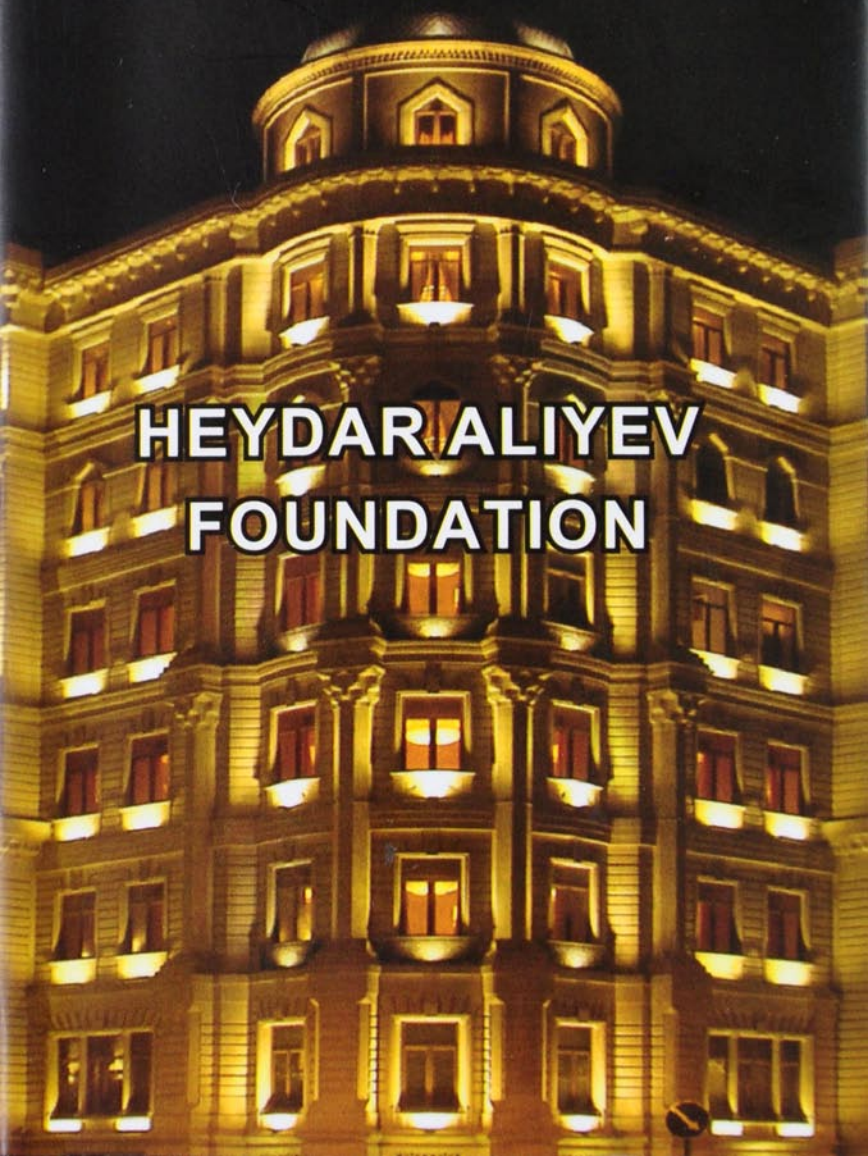




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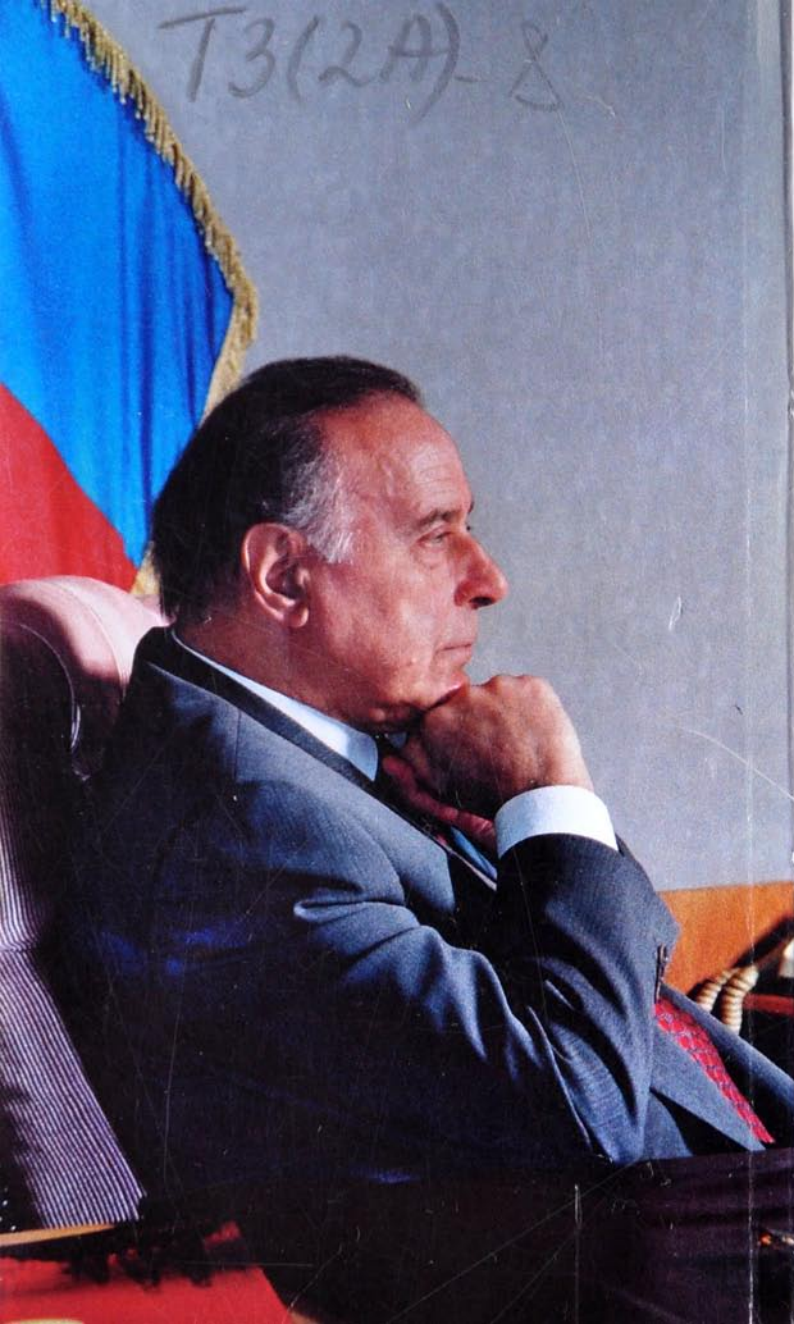




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*For me, my native land,  
my Motherland and my peo-  
ple are precious above all.*

*Heydar Aliyev*





**THE LIFE  
AND  
ACTIVITIES  
OF HEYDAR ALIYEV**



**HEYDAR ALIRZA oglu ALIYEV** was born on May 10, 1923 in the ancient Azerbaijani town of Nakhchivan to a family of a railroad worker and stay-at-home mother.

After studies at the Pedagogical College in Nakhchivan in 1939-1941, Heydar Aliyev became a student at the Architectural Department of the Azerbaijany Industrial Institute in Baku (now the State Oil Academy). Since 1941, Heydar Aliyev worked as a head of department at the People's Internal Affairs Commissariat and the Council of People's Commissars of the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic. In May 1944 he was nominated to the state security agencies by the Nakhchivan Regional Party Committee and received a special higher education in Leningrad City (now

Saint Petersburg). In 1957, he graduated from the History Department of the Azerbaijan State University (now the State University of Baku).

In 1964, he was appointed to the office of Deputy Chairman and in 1967 Chairman of the State Security Committee under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Soviet Socialist Republic of Azerbaijan.

In July 1969, Heydar Aliyev was elected First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Azerbaijan.

Nominated for a member to the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in March 1976, Heydar Aliyev became a full-right member to the Political Bureau in November 1982 and was appointed to the posi-



*Heydar Aliyev's speech at a congress.  
Baku, 1976.*

*tion of First Deputy Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, and became one of the leading heads of the soviet state. For 20 years he had been a member of the USSR Supreme Council, and for 5 years held the position of Supreme Council's Deputy Chairman.*

*While in Moscow, Heydar Aliyev had always been thinking of Azerbaijan, living with its destiny and doing his best to promote Azerbaijan not only within the Soviet Union but also throughout the world.*

*In October 1987, as an expression of protest against the faulty policy of the Political Bureau of the CPSU's Central Committee and, personally, its General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, Heydar Aliyev resigned from his official position.*



*In the immediate aftermath of the massacre committed by the Soviet troops in Baku on January 20, 1990, Heydar Aliyev made a political statement at the Azerbaijani mission in Moscow calling to prosecute the masterminds and perpetrators of the crime committed against his nation. This statement launched a new political era not only in Azerbaijan, but all over the former Soviet Union.*

*As an expression of protest against the hypocritical policy of the USSR leadership in connection with the critically conflict situation in Daghylyg Garabagh, Heydar Aliyev left the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in July 1991.*

*In June 1990, Heydar Aliyev returned to Azerbaijan, staying first in Baku and then in Nakhchyvan, and*

*in the same year was elected a member to the Supreme Council of Azerbaijan.*

*In 1992, he was elected Chairman of Yeni Azerbaijan (New Azerbaijan) Party at the party's constituent congress held in Nakhchyvan city.*

*During 1991-1993, he was the Chairman of the Supreme Majlis (Parliament) of Nakhchyvan and Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Azerbaijan.*

*In May-June 1993, when the government crisis in Azerbaijan reached its climax bringing the country to the brink of civil war and periling the national independence, there was a strong demand by the people of Azerbaijan for Heydar Aliyev's return to power that forced the authorities of the day to invite him to Baku.*





*Inauguration ceremony by President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev. Baku, the Palace of Republic, October 10, 1993.*

*On June 15, 1993 Heydar Aliyev was elected Chairman of the Supreme Council of Azerbaijan and, by a decree of the Milli Majlis, on July 24, 1993, he started executing the functions of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.*

*On October 3, 1993, Heydar Aliyev was elected President of the Republic of Azerbaijan as a result of the national elections. In his inauguration speech on October 10 he said: "Assuming this high responsibility I do first and foremost rely on the reason, wisdom and power of the Azerbaijani people. It were the hopes of the Azerbaijani people vested in me that forced me to undertake this mission. So rest assured, I will try my very best to live up to these hopes."*

*On October 11, 1998 Heydar*

*Aliyev won 76.10 per cent of the votes during the Presidential Elections featuring a high level of political activity of the people. He agreed to be nominated for the Presidential Elections to be held on October 15, 2003, however was unable to do so due to health problems.*

*Heydar Aliyev passed away on December 12, 2003 in the Cleveland Clinics (the US), and was buried at the Honorary Cemetery in Baku on December 15.*

*Heydar Aliyev was awarded a number of esteemed international prizes, recognized as Doctor Emeritus by the world's different leading universities, honoured with highest national awards and orders of numerous states.*

*For good 35 years, since the late*

*1960's all the way through the 21st century, the History of Azerbaijan is inseparably linked with the name of Heydar Aliyev. Throughout this period he was capable of undertaking responsibility for Azerbaijan, supporting both the state and the nation in the most severe ordeals and thus laying the foundation for modern independent Azerbaijan, its realities and promising future prospects. Positive developments featuring Azerbaijan's political, public, social and cultural lives in the recent period are all bound with Heydar Aliyev's policy. Just for this reason, the heart-warming remembrance of national leader of Azerbaijani people, wise leader and genius person Heydar Alirza oglu Aliyev will forever live in the hearts of Azerbaijani people.*





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**THE OBJECTIVES  
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The main purpose of the life and activities of our national leader Heydar Aliyev was to create an independent state. The person who went down in history as the founder of our independent state always wanted to turn Azerbaijan into a powerful and self-reliable country.

He was making solid steps in this direction, was implementing the necessary activities to build the prosperous future of Azerbaijan which was on the way to the economic development. People loved him, valued his wisdom and followed him with great belief. In reality the life of Heydar Aliyev is closely related with 35 years of the modern history of Azerbaijan, and one cannot think of Azerbaijan and Heydar Aliyev in separate contexts.

Today, the Heydar Aliyev Foun-

dation, which participates in the building of a new society, is another expression of an endless respect of Azerbaijani people to their genius son. The Foundation, which is devoted to the ideas, beliefs and goals of the national leader, as a public union always relies on the support and activity of the people while implementing large-scale projects, and contributes to the overall social and economic development domain, which is in the spotlight of the international community.

The Heydar Aliyev Foundation held an inauguration ceremony on May 10, 2004, which was the birthday of the National Leader.

The Foundation considers that its primary responsibility is to implement the statehood ideology of the national leader and to study his rich

philosophic and political heritage. One of the main goals of establishing the Foundation was to study thoroughly and promote the rich heritage of Heydar Aliyev, which serves to strengthening of our independent state. Another purpose is to implement large-scale programs aimed to serve for the prosperity and progress of our people and Azerbaijan.

As result of Heydar Aliyev's activities in the country's economic development and its integration into the world economy, our country has begun developing very rapidly. The successful implementation of the new oil strategy and wide-ranging economic reforms connected with the transition to the market economy are directly related with his name. They are still bringing excellent results.

The other goal of establishing the Foundation was to support implementation of international economic projects, which help realize the thoughts and wishes of our national leader in the mentioned field.

Development of the science, education, health, culture and sport has always been a priority in Heydar Aliyev's activities. In turn, the Foundation supports activities in these areas and pays particular attention to preserving the national values and developing the Azerbaijani youth as educated and healthy citizens.

The Foundation supports also projects aimed at solving the problems of the orphans, disadvantaged families, internally displaced people and refugees.

Heydar Aliyev, a prominent polit-





*A view of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's exposition room.*

ical figure, made numerous invaluable efforts with the purpose of increasing the influence of our motherland in the international community, and communicating the truths about our country to the world, and achieving big international recognition for Azerbaijan. The Foundation continues to work in this direction and implements activities related to strengthening the international influence and image of Azerbaijan.

From the historical point of view, Azerbaijan has gained independence not long ago but all the works done in our republic during that period were recognized repeatedly by international institutions and the global community as very successful and important.

As an institution devoted to the political course and life ideals of the national leader, the Heydar Aliyev





*Building of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.  
Inaugurated on May 10, 2004.*

Foundation continues his activities for the sake of the Motherland and nation.

H.E. President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev emphasized, when making a speech at the Foundation's opening ceremony: "Today, Heydar Aliyev is not with us, but his physical absence should not discourage us. His ideas, his philosophy and politics, philosophy of Azerbaijanism, ideology and modern Azerbaijan founded by him are living and developing.

Leading our Motherland to the development is a duty of each of us. It is a duty of each of us to keep his political views alive, to strengthen and take Azerbaijan to the bright future as he has always wished to see. I have no doubt and I am sure that we will do that".



***THE ACTIVITIES  
OF THE  
HEYDAR ALIYEV  
FOUNDATION  
IN THE FIELD  
OF EDUCATION***





*President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation  
Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva in Children Home  
№3 located in Khatai District of Baku.  
February 14, 2008.*

Viewing the creation of equal opportunities in education in the Azerbaijani Society, better introduction of the younger generation to knowledge and the country's further integration into the world education system among its major priorities, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation has been actively involved in education development programs and projects since its very inception. Children homes, kindergartens and schools are renovated, built and supplied with the state-of-the-art equipment within projects such as "Orphanage and Boarding Schools' Development", "A new School for New Azerbaijan" and "Support to School" projects.





*The Republican Humanities Subjects Gymnasium in Shuvalan Settlement, Khazar District of Baku, after renovation. February 24, 2011.*

## ***Orphanage and Boarding Schools' Development Program***

The working group established in compliance with this Program conducted monitoring with a view to studying the problems existing at the country's orphanages and boarding schools. This included number of children in these institutions, monthly and annual standards for dietary intake, clothing and technical supplies to be provided by the state, and indicators pertaining to the children's general conditions like education, health-care, accommodation, leisure, etc.

Upon completion of the studies, the major areas of technical, educational and healthcare support to



*A children home given at little children's disposal after major repair done by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.*

orphanages and boarding schools were identified.

More than 30 national child-care institutions were substantially renovated, re-equipped, additional subsidiary buildings constructed and utilities upgraded in the framework of the Orphanage and Boarding Schools' Development Program. The institutions got their own libraries with training aids and literary works. Most of the orphanages and boarding schools got computers and classroom technical aids for interactive training.

Series of training courses were held with the view to creating conditions for the students' comprehensive development.

