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"SHOW ME AZERBAIJAN" INTERNATIONAL BLOGGERS SHUSHA CAMP

November 21st, 2022

n the initiative of the Eurasian Regional Center of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC), the second edition of "Show Me Azerbaijan" project kicked off with a group of international bloggers representing USA, France, Spain, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Türkiye, Egypt and more than 10 countries in total.

The main goal of the project is to introduce international bloggers to the nature, cultural monuments and historical places of Karabakh, especially Shusha, as part of the visit to

this city in connection with the declaration of this year as the "Year of Shusha" by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, cultural heritage, monuments, and at the same time to acquaint them with the restoration and reconstruction works carried out after the liberation of this city from occupation, and finally to spread their impressions of the trip to the world.

It should be noted that, on the initiative of ICYF-ERC, similar events were successfully carried out last year.

Thus, within the framework of the "Show Me Azerbaijan" project, 13 bloggers from 8 countries, including 3 well-known video bloggers from the USA and Algeria, visited the territories liberated from occupation and broadcasted their video reports about the settlements historical and monuments. More than seven million people watched these reports. One of the main goals of the project is to increase the number of video reports made by bloggers about Karabakh and the number of views of them by the end of this year.

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INTERNATIONAL BLOGGERS OF "SHOW ME AZERBAIJAN" PROJECT VISITED THE OLD BAKU AND MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTIONS IN AZERBAIJAN

November 22nd, 2022

On November 22, a group of international bloggers within the framework of the "Show Me Azerbaijan" project on November 21-27 of this year were received by Read Gasimov, chief of staff of "Icherisheher" State Historical-Architectural Reserve Administration and were informed about the historical importance of this place. The guests got acquainted with Icherisheher Reserve and got information about historical monuments.



It should be noted that international bloggers made and shared videos about Old Baku during the day.

As part of the program, the international bloggers met with representatives of institutions in Azerbaijan. Nuray Ahmadova, the representative of the Azerbaijan Tourism Agency, gave information about the tourism potential and routes of Azerbaijan, nature and recreation places, rules for visiting the country from abroad, as well as the international project "Traditional food" (Slow food) in which Azerbaijan is currently participating. Next, international bloggers met with Chairman of the



Executive Board of Karabakh Revival Fund Rahman Hajivev. In his speech, Mr. Hajiyev presented the concept of urbicide, which means urban destruction, the monuments that were destroyed before and after the occupation in Shusha, Fuzuli, Agdam. He also talked about the work done in the direction of the restoration of historical monuments (the statue of Uzeyir Hajibeyov, the carpet museum, Shahbulag castle), the creation of smart parks, and the restoration of rivers.

"SHOW ME AZERBAIJAN" INTERNATIONAL BLOGGERS SHUSHA CAMP PARTICIPANTS VISITED FUZULI

November 23rd, 2022

Araz Imanov, the senior advisor to the Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the liberated territories of the Karabakh Economic Region, welcomed the bloggers in the city of Fuzuli. A. Imanov informed the guests about the causes and the place of the begin-



ning of the 44 days Patriotic war, devastations, conducted by Armenian occupiers in Fuzuli and other districts of Karabakh. the mined areas, as well as the work to be done in connection with the restoration of the city and surrounding villages. The bloggers witnessed the facts of devastation in the city, also visited the Victory Monument and the ruins of the Fuzuli central mosque. They were informed that during the Armenian occupation, mosques not just in Fuzuli, but also in other parts of Karabakh were destroyed, and some of them had been used to house animals.

THE INTERNATIONAL BLOGGERS OF "SHOW ME AZERBAIJAN" PROJECT VISITED SHUSHA CITY

November 24th, 2022

The primary objective of the project (Show Me Azerbaijan – Shusha International Bloggers Camp) is to familiarize foreign bloggers with the destroyed, vandalized cultural monuments, former villages, and the natural beauty, historical sites, and cultural landmarks of Karabakh, particularly Shusha.

