

Azerbaijan - Canada relations

Brief historical information on diplomatic relations:

Canada recognized the independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan on December 25, 1991. Diplomatic relations between the two countries were established on August 10, 1992.

Inter-parliamentary relations:

Friendship groups

In November 2006, *Canada-Azerbaijan Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group* was established in the Canadian Parliament. Mr. Barry Devolin, Conservative MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock is Chair of the Friendship Group.

Mr. Sabir Rustamkhanli, MP is Head of the *Working Group on Azerbaijan-Canada Inter-Parliamentary relations* in the Milli Mejlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Bilateral visits:

In May, 2010 Mr. Sabir Rustamkhanli, Chair of Azerbaijan-Canada Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group in Milli Mejlis (Parliament) of Azerbaijan visited Canada.

From April 2 to 7, 2013 a Canadian parliamentary delegation led by Mr. Barry Devolin, Member of Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock and Chair of the Canada-Azerbaijan Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group visited Azerbaijan.

Bilateral cooperation:

Political cooperation:

- From March 27 to 28, 2006, Mr. Araz Azimov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan visited Canada.

- On April 16, 2010, Mr. Robert Hage, Director General for Europe, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada visited Azerbaijan.

Economic and trade cooperation:

Trade turnover for January-March 2013 (Source: State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan)

Bilateral trade volume: 2.47 million USD.

Exports: N/A

Imports: 2.47 million USD.

Bilateral documents

Convention between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of Canada on abrogation of double taxation in respect to income and property taxes and prevention of tax evasion (Baku, September, 2004).

Humanitarian field:

Education

Currently, about 100 students from Azerbaijan study at various Canadian universities within the framework of the State Program on Education of Azerbaijani Youth Abroad for 2007-2015.

Cultural and scholarly events

- Since 2006, Azerbaijan participated at the Annual Music Niagara Festival. The days of Azerbaijani culture have been held within the Festival.
- Over the past years, a number of cultural events dedicated to famous Azerbaijani artists, such as Muslum Magomayev, Chingiz Sadigov and Alim Gasimov were organized in Canada.
- During the years of 2010-2011, a theatre performance "Gulnara's dress" (La robe de Gulnara) about the life of Azerbaijani refugees, written by Canadian author Isabelle Hubert, was staged in various cities of Canada.
- The Embassy in cooperation with the universities of Toronto, Carleton and York has organized a number of scholarly conferences on Azerbaijan.

- On April 19, 2013, the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan has organized a concert dedicated to the 90th anniversary of the National Leader Heydar Aliyev at National Gallery of Canada.
- On April 26, 2013, Munk School of Global Affairs at University of Toronto held workshop entitled “Contemporary Issues in Azerbaijan”.
- On May 26, 2013, a concert performed by Niagara Silk Road Chamber Orchestra dedicated to the Republic Day and the 90th Anniversary of National Lider Heydar Aliyev was staged at Toronto Royal Conservatory of Music.
- On May 28, 2013, a concert performed by Niagara Silk Road Chamber Orchestra dedicated to the Republic Day and the 90th Anniversary of National Lider Heydar Aliyev was staged in St Marc’s church, Niagara-on-the Lake.
- On July 21, 2013, a concert of Azerbaijani music and dance was staged in Niagara-on-the-Lake in the framework of the Niagara Music Festival.

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