To further promote patriotic sentiments among the institutional-





*A children home given at little children's disposal after major repair done by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.*

ized children and better arrange their leisure time, series of mass events, festivities and contests, talent shows, music and dance performances, drawing and carpet-weaving classes are regularly conducted by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation. During the period of its operation, the Foundation provided all music hobby groups at the institutions supported by new musical instruments and other accessories.

Major repair of Music School No.38 for visually impaired children was arranged by the Foundation in 2008, with new classrooms added, and heating, gas, water and power supplies arranged. Inauguration ceremony of the newly renovated and furnished musical school took place in 2009.



A 50-unit dormitory for institutionalized girls above the age of 18 in Nizami administrative district of Baku was erected with the Foundation's support in 2009, with all necessary utilities and amenities provided. To furthermore expand the views and outlook of institutionalized children, the Foundation has been fully supporting their participation in various international contests and tournaments, as well as promoting visits of children from similar institutions abroad to Azerbaijan.



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## *A new School for New Azerbaijan Program*

The major goal of this Program conducted since the year of 2005, has been to support the efforts aimed at addressing existing problems in education, establishing new training centers meeting the world standards in the country, eliminating the obstacles having a direct impact on the quality of education, and finding out the possibilities for cooperation among various social strata, as well as local and foreign companies in this field.

In the framework of this Program, 370 school buildings were erected or renovated all over the country in 2005-2011, with an overall capacity exceeding 100 thou-





*Building of High School №3 constructed by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation in Masazyr settlement.*

sand school children. Each of the schools refurbished was equipped with up-to-date laboratories, libraries, cafeterias, state-of-the-art computer classes, workshops, gymnasias and playgrounds. Each school was equipped with its own heating system.

### ***Support to Education Project***

In the framework of the Support to Education Project, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation annually supplies first grade students from the families displaced as a result of Armenia's aggression against Azerbaijan with school-bags and stationery. Regular support by new



*First graders that received school bags and accessories from the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.*

textbooks and other training aids is provided to the Azerbaijani-populated areas of neighboring Georgia and the schools in Gakh, Zagatala and Balakan Districts of Azerbaijan with the Georgian language of tuition.

Special attention is also paid by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation to the supplies of teaching aids and reading materials to the educational institutions. Numerous books and publications donated by a number of international organizations and companies, such as World Vision, JP Morgan, ExxonMobil, Russia's Pushkin Library Foundation, etc., were distributed among the school libraries, orphanages and boarding schools.

In 2007-2008, in the framework





*At the ceremony of presenting books by the Russian "Pushkin Library" at the Heydar Aliyev Foundation. February 1, 2006.*

of the Support to Education Project, 140 posters (institutional wall sheets) were printed with the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's support as visual aids to be donated to the schools all over the country.

A number of posters on various subjects were published for the first time in the Azerbaijani language to upgrade the level of training, with 10 thousand copies for each poster, and the overall number reaching 1,4 million. Renovation of pre-school institutions as the first stage of education is also conducted as part of the Project.

In 2005-2011, about 20 kindergartens were thoroughly repaired and re-equipped in the country.

In 2008, the Foundation issued a whole range of posters, multime-



dia disks, boards, panels, games and other visual aids for pre-school institutions. These aids are regularly distributed among the institutions in question. The aids enriching the curriculum and making the whole training process much more lively and interactive are, in the meantime, very supportive in children's better grasp of the materials and deeper understanding of the ongoing processes around.

Support to Education Project promoted by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation is not restricted to Azerbaijan only. A number of schools in Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation, Holland and Pakistan were either renovated or built anew in the framework of this project.

Construction of the girl school





*The inauguration ceremony of the girls' school constructed by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation in Rara area of Muzaffarabad city of Pakistan destroyed by earthquake. February 09, 2008.*

in Pakistan is among the most successful and significant accomplishments in this field. As a result of a devastating earthquake in Muzaffarabad, Pakistan, in 2005, the girl school in Rara area became totally inoperable. A new up-to-date school for 650 school children was erected with the Foundation's support within a short period of time, including 10 special classes, laboratories, special classrooms, library, computer class, gym and playground.

Another accomplishment of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation was the new building of research & development center erected in 2008 in the District of Dmanisi, Georgia. The center equipped with the up-to-date heating system comprises classrooms, two major halls, library, work-

ing premises and cafeteria facilities. Visual aids, manuals and books for the center were also donated by the Foundation.

Following the initiative of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, four Azerbaijani schools in Georgia, i.e. General School No.7 in Marneuli, Secondary School no.73 named after M.F.Akhundzadeh in Tbilisi, School No.3 in Gardabani and International School No.2 in Dmanisi were renovated.

General School No.78 in Ulyanovsk, the Russian Federation, was thoroughly renovated in 2010.

The repair works included new roof, facade renewal, new windows, doors and electric wiring.

The area adjacent to the school was improved, new visual

aids and books purchased for the library while the classrooms were furnished with laptops. In 2011, one school building in Gardabani and two school buildings in Bolnisi districts of Georgia were built and put into operation.







**THE ACTIVITIES  
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FOUNDATION  
IN THE FIELD  
OF PUBLIC HEALTH**



With high priority attached to social welfare issues, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation is actively involved in addressing healthcare issues in the projects it undertakes. Stretching the helping hand to children and teenagers from children homes and boarding houses, as well as children from martyr, refugee, internally displaced and low-income families is among the Foundation's major duties. These works have been carried out within "Best Care for Children with Diabetes", "Life without Thalassaemia" and other similar projects.

### ***The Best Care for Children with Diabetes Project***

The Highest Support to Children with Diabetes Project launched by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation together with the Azerbaijan Diabetes Society and Novo-Nordisk Company (Denmark) in December 2004 was the first step in this area. In the framework of the project, children below the age of 14 affected by diabetes in Azerbaijan are regularly provided with insulin and syringe pens for injection since the year of 2004 to these days.





*Juveniles with diabetes provided with high quality insulin and medicines by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation. March 29, 2006.*

In 2010, in cooperation with Sanofi-Aventis Company, 200 children below the age of 18 from low-income families with type 1 pancreatic diabetes were provided with pen syringes and Apidra insulin.

In the framework of The Highest Support to Children with Diabetes Project, with the view to providing social and psychological rehabilitation to children affected with pancreatic diabetes in need for special social care, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation supported the foundation of recreation centers for Lankaran and Ganja in 2009 and 2010 respectively.

In 2007, as part of the UN promoted Global Diabetes Day Campaign, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's building was illuminated by



blue color on November 13-15. Pursuant to the UN Resolution, November 14 is marked as the World Diabetes Day. The blue color symbolizing the UN stands for the blue sky over all nations, so this is the color the major buildings in 155 countries

with on this particular day. The action's goal is to draw attention of the international community to diabetes constituting a serious health challenge to global health, and join efforts in preventing this disease.





*The Talassemia Centre constructed by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation at Fatali Khan Khoyski Avenue in Narimanov District of Baku. The centre was inaugurated on May 9, 2009.*

## ***The Life Without Thalassemia Project***

With a view to preventing thalassemia prevalent in Azerbaijan, in the framework of the project launched in February 2005, the Talassemia Center provided with the state-of-the-art equipment was erected in Baku.

The Center's start of operation enabled to create a specialized medical institution of this type in Azerbaijan, as well as to establish the blood bank, train highly qualified national experts, develop the volunteer service to provide the children affected by thalassemia with safe and high quality blood, increase public awareness in the issues related to preventing further dissemination of thalassemia and boost up cooperation with a number of states in this field.



## *Psychoneurological Child Center*

Taking note of the necessity of establishing a large center for children's medical examination and treatment, the Heydar Aliyev Foun-

dation funded the construction of the Psychoneurological Child Center in Baku in 2009.

Furnished with state-of-the-art equipment and special facilities for therapy, massage, examination, in-patient rooms and cafeteria, the







*In one of the hospitals constructed by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.*

Center creates favorite conditions for the young patients' soonest recovery.

Following the Foundation's incentive, substantial reconstruction of medical institutions in the capital city and countryside was launched.

Medical institutions renovated and furnished with up-to-date equipment in Khazar District of Baku include the Turkan Area Polyclinic and Emergency Medical Service, the Shuvalan Hospital, the Zira Treatment & Diagnosis Center and Hospital No.34 in Pirshaghy. In October 2008, a new hospital was erected in Gala settlement with the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's support, while the local emergency medical service station and pharmacy supplied with modern medical equipment.





*In one of the hospitals constructed by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.*

Substantial repair and renovation works at Tebessum Sanatorium for children were completed with the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's support in 2009. All facilities of this gastroenterological and pulmonological medical institution, including consulting rooms and lounges, were thoroughly refurbished. At the moment, gymnasium, manipulation room, physiotherapy and doctors' lounges, ECG and massage rooms, as well as laboratory and creative center are functioning at the Sanatorium.

The Foundation maintains close ties with a number of world leading healthcare companies. The up-to-date equipment and medicines donated to the Foundation by companies like Fresenius Medical Care, Karl-Storz, Servier, as well as

by the Embassy of the Republic of Greece in the Republic of Azerbaijan, were distributed among various medical institutions in the country.

During the period of 2004-2011, close ties with healthcare institutions were established with a view to providing assistance to all those applying to the Foundation. As a result, necessary steps were taken to conduct medical examination and treatment of almost 20 thousand applicants. Within this period, more than 1,342 patients were treated in various medical institutions in Azerbaijan, while more than 92 persons were examined or operated abroad.

Following the Foundation's initiative, blood drive campaigns were held on a regular basis in both the

capital city and the countryside, followed by surgeries for children affected by cardiac insufficiency and cleft lip, medical examination of children from low-income families and other events of this kind.

In May 2007, Mrs.Mehriban Aliyeva, the President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, was awarded a prize at the 60th Session of the World Health Assembly (the highest body for the WHO) in Geneva for her contribution to maternal, infant and family healthcare.





**THE ACTIVITIES  
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IN THE FIELD  
OF CULTURE**



***Publication of the “Voices of Garabagh” Music Album within the Azerbaijani Mughams Project***

Promotion and development of the mugham art with deep roots in Azerbaijan’s culture, traditions and history is among the Foundation’s major priorities. With a view to preserving and developing mugham, as well as passing over its profound message to the next generations, a very fine and elaborate publication of The Voices of Garabagh Album was funded by the Foundation in the framework of The Azerbaijani Mughams Project.

The Album comprises pieces of mugham presented by 24 virtuoso performers that convey the

*“The ceremony of presentation of the “Voices of Garabagh” Music Album within the Azerbaijani Mughams Project. The Gulustan Palace. April 8, 2005.*



message of Azerbaijan's rich and ancient cultural legacy. The Album was presented in 2005 at the annual meeting of Goodwill Ambassadors in the UNESCO headquarters.

Editions of The Voices of Garabagh Album in various languages were also published to accomplish a broader promotion of mugham throughout the world.



## *The International Mugham Center*

The foundation of the International Mugham Center in Baku was an important step in the set of projects aiming at preservation of the nation's spiritual values and promotion of Azerbaijan's culture. The Center was established with a view to providing broader opportunities for the promotion of the Azerbaijani mugham as an integral part of UNESCO's intangible world cultural heritage. With the foundation laid by Mr. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Mr. Koishiro Matsuura, Director-General of UNESCO, the Center was commissioned in December 2008.



*Interior of the International Mugham Centre. The Seaside National Park, Baku, December 27, 2008.*

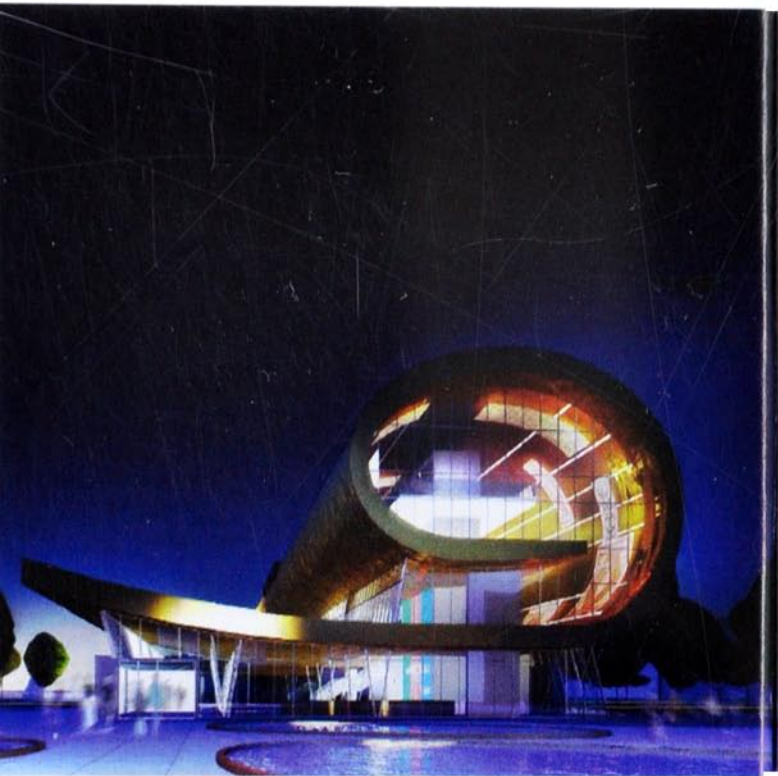


Today the Center regularly hosts national mugham contests, international conferences and festivities.

Meanwhile, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation is supportive in establishing similar mugham centers in countryside areas. In September 2008, the Garabagh Mugham Center was erected in the town of Aghjabadi.

The Center's indoor and outdoor facilities, classes and dressing rooms are furnished with up-to-date equipment. Besides this, the U.Hajibeyli Park, the area of the Center's location, was also upgraded by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, with the composer's bust and statues of his works' heroes installed, and the whole area improved.





*View of the new building of the Azerbaijani State Carpet and Popular Applied Arts Museum named after Latif Karimov. The Seaside National Park, Baku.*

## ***The Azerbaijani Carpet and Popular Arts Museum***

The Latif Karimov Azerbaijan State Carpet and Popular Applied Arts Museum, with the foundation laid in 2008 by Mr. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Mr. Koishiro Matsuura, Director-General of UNESCO, was erected with the support of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and UNESCO. The Museum's facilities include exhibition halls, library, research center for carpet-weaving and embroidery, souvenir shop, audio-visual presentation hall, etc. Spacious exhibition capacities also





*At the inauguration ceremony of the  
Museum of Modern Art.  
March 20, 2009.*

include sizeable outdoor areas.

On November 16, 2010, the carpet Art of Azerbaijan was inscribed on the Representative List of UNESCO's Intangible World Cultural Heritage.

### ***The Museum of Modern Art***

The Museum of Modern Art in Baku was established following the Foundation's initiative in March 2009.

The building of the Museum was constructed in a modern style with avant-garde design, its exposition was equipped with state-of-the-art lighting, air conditioning and other systems.

The Museum exhibits more

than 800 works by young avant-garde Azerbaijani artists and sculptors. In the meantime the Museum boasts of the collection of canvases and sculptures by recognized Azerbaijani artists. The Western European exhibition hall presents classic works of art and handicraft.

The children's gallery within the Museum is one of the factors that play an essential role in formation of juvenile onlookers' worldview.

In 2011, the works from the Modern Art Museum were exhibited in Paris.

In April 2011, an exhibition of pieces from the Museum of Modern Art was held in Paris.

Photo exhibition 'Azerbaijan in

the Eyes of Foreigners' was launched at the Museum of Modern Art by Heydar Aliyev Foundation and UNDP, 12 July.

The exhibition featured over 90 color and black-and-white photographs taken by foreign diplomats and businessmen working in Azerbaijan. People from up to 30 countries submitted more than 600 photographs to the contest upon the appeal by UNDP to all diplomatic institutions and foreign businessmen in Azerbaijan. Consisted of scenes and portraits, the photographs embody the nature and life of ordinary people. With the highest points from the jury, 96 photos are exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art.





## ***The Heydar Aliyev Museum and Museum Centers***

Following the Foundation's initiative, a set of museums and museum centers dedicated to Azerbaijan's national leader Heydar Aliyev were established in numerous urban and rural centers of Azerbaijan. The museums and museum centers furnished with state-of-the-art facilities provide information on Azerbaijan's modern history and rich cultural legacy.

In the meantime, the centers in question offer conference halls and other capacities for holding various conferences and symposia workshops, round tables, etc. Photo exhibitions and show-rooms offer trailers dedicated to Heydar Aliyev's

*The Heydar Aliyev Centre. Garadagh  
District, Baku.  
Inaugurated on January 21, 2011.*

activities as a statesman and politician that play an exceptional role in conveying his legacy to younger generations. Besides this, the cen-

ters offer study groups in chess, computers, carpet-weaving, figurative and applied arts and sculpture.