The Shusha City State Reserve Department's chief specialist Ismavil Ismavilov welcomed the visitors and gave them information on the city's historical and cultural sites as well as the heroism of the Azerbaijani soldiers, who liberated the city from the Armenian occupation. The bloggers also visited the city's vandalized (shot by rifles) monuments, the mansion of Khurshidbanu Natavan, castle of Shusha, the mausoleum of Vagif, the mansions of the nobles, as well as the Jidir Plain.

On their YouTube channels, foreign bloggers shared a number of videos showing their impressions of Shusha.



MASTER CLASS HELD FOR INTERNATIONAL BLOGGERS IN SHUSHA

November 24th, 2022



The master class training of blogger renowned American Douglas Barnard was held as the second component of the program during the visit to Shusha. He discussed the importance of blogging in today's world and the knowledge he has learned over the years. He presented the "Show Me Azerbaijan" project, the role it plays in conveying the truths of Azerbaijan and Karabakh to international community. and the recent rise in interest in the project. Aydan Baghirli, a representative of ICYF-ERC, gave a presentation to bloggers about the organization she works for. The bloggers were informed about the international initiatives carried out since ICYF-ERC's founding, particularly, the efforts made to promote Muslim youth solidarity. The bloggers expressed their appreciation for the ICYF-ERC's work and promised to share the Center's activities with their fellow citizens once they returned home.

SHOW ME AZERBAIJAN INTERNATIONAL BLOGGERS VISITED SHEKI

November 25th, 2022

On November 25, 2022, bloggers from more than 10 countries, within the framework of the project, "Show Me Azerbaijan" project, visited Shaki city where they got acquainted with such sights as the Palace of Shaki Khans, Karvansaray, with ancient streets and mosques in the region.

The well-known American blogger Douglas Barnard filmed video clips in front of the Imam Ali mosque in Shaki and compared this place with the city of Najaf. All bloggers expressed their admiration for the beauty and antiquity, as well as the rich cuisine of the city of Sheki.



It should be noted that, in the previous days, bloggers visited the cities of Fuzuli and Shusha, witnessed the massive destruction as the consequence of 28 years of Armenian occupation, and shared posts on various social networks.

SHOW ME AZERBAIJAN INTERNATIONAL BLOGGERS VISITED OTHER

REGIONS OF AZERBAIJAN

November 25th, 2022

During the last two days of the "Show Me Azerbaijan" project, international bloggers visited Gabala, Ismayilli and Shamakhi regions of Azerbaijan.

They visited the "Chotari" Albanian-Udi church in the village of Nij, Gabala region, Lahij village, inhabited by ethnic Tats, and noted that in Azerbaijan, special importance is attached to the values of multiculturalism, the peaceful cohabitation of peoples speaking different languages, both on the official governmental and societal levels. The bloggers also visited the workshop in Basqal, where the Azerbaijani national women's headdress, kelaghayi, is woven.

Later, bloggers paid a visit to the Ismayilli region. Sayf Aldeen from Iraq shared his impressions of Lahij in his profile as follows: "It is very beautiful here, people are so kind and generous". A blogger from Finland Camilla Milja, and Joao Leitao from Portugal in their profiles noted the antiquity and beauty of the nature of Lahij, where they expressed their admiration for the Zarnava Hanging Bridge.

During a trip to Shamakhi, Muslim bloggers prayed at the Juma Mosque, their attention was drawn to a joint prayer, where Shiites and Sunnis took part together.



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EVENTS

THE LAST ROUND OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP WAS HELD IN UZBEKISTAN

October 8th, 2022

According to the memorandum recently signed between the Eurasian Regional Center of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC) and the Youth Affairs Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the next round of the ICYF-ERC International Debate Championship was held in Tashkent with the organization of both institutions and the support of the Youth Union of Uzbekistan, Youth Entrepreneurship Support Center of Uzbekistan and Westminster International University in Tashkent. It should be noted that this is the last event held under the program of the International Debate Championship held by ICYF-ERC this year.



