



Dear readers,

Today it's my pleasure to introduce the first issue of the second volume of international peer-reviewed scientific journal *Entrepreneurship and Sustainability Issues*. The journal has been started year ago; it's a short time from historical point of view but sufficiently long to live through turbulent times of change. The 21st century appears to be not only century of technology, innovations and rapid development; it appears to be century of new and not new; known and unknown threats and insecurities.

Economic security of any country depends on safety and security of trade, tax collection, transparency and equality of business conditions. Customs perform big, times invisible job, in protecting society, securing health of finance, economic health of country, which ultimately leads to social security of all citizens. Hence, sustainable development is intertwined, and I would say, dependent on various facets of security. Economic security here is of the second importance if to compare to security against military interventions.

In that context I wanted to greet and encourage ongoing attempts of scientific, statutory and civic societies, practitioners and other stakeholders in fostering international discussion bringing urgent issues of secure and sustainable development. I truly believe our common concern, interest, knowledge and enthusiasm will be rewarded by peace brought by security and affluence brought by balanced sustainable development of our country and the whole global village.

With best regards and encouragement

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