



## ICYF-ERC LAUNCHED ICYF-ERC VOLUNTEERS CLUB

September 15th, 2022

Throughout the year, ICYF-ERC implements large-scale projects both locally and internationally, and to help it fulfill its mission, the ICYF-ERC Volunteers Club was established. The main aims of the Club are to promote volunteerism among the youth, create platforms for sharing experience, networking, and improve project preparation and project cycle management.

On September 12 and 14, 2022, the Eurasian Regional Center of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC) held Information Sessions for the newly launched ICYF-ERC Volunteers Club. The new members of the Club include

both local and international youth from OIC member states living and studying in Azerbaijan. The Club is represented by about 40 Azerbaijani and 20 international youth from the OIC living in Azerbaijan.



During the session, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC, welcomed the youth and highlighted the importance of the Club for promoting large-scale youth-related programs. Assistant to Director General Aydan Baghirli presented the main activities of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) and its Eurasian Regional Center (ICYF-ERC) to new members of the Volunteers Club.

Next, the youth listened to the presentation given by Volunteers Club Coordinator Gulsum Bakhishova about the Club's future activities and volunteering process. Then, Volunteers Club Coordinator Javidan Mammadli talked about his volunteering experiences with members and answered their questions about the Volunteers Club and others.

The members got acquainted with their roles, benefits, and expectations. As part of the networking event, team-building games were initiated to let students improve communication and collaboration between one another.



# MODEL OIC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ACADEMY 2022

## MODEL OIC 2022 SIMULATION CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN BISHKEK, KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

July 4th, 2022

On July 2, 2022, the opening ceremony of the Model OIC 2022 simulation conference, organized by the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) in partnership with the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic, the United Youth Organization, the Youth Congress of Kyrgyzstan and the Active Volunteers was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic.



The conference was officially opened by the Chairman of the Youth Congress of Kyrgyzstan Askar Shaikidinov. The speakers of the conference were Deputy of the Supreme Council of the Kyrgyz Republic, Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs, Defense, Security and Migration Aidarbekov Chingiz Azamatovich and Deputy of the Supreme Council Surabaldieva Elvira, who made presentations on international relations and answered questions of interest to the delegates. One of the distinguished guests of the conference was Tagi Rastmian, Counselor of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Kyrgyzstan, Head of the Department of Cul-

ture, who wished success to the participants of the event.

Further, the Project Manager of ICYF-ERC Mr. Said Omanov, welcoming all the participants on behalf of Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, Acting General Director of ICYF-ERC, presented to the delegates a presentation on the activities and projects of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC). Also, a welcome video was presented on behalf of the President of the ICYF, H.E. Mr. Taha Ayhan.



During the conference, 85 delegates in the relevant committees discussed current topics on the OIC agenda on economic, cultural, political, scientific and technological issues.



The distinguished delegates of the conference were given prizes and diplomas. All participants of the Model OIC 2022 received certificates of participation.

## THE MODEL OIC 2022 SIMULATION CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA

July 30th, 2022

The opening ceremony of the Model OIC conference, simulating the session of Standing Committee on Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) was organized by the Indonesian Youth Council and the OIC Indonesian Youth Organization, with the support of the Eurasian Regional Center of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC), as well as with the partnership of the People's Consultative Assembly of the Republic of Indonesia, on July 30 in the building of the legislative body of Republic Indonesia (Majelis Permusyawaratan Rakyat).

It should be noted that the conference was held as the conclusion of the Model OIC Academy of International Relations, which lasted nearly two months.

More than 50 students from Indonesia's leading universities participated in the simulation conference on the topic "Economic Revitalization: Aftermath of the Covid-19 Pandemic". Representatives of a number of leading ministries and state institutions of Indonesia, which will host the next summit of the G20, which will be held in Bali in November 2022 and will host the theme of "Recover





Stronger”, participated in the opening and closing ceremony of the Model OIC simulation conference.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the event, Vusal Gurbanov, Acting Director General ICYF-ERC, spoke about the importance of the Model OIC events held at both the national and international levels since 2011, at the initiative of the institution represented by this program, and emphasized the leadership ability of young people in the OIC space.



