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Malaysia and Azerbaijan established its diplomatic relations on 5th April 1993 with the aim of strengthening its political, economic and socio-cultural links. However, diplomatic relations with Azerbaijan was conducted through the Embassy of Malaysia in Ankara, Turkey, that was concurrently accredited to Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan established its Diplomatic mission in Malaysia in 2007, while Malaysia established its Embassy in Baku, Azerbaijan in 2014.

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THE 5TH BAKU INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN FORUM, 29-30 September 2016

The 5th Baku International Humanitarian forum was held in Baku from 29 – 30 September 2016. The purpose of the forum is to build a dialogue through round tables. It is the formation of a platform for constructive debates and discussions, exchange of ideas, theoretical and practical knowledge.



The two-day Forum features six round tables including “Different Models of Multiculturalism: from Theory to Humanitarian Practice”, “The Importance of Preserving the Human Capital in Conditions of Mass Migration as a Basis for Sustainable Development”, “Transforming of Journalism for the Information Age and its Role

in Ensuring Inter-Civilizational Dialogue”, “Sustainable Development and Ecological Civilization”, “Molecular Biology, Biophysics, Biotechnology and Issues of Personnel Training



in Modern Medicine: Innovative and Ethical Problems” and “Converging Technologies and Predictions for the Future: the Main Challenges of the 21st Century”.

Malaysia was represented by YB Datuk Aaron Ago Anak Dagang, Member of Parliament Malaysia (Kanowit). He is also a member of the Malaysia-Azerbaijan Interparliamentary Friendship group. During his visit to Baku, YB Datuk Aaron met with the members of the Malaysia-Azerbaijan Interparliamentary Friendship group from Azerbaijan side and discussed the friendly relations between the two countries. The dinner meeting was hosted by H.E. Dato’ Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman, Ambassador of Malaysia to Azerbaijan and H.E. Qaley Allahverdiyev, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Malaysia was also present.



MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP)

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“Malaysian Technical Cooperation Program (MTCP) Bowling Tournament” was organized by the Embassy of Malaysia in Baku on 8 October 2016. The event took place at Baku Olympic Star.



The event was open to all MTCP participants from Azerbaijan along with their family, Malaysian Embassy Staff and also to other guests of the Embassy. The purpose of the event, other than participating in the tournament, was to have a get-together and knowledge exchange among the MTCP participants, as well as, with the staff of the Embassy.



After the tournament, His Excellency Dato' Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Republic of Azerbaijan gave away prizes to the winners of the tournament.



EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA OPEN DAY

“Embassy of Malaysia Open Day” was held on 20 November 2016 at the premises of the Embassy.



The purpose of the event was to get together and meet all the Malaysians living in Azerbaijan, as well as, to get them to know each other.

His Excellency Dato' Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Republic of Azerbaijan delivered opening remark and welcomed the guests.



Taking the opportunity, Malaysians residing in Azerbaijan registered themselves and the Mission had the opportunity to update its database.



Malaysian food, as well as, Azerbaijan delicacies were served during the gathering.

COURTESY CALL BY DR. GANIRA PASHAYEVA, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

On 15 December 2016, Dr. Ganira Pashayeva, a member of the Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan, paid a courtesy call on H.E. Dato' Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to the Republic of Azerbaijan.



Dr. Pashayeva who is also the member of Azerbaijan-Malaysia Interparliamentary Friendship group thanked H.E. Ambassador for accepting her request for a meeting. The sides discussed the cooperation of the two countries in different fields. They also touched the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict problem and Dr Pashayeva extended her appreciation to Malaysia for supporting Azerbaijan's territorial integrity and

sovereignty, especially for the support in Karabakh conflict in International Organizations.



Courtesy Call by the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to the Republic of Azerbaijan

On 19 December 2016, the Ambassador of Malaysia received a courtesy call by H.E. Mohamed Adil Embarch, Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary of the Kingdom of Morocco to the Republic of Azerbaijan. H.E. Dato' Roslan Abdul Rahman congratulated the newly appointed Ambassador and welcomed him to Azerbaijan. The Ambassadors discussed on issues of common interest.



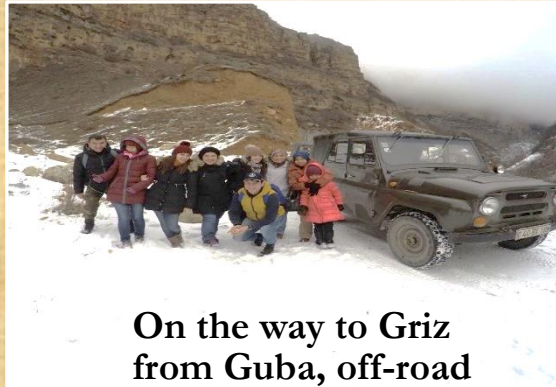


The staff of the Embassy of Malaysia in Baku had a trip to the village Griz, which is located in Guba, Azerbaijan. Griz is a distinctive mountainous village of Guba and is situated 3 hours' drive from Baku. It has an altitude of 2600 meters above sea level.