Teams, selected for their special talent and activity, representing 8 universities, operating in Tashkent, such as the Singapore Management Development Institute in Tashkent, University of World Economy and Diplomacy, TMC Institute in Tashkent, Westminster International University in Tashkent, Webster University in Tashkent, Amity University in Tashkent, Tashkent State University of Law participated in this

debate championship. At the event, debates were mainly held on the topics of "the development of artificial intelligence will help humanity", "bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies should be encouraged", "modern technology creates unemployment" and "technological progress has a positive impact on human life".



Tashkent State Law University was selected as the winning team of the debate championship and was awarded with prizes, including the right to participate in the International Debate Championship, which is planned to be held very soon. The "best" speaker of the championship was awarded with a special gift.



At the end of the event, Aydan Baghirli, a representative of ICYF-ERC, read a congratulatory letter on behalf of Vusal Gurbanov, the Acting Director General of the organization, addressed to the winners and young participants who showed special activity.

It should be noted that this international project, which aims to increase the intellectual level and leadership skills of young people in the OIC space, was initially held at the national stage for each country, followed by the international competition that is going to be held with the participation of the winning teams from each country. With the initiative of ICYF-ERC, this project was held for the first time in February of this year at the national level in Azerbaijan. Based on the experience gained in Azerbaijan, it was decided to organize these competitions in other countries in the next months by the ICYF-ERC.

It should be noted that this year Debate championships were held in Azerbaijan, Tatarstan (RF), Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan.

ICYF-ERC TOOK PART IN THE "INTERNATIONAL CHARITY BAZAAR" TOGETHER WITH OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN AZERBAIJAN

October 23rd, 2022

On October 22, 2022, ICYF-ERC participated in the International Charity Bazaar, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, the UN Resident Coordinator Office in Azerbaijan, and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Youth Organization, along with other diplomatic missions accredited in Azerbaijan.

The event was dedicated to the 30th Anniversary of the Azerbaijan – UN Partnership, the completion of the third year of Azerbaijan's Chairmanship to the Non-Aligned Movement, and the UN Day. All proceeds from demonstration and the sale of items and meals from different cultures by diplomatic missions in Azerbaijan will be transferred to UNICEF's project in Azerbaijan supporting children with disabilities.



The Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) took part in the event by presenting mementos of Muslim culture, handcrafted artwork, and traditional foods prepared by youth of OIC member states. The books by ICYF-ERC, as well as the newsletters, describing the latest activities of the organization were also present on the stall of ICYF-ERC.

During the event, H.E. Mr. Jeyhun Bayramov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, was briefed by Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC, on the activities of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) aimed at providing the necessary opportunities for the development of youth of the OIC Member States.



A number of high-ranking diplomats and guests including the Ambassadors of OIC Member States have also approached the stand and gotten acquainted with the ICYF-ERC stall.

The multicultural performance, organized by ICYF-ERC, where 30 students from OIC member states represented their countries on stage waving their own flags dressed in traditional attire, set a remarkable tone for the event that will live long in the minds of the participants. The creativity and the professional delivery of the performance were greatly appreciated by the audience.

MODEL OIC IR ACADEMY CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN KARACHI, PAKISTAN

October 29th, 2022

The Model OIC International Relations Academy Conference was held on October 29-31 in Karachi, Pakistan, in the building of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture, under the joint organization of the Eurasian Regional Center of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC) and the National MOIC Pakistan.

At the opening ceremony of the event, guest speakers, such as Fsahat Ul Hassan, the Board member of ICYF-ERC, Yunus Colak, MOIC Student Clubs Project Coordinator, and Astrid Nadya Rizqita, President of the OIC Youth Organization in Indonesia, delivered a speech and wished success to the participants of the event. A. N. Rizqita emphasized in her speech that, in recent years, ICYF-ERC has played a leading

role in the successful organization of this project in the Eurasian geography.