In their welcoming speech, Project Coordinator of the Model OIC Project Ellena Pangestu Kavarera, President of OIC Youth Indonesia and MOIC Country Coordinator to Indonesia Astrid Nadya Rizgita, Chairman of Indonesia National Youth Council and ICYF Vice President Asian Region Tantan Taufiq Lubis expressed their gratitude to the Indonesian government officials and ambassadors for their support to this event.

At the opening ceremony, among others, the Vice Speaker of People's Consultative Assembly Hidayat Nur Wahid, the Vice Chair of Interparliamentary Cooperation Mardani Ali Sera, the Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia Sandiaga Salahuddin Uno, the Senior Advisor to the Minister of Cooperatives and SMEs

of Indonesia Rulli Nuryanto, the Indonesian National Police Representative Mayndra Eka Vardhana, Deputy Assistant at the Ministry of Human Development and Culture of Indonesia Dr. Katiman, Co-Chair of Indonesia Young 20 Budi Sugandi, Director of Social Culture and International Organization of Developing Countries at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia Penny Devi Herasati wished good luck to the participants of the conference by giving congratulatory speeches.

It should be noted that, in the final resolution, adopted by the young participants in the simulation conference, they “call on OIC member states, international development agencies, and international financial institutions to invest in the liberated territories of Karabakh and extend their assistance to the Government of Azerbaijan in its rehabilitation and reconstruction of devastations, caused by Armenian aggression and occupation”.



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Speaking at the closing ceremony of the Indonesia Model OIC - 2022, employees of the Indonesian Ministry of Youth and Sports, Esa Sukmavicaya and Professor Faisal Abdullah, Dean of Faculty of Technology, Indonesia Defense University Pujo Widodo, Coordinator of Directorate of Social Culture and International Organizations of Developing Countries at the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ari Aprianto, the ambassadors of Pakistan, Nigeria and Morocco to Indonesia, Mohammad Hassan, Usman Ari Ogah and Ouadia Benabdellah, made a speech and expressed their hopes for the successful completion of the event, including the importance of this program covering the entire OIC region.

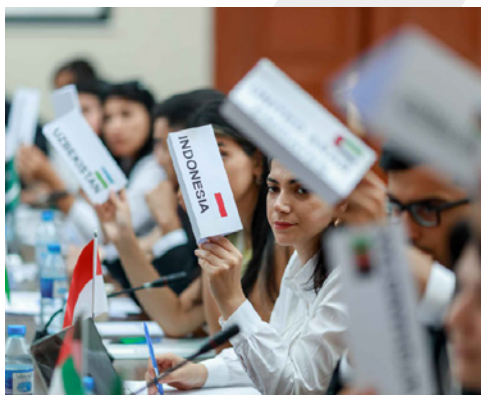
The main goals of the Model OIC – International Relations Academy program are to support the strengthening of international cooperation of young people in the OIC space, to help young people, leaders and members of youth organizations gain new knowledge and experience in the field of diplomacy, management, and communication.

## **“DIA MODEL OIC” 2022 SIMULATION CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THE ACADEMY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (AZERBAIJAN)**

July 19th, 2022

On July 18, 2022, the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC), Sabail District Youth and Sports Department, and DIA Political Scientists Club jointly organized the “DIA Model

OIC 2022” Simulation Conference on the topic of “Conflicts and peace prospects in the OIC geography”, at the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.



The simulation was officially opened by the Acting Advisor on social issues, organizational affairs, and training of APA Mr. Zaur Mammadov. The speakers of the conference were the Head of the Youth and Sports Department of the Sabail region, Ms. Elnara Aliyeva, Deputy Head of the Baku City Youth and Sports Department, Mr. Aydin Yusifov, and Mr. Said Omanov, Project Manager of ICYF-ERC, who welcomed the participants and emphasized that such projects contribute to the country's human capital, personnel potential, as well as the intensive development of young people.



At the end of the simulation conference, certificates were awarded to all participants and distinguished delegates in the nominations “Best Delegate”, “Best Debater”, “Best

Debutant” and “Distinguished Delegate”.