## *Mugham Contests*

Mugham contests were held under the auspices of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation in 2005, 2007

and 2011 with a view to preserving the ancient art of mugham conveying the rich history of this performance to future generations, and nurturing young talents.









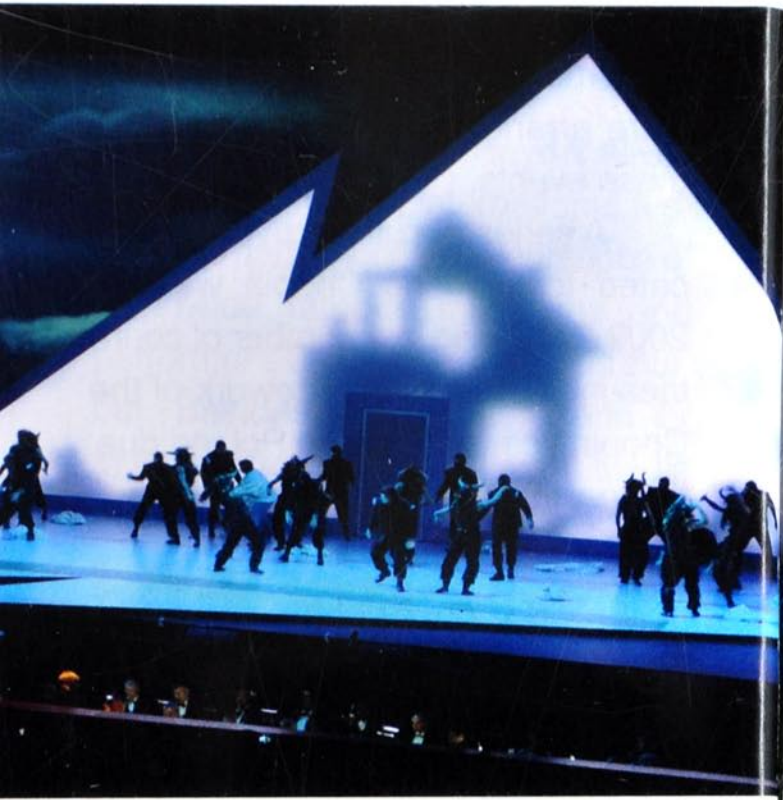
## *International Music Projects*

In 2005-2010, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation hosted international festivals as part of jubilee celebrations of worldwide famous musicians and performers D. Shostakovich and Bulbul. Besides this, I, II, III and IV M. Rostropovich International Music Festivals were held by the Founda-

tion. Master classes involving world class musicians and various contests were arranged in the framework of these events.

A series of cultural events dedicated to Frederic Chopin were in 2009-2010 held in a number of countries in 2010 in the framework of the Chopin year declared in Poland due to the composer's 200th anniversary.





*The premiere of the “Intizar”(“Expectation”) Opera by people’s artist Firangiz Alizadeh in a new staging, held within the Heydar Aliyev Foundation’s International Music Project. The Heydar Aliyev Palace, May 11, 2010.*

With a view to high-level celebration of the Frederic Chopin year in Azerbaijan, concerts of young Polish musicians in various regions of the country together with their master classes in local musical schools were arranged by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.

In May, 2010 *Intizar* (Expectation) Opera by Firangiz Alizadeh, the People’s Artist of Azerbaijan, was presented in a new staging. What made this new performance really special was the involvement of an international team of artists in its staging. In the meantime, cutting-edge technologies were broadly applied in the opera’s styling and decorative appearance.

This included moving stage, video installations, complex light par-titure, etc.





## *The “Mugham World” International Mugham Festival*

In March 2009, following the Foundation’s initiative and support, the First International Mugham World Festival was held in Baku. The International Mugham Contest and Symposium held in the framework of the Festival was attended by experts and mugham connoisseurs from a number of countries, such as Syria, Iraq, Morocco, Uzbekistan, Iran, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Egypt, Turkey, Italy, Germany, etc.

In March 2011, the Second Mugham World International Festival was held in Baku involving recognized music experts and re-



searchers from the US, Turkey, China, Iran, Uzbekistan, Iraq and Jordan. The Festival was accompanied by the scientific symposium,

opera performances, mugham operas, mugham-based symphonies, classic mugham and ethnic jazz performances.





## *The Gabala International Music Festival*

In 2009, 2010 and 2011, within the framework of the Foundation sponsored International Music Festivals in Gabala, international contests of young pianists were fol-

lowed by mugham, classic, chamber, jazz and vocal performances.

Traditional annual festivals brought together renown performers, musicians and world-class symphony and philharmonic orchestras from a number of countries.



## ***The International Ashyg Festival***

In October, 2010, with the support of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and organizational support by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Azerbaijan Ashygs Union, the opening ceremony of the International Ashyg Festival was held. Performers from

8 (Azerbaijan, Turkey, Iran, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia and Russia (Daghestan)) took part in this event, the first of its kind in Azerbaijan. Following the initiative by Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva, the President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, in 2009, the ashıq art was inscribed on the Representative List of the UNESCO's World Intangible Cultural Heritage.





## ***Art Festivals.***

### ***The Qala Festival***

The Qala Festival was held following the initiative of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation at the Qala State Historic & Ethnographic Reserve located in the settlement of the same name of Baku's Khazar District with 2500 kids from a number of second-

ary schools, boarding institutions and orphanages involved. Exhibition of weaving, pottery and blacksmith's works was arranged at the festival, followed by handicraft master-classes for children.

With a view to promoting the nation's rich history and centuries-old traditions of day-to-day household life among the youngsters, the





old ethnographic traditions were presented to the audience through shows depicting dough rolling, wool combing and grain crunching scenery.

### ***The Maiden Tower International Art Festival***

In 2010 and 2011, the Qyz Qalasy (Maiden Tower) International Art Festival was held in Baku under the auspices of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, the Icherisheher (Inner City) State Historic & Architectural Administration under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic and the Modern Art Museum.

More than 20 recognized artists from 18 countries took part in

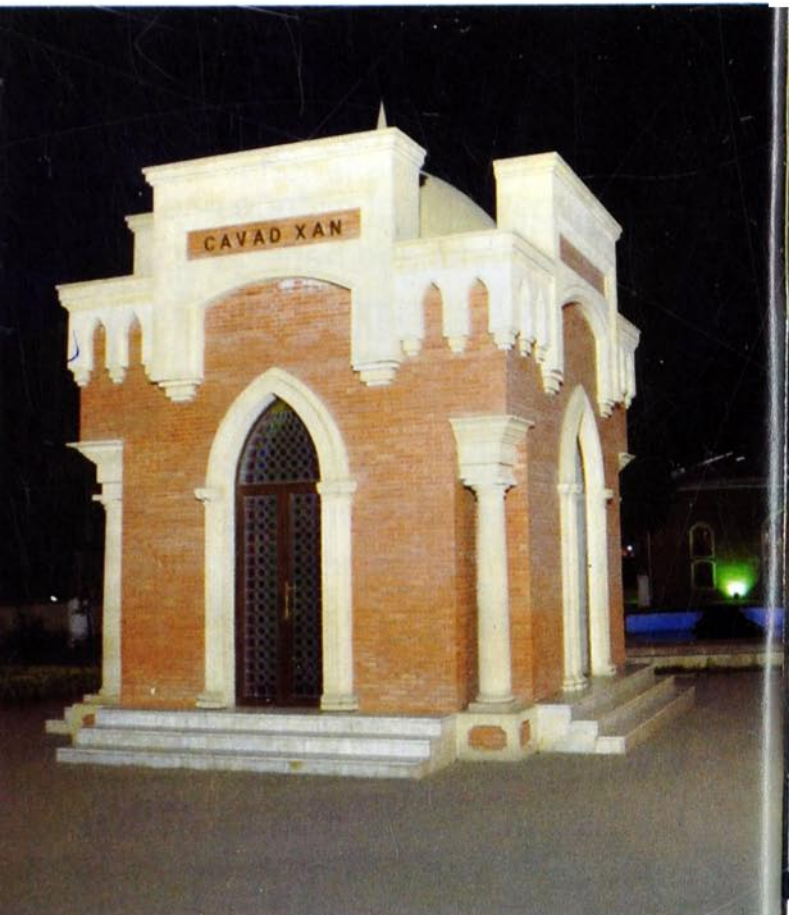


the 1st festival aiming at promotion of the Maiden Tower, the capital city's signature landmark located amidst Icherisheher, Baku's Inner Town, inscribed on the UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage List. 25 well-known artists from 20 countries took part in the 2nd festival. By decorating the Maiden Tower's scale models in their own national style and patterns, they succeeded in creating the works of art providing synthesis of various cultures and traditions. These works will become an essential tool in promoting the Maiden Tower, a part of the world cultural heritage, by being demonstrated in various countries across the world.

### ***Renovation of Historic & Cultural Landmarks and Heritage Sites***

Renovation of historic and cultural landmarks and heritage sites is among the major priority areas for the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.

In 2005, the Foundation supported erection of the tombs at the graves of Javad-Khan, the last ruler of the town of Ganja, and Jomard Gassab, Ganja's recognized public figure and philanthropist of the 7th century. The famous Ganja Gate manufactured by the renown local blacksmith Osmanoghlu Ibrahim in 1063 and taken away by invaders in the aftermath of the earthquake in 1139, was thoroughly restored to its original view by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation in 2008. Adorned by the



*The tomb erected over the grave of Javad Khan, the last khan of Ganja, by support from the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.*

national ornaments, the Gate was re-installed at the city's entrance.

The memorial residence (flat) of Abdulla Shaig, the famous Azerbaijani writer and educator, was thoroughly renovated in 2005.

A new public library building was erected by the Foundation in Mardakan settlement of Baku's Khazar District in 2005. The Heydar Aliyev Foundation also provided equipment and most recent periodicals to the library with an overall stock of 86 thousand books.

Basic repair and substantial renovation of the Pir Hasan worship area of the 16th century in Mardakan, Baku, were undertaken following the Foundation's initiative in 2005. The area is known for locating the graves of Pir Hassan, Khadija Khanum, the daughter of the seventh Shiite Imam





*The Pir Hasan sanctuary in Mardakan settlement of Baku, repaired and restored.*

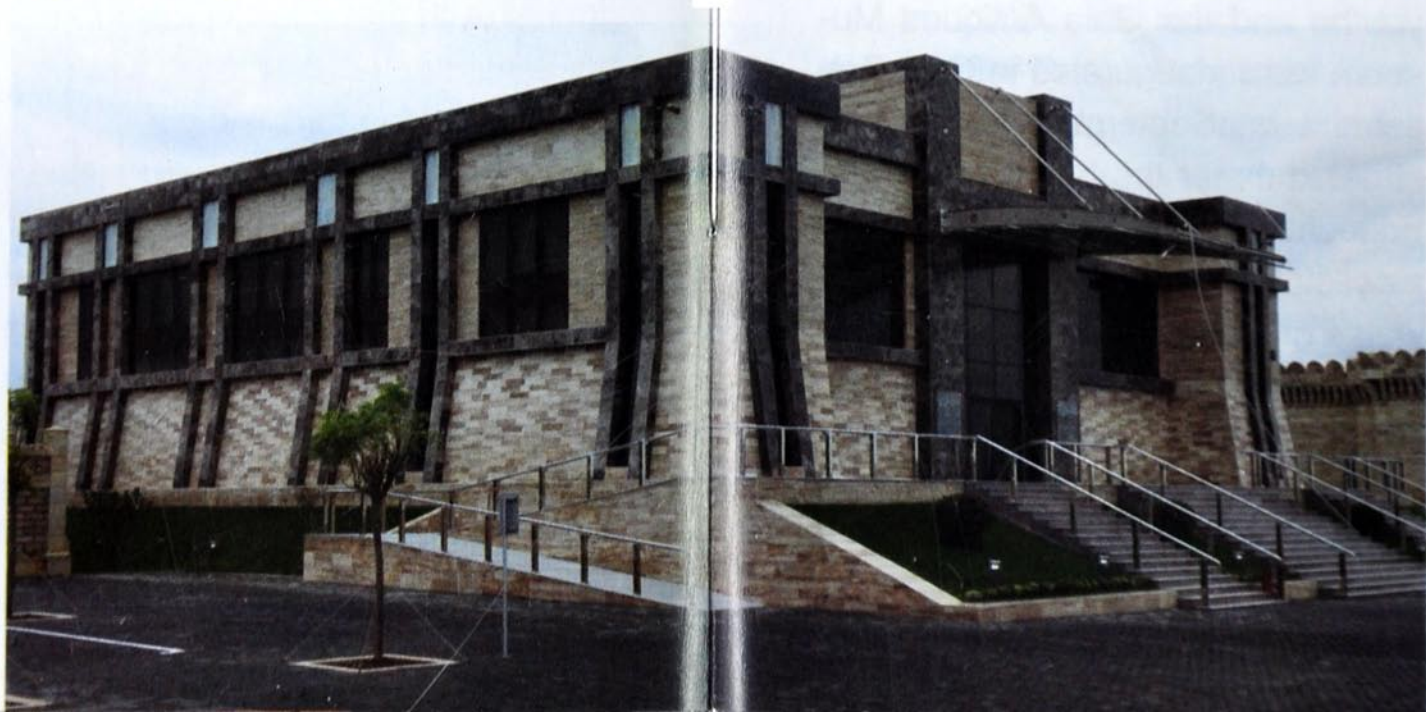
Museyi Kazym, Akhund Hajji Mirza Abu Turab Akhundzadeh, a famous cleric and author of a number of works on philosophy and history of religion, Hajji Zeynalabdin Taghiyev, a recognized public figure and benefactor, and his daughter Sarah Taghiyeva. The sanctuary's tomb was completely reconstructed, the whole area of worship decorated by the ancient national and religious ornaments, with the area adjacent to the state protected heritage site improved and the park laid out.

Renovation works were initiated in 2007 at the Mardakan Palace of Culture. The building got a brand new appearance with the centralized air conditioning, alarm and fire security systems installed. The Palace's Main Hall with the capacity of 400 seats got furnished with up-to-date equip-

ment, lighting and acoustic systems. The overall area of other facilities like the junior hall with 150 seats, lecture auditoriums, dancing rooms and a dozen of study groups is 4641 square meters. The Palace's library with almost 10 thousand books in stock is currently providing services for more than 6 thousand readers.

In 2008, an open air Archaeology & Ethnography Museum Center

was founded with a view to providing a better protection of relics and monuments at the Qala State History & Ethnography Reserve and its further enrichment by the archaeological finds excavated in the Absheron Peninsula. Along with the conservation and protection of Azerbaijan's historic past, this project aims at further promotion of tourism in Azerbaijan and turning the country into a





recognized tourist hub. The Museum Center encompasses the rock carvings dating back to the period of the 3-2nd millennia BC discovered in the Absheron Peninsula, the tambourine stone (qavaldash), ceramic works, home appliances, adornments, arms, coins, conserved remnants of ancient residential premises and other relics.

The Ethnic-Ecological Centre intended basically for children and youths and the Gala Antiques Museum were inaugurated in Gala Settlement on September 2011. Constructed under the auspices of the Foundation, the Museum exhibits 800 pieces. Decorative and applied art works created by Azerbaijani people throughout centuries are displayed on the first and second floors of the 3-floor building, while the third floor is for exhibits collected from regions of

Azerbaijan, manufactured in USA, Germany, Austria, Russia, France, England, Belgium, Iran, Uzbekistan, Poland, Turkey and other countries.

In October 2008, the State Art Gallery in the town of Salyan was put into operation after renovation. Along with the exhibition of visual art works, the Gallery hosts master-classes for young talents offered by professional artists.

In 2009, the musical school named after People's Artist of Azerbaijan Habil Aliyev was erected in the famous musician's hometown of Aghdash. The school creating enabling environment for young talents was supplied with musical instruments, books, records of recognized composers and musicians, and other training aids donated by the Foundation.

In 2009, construction of the



*Over-grave monuments to eminent Azerbaijani figures in pantheon in the city of Tbilisi.*

building for the Nasimi Child Art School started in Shamakhy city, following the initiative of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.

In 2010, the new social and cultural centers were commissioned in Turkan and Bina settlements of Baku's administrative district of Khazar.

Furnished with state-of-the-art equipment, the centers provide possibilities for a broad array of public events.

