, Sassanid, Byzantine, Islamic and Ottoman times to the present. The site encompasses the Amida Mound, known as İçkale (inner castle), the 5.8km-long city walls of Diyarbakır with their numerous towers, gates, buttresses, and 63 inscriptions from different periods, as well as Hevsel Gardens, a green link between the city and the Tigris which supplied the city with food and water.

UNESCO also defined Ephesus as the ancient city situated on the coast of Ionia and dating back to the sixth century B.C., was one of the twelve cities of the Ionian League and the third largest city of Roman Asia Minor.

Turkey now contains 15 world heritage sites. These include the Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia, Divriği Great Mosque and Hospital, Historic Areas of Istanbul, Hattusha the Hittite Capital, Mount Nemrut, Hierapolis, Xanthos, the City of Safranbolu, the Archeological site of Troy, Selimiye Mosque, Neolithic Site of Çatalhöyük, Bursa and Cumalıkızık, Pergamon and its Multi-Layered Cultural Landscape, Diyarbakır Fortress and Hevsel Gardens, and Ephesus.

To be included on the World Heritage List, sites must be of outstanding universal value and meet at least one out of 10 selection criteria of which the first is to represent a "masterpiece of human creative genius" - such sites will need controlled tourism in the future



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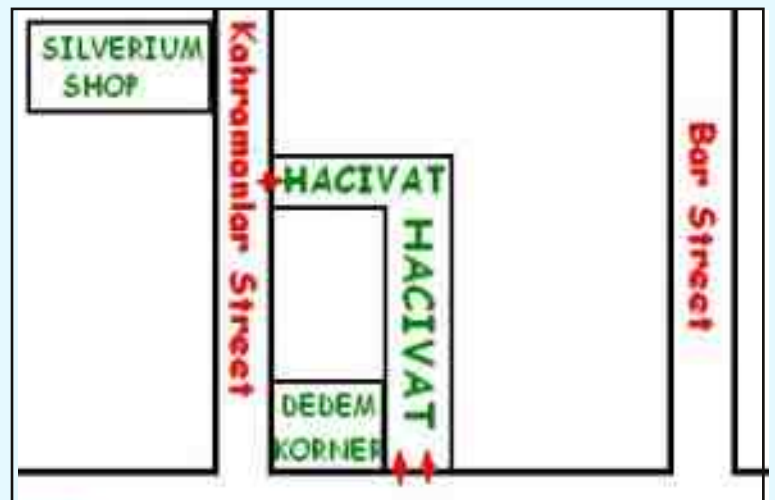
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## The funnier side of life: do you own a semi-Olympic?

by Klaus Jurgens

It was a memorable evening in the company of fine people originally hailing from the United Kingdom I have the absolute pleasure to know for many years. Initially comfortably mixing and mingling with fellow expats and Turkish neighbors alike at a well-known local hangout we eventually started discussing amongst ourselves how various towns and holiday spots apparently attract different types of expats and vacationers, or so one would think.

As always, beauty or reality is in the eye of the beholder. And in our case all this has to be taken lighthearted with a fair dose of fun and laughter shipped in for good measure. A satire to begin with, no one should feel offended at all!

Me mentioning that some foreign residents at home in the nearby 'central' Mediterranean resorts just around the corner between Bodrum and Antalya would consider themselves 'more posh' as we are, their supposedly poor cousins making do with the 'remote' southern Aegean, I said jokingly that over there unless you live in a house with a semi-Olympic private pool you are classified as unworthy of being in the expat club anyways. Needless to say which part of the country myself and my friendly conversation partners wholeheartedly support without aiming to insult any other expat living elsewhere, naturally. It was just one of those nights where the term 'semi-Olympic' became the hot pick of the evening in almost all other topics we discussed.

Poking fun at ourselves more than at anyone else the three of us smilingly continued making comments along the lines of 'I will not borrow your boat unless I can swim in your semi-Olympic' or 'I will not attend your BBQ unless you invite us for a refreshing jump into your semi-Olympic' and so on and so forth. With regards to the former comment it is not a yacht but a small rowing boat my friends own and concerning the latter comment none of us owns a poolside residence in the first place. And this is where the satire ends and a more serious look at why Kuşadası is so special kicks in.

Here people may have a pool, too, but would not brag about it when meeting other expats. Here people may own a sports-car but would rather drive it to metropolitan İzmir to impress instead of showing it off on Ladies Beach, equally impressive to stay in the picture but much more laid back. Here people may have more money than in other parts of the Sunshine Belt but are modest, on the one hand down to earth whilst on the other hand simply over the top 'normal.'