The main goal of the Model OIC project, which is co-organized by ICYF-ERC and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan, for more than 10 years, is to support the strengthening of international cooperation among young people and to assist them to acquire new knowledge and experience in the fields of diplomacy, management, communication.

Azerbaijani participants have always represented Azerbaijan honorably at “International Model OIC” conferences attended by delegates from more than 40 OIC member states over the past years.



## THE ACTIVITIES OF ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ICYF-ERC

**REPRESENTATIVES OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS ACCREDITED IN AZERBAIJAN VISIT FUZULI AND SHUSHA CITIES**

August 29th, 2022



On August 27, 2022, over 160 representatives of diplomatic corps, including foreign ambassadors, military attachés, as well as members of international organizations accredited in Azerbaijan have attended the conference dedicated to the restoration and reconstruction of the liberated Azerbaijani territories, the mine-clearing operations and the use of the urban development potential in the post-conflict period, and opportunities for international collaboration in the city of Shusha.

The event was attended by Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan, Head of Foreign Policy Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration H.E. Mr. Hikmat Hajiyeve, Special



Representative of the President in Zangilan district which is included in East Zangazur economic region Mr. Vahid Hajiyeve, as well as representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited in Azerbaijan, foreign ambassadors and representatives of international organizations.

The Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) expresses its gratitude to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan for organizing the visit and inviting to be a part of it.

### **ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ICYF-ERC ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF TWO INTERNATIONAL SESSIONS**

August 31st, 2022

On 29 August, 2022, the Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC Mr. Vusal Gurbanov addressed the Opening Ceremony of diplomatic simulation of Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport Ministers (ICYSM) with the theme: "The Role of Youth Against Social Disparities" and International Youth Panel by the theme: "The Role of Youth Against Social Disparities".

This program served as an entry-level conference for our MOIC Club Members and introduction to MOIC to the university students of UNIKOM Bandung in particular and representatives of university students in Bandung and West Java Province at large.



The Opening Ceremony was also addressed by Dr. Amar Ahmad, Assistant Deputy at Ministry of Youth and Sports RI, Mr Tantan Taufik Lubis, ICYF Vice President for Asian Region, Mr. Ary Aprianto, Coordinator at Directorate of International Organization of Developing Countries MoFA RI, Mr. Achyar Al Rasyid, Coordinator of Indonesian Overseas Student Association (PPI Dunia).

On 31 August, 2022, the Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC Mr. Vusal Gurbanov delivered an opening speech at the Opening session of an online international platform within the framework of the project "Development and implementation of a set of measures for the prevention of Internet and YouTube addictions and gambling among young people and children" launched by the Youth Wing "Jastar Ruhy" under the "AMANAT" party.

Among the keynote speakers and experts were Mr. Nurzhan Zhetpisbayev, Chairman of the Youth Wing "Jastar Ruhy" under the "AMANAT" party, Mr. Erken Rashidov, Director of the Project Management Department of the NAO "Center for Support of Civil Initiatives", Ms. Xia Dong, Deputy Secretary General of the All-China Youth Federation, Ms. Alsu Ganeeva, Head of the Selet Media Center (Tatarstan), Ms. Aida Otesin, Lawyer of the Almaty Lawyers Association, and Ms. Yu Xukun, Executive Director of Beijing Children's Legal Aid and Research Center.

### **ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ICYF-ERC WAS RECEIVED BY H.E. AMBASSADOR OF QATAR TO AZERBAIJAN**

September 28nd, 2022

On 28 September, 2022, Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC Mr. Vusal Gurbanov was received by H.E. Mr. Faisal bin Abdullah Hamad Al- Hanzab, Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary of the State of Qatar to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

During the meeting, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov briefed H.E. Ambassador Faisal bin Abdullah Hamad Al- Hanzab on the activities of ICYF, in particular its Eurasian Regional Center aimed at providing the necessary opportunities for the development of youth and



In his turn, H.E. the Ambassador shared insights on various matters relating to youth development and discussed the current activities and perspectives for collaboration to increase the participation of youth both, on local and international levels.