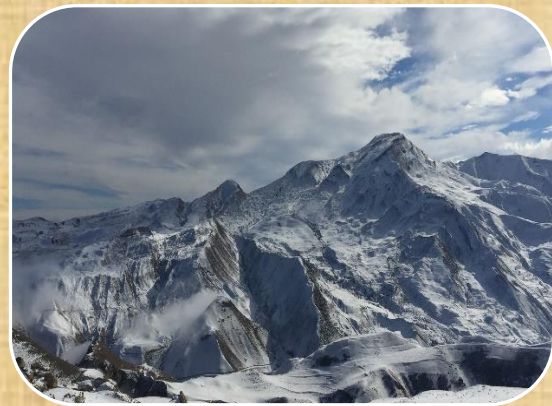


Frozen Waterfall in the cave, Griz



On the way to Griz from Guba, off-road

We departed at 8:00 in the morning from Baku and after stopover in Guba for 30 minutes reached Griz at 12:45.



1.5 hour hiking from village to the waterfall cave

NEWS : MODERATION KEY TO AZERBAIJAN'S SUCCESS



BAKU, Dec 31 (Bernama) -- The concept of moderation has obviously done much good for Azerbaijan, a multi-cultural and multi-faith Central Asian country that has developed into a modern and self-sufficient nation with a strong and diversified economy.

Azerbaijan's charismatic President Ilham Aliyev has always emphasised moderation as a way to unite the Azerbaijanis and bring success to the Islamic country of some 9.6 million people.

The President is very focused on making Azerbaijan, which gained independence from the Soviet Union 25 years ago, stronger politically, economically and socially.

And he has succeeded, as the resource-rich economy of Azerbaijan grew more than three times over the last three years.

According to Malaysian envoy Datuk Roslan Abdul Rahman, "interestingly this (concept of moderation) has worked quite well; there is not much religious tension here."

All faiths are protected by the state, the Malaysian Ambassador to Azerbaijan told Bernama on the sidelines of the News Agencies World Congress (NAWC) held here recently.

To emphasise his point, Roslan said that an Armenian church here was also protected by the state although, technically, Azerbaijan and Armenia were still at war.

"So, you can see this kind of development here," said Roslan, who was appointed as Malaysia's first ambassador to Azerbaijan when the Malaysian embassy was officially opened on Sept 12, 2014, by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak who was on a two-day official visit then.

Roslan recalled President Aliyev's speech opening the NAWC, pointing out that the latter had emphasised Azerbaijan's multi-ethnic and multi-religious society, with the people of different ethnic groups and religions living in peace and dignity.

The ambassador said the president's message was: "At the end of the day, you are living in the same place and the same country and you are trying to develop this country and that Azerbaijan could be a model to many societies trying to grapple with this issue and trying to move on."

However, Roslan said, Azerbaijan was still looking at Malaysia and Indonesia in moving forward to become a role model for a multi-racial and multi-faith society.

On bilateral relations, investments and trade, the ambassador said Malaysia's national oil company Petronas had done well and invested some US\$3 billion in oil and gas projects in Azerbaijan since 2014.

As for people-to-people contact, an important aspect of bilateral ties, not many Malaysians have been coming to Azerbaijan, also known as 'The Land of Fire', with its centuries-old culture and history and where the people's lifestyle presents a unique and harmonious combination of the traditions and ceremonies of different cultures and civilisations.

"We have economic interest here. We will expand the political, economic (aspects) and later on the social and cultural as well as people-to-people contact," the envoy said, adding that not many Malaysians have visited Azerbaijan.

He said, however, that the Azerbaijani government's decision to open up its visa regime early this year, with a visa-on-arrival facility for Malaysians, has been helpful for those wanting to come to Azerbaijan.

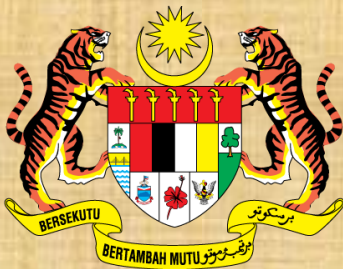
"We are also trying to entice, maybe, AirAsia to come over to Baku. It is already flying to Tehran, which is quite close. We are sounding out to AirAsia to fly here," he said.

There might be a need for further discussions with AirAsia on this and, once this takes place, there would be more people-to-people contact, he said.

Roslan also said that he hoped Aliyev would visit Malaysia.

Najib, during his visit here, invited Aliyev to visit Malaysia, he said.

"We are waiting for the right time for the president to come to Malaysia," he added.



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