The Heydar Aliyev Foundation is also involved in the restoration of cultural landmarks outside Azerbaijan. E.g., in 2006, the Foundation renovated gravestones and beautified the surroundings of the burial places of a number of outstanding Azerbaijani public figures buried in the Pantheon in Tbilisi, Georgia. The

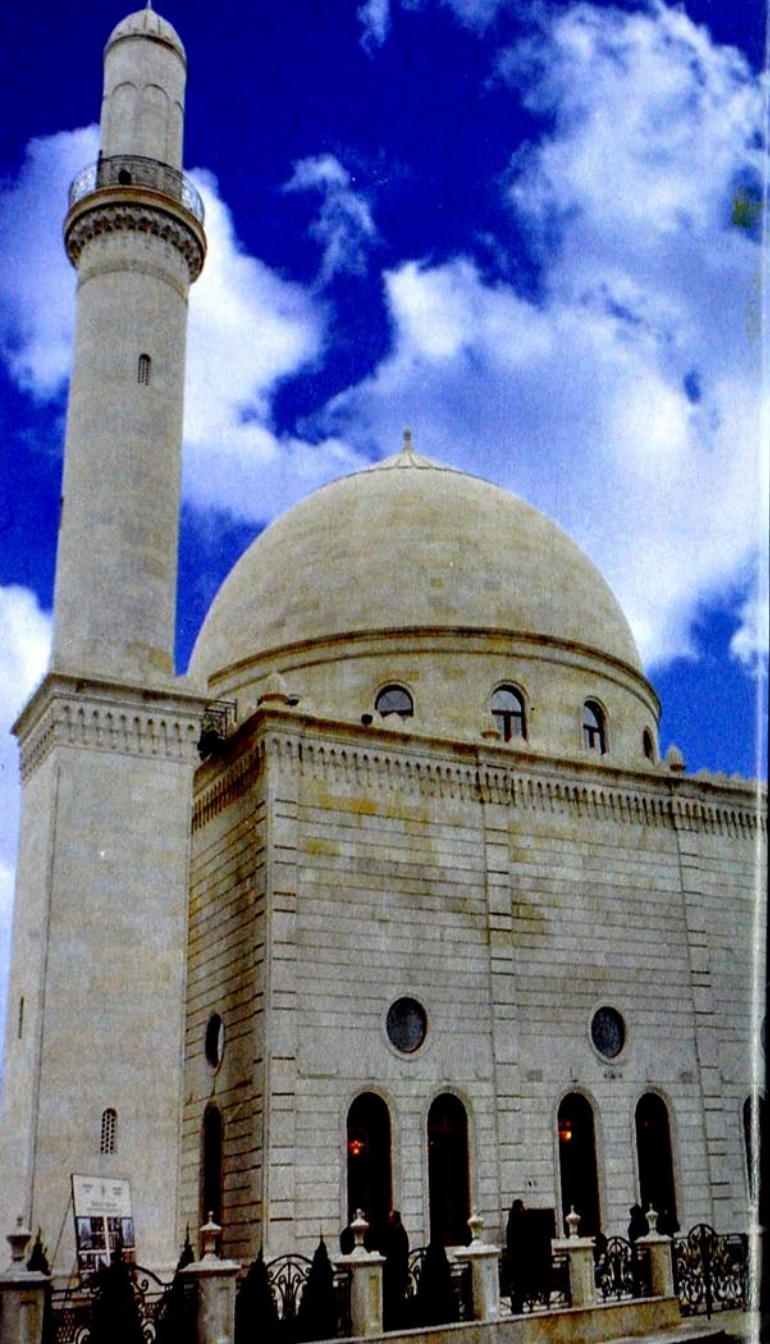




figures in question include Mirza Shafi Vazeh (1794-1852), a recognized poet, Mirza Fatali Akhundzadeh (Akhundov) (1812-1878), a writer, dramatist and philosopher, Hassanbey Aghayev (1875-1920), a political and public figure, and Fatali-khan Khoyski (1875-1920), one of the founding fathers of the first Republic of Azerbaijan of 1918-1920.

In 2007, the Foundation supported restoration of ancient masterpieces in Versailles, Paris. The works of art eroded by time and environmental impact and restored by the Foundation include the Amazon statue (1685-1693) by Jacques Buirrette, and the Bowl with Handles Adorned by Faun Heads (1687-1705) by Claude Bartenne, both works included in the World Heritage List as of 1979.





## ***Azerbaijan the Hub of Tolerance Project***

Paying a special attention to the preservation of the traditions of tolerance in Azerbaijan, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation launched the ongoing 'Azerbaijan-the Hub of Tolerance' Project. The Mohsun Salim Mosque in Bina suburb of Baku is one of the religious sites restored by the Foundation in the framework of this project in 2006. The shrine erected in the early 20th century by a local oil magnate fell into a complete disrepair due to a longtime neglect. The mosque's dome and walls were severely damaged during the attack on Baku by the Armenian nationalists in 1918.

Within a short period of time, a new building of the mosque with the capacity for 100 worshippers, equip-





ped with ablution facilities, men and women sections, rooms for clerics, constant water supply and catering unit was erected and placed at the local community's disposal.

The Hazrati Zeynab Mosque in Ganja was renovated in 2006.

In 2007, the Russian Orthodox Church in Baku was thoroughly renovated in the framework of the Project.

In September 2008, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the Roman Catholic Congregation. Along with the implementation of development and reconstruction projects in certain areas and support to social and religious centers, the Memorandum specifies a series of activities promoting ethnic and cultural development of various ethnic groups





residing in Azerbaijan. As an initial step of this cooperation, ceiling of the St.Mary Roman-Catholic Church in Baku was adorned with classic ecclesiastical murals. Meanwhile, a ceramic panel was mounted on the church's facade.

The Juma (Friday) Mosque at Baku's suburb of Buzovna was reconstructed in 2009. Construction of the mosque initiated back in 1896, was suspended in 1900 and then used as a shop and a warehouse in the Soviet period. Upon reconstruction, besides the mosque with the total area of 500 square meters, administrative and supporting units were erected together with ablution rooms for men and women, and other facilities.

In the framework of the "Azerbaijan-the Hub of Tolerance" Project, ex-



tensive reconstruction of the old Juma (Friday) Mosque in Shamakhy was launched. The original Juma Mosque, erected in 743, was a unique architectural landmark indeed. The second-oldest religious center in the South Caucasus, it was the first in its kind in the territory of modern Azerbaijan. Severely destroyed by the earthquake of 1859, the mosque was rebuilt to be

severely damaged again as a result of another devastating earthquake in 1902. In 1909 the mosque was restored to its original view pursuant to the design by Z.Ahmadbayov, the first trained Azerbaijani architect originating from Shamakhy, and J.Ploshko, a civil engineer of a Polish descent. The renovation currently going on in the mosque is based on a modified ver-





*Inauguration ceremony of the “Khabad-Or-Avner” education centre in the Khatai District of Baku. October 04, 2010.*

sion of the original design.

In June 2009, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation provided financial support to the renovation of five stained-glass windows at the Strassburg Cathedral (14th century). The stained-glass windows dating back to 1320-1340 depict scenery from the lives of Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ.

In conjunction with the Ov-Avner International Foundation, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation was involved in the erection of the Education Center for Jewish children residing in Baku with an overall capacity of 450 students. The Center was put into commission in October 2010. The Center boasts of 30 class-rooms furnished with the state-of-the-art equipment and the covered stadium with an overall area of 700 square meters.





## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

## ***The Foundation's Representations***

The Heydar Aliyev Foundation is increasing the scope of its activities beyond Azerbaijan. At the moment offices of the Foundation are operating in the US, Romania, Russia and Turkey.

The Foundation's first office abroad was established in May 2007 in Moscow, the Russian Federation. The entity headed by Vice-President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Leyla Aliyeva is involved in the implementation of culture-oriented and social projects. In 2009, Leyla Aliyeva was elected a member of the UN Youngsters Advisory Board. In the early stages of its activities, the Foundation's Office in Moscow succeeded

in establishing close links with local School No.157 with a strong ethno-cultural component built into the curriculum, and provided substantial support and assistance to this school.

It was this support of the Foundation's Office that resulted in the up-to-date equipment provided to the class-rooms, the Azerbaijani books and editions enriching the school's library and amateur talent groups supplied with required accessories. Besides this school, the Office maintains ties with the Azerbaijani-Georgian secondary school operating at Russia's capital city, as well as a number of local orphanages.

The office provides gifts and supports festivities in the children's institutions mentioned above.



Work with the youth is one of the Office's major priorities. Azerbaijani clubs have been already established in a number of Russia's influential universities and high schools. Clubs of this kind, playing a significant role in promoting the Azerbaijani culture, are being consistently established in other institutions as well.

Another priority area for the Foundation's Office in the Russian Federation is bound with taking special care of the WW2 veterans. With this goal in mind, the Office arranges regular meetings of the Russian and Azerbaijani veterans.

A set of memorable gifts was presented by the Office to the Museum of Fame in 2008.

Charitable campaign for 300 hard-of-hearing children conducted

by the Office together with the Hearing-Impaired All-Russian Youth Voluntary Association in 2008 caused a broad public response in the city. The "Khojaly: 16 Years Later" Conference arranged by the Office together with the Azerbaijani Youth Organization and Azerbaijani clubs at various universities and high schools the same year in February, provided a broad information regarding the distress suffered by the Azerbaijani nation as a result of the Khojaly massacre to Russia's general public.

With a view to furthermore expanding its activities in the Russian Federation, the Office representatives travel all over Russia trying to get better familiar with problems and challenges of the Azerbaijani youngsters residing and studying there and



looking for the ways of addressing these issues. During the period of September-October 2007, the Office representatives visited the regions of Tver, Ivanovo and Tula, where they held a series of meetings with local youth associations and NGO-s.

Commemoration events dedicated to recognized scientific and public figures, exhibitions and concerts promoting Azerbaijan's cultural and historic legacy, as well as round tables and youth forums have a positive impact on the development of bilateral and intergovernmental relationships.

In May 2007, an exhibition involving the Russian and Azerbaijani students and dedicated to the Azerbaijani art was held at the State Social University in Moscow, preceded





by staging by Rustam Ibrahimbeyov, the People's writer of Azerbaijan in March 2008, and the commemoration event for Academician Zarifa Aliyeva at the Research and Development Institute for Eye Diseases of the Russian National Academy of Sciences.

Publishing constitutes another priority area in the Office's activities. In December 2007, the book entitled Heydar Aliyev in a Telegraph Mode, a joint project with Russia's Interfax News Agency, was presented, whereas the presentation of "Heydar Aliyev: A Person and the Time" was held at the State Russian Library in December 2008.

An Agreement on Cooperation between the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the Russian National Library



was signed in St. Petersburg in February 2008.

A forum on Globalization and Intercultural Dialogue was held in June 2009 and June 2010 in Moscow and Baku respectively. The book entitled Cultural Interaction Given Realities of Globalization was published based on the forum materials dedicated to Azerbaijan's national leader Heydar Aliyev.

In December 2009, following the Office's initiative, the Conference dedicated to the 85th anniversary of the Autonomous Republic of Nakhchivan was arranged in Moscow.

In December 2010, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's Office in Russia initiated a memorial plaque recognizing the fallen Azerbaijani soldiers involved in the defense of Leningrad





(St.Petersburg) during WW2. The plaque was installed at Nevski Pyatachok Interethnic Alley of Soldier Fame and Remembrance, Leningrad Region, Russia.

Children's health is among the major priorities for the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's Office in the Russian Federation. In December 2010, Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, the Deputy Head of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, attended the Child Oncohematological Center at Regional Clinic Hospital No.1 in Yekaterinburg and on behalf of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation donated a Sobol ambulance vehicle furnished with special medical equipment to the Center.

The Representation has been organizing dinner-parties during national and religious holidays, and do-

nating holiday gifts to children homes and boarding-schools.

The Heydar Aliyev Foundation's Office in Romania was inaugurated in September 2007 by the Presidents of Romania and Azerbaijan.

The Office takes care of the only Old People's Home in the town of Kluc, providing regular humanitarian support to its 110 residents. The assistance includes foodstuffs, linen, clothing, medicines, sanitation accessories and home appliances.

In 2008, the Office provided assistance to an orphanage in Bucharest and rendered social assistance to low-income and socially vulnerable groups of population in the cities of Constanza and Macidiya.

In April 2008, in the framework of cooperation with the Ion Pop de

Popa Foundation the Office provided support to those affected by heart diseases.

In June 2008, representatives of the Office together with the Azerbaijani Embassy officials visited the area of Suceava severely affected by floods and provided food, clothing and medicines to the local population.

Exchange of visits between the Azerbaijani and Romanian youth was arranged in the framework of the agreement on cooperation in youth matters signed in 2009 between the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the Mayor's Office of Bucharest. The goal of these trips is to make the participants better familiar with culture and history of the countries concerned and to foster positive human







contacts among the youngsters.

In March 2010, "The Living Flame: Azerbaijan Impressions" Conference was arranged under the auspices of the Bucharest Writers Association, the Romanian Office of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Romania.

Since its very inception, the Office has been maintaining close ties with the Romanian Ministry of Cul-

ture, the State University of Kluc, the State University in Constanza, the State University in Bucharest, the UNESCO Office in Romania, the Child Prosthesis Clinics in Oradea, the International Children and Family Foundation, the Prison Fellowship Foundation, Omenia Charitable Foundation and other influential agencies.

The Heydar Aliyev Foundation's





Office in the United States started its activity in August 2008. It was at this very time when the Office succeeded in holding the mugham presentation and concert in the framework of the Niagara International Chamber Music Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada. A full-fledged concert program was arranged by the mugham trio and the Canadian performers.

The repertoire included pieces by Uzeyir Hajibeyov, Tofiq Guliyev, Garabagh Shikesteski and other compositions.

With a view to establishing cooperation between the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the US Congress Library, as well as in order to join the World Electronic Library initiative, the links with the library

were fostered in 2009.

The cooperation envisages foundation of a broad spectrum of conventional and electronic libraries in Azerbaijan, provision of required technical support by the Congress Library, and a project on the presentation of Azerbaijan's rare documents and publications throughout the world. The library's ultimate goal is to provide free access to Internet and multilingual presentation of manuscripts, rare books, charts, records, movies, photos, architectural maps and other valuable sources representing various cultures.

The Heydar Aliyev Foundation's Office in Turkey was established in September 2008.

The Office's objective is to conduct a series of actions aiming at

broad promotion of the Azerbaijani culture, protection of spiritual values and implementation of programs and projects in the field of science, education, culture, sports and environmental protection, cooperation with various foundations, NGO-s, voluntary associations, and support in addressing local social problems.

Numerous conferences and ex-

hibitions on the day of the Khojaly massacre were arranged in various parts of Turkey with a view to passing over the message on the Azerbaijani realities in the country.

The Office also arranges receptions for the students studying in Turkey as a part of the national and religious holidays' celebration, with holiday gifts presented in due course.







*The ceremony of signing a cooperation agreement between the UN Development Program and the Heydar Aliyev Foundation to ensure access for people with impaired vision to information and communication technologies.  
December 9, 2005.*

## ***Cooperation with the UN Development Program***

In December 2005, an Agreement on Cooperation and project documents on providing access to Information and Communication Technologies for blind and visually impaired persons was signed between the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the United Nations Development Program.

The project implemented at the National Boarding School for blind and visually impaired children in Baku's Narimanov District was conducted in three phases. In the first phase, polls, discussions and exchange of best practices were conducted with a view to developing draft program to remove digital di-

vide for visually impaired people, as well as the type of equipment to be procured was identified. During the second phase, a model ICT class was created at the boarding school for blind and visually impaired children, computer hardware for children with disabilities was procured and installed, the software localized, access to Internet provided and special curricula developed.

In the third phase, audio-libraries and training centers were established with audio recording studio to transfer the library stocks into the audio format installed, the computer lab providing access to internet and browsing for information in the net arranged, and teachers and instructors for IT courses trained. The projects aim at increasing

employment among blind and visually impaired persons, together with enabling them to get better involved in active life, getting access to IT-based knowledge and information, and increasing the overall living standards of this group of population.

In 2010-2011, joint efforts of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, the UNDP and the Ministry of Communication and Information Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan resulted in the establishment of up-to-date regional IT centers for children with physical disabilities in Nakhchyvan and Ganja. The project envisages arrangement of similar centers in Baku and 6 regions all over the country.





## *Cooperation with UNESCO*

On August 13, 2004, President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva was awarded the title of UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for her tireless efforts in promoting Azerbaijan's oral literary and musical heritage.

Various events are regularly held at the UNESCO Headquarters with the support of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation. The commemoration ceremony dedicated to the 100th anniversary of outstanding scholar, Academician Youssif Mammadaliyev jointly arranged by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and UNESCO in September 2005 is just one of the examples, to mention a few.

In October 2006, in connection with UNESCO's 60th anniversary, the Days of Azerbaijani Culture were held at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris as part of the Azerbaijan Week.