Mr. Gurbanov also informed about the Center's upcoming projects and wished the Government and brotherly people of the State of Qatar successful completion of FIFA 2022.

# STATEMENTS OF THE BOARD

## Birthday of H.E. Ms. Leyla Aliyeva

On the occasion of Her Excellency's birthday, the International Board and the whole staff of the ICYF-ERC extend their cordial congratulations to H.E. Ms. Leyla Aliyeva, the Vice-President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and General Coordinator of ICYF on Intercultural Dialogue.

July 3rd, 2022

## 28th Anniversary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Azerbaijan

ICYF-ERC cordially congratulates the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the 28th anniversary of its establishment, by the relevant decree of National Leader Heydar Aliyev on 26 July, 1994. We wish every success to the Esteemed Ministry in its future activities and look forward to further development of our partnership & cooperation for the benefit of youth both, on national and international levels.

July 26th, 2022

## Happy International Youth Day!

This year we celebrate International Youth Day under the theme of "Intergenerational Solidarity" to bring generations together and strengthen the bond between them. The ICYF-ERC continues its work to provide the youth of the geography with opportunities and experiences that will help them to face challenges, find bright ideas and innovative solutions to issues, develop themselves and strengthen their ability and capacity to achieve goals.

August 12th, 2022

## Congratulation of the Board: Pakistan Independence Day

The International Board and staff of the ICYF-ERC heartily congratulate the Government and People of the brotherly Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the occasion of its 75th Independence Day. We wish to brotherly people and the Government of Pakistan continuous development, peace, and prosperity!

August 14th, 2022



## Birthday of H.E. Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva

The international Board and whole staff of the ICYF-ERC extend their cordial congratulations and sincere wishes to H.E. Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva, the First Vice-President of Azerbaijan, President of Heydar Aliyev Foundation, and Goodwill Ambassador

of UNESCO and ICESCO, on the occasion of Her Excellency's birthday.

August 26th, 2022

## Pakistan's flood disaster

The International Board and staff of the ICYF-ERC express heartfelt condolences to relatives of the people who lost their lives, their bereaved families, and to the Government of Pakistan due to floods caused by heavy rainfall in various parts of Pakistan, wishing injured a speedy recovery and those missing would survive.

August 29th, 2022

## Tatarstan Republic Day

The International Board and staff of the ICYF-ERC express their cordial congratulations to the brotherly people and Government of the Republic of Tatarstan (RF) on the occasion of the Republic Day. We would like to take this opportunity to thank and its leadership for continuous support and interest towards the realization of the ICYF-ERC's activities and wish further development, peace, and prosperity.

August 30th, 2022

## Kyrgyz Republic Independence day

The International Board and staff of the ICYF-ERC express their cordial congratulations to the brotherly Kyrgyz Republic on the occasion of its Independence Day. We wish the people and Government of Kyrgyz Republic continuous development, sustaining peace, and prosperity.

August 31st, 2022

## Uzbekistan Independence Day

The International Board and staff of the ICYF-ERC express their cordial congratulations to the brotherly Republic of Uzbekistan on the occasion of its Independence Day. We heartfully wish continuous development and prosperity for Uzbekistan and wellbeing for its brotherly people.

September 1st, 2022

## Happy OIC Youth Day

The International Board and staff of the ICYF-ERC express their cordial congratulations to the youth of Ummah on the occasion of 3 September – the OIC Youth Day! On the occasion of this special day, ICYF-ERC noting the tireless efforts of the founders and all those contributed to the establishment and development



of ICYF expresses its best wishes of success to the whole staff and member organizations of the Forum.

September 3rd, 2022

## Tajikistan Independence Day

The International Board and staff of the ICYF-ERC express their cordial congratulations to brotherly Republic of Tajikistan on the occasion of its Independence Day. We wish to the brotherly people and Government of Tajikistan continuous development, peace, and prosperity!