During the closing ceremony of the event, the Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan, Khazar Farhadov, delivered a speech on Azerbaijan's role in the OIC, mutual cooperation with OIC member states, and its achievements in the organization. Vusal Gurbanov, Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC, spoke about the importance of the events held within the framework of the Model OIC, held both nationally and internationally for the past 10 years, and the role played by this program in strengthening the leadership ability of young people in the OIC geography. He also emphasized the importance of supporting such measures aimed at unity among Muslim youth and increasing their diplomatic skills in the future.

At the closing ceremony, Qaisar Nawab, Assistant Director of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South, Abdul Badih Al-Dada, Events Coordinator of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, and Syed Mohammad Habibullah, the Assistant Director of Sport and Youth Affairs Directorate, Government of Sindh region of Pakistan, Tantan Taufik Lubis, Vice President of ICYF expressed their satisfaction with

the successful conclusion of the event and the importance of such a program that covers the entire OIC area.



40 young leaders from Pakistan have represented such countries as Pakistan, Türkiye, Iran, Azerbaijan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, Uzbekistan, Tunisia and other OIC countries and joined the discussions under the theme of "Post COVID Global Economic Recovery" during the simulation event that lasted for three days. The debates also provided an opportunity for Pakistani youth to develop critical thinking, decision-making, and diplomatic skills.

It should be noted that, the representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan gave an overview of the outcomes of the Patriotic War that took place during the pandemic and emphasized the significance of the implementation of infrastructure projects in Karabakh, which was destroyed during the Armenian occupation, as well as the involvement of OIC institutions and member countries in reconstruction projects.



In the resolution adopted as the final document of the event, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member countries, international development agencies, and international financial institutions were called to invest in the liberated Karabakh, which includes the support of the Azerbaijani government in the restoration of the territories destroyed by the Armenian occupation.



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

During this year, the program was successfully implemented at the local level in the Republic of Tatarstan (RF), as well as in several countries of Eurasian region including Indonesia and Kyrgyzstan.

AZERBAIJAN INVESTMENT AND YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP FORUM WAS HELD IN BAKU

November 17th, 2022

On November 17-18, 2022, the Azerbaijan Investment and

Youth Entrepreneurship Forum was held in Baku with the support of the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and the organization of the Small and Medium Business Development Agency (KOBIA), Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) and its Eurasian Regional Center (ICYF-ERC).

The purpose of the forum, co-organized for the second year, is to encourage investment in Azerbaijan with the participation of local and international organizations, representatives of state institutions, businessmen, investors, experts and startups and to inform them about investment opportunities, to develop a new vision in the field of supporting young entrepreneurs and discussing ways to strengthen the startup ecosystem in Azerbaijan, Eurasia and member countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).



The opening of the forum was addressed by the Minister of Digital Development and Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan Rashad Nabiyev, First Deputy Minister of Economy Elnur Aliyev, Assistant Secretary General of the OIC for Economic Affairs Ahmad Kavesa Sengendo, Head of the Financial Office of the President of the Republic of Türkiye Göksel Aşan, Head of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture Secretary Yousef Hasan Halavi, Director General of the Wealth Fund of Türkiye Selim Arda Ermut, President of the National Confederation of Entrepreneurial Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mammad Musayev, Chairman of the Board of the SMBDA (KOBIA) Orkhan Mammadov and President of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum Taha Ayhan.

Within the framework of the event, the exhibition presented about 50 start-up projects from OIC countries on food and agricultural technologies, "green industry", fintech, games and applications, environment and renewable energy, smart technologies, aviation and space technology, logistics and "smart city", robotics.



In the panels held with the participation of government officials, businessmen, investors, startups and representatives of youth organizations from the member countries of OIC, speeches were made on topics such as the increasing role of entrepreneurship in the world, new trends in this field, innovative development, financing of startups, and investors' expectations from startups.

On the margins of the Azerbaijan Investment and Youth Entrepreneurship Forum, co-organized by Small and Medium Business Development Agency of Azerbaijan, Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum



(ICYF), its Eurasian Regional Center (ICYF-ERC) and with the support of Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the ICYF delegation headed by H.E. Taha Ayhan, President of ICYF was received by H.E. Hikmat Hajiyev, Assistant to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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H.E. Gayibov congratulated ICYF on successfully holding the summit and emphasized the importance of the role which is played by ICYF in the field of youth empowerment and youth entrepreneurship in the OIC geography and beyond while expressing Azerbaijan's continuous support to ICYF activities in its capacity as the Host of ICYF-ERC.