The photo exhibition offered at UNESCO's Exhibition Hall conveyed the message of the country's bountiful nature, rich historic and cultural legacy, deeply-rooted traditions, samples of cultural heritage and scenery from the life of ethnic minorities, augmented with the exhibition of traditional copper works.

In June 2007, an agreement on the execution plan for a project related to the development of vocational education in Azerbaijan was signed by UNESCO, the Azerbaijani Government and the Heydar Aliyev

Foundation. The project related to tourism and hospitality business envisages training instructors, drafting manuals and curricula, as well as advanced courses for those involved in hotel business, tourism and information technologies.

In May 2008, Azerbaijan's Goodwill Angels show involving the country's young talents was presented at the annual meeting of UNESCO's Goodwill Ambassadors. The concert participants included the Azerbaijan Children's Symphony Orchestra, child choir, the dancing band from the Choreography School, virtuoso soloist performers and various international contests' prize-winners. The concert was preceded by the exhibition of visual art works by the Azerbaijani





*At the 11th Annual Assembly of UNESCO  
Goodwill Ambassadors in Paris.  
September 12, 2011.*

children aged 5-15 exposed at the UNESCO Headquarters.

In March 2009, a Protocol of Intent aiming at increasing cooperation to accomplish strategic goals in the course of implementation of the Convention for Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003) was signed between the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and UNESCO.

Expressing its consent to conduct joint actions to improve the conditions in the developing countries and better protect the intangible cultural heritage, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation provided financial support to the training courses held at the African Heritage School.



*A ceremony of nomination of President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva for ISESCO Goodwill Ambassador.  
Baku, November 23, 2006.*

## ***Cooperation with ISESCO***

Cooperation of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) started in 2005.

On November 24 2006, Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva, the President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, was awarded the title of ISESCO Goodwill Ambassador for her broad activities in various areas including the Dialogue of Civilizations forum, support to the children in need, education and substantial backup to the initiatives in the Islamic world. A Letter of Intent between the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and ISESCO was signed in April, 2007, setting forth the basic principles of cooperation





*President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva and UN resident-coordinator in our country Bruno Puerza.*

*Baku, January 16, 2008.*

in the field of science, culture, education, implementation of joint projects and coordination of activities for the 5 years to come.

### ***Cooperation with UNFPA***

In January 2008, documents pertaining to the joint project on Prevention of Violence Against Women in the 21st Century were signed between the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the State Committee for Family, Women and Child Problems of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The project's major goal included increase of public awareness regarding this matter, protection of women and children against do-

mestic violence and abuse, prevention of premature marriages and impacts of domestic violence on children. In the framework of the project, the best practices worldwide were studied with international experts involved, regional workshops were arranged, publications issued, awareness campaigns held at educational institutions, relevant shows broadcast through local media, training courses for experts involved in assisting the victims of violence conducted and the network of social and psychological rehabilitation centers established.

## ***Cooperation with UNICEF***

A round table on anemia and thalassemia was held by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation in August 2010 as part of cooperation with UNICEF.

The event discussed the issues like healthcare system's development, its logistical support, expert pool increase, infrastructure development, awareness campaigns with a view to preventing anemia and thalassemia, increase of cooperation with the countries involved in combating these diseases and training high-quality personnel to tackle this issue at home.

As a follow-up of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's cooperation



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with UNICEF, a national conference on “Existing Problems with Breastfeeding in Azerbaijan and the Ways of Addressing Them” was held in November 2010. The Conference discussed the positive aspects of breastfeeding and emphasized the importance of active promotion of this kind of infant nutrition.

In 2011, the presentation of the “First step into the life” film, a joint project by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, UN Children Fund (UNICEF) and the Ministry of Health, took place.

## *Cooperation with the US Vital Voice NGO*

In December 2006, a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva, the President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, and Senator Kay Baley Hatchinson, the Co-Chairman of Vital Voice NGO. The NGO supporting women for their contribution to political, economic, social and other spheres, is currently uniting over 5 million women from more than 150 countries.



*A ceremony of signing a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and America's "Vital Voice" non-government humanitarian organization.*

*Washington, December 7, 2006.*





## ***Cooperation with the US Save the Children Organization***

In January 2008, the Memorandum of Understanding with Save the Children US organization was signed. The Memorandum of Understanding specifies joint steps in providing physical and psycho-social support to children, taking required care of them, guaranteeing their education, healthy and quality nutrition. In March 2008, a motor vehicle was donated by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation to the Center for Support to Children and Family erected by Save the Children in Baku's Shuvalan settlement. The Center provides alternative care and education to 100 children with special needs and thus prevents their further institutionalization.

## *Cooperation with the Polish Embassy in Azerbaijan*

In August 2008, an Agreement on Cooperation between the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in the Republic of Azerbaijan was signed. In the framework of this cooperation, and with the financial support of Poland's Small Grants Foundation, a new school building for 220 students was erected in the District of Samukh. Furnished with up-to-date equipment, the school was put into operation in January 2009.



*President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva is conferred on the Great Commander Cross Order of the Republic of Poland.  
Baku, September 14, 2009.*





## ***Cooperation with the Lithuanian Embassy in Azerbaijan***

In July 2010, a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in humanitarian areas was signed by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation with the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in the Republic of Azerbaijan. Pursuant to the Memorandum, 20 most gifted Azerbaijani youngsters were granted the right to get education at the leading Lithuanian Universities free of charge.

In 2011, as continuation of the project, Azerbaijani youths were admitted to higher schools of Lithuania.

*A ceremony of signing a Memorandum of Understanding on humanitarian cooperation between the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the Embassy of Lithuania in Azerbaijan.*

*Baku, July 12, 2010.*



## *Cooperation with the French Embassy in Azerbaijan*

In March 2011, a Declaration of Intent to erect a French school in Baku was signed between the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, the French Embassy in Baku, the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Education, and in October, a ceremony of laying foundation of the school took place with participation of President of the Azerbaijan Republic Ilham Aliyev, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva.

Pursuant to the Declaration, training program of the French school-to-be will start at the kindergarten level and will be relevant to

*A ceremony of laying foundation of the French Lycée in Baku.  
October 07, 2011.*





*A ceremony of signing a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation between the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and Russia's "Uralsib" financial corporation. Baku, November 5, 2007.*

a classic 12-year-long French general school model.

The curriculum will meet the requirements of the French system of school education and correspond to the standards of the National Ministry of Education of France, with tuition offered in French. Graduates of the school will be provided with an opportunity to pursue their educational goals at any university in France.

### ***Cooperation with Russia's Uralsib Financial Corporation***

In 2011, the Origami Rehabilitation Center for children with cerebral palsy was put into operation on the initiative of the Heydar Aliyev

Foundation with a view to conducting the state-of-the-art examination and treatment of children affected by this disease. This rehabilitation center for children with special

needs was erected in compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the Russian Uralsib Financial Corporation in November 2007.





## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES**

### ***The International Conference on “UNESCO-Azerbaijan: Bridge to the Future”***

In August 2005, the “UNESCO-Azerbaijan: Bridge to the Future” Conference was jointly held by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and UNESCO at Gulustan Palace. The conference participants discussed the ongoing reforms in Azerbaijan’s education sector together with the issues of the country’s further integration into the European educational system and other matters of this nature. A Memorandum of Cooperation between Azerbaijan and UNESCO in the field of education was signed in the course of the event.

### ***The 13th International Conference on “Eurasian Cultural Diversity: Azerbaijan, the Past and the Present of the Dialogue of Civilizations”***

In April 2006, the Latin Culture Academy, mindful of Azerbaijan’s historic and cultural traditions and the role of the Silk Road for the countries of the region, decided to hold its 13th International Conference in Baku, in cooperation with the Heydar Aliyev Foundation. The forum attracted renowned figures in culture and art from more than 30 countries of Latin descent. Relationships between the state and religion in Azerbaijan, together with views of local scholars, clerics and government officials on existing national legislation and traditions, as well as relations between



*The 1st International Conference on the subject of "Medicine and pharmacology in medieval manuscripts".  
Baku, June 12, 2006.*

various confessions, experience of working with religious sects and associations, traditions of tolerance and intercultural relations in the context of globalization caused an acute interest of the conference participants.

The speakers emphasized commendable accomplishments of Azerbaijan in the field of state-toreligion relationships, traditions of tolerance and other issues mentioned above, as well as the country's extraordinary location in the heart of Eurasia enabling it to combine the best traditions of East and West.

### ***The 1st International Conference on "Medicine and Pharmacology in the Mediaeval Manuscripts"***

In June 2006, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation together with the Wash-



ington Academy of Sciences succeeded in holding the 1st International Conference on Medicine and Pharmacology in the Medieval Manuscripts in Baku. The forum's opening ceremony was attended by more than 50 participants from the US, Germany, the UK, Belgium, Bahrain, Egypt, Estonia, Greece, Iran, Israel, Russia, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine and other states, as well as international organizations like UNESCO, the World Medical Historians Association, the British Medical History Association, the Turkish Medical History Association, the Azerbaijan Union of Medical Historians, the Academy of Sciences in Washington, and foreign ambassadors. The Manuscript Institute under the National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan boasts of

more than 11 thousand ancient manuscripts, 360 out of them related to medicine and pharmacology.

Three of these manuscripts were inscribed on UNESCO's World Memory List. These are the manuscripts with the works by Abu Ali Ibn Sina, Abulqasym Zahravi and Rostam Jurjani.

### ***The International Conference on "Youth for the Alliance of Civilizations"***

In November 2007, the Conference on "Youth for the Alliance of Civilizations" was arranged in Baku by the Youth Forum for Cooperation at the Organization of Islamic Conference in conjunction with the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.



*The Youth for the Alliance of civilizations  
international conference.  
Baku, November 1, 2007.*

In the course of this event, Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva was honoured with the title of Global Ambassador for the Development of the Youth by the OIC Youth Forum due to her support to education, science, youth, cross-cultural dialogue and promotion of the Azerbaijani culture worldwide. During the conference attended by representatives of various states in Eastern and Western Asia and the OIC Youth Forum, a number of reports were presented on scientific, social and cultural implications of various civilizations' history and relations, as well as their political, social and cultural aspects. The event resulted in the adoption of the final document, the Baku Declaration on Cross-generational Alliance.





*The conference on the subject of “View of literacy issues in Europe in a sub-regional framework: support to building partnership relations an innovative approaches”. Baku, May 14, 2008.*

***The Conference on “View of Sub-regional Literacy Problems in Europe: Building Partnership Relations and Supporting the Implementation of Innovative Approaches”***

In May 2008, a conference entitled “View of Sub-Regional Literacy Problems in Europe: Building Partnership Relations and Supporting the Implementation of Innovative Approaches” was held in Baku as part of a series of the UNESCO-run regional conferences to support literacy worldwide. The Conference was attended by Mr.Koishiro Matsuura, the then Director General of UNESCO, Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassadors, Ministers of Edu-

cation from a number of countries, numerous experts, Azerbaijani government officials and representatives of foreign diplomatic missions in Baku.

Round tables on a whole array of topics were held during the two days of the conference.

Necessity of a broader approach towards illiteracy problem was emphasized by the speakers, together with best practices in developing and applying literacy criteria, and future prospects of collecting and using databases on literacy evaluation in the European space on both local and international levels were discussed.

### ***The International Forum on “Increasing Women’s Role in the Cross-cultural Dialogue”***

In June 2008, following the initiative of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and with the support of UNESCO and ISESCO, an international forum on Increasing Women’s Role in the Cross-cultural Dialogue was held in Baku.

The forum was attended by more than 300 participants from various states, including the first ladies of Poland, Latvia, South Africa and Angola, the Director General of ISESCO and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassadors. The Baku Forum coincided with the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The Forum resulted





*The International forum held on the subject of “Increasing women’s role in the cross-cultural dialogue”.  
Baku, June 10, 2008.*

in the adoption of the Baku Declaration calling the world nations to increase women’s role in passing decisions on conflict settlement and peace-keeping processes.

### ***The 4th World Youth Employment Summit***

In September 2008, the 4th World Youth Employment Summit (YES) was held in Baku.

The goal of the Summit was to accomplish better outcomes in addressing the issues of unemployment among youngsters and provide for their efficient employment worldwide.

The Baku Summit attended by 600 participants from more than hundred countries discussed a number of important issues such as creation of 2 million new jobs for young people

by the year of 2012, adoption and implementation of special national programs in this realm, involvement of young leaders in addressing the environmental problems, the role of entrepreneurship in the development of the society, etc.

## ***The National Conference on “Reforms in Child Welfare in Azerbaijan”***

In October 2009, a national conference on Reforms in Child Welfare in Azerbaijan dedicated to the 20th anniversary on the UN Child





Year and the adoption of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child was held in Baku under the auspices of the Government of Azerbaijan, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, the UN Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and Azercell Company.

Lectures were delivered on various subjects associated with protection of child rights at the conference, which was of special significance in terms of improving children's welfare, protection of their rights, all-round and harmonious development in the society, providing them with education and healthcare services, ensuring for children deprived of parental care the right to live in a family environment, and information was given with regard to

independent monitoring mechanism created in the sphere of defending the child rights, measures taken in this direction and the results achieved.

### ***The International Conference on “Economic Development through Education and Technology”***

In November 2010, the International Conference on Economic Development through Education and Technology was held with the support of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, the Ministry of Education, UNESCO, Microsoft and Intel corporations. Representatives from Hungary, Norway, the UK and other countries took part in the Conference.

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*The International Cross-cultural Dialogue  
Forum.  
Baku, April 8, 2011.*

## ***The World Forum on “Cross-cultural Dialogue”***

On April 7-9, 2011, the World Forum on “Cross-cultural Dialogue” was held in Baku.

Conceived as the joint initiative by the Government of Azerbaijan, the UN Alliance of Civilizations, UNESCO, the Council of Europe, the US North-South Center and ISESCO, the Forum was arranged with the support of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Forum was attended by political leaders, public figures, heads of international organizations, state and government representatives, ministers of culture, culture ambassadors, mem-



bers of parliament, diplomats, mayors and heads of local executive authorities, NGO representatives, journalists, experts in the field of culture and recognized intellectuals from all over the world.

The Forum discussed conceptual, administrative, political and practical aspects of cross-cultural dialogue and impediments thereto, as well as the most appropriate ways of pursuing it in various environments.

### ***The International Conference "From Isolation towards Integration"***

An international conference was held on September 20 at Buta Palace on "From Isolation towards

Integration" within the framework of a joint project by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, the Government of Azerbaijan and UNICEF. At the conference attended by representatives, state and government officials, members of Milli Majlis, representatives of international organizations from 20 countries including Germany, Russia, Georgia, Kirgizistan, Turkmenistan, issues such as carrying out inclusion of disabled children, supporting reforms in this field etc, were discussed.