September 9th, 2022

## 50 Azerbaijani soldiers killed in provocations by Armenia

The International Board and Staff of the ICYF-ERC express heartfelt condolences to the brotherly people of Azerbaijan for the martyrs who lost their lives, and wish speedy recovery to the injured during the large-scale provocations by the units of the armed forces of Armenia held in the directions of Dashkasan, Kalbajar, and Lachin on the Azerbaijan-Armenia state border on the night of September 12th to 13th, 2022. May Allah the Almighty bless the souls of all martyrs!

September 14th, 2022

## 53rd Anniversary of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

We cordially congratulate the entire OIC family on the occasion of its 53rd anniversary and wish to the organisation all the best in the course of joint Islamic action to achieve welfare, prosperity, and social well-being for the benefit of the peoples of our Muslim Ummah.

September 25th, 2022

## Commemoration Day of Azerbaijan

The day when The 44-day Patriotic War began, 27 September, is commemorated in Azerbaijan for honoring and mourning the military personnel who have died while serving in the Azerbaijani Armed Forces during the war. On the occasion of September 27 – Commemoration Day in Azerbaijan, we commemorate with deep respect and esteem the memory of all our Martyrs who died for the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of brotherly Azerbaijan.

September 27th, 2022

## Turkmenistan Independence Day

The International Board and staff of the ICYF-ERC express their wholehearted congratulations to brotherly Turkmenistan on the occasion of its Independence Day.

September 27th, 2022



# ICYF-ERC IN MEDIA



Under the organization of Jastar Ruhy (Spirit of Youth), the youth wing of Kazakhstan's leading party Amanat, the opening ceremony of an international program entitled "Development and implementation of a set of measures to prevent Internet and YouTube addictions and gambling among young people and children" was held.

As AZERTAC was informed by the Eurasian Regional Center of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC), the chairman of the youth wing of Jastar Ruhy, Nurzhan Zhetpisbayev, said that the purpose of the online platform is the exchange of experience and the introduction of foreign practices in the field of regulating issues of Internet addiction, cyberbullying and gambling addiction among young people and children. Since the Internet has become one of the most reliable tools for everyone, including young people.

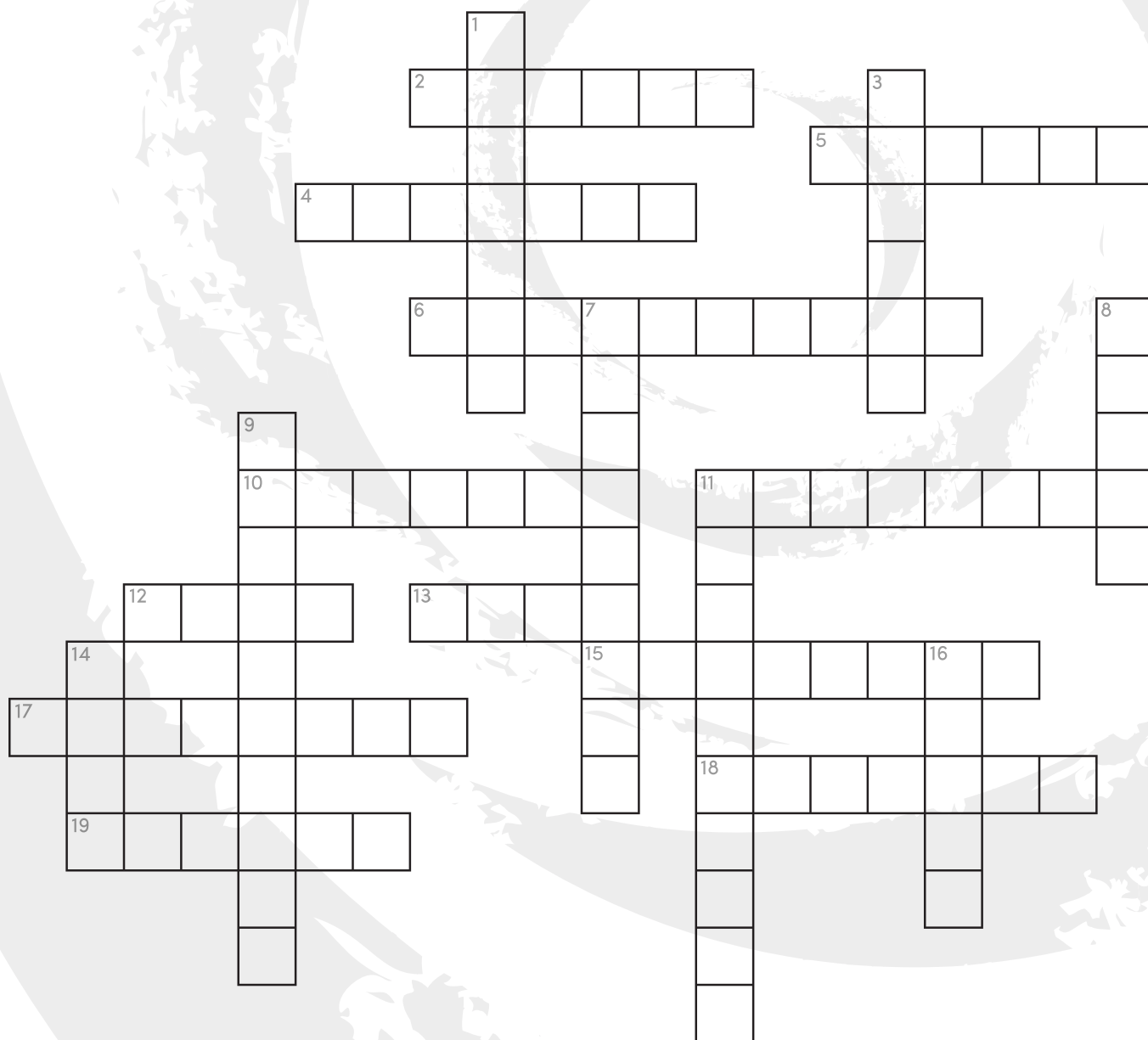
Speaking at the opening ceremony of the event online, Acting Director General of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF Vusal Gurbanov noted the importance of the meeting: "The spread of mobile phones among young people also puts them at greater risk of harassment, offensive messages, identity theft and social exclusion, than ever before. There are also increasing cases where cyberbullying requires the development of electronic security frameworks, community education, policies and strategies."