It is classy without being pretentious, to sum it all up.

I guess it all boils down in the summer heat (pun intended) of what kind of personality you were before setting foot on different shores and who you would like to be whence settled someplace overseas. Should flashing a Rolex in the middle of a side street market have always been your cup of tea in central London then why stop with the habit in the middle of a crowded beach club before 'discreetly' letting it disappear into your Gucci handbag? Do not misinterpret me; I do not criticize people making and spending hard earned cash, certainly not. What I would suggest however is to do all this with a little modesty once abroad. And the reason why I had spoken about the semi-Olympic phenomenon in a funny way with my friends was that I know them as people who enjoy life without the ever present need to show off.

In this context, believe me it is difficult even for children not to get caught in the 'are we not better off than the Jones's next door?' dilemma; few teenagers would not own a tablet computer these days, on top of smartphones they would carry with them anyways. But to make matters more complicated living in a palm tree lined resort makes them feel like little celebrities, in particular when communicating with other kids far away in what are perhaps more rainy parts of the world, you know which inclement weather related South (Turkey) - North (northern Europe) background I am writing in front of.

Having said that I try to raise the younger generation in the sense of a Chinese proverb I learned whilst visiting Hong Kong a fair number of years ago progressing from teenage-hood to young adulthood and partly quoting it here: if you have seen a lot of the world and travelled a lot sit back, lean back and fold your arms and simply smile. Inner happiness; unpretentious.

'Smile' we should all do as this is a great town with great people. Enjoy!



## Chinese businessman presents Turkish pide to the world

Chinese businessman Alan Yau, who is the founder of world-famous restaurants such as Wagamama and Hakkasan, has said that he will make Turkish pide a world brand in five years.

The ambitious businessman talked about his future plans to Aynur Tattersall from the Doğan News Agency. Yau rolled up his sleeves to open Babaji Istanbul Pide Salonu in Piccadilly, the busiest quarter in London. Yau became the centre of interest in Turkish and British media in a short period of time. Yau said that they would open another branch in Dubai soon, after they attracted great interest in London. "As London is seen as the centre of the world in many aspects, it also significantly contributes to brand creation. For instance, the U.S. helped Italy to introduce Italian pizza to the world. Turkish pide has the same concept. There is no obstacle in front of us to make Turkish pide a world brand and create the same popularity," he said. Yau added that Turkish pide should look less ethnic but also maintain its authentic features. He said that he wants to make Turkish pide a global brand in a short period of time. Yau went on to say that although he is a pioneer, there would be many other entrepreneurs that can take part in the project's development process. "Time will show how successful we will be. However, if success came with pizza, there is no reason that Turkish pide, which has the same concept, cannot show a similar progress," Yau said. He said that London is not an easy place to achieve this because it is hard to find good ingredients compared to the availability in Turkey. However, Yau said that they benefited from the success story of pizza and have developed a similar strategy. Stating that they are quite happy with the attention they have received in London, Yau continued, "Our aim is to open branches not only in other parts of London, but also in other cities in the world in the near future. We are getting ready to open another branch in London these days. Beside this, we completed all our preparations for the new branch in Dubai. We will open the Dubai branch in the New Year. With an alcohol-free concept, we will introduce Turkish pide to Dubai with the Istanbul Pide Bread Saloon Babaji."





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**IS THIS THE MOST GENEROUS BOSS IN THE WORLD?**

Chief of Turkish food delivery company, Nevzat Aydin sold his food firm Yemeksepeti for \$589 million dollars in May and said his 114 employees deserved to benefit from its sale. They are each set to receive a bonus worth around \$237,000 dollars each. 'We did this because we have accomplished success all together' said Mr. Aydin. He told how some workers cried and others screamed after learning of their good fortune. Mr. Aydin also said that this was the first time that a bonus of this kind had been handed out in Turkey and joked that he had set a bad example for other bosses.

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- 1) 'D' - each letter represents one note in the diatonic musical scale: Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti Do
- 2) Successfully and Unsuccessfully
- 3) Incorrectly
- 4) 22: (the sequence alternates +2, x2)
- 5) Sponge

**We don't stop playing because we grow old: we grow old because we stop playing.**  
George Bernard Shaw

**Turkish scientists reveal unmanned off-road vehicle**

Developed by a team at Ankara's Middle East Technical University under Buğra Koku, the tractor-like vehicle can map its own route avoiding obstacles and is likely to see service with the Turkish armed forces.