**EVENTS HELD  
ABROAD**







## *“BibliObraz - 2007” International Festival*

In October 2007, the Foundation took part in the “BibliObraz- 2007” International Festival arranged in Moscow under the auspices of Russia’s First Lady by the Center for the Development of the Russian Language. In the course of this Festival attended by representatives of 22 countries, the participants had a chance to get familiar with the exhibits displayed at the Azerbaijan stand including works by the Azerbaijani classic writers published in Russian and other languages, the Foundation’s new publications, editions and multimedia disks on the Azerbaijani culture and the Garabagh problem, hand-made dolls, miniature works, small carpets, musical instruments, copper works and other arti-

*The “BibliObraz-2007” International Festival.  
Moscow, October 9, 2007.*



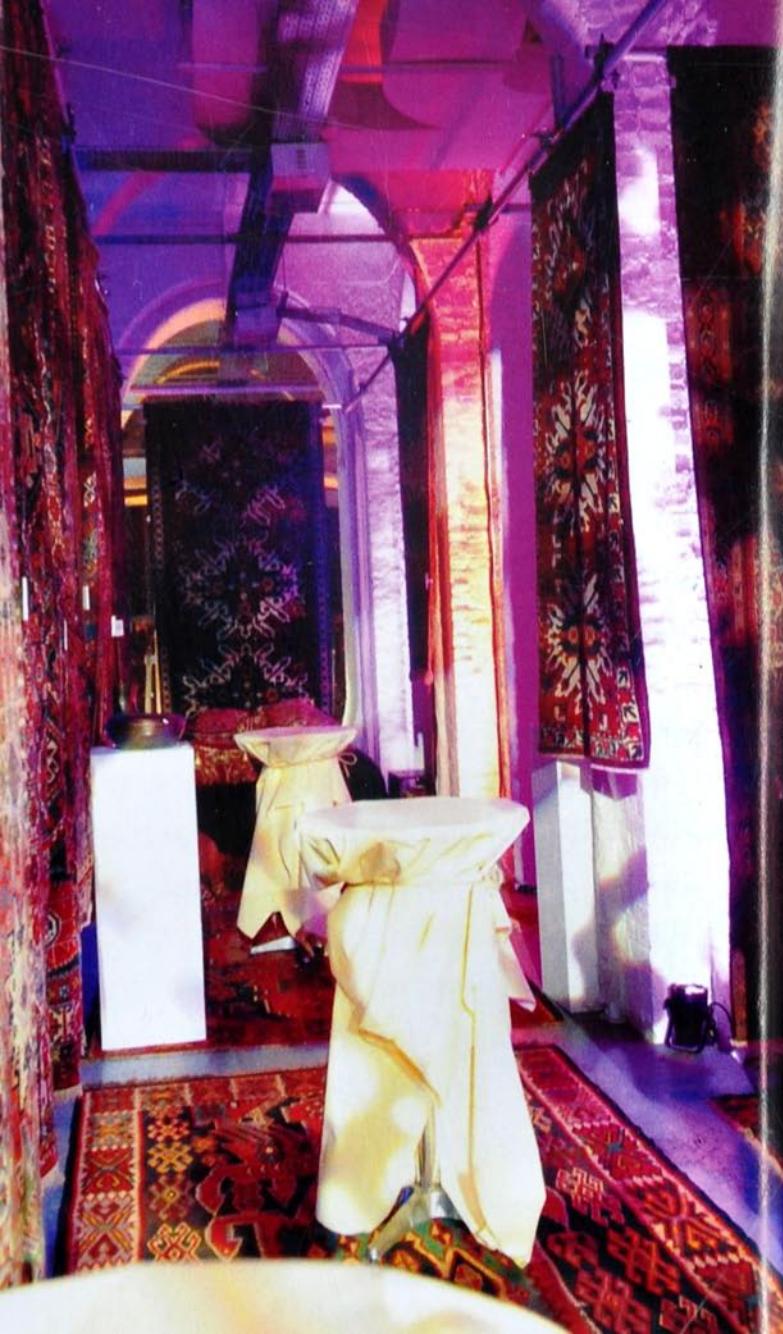
facts together with samples of traditional Azerbaijani cookery.

### ***Days of the Azerbaijani Culture at the European Parliament***

Following the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's initiative, the Culture Days of Azerbaijan were held for the first time at the headquarters of the European Parliament in November 2009.

The set of events held in connection with this included the concert performed by leading artists, exhibition of visual art works, miniatures, carpet works and other old Azerbaijani artifacts, copper works and antiquities, as well as albums and brochures describing the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's activities within the 5 years of its existence.





### *The World of Azerbaijani Carpets and Fairy Tales Exhibition, London*

In November 2010, The World of Azerbaijani Carpets and Fairy Tales carpet exhibition was arranged by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation in conjunction with the Azerbaijani Embassy in the UK and Baku Magazine. The exhibition provided detailed information regarding all schools of carpet-weaving in Azerbaijan including peculiarities of their geographic location, patterns and design, color and techniques. Visitors of the exhibition also had a chance to get better familiar with the Azerbaijani cuisine. English version of Azerbaijan deluxe edition published by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation was also presented during the exhibition.





*The event devoted to the 20th anniversary of regaining the Republic of Azerbaijan its state independence. Paris, France, February 17, 2011.*

## ***Events held to mark the 20th anniversary of Azerbaijan Republic's Regain of its Independence***

**In February 2011**, a ceremony of presenting the French version of Azerbaijan edition dedicated to the 20th anniversary of regain of independence by the Republic of Azerbaijan was arranged in Paris by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation together with the Azerbaijani Embassy in Paris. The event attended by Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva, the Foundation's President, and the French Government officials included a lively concert followed by the exhibition of some excellent samples of the Garabagh carpets known for their rich colors and versatile ornament, and copper works. The participants





were also offered several courses of traditional Azerbaijani cuisine.

**On April 18-21, 2011**, a series of new events was held in Paris, with an exhibition of unique Azerbaijani carpets together with carpets depicting Tahir Salahov's drawings and the concert performed by young talents arranged at the UNESCO Headquarters. Meanwhile, the exhibition of artists from the Modern Art Museum presented works of some recognized artists in Azerbaijan's modern art.

The Heydar Aliyev Foundation organized, on **May 17, 2011**, a ceremony entitled "The Evening of Azerbaijan" at the Kremlin Palace, with the support of the Embassy of the Azerbaijan Republic in the Russian Federation. Presentation of





publication “Azerbaijan”, one of the successful projects of the Foundation, in Russian was held within the event, and various examples of the Azerbaijani carpet school and people’s art were exhibited, and our national cuisine was presented to guests. Azerbaijani masters of art performed at the ceremony with a concert program.

**On July 16, 2011**, an exhibition titled “Cultural riches of Azerbaijan” within the 2nd Ramatuel classical music festival in San-Trope city of France was opened under the auspices of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.

Inauguration of the 2nd Ramatuel classical music festival to be held in Ramatuel city of France took place on June 17, 2011. This cul-



tural event was opened by the State Chamber Orchestra of Azerbaijan. Conducted by People's Artist Teymour Goychayev, the Orchestra performed 11 classical music pieces comprising famous works by world-renown Azerbaijani composers Gara Garayev, Fikret Amirov, Arif Melikov, Farhad Badalbeyli, Tofiq Gouliyev, Vagif Mustadazadeh, world classics Mozart, Chaykovski and Debussi.

An exhibition devoted to Azerbaijan was inaugurated **on September 15, 2011** in the building of Municipality of the 7th District of Paris under the auspices of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, and masters of art of our country performed with an interesting and extensive concert program. The

exhibition was devoted to the Maiden Tower, one of the symbols of Azerbaijan. Exposition included pieces exhibited during the "Maiden Tower" International Art Festival held in 2010 and 2011. Works by 18 artists were presented at the exhibition. All of these works are united by one idea: to protect the cultural heritage of the world. A photo exhibition reflecting our country's current development, history and culture was also organized in Paris. Anyone familiarizing himself with these photos clearly sees that the ancient Azerbaijan, its capital Baku and all districts of our country develop at a rapid pace, become more beautiful and modern. Presentation of the edition of "Azerbaijan", one of the most significant projects of the Hey-



*The event devoted to the 20th anniversary of regaining the Republic of Azerbaijan of its state independence.  
Berlin, Germany, September 29, 2011.*

dar Aliyev Foundation, in French was held within the exhibition. Over 1,000 photos included in the edition make quite a comprehensive impression on a reader about our country's history, culture, nature, human sources and regions, and glorifies its capital located on the coast of the Caspian Sea, where colours of West and Est come together.

**On September 29, 2011**, a solemn ceremony devoted to the 20th anniversary of regaining the Republic of Azerbaijan of a state independence was held in Berlin, the capital of the Federative Republic of Germany, under the auspices of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Germany.



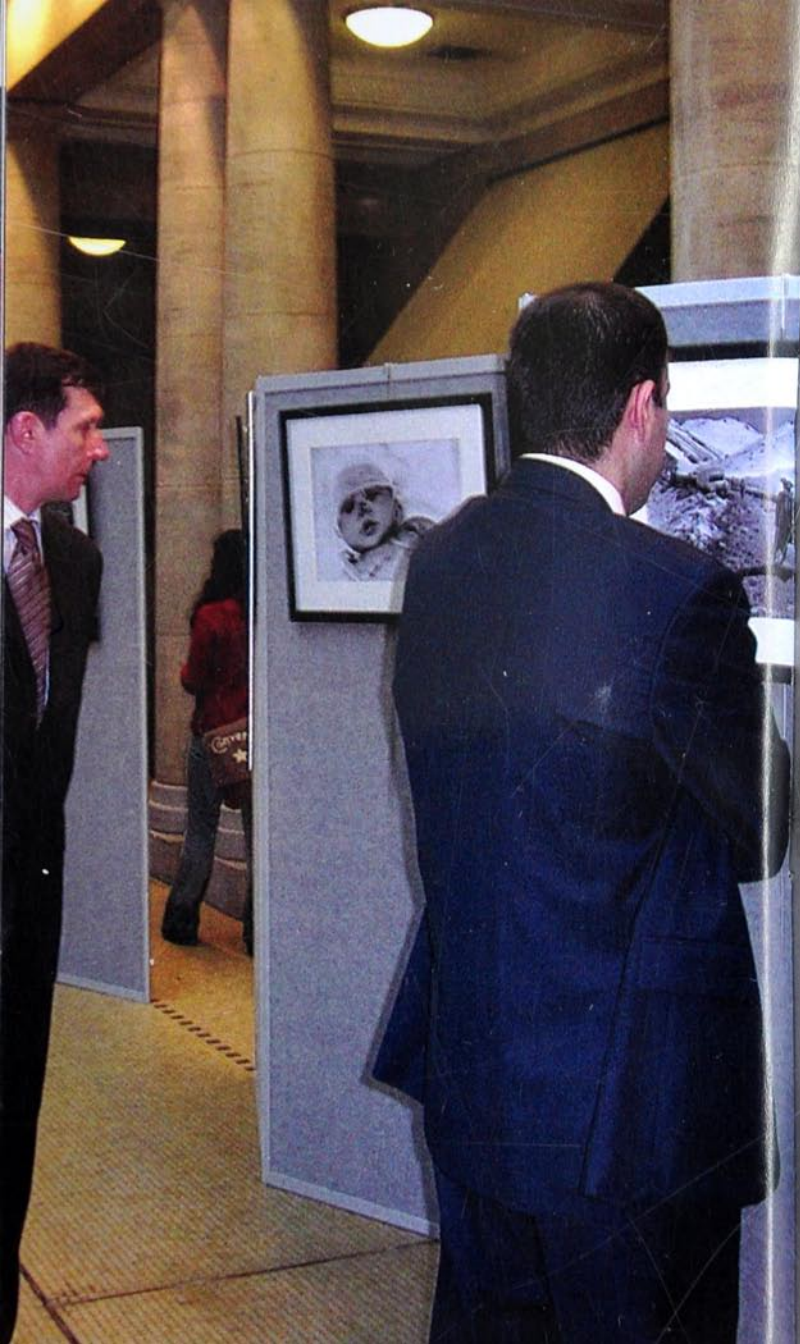


## CONVEYING THE TRUTH ABOUT THE KHOJALY GENOCIDE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Passing message about Azerbaijan's realities and the roots of the Azerbaijani-Armenian Daghylyg-Garabagh Conflict to the world community constitutes one of the major priorities for the Heydar Aliyev Foundation. With this goal in mind, as of 2007, remembrance events marking the Khojaly genocide are held by the Foundation on an annual basis in a number of the world's leading cities, such as Moscow, Berlin, Strasbourg, Brussels, Bucharest, Geneva, Ankara, Istanbul, Paris, Prague, Washington DC, New-York, Warsaw, London, the Hague, Dubai, Kiev, Tbilisi, etc.

In the course of commemoration events, The Khojaly Genocide documentary prepared by the Foun-





ation and depicting the atrocities committed by the Armenian invaders in the Azerbaijani-populated town of Khojaly is presented together with photos and comments on this massacre published in various years by the world's influential media outlets and the exhibition of child drawings selected in the course of the "Khojaly Through the Eyes of Children" contest. Meanwhile, the "Garabagh Truths collection and the book entitled War Against Azerbaijan: Targeting Cultural Heritage" are distributed among the events' participants.

The events striving at unbiased presentation of the fact of genocide in Khojaly and building the adequate public opinion about it are attended by representatives of various agencies, diplomatic missions, local residents and mass media.





**THE ACTIVITIES  
OF THE  
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FOUNDATION IN THE  
SOCIAL FIELD**

Speaking of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's activities in social sphere, the following projects should be mentioned in particular: construction of the water pipe-line in Lokbatan settlement, Garadagh District of Baku, that enabled to improve water supply of 20 thousand local residents; erection of a 16-apartment residential building for the internally displaced families in Shamakhy; and the residential area for veterans of the Garabagh war, handicapped persons, low-income and large families in the town of Salyan. The residential community-to-be will be supplied with heating system, household utilities and other utilities.

Infrastructure projects accomplished by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation during the period of 2004-2011

include construction of roads in Zira, Bina, Qala and other settlements of Baku's Khazar District, renovation of power transmitter (substation) in Bina, improvement of water supply in Baku's suburban areas, and laying out parks. To facilitate landscaping activities, garbage collection and area improvement works, a number of water carts, dump trucks, garbage vehicles, graders, loaders, tractors and multifunctional excavators were procured by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and handed over to the relevant local executive authorities. The Foundation was also involved in upgrading areas adjacent to religious centers, historic and cultural landmarks through landscape gardening and recreation facilities in the newly laid parks.





*A New Year festivity organized by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.  
Baku, Buta Palace, December 30, 2009.*

Charitable actions are regularly arranged by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation with a view to facilitating integration of institutionalized children into the society and increasing efficiency of their leisure-time. In the framework of these actions and campaigns, the Foundation makes donations to orphanages and boarding schools, with concerts and other entertainment events arranged on a regular basis.

New Year and Novruz (Spring Holiday) celebrations are annually conducted by the Foundation for the most outstanding school students, as well as for institutionalized children, kids from refugee and IDP families, orphans and those deprived of parental care. Besides this, special gifts are provided to orphanages and



boarding schools for the holidays of Qurban (sacrifice festivity) and Ramazan (religious fast).

To increase the scope of vision for the school children and stir up their zeal to studies and education, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation arranges trips abroad for high achievers, contest winners, orphans and children deprived of parental care. Meanwhile, broad opportunities are created for children from foreign countries to visit Azerbaijan and get better familiar with the country's versatile culture and storied past. E.g. the Foundation sponsored trips of the Azerbaijani school children to Germany, the Kingdom of Belgium, France, Georgia, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Romania, while the school children from Georgia, Roma-

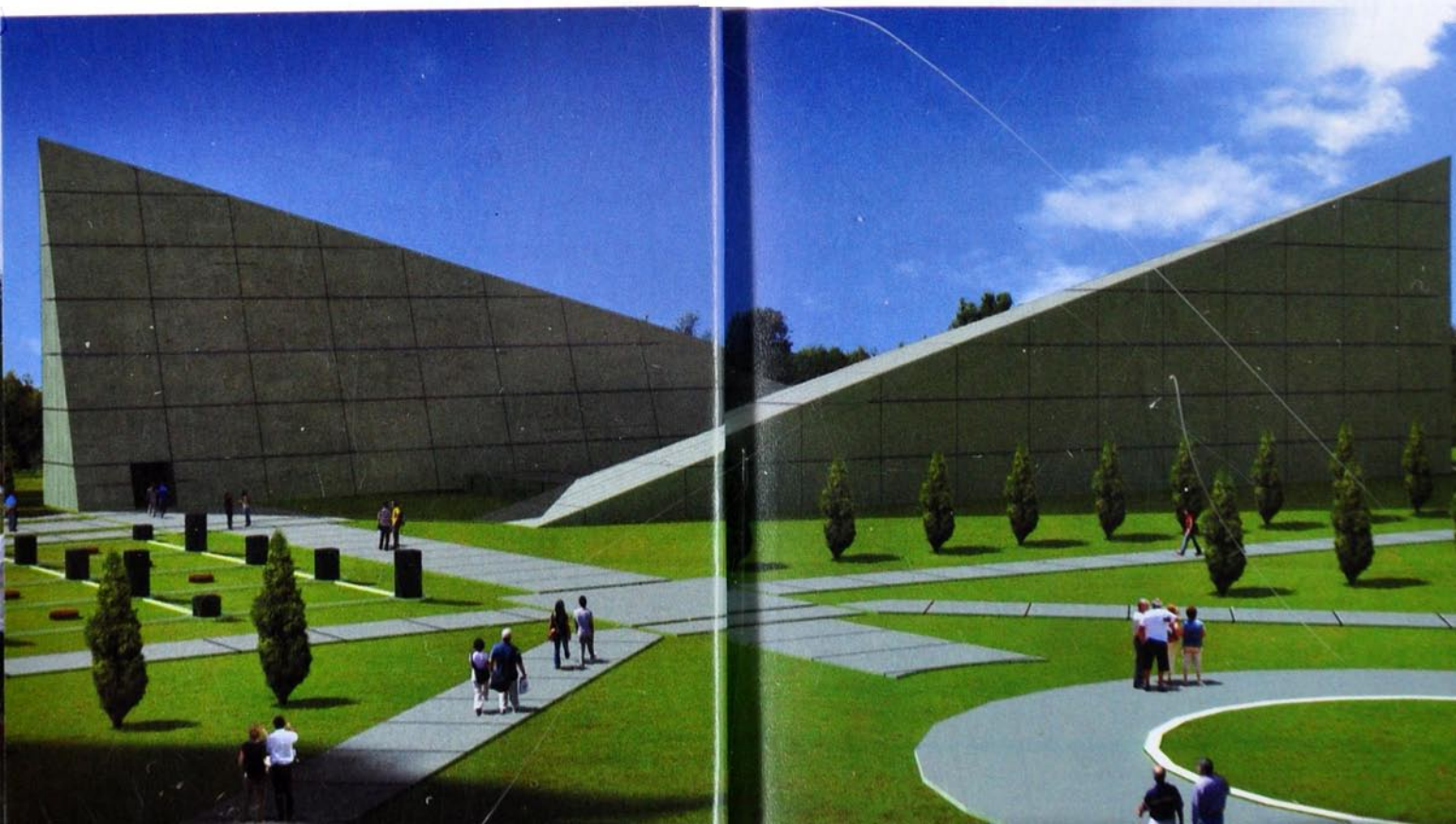


nia and the Russian Federation got a chance to visit Azerbaijan.

