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The General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration (MTA) was founded 80 years ago by the directives of Atatürk in 22nd of June 1935, and is an organization, which continues its studies as one of the milestones to be a modern country of Turkey.

MTA, which started to work by the words of Atatürk; “*We gave the mission of exploration of yet the other unknown treasures of the country one by one to MTA. They will work. We hope happily surprises*”, plays an important role in the development strategy of the Republic of Turkey. Both its mission and vision rests on the principle of exploration of natural resources of the country based on geological researches, and to give acceleration to industrialization by finding them.

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We believe that the Bulletin of the Mineral Research and Exploration will continue its life time many more 80 years with MTA.