"Our vehicle has been designed with a semi-autonomous system enabling support and decision algorithms and it can be controlled remotely and wirelessly if required," İlhan Konukseven, a mechanical engineering professor at the university, told Anadolu Agency. Konukseven said the vehicle could be used in a variety of roles, including terrain mapping, bomb disposal, search and rescue, detecting and transporting toxic or dangerous substances, border monitoring and exploring inaccessible terrain.

He added: "The vehicle can make its own route by considering the environmental conditions on its way."

The vehicle is equipped with a 360-degree camera and laser sensors for 3D mapping



## Serving water to rabbits on Turkish island



Rabbits living on the Korsan (Pirate) Island in the western province of Muğla's Marmaris district, have been surviving thanks to the care of people living in the region, who have carried water to the rabbits on the island every day for the past 14 years.

The island, located on the Orhaniye Cove, near the Kızılcı Beach, is home to ancient city remains as well as rabbits that were left there 15 years ago. Their number is now at more than 300.

The reason why the rabbits have been able to survive and grow in number is that the operator and workers of the water sports facility on the Kızılcı Beach are regularly carrying water to the island, 300 meters from the coast.

The operator of the facility, Ferhan Ataş said people had left 30 rabbits on the island 15 years ago but they had began dying when the island ran short of rainwater.

Ataş said locals then started to provide drinking water for the rabbits.

“For 14 years, we have been going to the island on a boat or speedboat every other day to leave water. We also give them stale bread and fruits such as watermelon. We estimate that their number is now more than 300,” he said, adding that the rabbits need a more “permanent solution.”

## Divers discover four-metre large squid egg mass in southwestern Turkey

A team of divers in Turkey's southwestern tourist spot of Fethiye discovered a four-metre wide gelatinous mass that could be the largest squid egg mass ever discovered, Deep Sea News reported.

Early in July 2015, a group of divers off the coast of Fethiye discovered and filmed a gelatinous mass which they were unable to identify.

A scientist provided an answer to the mystery once the divers uploaded their video online.

Dr. Mike Vecchione of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, who specializes in biological oceanography, suggested the sphere could be the biggest squid egg mass ever discovered.

Vecchione believes the mass could have been produced by a large red flying squid, the *ommatrophes bartramii*, which can grow up to one-and-a-half metres long.

The only egg mass that could rival the one documented in Fethiye was found in the Gulf of California in 2008. The mass was described as being between three and four metres long and was believed to contain 600,000 to two million eggs.

## Turkey plans to handle 200 million air passengers by 2017



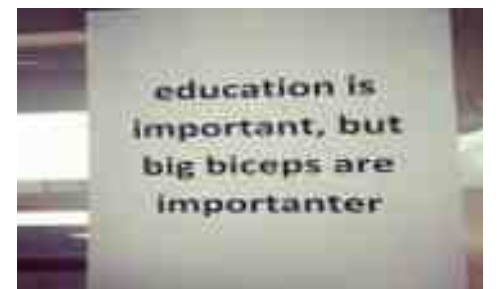
Turkey expects to welcome more than 200 million air passengers by 2017, according to revised figures from the General Directorate of State Airports Authority (DHMI).

The number of air passengers, which were around 166 million last year, including direct transit passengers, is expected to reach 178.5 million this year. The figure is expected to exceed 192.5 million in 2016 and 204 million in 2017, according to DHMI figures.

The largest increase is expected to be in the number of domestic air passengers. There were around 85.4 million domestic flight passengers in 2014, while the figure is expected to exceed 107.4 million in 2017. The number of foreign flight passengers is also forecast to reach 96.4 million in 2017.

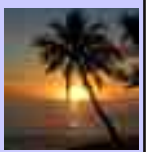
The authority expects airplane traffic to rise to 1.8 million flights by the end of this year and more than 2 million in 2017, a 21 percent increase compared to the official results in 2014.

Air cargo traffic is also expected to rise to 3.3 million tons in 2017 from around 2.9 million tons in 2014, according to DHMI data.





# HASAN AT LADIES BEACH HOTEL



Ladies Beach Hotel Restaurant is now under the management of Hasan, he comes with many years of restaurant management experience. He is a familiar face on Ladies Beach and well known for his charming easy going personality and welcoming style.

He has introduced a brand new menu to the restaurant, succulent steaks, quesadillas (Mexican stuffed pancake) curries, as well as sandwiches and wraps. Turkish food is also available and daily specials too. In the short time that Hasan has been in charge the restaurant has seen many customers return again and again, his attention to detail and his attentive staff will ensure that you too will return.

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