Meanwhile, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation pays a particular attention to facilitating the integration of handicapped people into the society, as well as exposing and developing

their gifts. Following the Foundation's nomination, 15 handicapped inventors were awarded by the World Intellectual Property Organization in October 2007.

The Foundation also takes constant care of veterans of the Great



Patriotic War (WW2) by showing concern for their problems by offering them various types of assistance. The veterans are entitled to individual social support, WW2 participants are commemorated in the names of parks, monuments and through various festive events.

With the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's support, Genocide Memorial Plaques were installed at common graves of victims of the massacre committed in 1918 by the Armenian Dashnak gangs in the town of Guba and elsewhere in Azerbaijan.

Consistent efforts are undertaken by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation with a view to promoting the patriotic ideas nationhood laid by Azerbaijan's recognized national

leader Heydar Aliyev among the younger generations.

With this goal in mind, in 2006-2008 the Foundation was involved in publishing materials related to the history of Azerbaijan for certain target groups like the military personnel. The Military Man's Commemorative Booklet is just an example of the Foundation's activities in this sphere followed by training posters and various types of hardware provided to military units.







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**The Land of Fire - Azerbaijan**

Today, we would like to talk about a miraculous country of Azerbaijan with its unlimited natural resources, centuries-old culture, history and ancient people, whose lifestyle presents a unique and harmonious combination of the traditions and ceremonies of different cultures and civilizations.



Azerbaijan is a geographical name. On the one hand this name is linked with the population, which lived in this region for thousand of years before our era, and who were mostly fire-worshippers.

Local population considered that fire was their God and so they worshipped the fire. "Azer" means fire. The Turkic name "Azer" was used for this territory for a long time. The word "Azer" consists of two parts - "az" and "er". In Turkic languages, "az" means a good intention and a tale of success. Thus, the word "Azer" means "a brave man", "a brave boy", "the fire keeper". The word "Azerbaijan" originates from the name of an ancient Turkish tribe, who resided in these territories.

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Azerbaijan is one of the most ancient sites of humankind. The humankind was present here at every stage of their historical development. There were living settlements in Azerbaijan even at the earliest stages of humankind. Azerbaijan made its own contribution into the establishment of the current culture and civilization, progress and dialectics.

The time kept a range of ancient archeological and architectural monuments for us. The ancient headstones, manuscripts and models of carpets, preserved to the present times from the ancient ages, can provide much information to those who can and want to read them. If you wish to understand Azerbaijan and to know everything about it, you need to look at the country and its people with a fresh's eyes.

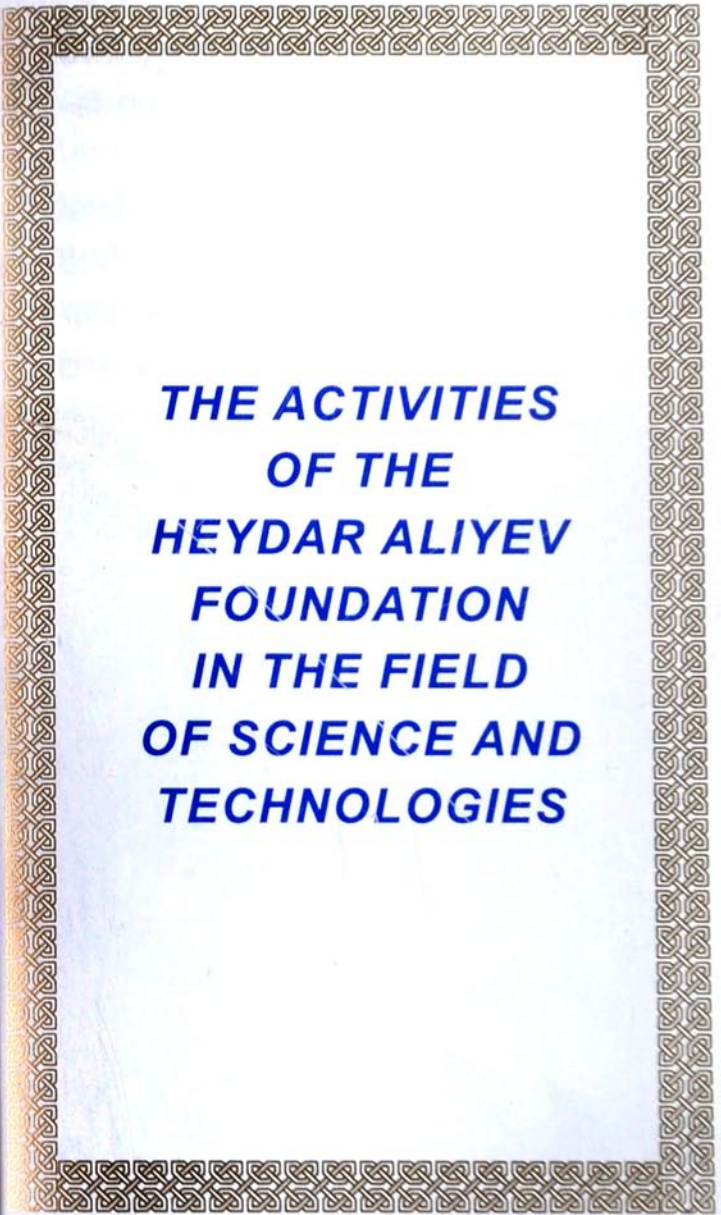
Azerbaijan is a country of ancient culture. The Oguz tribes which moved here and stayed for ages, have found a deeply rooted culture and in their turn enriched it with Turkic national traditions. The talented and creative powers of our nation are personified in such epic monuments as "Yildiz-Dede Gorgud", "Qajnarname" "Xoroqlu" and many others.

The fertile, generous and friendly land was the home of many thinkers, philosophers, scientists, poets, architects, musicians and artists. A legend tells that Zerdushit was born in this land. Azerbaijan also enriched the humankind with such geniuses as Nizami Ganjavi, Hagag She-vari, Bilmayev, Nazim, Fozul, Nasreddin Tusi, Shah Ismail Xatai, Mullah Pireh Vagif, A. Bakibayev, H.F. Anudin, M.A. Sabir, J.Mamedgulizada, Huseyin Javid, J.Sabir, Saaved Hargun, Akaga Vahid, Ruzul-Rza.

The country of Azerbaijan was immortalized by such talented painters as Sattar Bakhitabade, Tale Salehov, Iqbal Hamedbayev, Mirajil Abdullayev and many others.

Our national music - mugam - inspired such outstanding composers as Uzeyir Hajibeyov, Mulla Hagnamazov, Gara Garayev, Fikret Amirov, Nizami, Arif Mollav and others to create their masterpieces, which are still known today throughout the world. It also gave the inspiration to such wonderful vocalists as Babul and Rashid Behbudov.

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**THE ACTIVITIES  
 OF THE  
 HEYDAR ALIYEV  
 FOUNDATION  
 IN THE FIELD  
 OF SCIENCE AND  
 TECHNOLOGIES**



Science and technology are among the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's priority areas indeed.

The Azerbaijan Internet portal created by the Foundation in 2005 with a view to promoting the nation's millennial history, values and

traditions throughout the world is second to none in the country in terms of scope, wealth and universality of the materials used and technologies applied. The portal encompasses the following sections: News, General Information, Nature,



History, Economics, Culture, Society, Public Administration, Azerbaijan in the World, The Azerbaijani-Armenian Daghyg Garabagh Conflict, Administrative Units and Maps. Along with comprehensive scientific information, each section is augmented with numerous photos and documents that substantially add value to the information provided. Meanwhile, each section is divided into sub-sections. The Portal is offered in Azerbaijani, English and Russian. All in all, the Azerbaijan Portal is very supportive in providing a complete, real and comprehensive idea about the whole country.

In the meantime, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation is actively involved in drafting and developing various websites and multimedia

disks. As of the year of 2005, sites dedicated to national leader Heydar Aliyev and Academician Zarifa Aliyeva were developed in Azerbaijani, English and Russian, together with the website concerning the Heydar Aliyev Foundation.

Multimedia disks with life records of national leader Heydar Aliyev and prominent ophthalmologist Zarifa Aliyeva were issued by the Foundation in 2008 to commemorate their 85th anniversaries.

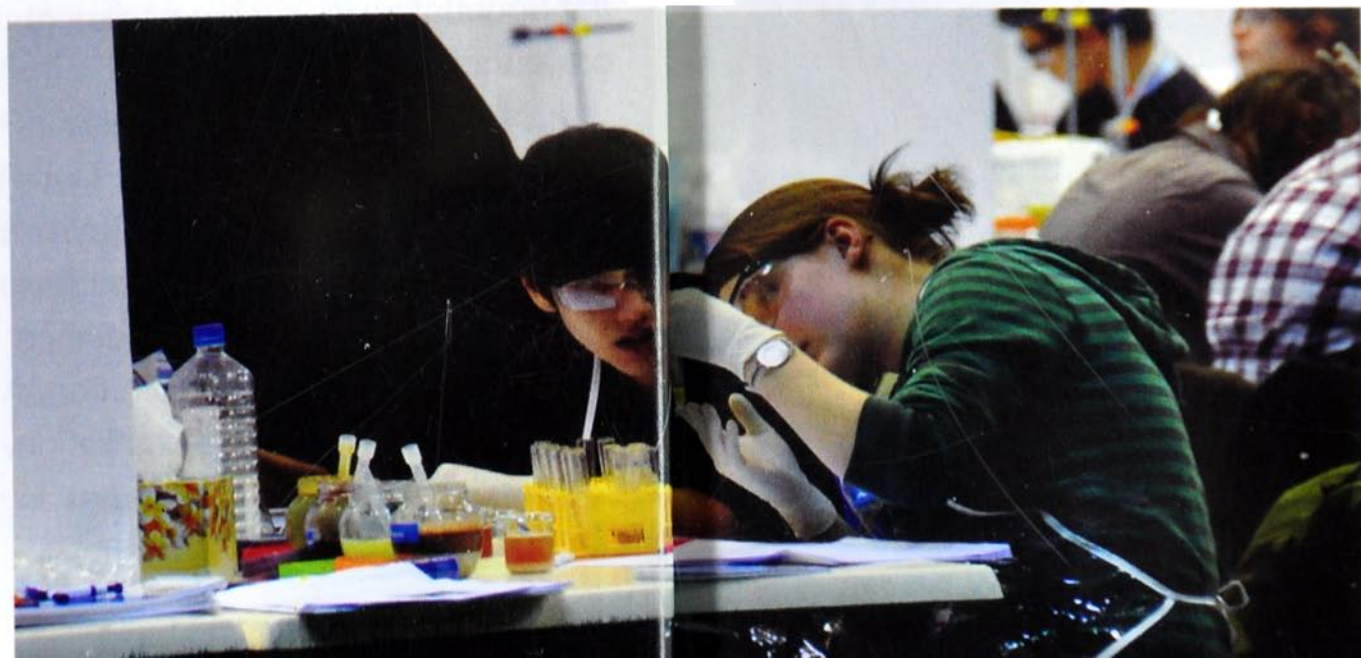
In December 2009, the 6th International Scientific Olympiad was arranged in Baku by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation in conjunction with the International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) and the National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan (NASA). The teenager contest in



physics, chemistry and biology attracted more than 600 schoolchildren and their teachers from 49 countries.

With constant attention towards physical, intellectual and spiritual health of the younger generation, Young Intellectual and Ascent of Shirvanshahs table games were developed by the Foundation in the

edge game technologies, the games in question are very conducive to the teenagers' intellectual development and in the meantime instructive in terms of fostering their interest towards the nation's history and culture, developing memory and encouraging artistic thinking and creative capacities.





***THE ACTIVITIES  
OF THE  
HEYDAR ALIYEV  
FOUNDATION IN THE  
FIELD OF SPORT***





Mindful of the youngsters' all-round development, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation is conducting various projects to promote sports among the younger generation and to bring them up with 'a sound mind in a sound body'.

Gymnasiums and football grounds are provided in all secondary schools and preschool institutions constructed on the Foundation's initiative, and mini-stadiums and areas equipped with sport facilities are created in newly laid out facilities. These activities are augmented by a set of visual aids and publications issued by the Foundation.

The Second Chess Tournament, also known as The President Cup, was arranged in Baku in May



*Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva with the sportsmen - the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's grant-holders.  
September 2, 2008.*

2007 in memory of national leader Heydar Aliyev. This event was followed by the Third International Chess Festival in May 2008, attended by International Grand Masters and recognized figures in chess from all over the world.

Medal winners in the Olympic Games and Paralympics held during the period of Azerbaijan's independence have been entitled to the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's scholarships and diplomas.

On October 30, 2011, a chess school built on the initiative of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation was launched in the town of Ujar. 240 pupils can play chess at a time in the large room of the school.





**ENVIRONMENTAL  
ACTIVITIES  
OF THE  
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FOUNDATION**

## ***A Tree Per Person Project***

In 2007 “A Tree Per Person” campaign was launched by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation with a view to improving the environment and enhancing the ecological situation. By planting 20 thousand saplings of evergreen trees in the abandoned areas of Baku’s suburbs, the Foundation initiated a project that got a broad public response indeed.

Within a short period of time, this initiative was widely supported all over Azerbaijan in a form of landscape gardening campaigns that resulted in over a million trees and shrubs planted in the country.

## ***The Project for Gazelles’ Protection and Reintroduction, and Restoration of their Original Habitat***

With the support of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan is currently conducting the project on The Gazelles Protection, Reintroduction and Original Habitat Restoration in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The project in question is of exceptional importance from the standpoint of retention of natural environmental balance, environmental history and biodiversity in the country. The project envisages reintroduction of 150 species of gazelles equipped with signal collars to the





Gobustan-Ganjichay Preserve, one of the major historic deer habitat areas, and their further tracing through satellites. Pursuant to the project, existing problems of gazelles' habitation shall be studied and addressed, with water and nutrition supplies provided in arid areas. Rapid reaction anti-poacher groups shall be manned and equipped in due course to protect the gazelle population, the project area regularly monitored, with important biotechnical steps taken in due time and environmental awareness campaigns for the local population conducted. Introduction of the first flock of gazelles to the Preserve was accomplished in December 2010.