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH H.E. AMBASSADOR OF THE STATE OF QATAR TO AZERBAIJAN WAS HELD AT ADA UNIVERSITY

December 9th, 2022

The Panel Discussion event on the topic of "The Role of Sports in Cultural Diplomacy," was organized by the ADAMOIC Club, the Model OIC Club at ADA University with the support of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC).



During the event, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Qatar to the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. Faisal Abdullah Hamad Al-Hanzab was our special guest. The Ambassador has addressed many important topics, including the holding of the World Cup in Qatar, and also answered the questions of participants during the panel discussion session.

The event was attended by over 60 students both local and international from OIC member states representing various universities in Azerbaijan.

THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF ICYF-ERC ATTENDED THE OIC YOUTH LEADERS AWARD CEREMONY IN KAZAN, TATARSTAN

December 15th, 2022

The Chair of the Board of ICYF-ERC Mr. Elchin Asgarov attended the OIC Youth Leaders Award Ceremony in Kazan, Republic of Tatarstan (RF).

The talented youth all over the OIC geography from various fields like research, sports, social entrepreneurship, photography, art, and diplomacy were awarded in recognition of their outstanding work. During the event, Mr. Asgarov delivered congratulatory speech on the occasion of Closing of the Kazan OIC Youth Capital 2022 and awarded the winners of the Young Researcher of the Year nomination - Doctor of Chemistry Souley Kallo Moutari (Republic of Niger) and Doctor of Social Sciences Tuba Erkoç Baydar (Republic of Türkiye).



Within the framework of his visit to Kazan, Mr. Asgarov also presented the Plaques of Appreciation to H.E. Mr. Timur Suleymanov, Minister of Youth Affairs of the Republic of Tatarstan, and Ms. Aygul Gabdrakhmanov, Chairwoman of Selet Youth Organization of Tatarstan, for their tireless efforts for empowerment of OIC youth.

THE ACTIVITIES OF - ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ICYF-ERC

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS VISITED GANJA CITY FOR THE COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

October 17th, 2022

The representatives of the diplomatic corps, accompanied by the members of Azerbaijan's Presidential Administration, the country's Prosecutor General's Office, as well as the leadership of Ganja City Executive Authority, visited the city of Ganja. A commemoration ceremony was held in the city of Ganja to remember those who lost their lives as a result of the brutal bombing carried out by Armenian forces during the Patriotic War.

During the commemoration, diplomats visited the places that had been destroyed by Armenian terrorism at the Ganja Memorial Complex. The representatives were able to explore the residential area that was the target of missile attacks during the 44-day Patriotic War and become familiar with the

consequences of the war crimes committed by Armenian forces.

It is important to mention that the Armenian side has specifically chosen cluster missiles, which are prohibited in many countries of the world, to maximize the atrocities in the civilian areas. The Armenian forces attacked the city of Ganja with "Tochka-U," "Smerch," "SCUD," and other missiles a number of times, on October 4, 5, 8, 11, and 17, during the Patriotic War. Although it has violated international law by its intentional targeting of civilian areas, causing great atrocities among the civilians, Armenia has still not been held accountable for its illegal action during the Patriotic War.

The places bombed outside of the conflict zone are not limited to the city of Ganja. As the civilian population and major civilian areas in the cities of Ganja, Barda, Terter, Mingachevir, Beylagan, Gabala, Goranboy, Aghjabadi, and Naftalan, as well as some districts of the Absheron and Khizi regions, have all been intentionally attacked by Arme-

THE CHAIRMAN OF ICYF-ERC BOARD MEMBER YOUTH ORGANIZATION "JASTAR RUHY" RECEIVED DISTINCTION AWARD

The Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) is delighted to congratulate the Chairman of our partner and board member organization in Kazakhstan, "Jastar Ruhy" Youth Wing under the party "AMANAT", Nurzhan Zhetpisbayev on receiving the award of the Republic of Kazakhstan – the medal "For Labor Distinction".



