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Within the scope of Garanti Bank's "No Limits In Teaching" project,

Teacher Training Campaign is off to a start

Objective for 2010: 25.000 teachers

- The educator staff of Garanti Bank's **"No Limits In Teaching"** project, launched in cooperation with The Ministry of National Education (MEB), is ready for the Training/Education campaign. To strengthen the expert staff of the project, 65 educators, selected among nearly 2.000 applications and who will serve as part-time educators, are attending the educator training program through August 7th. From September onwards, the educators will be carrying out training programs across Turkey that will contribute to the personal and professional development of teachers. Within the scope of the "No Limits In Teaching" project that aims to provide free on-the-job training to 100.000 teachers in 5 years time, 25.000 teachers will undergo training in 2010.

- **Kayhan Karlı**, the Executive Director of the Teachers Academy Foundation established by Garanti Bank to carry out sustainable projects aimed towards teachers, stated "No Limits in Teaching is our foundation's first project... After forming our expert educator staff, we have completed pilot training programs in April and May. Following the educator training programs that will be completed by the end of this week, we will be ready to continue the Training/Education campaign, launched hand in hand with MEB, with a larger staff.

Stating that participation in the schools' training programs is on a voluntary basis and applications can be made online via www.orav.org.tr, Karlı said "We are providing training programs in Communication Skills, Classroom Administration, and Assessment and Evaluation subjects. Along with the training programs that we will be carrying out in September-December, we will have reached 5.000 teachers by the end of 2009... As for 2010, we are aiming to provide face to face training to 25.000 teachers by year end.

A. Fikret Bayraklı, the Director of MEB Department of On-The-Job Training, said "Teachers are the building blocks of our educational system. Improving our teachers in terms of personal and professional qualifications is one of our ministry's top priorities. Because, on-the-job training is as important as educating new teachers. Therefore, Garanti Bank's initiation of this long-range project and contributing to the realization of the educational reform which has started with the curriculum change in 2004 is greatly encouraging us. We are hoping that the success of the Teachers Academy Foundation's applied training programs will inspire other organizations as well. Our ministry is always open to these kinds of collaborations."

The educator training programs of the Teachers Academy Foundation are taking place at VKV Koç Private Primary School & High School between August 1st - 7th, 2009, with accommodations provided by the Vehbi Koç Foundation.

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