*The process of introducing the first flock of gazelles into the territory of Gobustan-Ganjachay State Natural Preserve near the Pirakashkul settlement of the Absheron District.  
December 24, 2010.*



**THE PUBLICATIONS  
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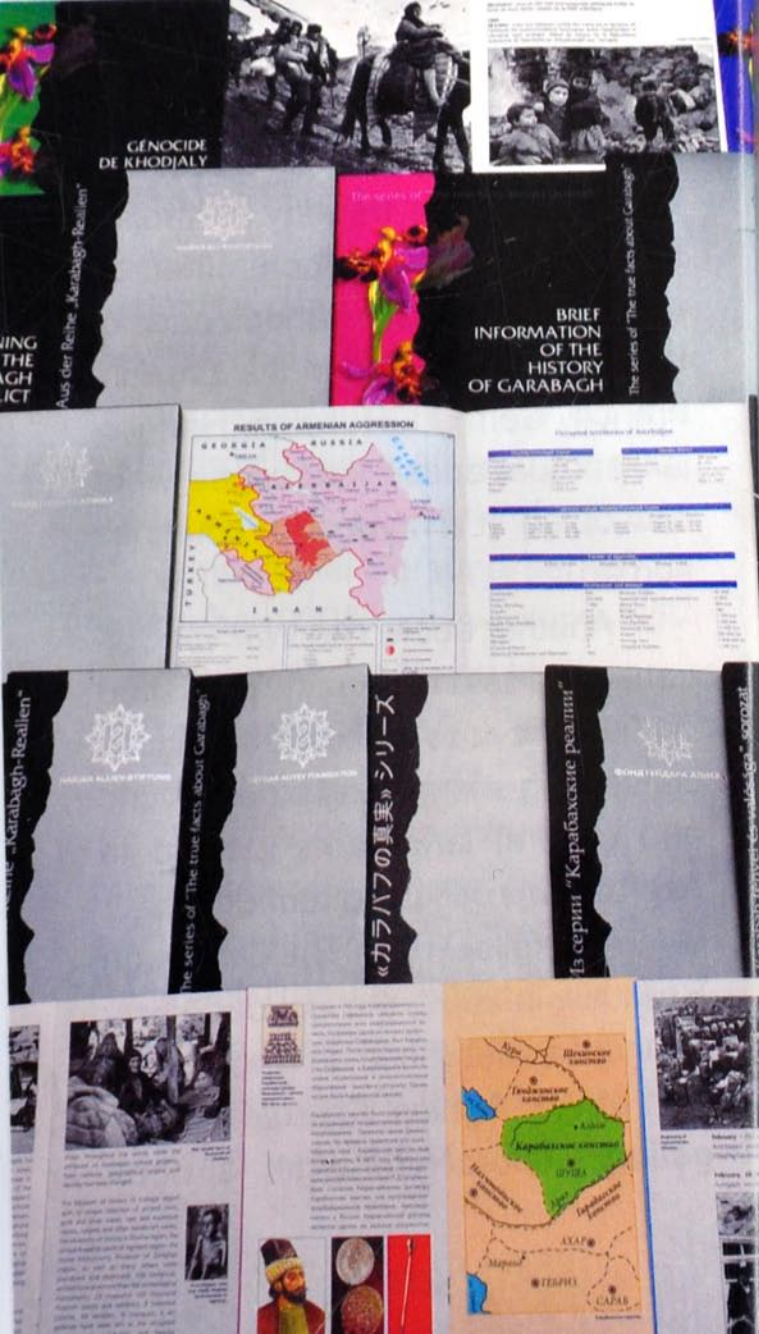
Since 2004 onwards, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation has been publishing books dedicated to the life and activities of Azerbaijan's national leader Heydar Aliyev. In 2005-2007, the Foundation supported the Azerbaijani, Russian, English and Farsi versions of Heydar Aliyev book published in the framework of the Life of Remarkable Persons series. In November 2008, a two-volume edition Heydar Aliyev: Smart Ideas comprising dicta and sayings of the national leader was issued.

In order to pass a true and unbiased message concerning Azerbaijan, a series of booklets entitled Garabagh Realities was published in 2006. The booklets revealing the history of Garabagh, the roots of the Azerbaijani-Armenian Daghlyg Ga-

rabagh Conflict and the damage inflicted on the country as a result of it, as well as the tragedy in Khojaly and terrorist attacks committed by ethnic Armenians in various parts of the world, published in the English, French, German, Russian, Hungarian and Japanese languages were distributed in a number of countries abroad.

Another book, The War vs. Cultural and Historic Legacy, published in 2006, provides detailed information concerning shrines and other historic and cultural landmarks located in Azerbaijan's occupied territories.

As a follow-up of The Garabagh Realities, in 2007, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation published an English version of War Against Azerbaijan: Targeting Cultural Heritage, a book



shedding light on the consistent policy of vandalism pursued by Armenia towards Azerbaijan's tangible and intangible cultural heritage and its grave outcomes. The book presents the list of cultural landmarks in each and every occupied administrative district of Azerbaijan, augmented by maps and video-records depicting the original and present-day conditions of the Azerbaijani historic and cultural sites located both in the territory of Armenia and the areas currently under occupation. In the meantime, detailed written and photographic information is provided with respect to the landmarks being nowadays destroyed as a result of atrocities by the occupying Armenian forces.

In 2005-2009, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation supported publication of



the following works by a Russian scholar, writer and historian Professor Rudolph Ivanov: Defense of Bayazid: Truth and Lies, Adjutant General of His Majesty: Epic Quest of Husseyn-Khan Nakhchivanski, on behalf of the Soviet Union. All the books named above were published in Russian.

In the meantime, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation is actively involved in promoting the most remarkable pieces of the Azerbaijani literature abroad, and translating valuable foreign literary works into the Azerbaijani language. The works made available for the Azerbaijani audience in 2005-2008 include "Where Dreams Come True" by Linda Lee Ratto, The Turks and the World: Our Forgotten History by Murad Adji, Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan Pipeline: Oil

Window to the West by S. Frederick Starr and Svante E. Cornell, Adjutant General of His Majesty: Epic Quest of Husseyn-Khan Nakhchivanski by Rudolph Ivanov. In 2006, a novel and short stories by Mir-Jalal Pashayev were translated and published in Turkish, whereas Qabusnameh epic story was made available in Russian.

In 2005, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation published the Jubilee Album dedicated to the 50th anniversary of joint activities of outstanding musician M.Rostropovich and his spouse G.Vishnevskaya. The disks with records of their performances were accompanied by richly illustrated book with Russian and English comments.

In the framework of the cooperation with ISESCO, in 2006, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation undertook the





translation and published the Arabic version of *The Leading Lights Modern Arabic Literature* by prominent orientalist Aida Imanguliyeva.

Bearing in mind the high public demand in a popular edition concerning the burial place of Azerbaijan's most outstanding figures frequently attended by foreign visitors, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation sponsored publication of *The Honorary Cemetery inquiry book* in 2007. Compiled in English and Azerbaijani, the book starts with an article dedicated to the life and activities of Heydar Aliyev, and provides information regarding other persons buried at the Honorary Cemetery in alphabetic order.

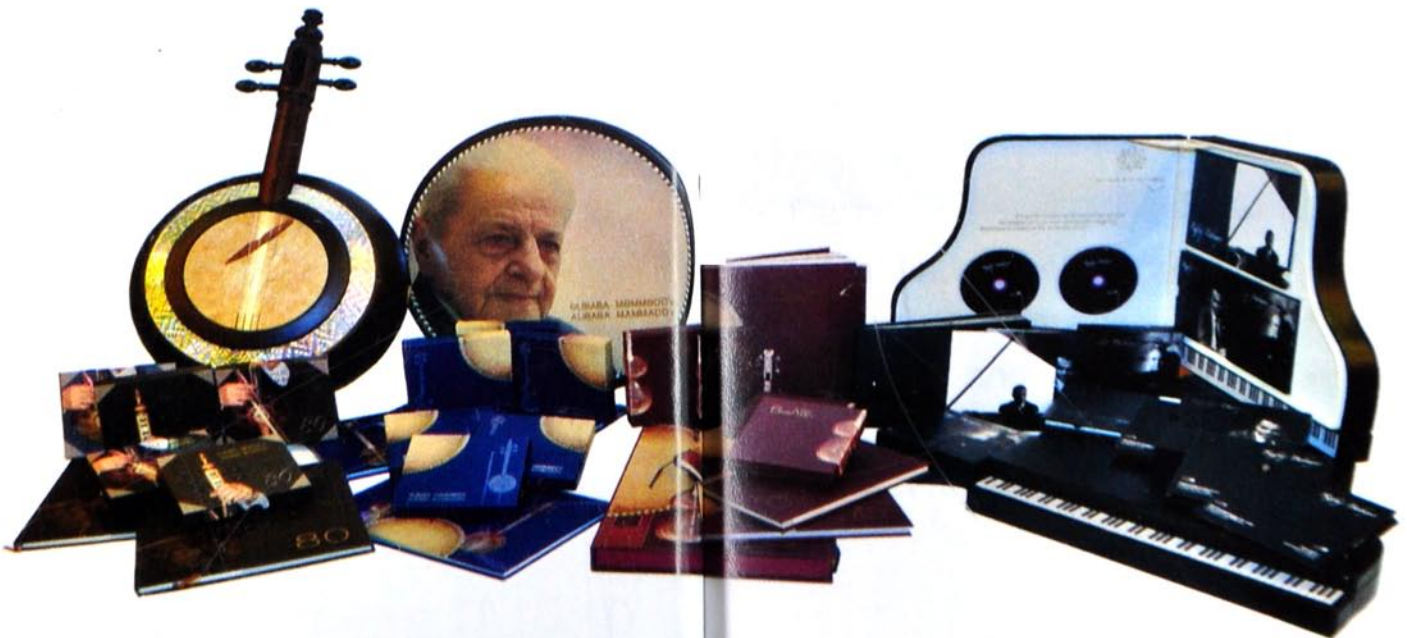
In 2008, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation initiated albums of the following recognized musicians and



People's Artists of Azerbaijan: Arif Babayev, a renowned mugham performer, Rafiq Babayev, a virtuoso pianist and jazzman, Habil Aliyev, a virtuoso kamancha performer, Alibaba Mammadov, a popular artist, whereas in 2010, musical albums of Janali Akbarov and Aghakhan Abdullayev, both People's Artists of Azerbaijan, were published. The albums comprising unique materials about the artists in

question found in Azerbaijan's National Archives and abroad include books providing information on their life stories and professional accomplishments and disks with video and audio records of their performances.

In September 2008, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation conducted the Uzeyir's World project dedicated to Uzeyir Hajibeyli, a special figure in the history of Azerbaijan's musical



culture and the founding father of the modern professional Azerbaijani music and national opera.

The presentation set comprises books like The Chronicle of Life, The Uzeyir Hajibeyli Encyclopaedia, Literary and Journalistic Works, as well as clavier, librettos and CD records of Leyli and Majnun, Koroghlu (The Blind Man's Son) and This One if Not That One operas and operettas.

The book comprises facts, figures and documents published about Uzeyir Hajibeyli in a broad variety of sources during last 60 years, whereas the documents include U.Hajibeyli's works and comments about them together with the materials related to the composer and a complete bibliography of works necessary for thorough study of his legacy.





The Foundation's new edition on mugham, The Mugham Encyclopedia, went out of print in September 2008. A two-volume edition is valuable both in terms of very detailed information on mugham it provides, and the records of the Azerbaijani mughams performed by various artists (khanende). In general, the Encyclopedia comprises 1300 articles (texts) and more than 200 photos. 5 albums consisting of 125 discs recorded in MP3 format encompass 260 video and audio records since the very first recorded mugham performances in the early 20th century all the way to the winners of the TV mugham contest in 2007. It was for the first time that such a comprehensive collection of mugham and other performances presented by both recognized artists

and beginners was compiled to create an all-embracing picture of Azerbaijan's mugham legacy.

In September 2008, the collection of Azerbaijani cartoons was published by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The set of DVD disks issued to commemorate the 75th anniversary of animation art in Azerbaijan includes 9 films produced in various periods and restored in the Azerbaijani language.

In October 2008, Shusha Graphics book in Azerbaijani, Russian and English was published with the support of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation. The book starts with a historic article about the town of Shusha, currently under occupation, and

provides graphic images of local mosques, neighborhoods, squares, springs, galleries, architectural landmarks and residences of various Azerbaijani figures in culture and arts originating from Shusha.

In May 2009, a multimedia children's songs disk was issued with records of popular children's songs by recognized Azerbaijani poets and composers performed by renowned artists.

In 2009, together with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation succeeded in producing a karaoke disk with popular Azerbaijani songs.

In May 2009, Ahlaqi Nasiri work encompassing rich and versatile philosophical views of famous Azerbaijani mediaeval scholar and public

figure Nasreddin Tusi was published in a form of a very refined and elaborate edition.

In 2009, the Azerbaijani Mugham multimedia collection was issued as a training aid following the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's incentive.

The collection provides substantial explanations regarding this valuable piece of Azerbaijan's musical heritage including types of mugham, its genre, origin, structure, musical components and specificities of composition.

With 8 disks in a set, "The Azerbaijani Mugham" multimedia collection is offered in Azerbaijani and English.

The World of Mugham edition published in 2009 was dedicated to the International Mugham Festival



held in Baku under the auspices of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation. The collection comprises books in the Azerbaijani, Russian and English languages and 33 DVD disks with records of the Azerbaijani mugham operas, symphony mughams, classic Azerbaijani mugham compositions, foreign artists' performances and pieces of ethnic jazz.

Azerbaijan deluxe edition went out of print and was presented by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation in March 2010. The edition drafted to provide comprehensive information about the country boasts of more than 1000 photos depicting the nation's ancient history, culture, deeply-rooted traditions, ethnographic specificities together with the very modern images. Originally published in Azerbaijani, the

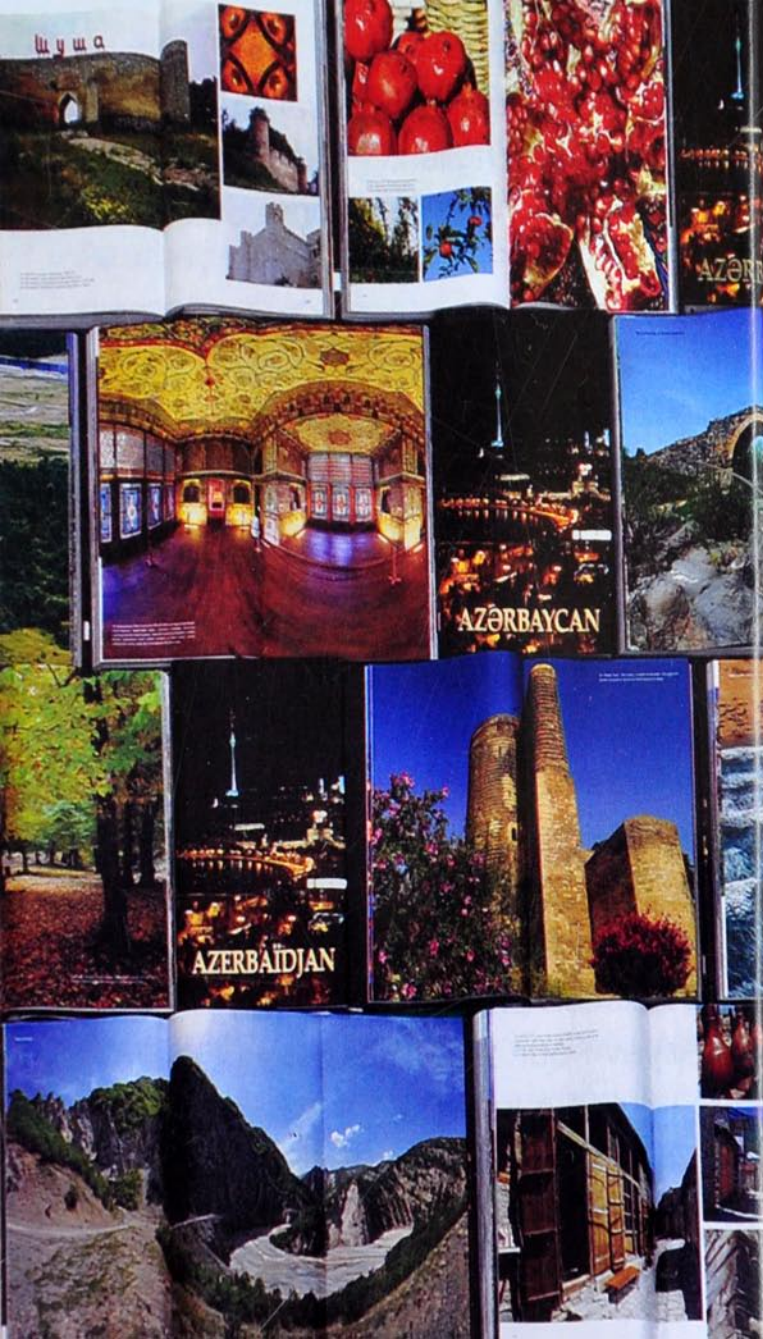
edition is currently available in the Russian, English, French, German, Arabic, Turkish and some other versions.

In 2011, "Gara Garayev. Life and Creative Legacy in the Files of the Azerbaijan State Museum of Musical Culture" edition tracing the background of one of Azerbaijan's most famous composers of the 20th century was published by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation together with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

In February 2011, a set of booklets on the Azerbaijani history, nature, cultural legacy, carpet-weaving traditions, architecture and cuisine was published in French with the Heydar Aliyev Foundation's support.

In February 2011, The Azerbaijani Carpets edition comprising book-





lets and multimedia disks with detailed information on the local carpet-weaving traditions was published in the Azerbaijani, English and French languages.

The Mansurovs edition dedicated to the 100th anniversary of outstanding tar performer, the People's Artist of Azerbaijan, Bahram Mansurov, was issued by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation to commemorate the musician's 100th anniversary in 2011.

In 2011, a karaoke disk with the songs by famous Azerbaijani composers was issued by the Foundation.

In 2011, the "Khamsa" work by Azerbaijani poet of genius Nizami Ganjavi was published in commemoration of the poet's 870th jubilee.



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