October 23rd, 2022

nia, the atrocities perpetrated by Armenia against the Azerbaijani people should not go unnoticed and condemned by the international community.

ICYF-ERC RECEIVED TOKENS OF APPRECIATION FROM PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS

December 1st, 2022

The Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) is deeply honored to receive the Tokens of Appreciation from Ms. Astrid Nadya Rizqita, President of OIC Youth Indonesia, and Mr. Sarief Saefulloh, Secretary-General of OIC Youth Indonesia, as well as from Mr. Azer Aliyev, Chairman of National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan (NAYORA), in recognition of its valuable contribution to a fruitful partnership between organizations.



We believe in the continuous development of the partnership between our organizations, wish success to the future endeavors of our partners, and jointly carry out youth development projects!

REPRESENTATIVES OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS ACCREDITED IN AZERBAIJAN VISIT ZANGILAN AND GUBADLY REGIONS

December 10th, 2022

Representatives of about 70 embassies located in Baku and

Ankara, and more than 10 international organizations – ambassadors, other diplomats, military attaches and representatives of the relevant state structures of Türkiye visited Zangilan and Gubadly districts of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Assistant to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Head of the Foreign Policy Department of the Presidential Administration Hikmet Hajiyev provided detailed information on the history, large-scale restoration and reconstruction work carried out there after the liberation, strategic importance and economic potential of the Zangilan and Gubadli regions, and the damage caused as a result of almost 30 years of Armenian military occupation.

Mr. Vahid Hajiyev, special representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Zangilan district of the east Zangazur economic region, Mr. Emin Huseynov, the special representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the liberated territories of Karabakh economic region, Mr. Aydin Karimov, the special representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Shusha district, and Mr. Anar Gulivev, chairman of the State Committee for Urban Planning and Architecture, made presentations on the implemented activities and future master plans in these districts.

In the city of Zangilan, the participants of the visit got acquainted with the village of Agali, were informed about the "Smart Village" project, as well as the new mosque built by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.

Moreover, on the territory where the Okhchuchay River flows along the road, a representative of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources informed the diplomats about the environmental terror and damage caused by a number of foreign companies that deliberately dump waste into the river.

In Gubadli, the participants of the visit got acquainted with the reconstruction and restoration work carried out in the city destroyed by Armenia, toured the city center and got acquainted with the implemented infrastructure projects.

ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ICYF-ERC MET WITH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF SUDAN TO AZERBAIJAN

December 20th, 2022

The Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC Mr. Vusal Gurbanov met with Charge d'Affaires of the Republic of Sudan to Azerbaijan Mr. Mustafa Abdelhaleem Mahmoud Mohammed.



Mr. Vusal Gurbanov briefed Mr. Mustafa Abdelhaleem on the activities of ICYF, in particular its Eurasian Regional Center (ICYF-ERC) aimed at enhancing friendship and solidarity among the youth of the OIC Member States. Mr. Gurbanov also made a mention of ICYF-ERC's previous projects which actively involved the youth of Sudan.

STATEMENTS OF THE BOARD

Deadly mine coal blast in Türkiye

The International Board and staff of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC), saddened by the grievous loss of precious human lives in the coal mine explosion in Türkiye, extend deepest condolences and sympathies to the families and relatives of those who lost their lives and wish a speedy recovery to the injured.

October 15th, 2022

Azerbaijan's Restoration of Independence Day

The International Board and Staff of the Eurasian Regional Center of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum cordially congratulate the brotherly people and the Republic of Azerbaijan on the occasion of the 31st Anniversary of the restoration of its independence.

Azerbaijan's Supreme Council adopted the Constitutional Act on State Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 18 October 1991.

