

FAI-CIEA RECEPTION - 29 APRIL 2004

WELCOMING REMARKS BY BRIG. GENERAL AHMET ERGONEN

Dear Delegates, as Secretary General of the Turkish Aeronautical Association, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Turkey.

As it is well known to all of you, the Aviation and Space Commission is one of the most beneficial commissions which works to promote international goodwill, cultural understanding and friendships through aviation related activities.

In order to reach this aim, the commission endeavours to inform the public of the aviation and space activities and to increase the participation in the air sports.

With this scope of understanding, the commission has been accomplishing many projects for years, the most important of which is the "Young Artists Contest".

This project has given the young people the chance of competing worldwide with their genuine artwork, thereby providing them with the opportunity of making their voices heard in the international scope.

The main themes concerning aviation and space for the pictures enables these young competitors to head toward aviation activities.

You, once more, get together to discuss and decide on what else can be done for the progress of these projects. With the hope these beneficial meeting will continue, I conclude my remarks.

I wish you a successful meeting and a good time during the 3 days in Turkey.