Welcoming speeches were also made by the Executive Director of the Beijing Center for Legal Aid and Research on Juvenile Issues Yu Xuikun, the Director of the Project Management Department of the Center for Support of Civil Initiatives of Kazakhstan Rashidov Yerken Yerikovich, the head of the media center of the youth organization of Tatarstan "Selet" Alsu Ganeeva and others.

It is worth noting that GalamTOP online courses are also conducted within the framework of this project in order to increase knowledge and prevent Internet addiction in children and adolescents, 32 focus group discussions were held to identify regions with a high level of Internet addiction, gambling and cyberbullying among young people and children.

It should also be added that for several years now the OIC Youth Forum and Jastar Ruhy have been successfully cooperating in the framework of various projects aimed at developing youth in the Eurasian space.

# ICYF-ERC CROSSWORD



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## ACROSS

2. The only woman who has been mentioned in The Holy Quran by her first given name
4. The only OIC (Organisation of Islamic Cooperation) member state located in The Balkans
5. Place of prayer for Muslims
6. On 18 May, 2010 in \_\_\_\_\_, an agreement about the establishment of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) was signed at the sidelines of the 37th Session of The Council of Foreign Ministers
10. Which country held the first summit of OIC (Organisation of Islamic Cooperation)
11. First Surah of The Holy Quran
12. Pious adherence to the Islamic faith
13. Number of pillars in Islam
15. An OIC member state that has Dutch as the official language
17. "City of Islam" is the capital city of which OIC member state
18. A member of staff in an embassy, usually with a special responsibility for something
19. The headquarters of The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is located in

## DOWN

1. Month during which Muslims are fasting
3. Form of almsgiving, often collected by the Muslim community
7. An OIC member state with the highest population
8. Meal served at the end of the day during the month of fasting
9. The highest-ranking diplomat in a foreign country with a plenipotentiary power
11. The only OIC member state located in The South Caucasus
14. The holy pilgrimage in Islam
16. Holiest place in Islam

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