October 18th, 2022

Congratulation of the Board: Azerbaijan's Victory Day

The International Board and whole staff of the Eurasian Regional Center of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC) cordially congratulate the brotherly people and Government of Azerbaijan on the occasion of the 2nd anniversary of Azerbaijan's Victory in the 44-day second Karabakh war.



Victory Day, established in honour of the amazing triumph of the Azerbaijani Armed Forces at the 44-day war under the leadership of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, has written new glorious pages in the history by bringing the 30-year occupation of Azerbaijani lands to an end and restoration of the state's territorial integrity.

November 10th, 2022

Deadly blast in Central Istanbul, Türkiye

The International Board and staff of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) express heartfelt condolences to relatives of the people those who got injured and lost their lives, their bereaved families, and to the Government of Türkiye due to the explosion, caused by the terrorist attack on Taksim Square in Istanbul. May Allah the Almighty

have mercy upon the souls of the victims and grant with patience their families! We wish Türkiye peace, prosperity and security.

November 13th, 2022

Congratulation of the Board: Reelection of chairperson of NAYORA

The Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) is delighted to congratulate Mr. Azer Aliyev for being re-elected as the chairperson of National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan (NAYORA). We wish Mr. Aliyev continued success with the initiatives he will undertake within the organization

November 22nd, 2022

International Volunteer Day





On the occasion of International Volunteers Day, ICYF-ERC would like to thank all those who are involved in volunteering activities across the world and those who have collaborated on ICYF-ERC projects, we appreciate the volunteers' contribution of their dedication, commitment, time and enthusiasm to communities across the world, both nationally and internationally.

Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) and its Regional Center (ICYF-ERC) have been always supporting volunteering programs, and working for the development of young volunteers in OIC geography.

December 5th, 2022

Commemoration Day of National Leader Heydar Aliyev

The Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC), with deep respect and reverence, pays tribute to the dearest memory of the genius personality and Great Leader of modern Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev, on the 19th anniversary of his death. National Leader Heydar Aliyev was a wise leader and genius personality who devoted all his life to the development of the statehood and prosperity of the Azerbaijani nation and foundation of modern Azerbaijan.

December 12th, 2022

Statement of the Board: Young ecologists of the Eurasian region are ready to participate in monitoring in Karabakh The Board of Directors of the Eurasian Regional Center of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC) adopted a statement expressing support for the environmental action held in the Karabakh region of Azerbaijan, on the Shusha-Khankendi road.

The statement notes:

Unfortunately, the occupied territories of Azerbaijan for nearly 30 years and part of Karabakh region temporally out of control of Azerbaijan have remained outside of supervision and environmental monitoring. The severe consequences of this for the environment of the region was witnessed by many of us, together with a group of foreign bloggers visiting Azerbaijan.

In regard to artificial obstacles to the efforts of Azerbaijani ecologists on the areas temporarily out of control of the Republic of Azerbaijan, we call to facilitate conditions for environmental monitoring to be held by the ecologists and environmental volunteers to monitor mines that damage the environment.

In order to ensure the objectivity of the monitoring process, we are ready to organize the participation of a team of young ecologists from the Eurasian region in support of environmental volunteers of Azerbaijan.

December 13th, 2022

Kazakhstan Independence Day

The International Board and whole staff of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) express their cordial congratulations to the brotherly Republic of Kazakhstan on the occasion of the 31st Anniversary of Independence.



December 16th, 2022

ICYF-ERC Birthday congratulation to H.E. President Ilham Aliyev

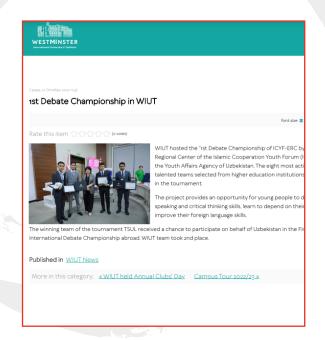


December 24th, 2022

ICYF-ERC IN MEDIA









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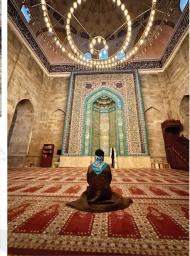
















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