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The 600th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Turkey and Poland to be celebrated with a series of events

The year 2014 marks the 600th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Turkey and Poland and will be celebrated with various events in both countries. As part of the programme of events, the exhibition *The Orient, Modernity and Art,* featuring a selection of works from the Art Collection of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey, will be on display from 26 June to 21 September 2014 in Warsaw, at the Museum of King Jan III's Palace at Wilanów.

The opening ceremony of the exhibition will take place on Wednesday, 25 June 2014 in the presence of Erdem Başçı, the Governor of the Central Bank of Turkey; Yusuf Ziya Özcan, the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in Warsaw; and Pawel Jaskanis, the Director of the Museum of King Jan III's Palace at Wilanów. The opening ceremony will be preceded by a presentation on *Turkish Art through the Ages* by Prof. Talat Halman and a recital organized by the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

Additionally, the National Bank of Poland and the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey will host a joint conference on *Poland's and Turkey's Transition: Achievements and Challenges Ahead* on Thursday, 26 June 2014, at 9:00 a.m. The conference will be opened with remarks by Marek Belka, the President of the National Bank of Poland, and Erdem Başçı, the Governor of the Central Bank of Turkey.

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Exhibition Venue: Muzeum Pałacu Króla Jana III w Wilanowie ul. Stanisława Kostki Potockiego 10/16. 02-958 Warszawa

Conference Venue: Muzeum Łazienki Królewskie w Warszawie ul. Agrykoli 1, 00-460 Warszawa