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## 18<sup>th</sup> National Economics Symposium: Savings, Sustainable Growth and Technological Development \*

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**Abstract.** In this study, the evaluation of the 18th National Economics Symposium: Savings, Sustainable Growth and Technological Development held in Konya will be mentioned.

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### Conference Notes

**1**8th National Economics Symposium themed Savings, Sustainable Growth and Technological Development which was held by the Turkish Economic Association (TEA), which is admitted as one of the important academic activities in Turkey about economics, had organized by Selçuk University and the Turkish Economic Association in Selçuk University, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Konya on October 8-9, 2015. National Symposium of Economics which is held by the Turkish Economic Association is arranged once in two years cooperation with a certain university in Turkey. Selçuk University was the cooperator of 18th National Economics Symposium. Topics of 18th National Economics Symposium as mentioned in the main title were savings, sustainable growth and technological development. During the symposium, around 40 studies were presented by round about 80 participants. Except that these selected studies, it was executed 6 invited presentations by Şevket Pamuk, Ercan Uygur, Selahattin Sarı, Tuncer Bulutay, Asaf Savaş Akat and Ercan Eren who are prominent academicians of Turkey about economics.

At the opening session of the symposium, Ercan Uygur, the President of the Turkish Economic Association; Adem Ögüt, Dean of Selçuk University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences; Hakkı Gökbel, the Rector of Selçuk University and Muammer Erol, Governor of Konya gave speeches. Ercan Uygur mentioned about the history of the Turkish Economic Association. He said that Turkish Economic Association is historically an important institution that is trivet of important three institutions of Turkey which are Turkish Historical Society, Turkish Language Society and the Turkish Economic Association. Also he went through about the economic situation of Turkey pursuant to topics of symposium.

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Adem Ögüt, Hakkı Gökbel and Muammer Erol are generally mentioned about contribution to Turkish Economy and history of Konya and Selçuk University.

After the opening speeches, invited session was executed and then it was skipped to the selected presentations. Second day of the symposium was started invited session and then skipped again to selected presentations. My presentation was in second day. The topic of the study was “The Causality Relationships between Economic Confidence and Fundamental Macroeconomic Indicators: Empirical Evidence from Selected European Union Countries”. The co-author of this study is Associate Professor Seyfettin Artan, PhD. Results of the analysis showed that economic confidence is one of the important factors of economy.

At the end of the second day, it was carried out a panel discussion about manufacturing industry and technological development in the case of Turkey and Konya. After the panel discussion, it was organized a gala dinner. Finally, the day after the second day, there was a travel organization for Konya includes the Mausoleum of Mevlana.

In conclusion, National Economics Symposium hold by the Turkish Economic Association is an important organization in the case of economics in Turkey. Due to this organization academicians find an opportunity to networking. Also by means of 18th National Economics Symposium, participants had the chance to see Konya. All of them have also added to the good quality of the organization, importance of National Symposium of Economics increases.

Finally, it would be useful to remind that the Turkish Economic Association has announced its 5th International Conference on Economics, ICE-TEA, scheduled for 20-22 October 2016 at the Kefaluka Resort Hotel Bodrum, Turkey. The main theme of the conference is “Inclusive and Sustainable Growth and Income Distribution”. The conference, which is supported by the International Economic Association, aims to generate a debating ground for economists from around the world through invited and contributed sessions.



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