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Azerbaijani Ambassador to Canada Visit Sudbury

Farid Shafiyev, the Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Canada visited Sudbury, Ontario. In a meeting with Ms. Marianne Matichuk, the mayor of Sudbury, there was discussion of issues of bilateral cooperation, focused on the experience of Sudbury in the mining industry. Ambassador Shafiyev also met with Sudbury MP Glenn Thibeault. They discussed the bilateral development of parliamentary relations as well as political, economical and humanitarian issues. The ambassador also visited "Dynamic Earth", an underground tunnel that explains the mining industry.

Azerbaijani Ambassador Makes Presentation at Laurentian University

Laurentian University hosted a presentation "Azerbaijan: international law issues" by Farid Shafiyev in Sudbury. The ambassador gave a guest lecture about the history of Azerbaijan, including the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the legal status of the Caspian Sea. Following the presentation, Mr. Shafiyev met with Mr. Dominic Giroux, the president of the university to discuss educational cooperation between Azerbaijan and Canada.

Presentation at Glendon College About Azerbaijan

Farid Shafiyev gave a presentation on the issue "Fight against transnational organized crime in Azerbaijan" at Glendon College, York University. Mr. Shafiyev gave general information about Azerbaijan and the current

regional security issues. Ambassador spoke about the fight against the organized crime, human trafficking and illegal trafficking of drugs in Azerbaijan. Mr. Shafiyev held a meeting with Mr. Kenneth McRoberts, principal of Glendon College and discussed the perspectives of bilateral scientific, research and student exchange issues.

Azerbaijan's Broadband Internet Penetration Rate Reaches 15%

The penetration rate of broadband Internet in Azerbaijan reached 15%, said Ali Abbasov, Minister of Communications and Information Technologies of Azerbaijan. "Today the overall internet penetration rate in the country is 50%, which more than twice exceeds the world average indicators in this segment" said the minister. According to the Ministry's estimates, the growth in the broadband market will be approximately 40% in 2011. Over the past one and a half year, the prices on the internet in Azerbaijan were reduced by eight or nine times and today the average price of connection to the ADSL service at speeds of 1 Mbps is 20 manat (22 CAD). At present, Azerbaijan prepares a concept of broadband internet access development. The concept implies increasing the number of ports of broadband Internet access in the telecommunications operator hubs, reducing tariffs, increasing the number of proposed tariff plans, developing infrastructure for multimedia services, expanding content services (banking, electronic commerce, etc.).

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