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Visit of Azerbaijani IT Delegation

The Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan led by Deputy Minister of Communication and Information Technologies Mr. Iltimas Mammadov visited Canada on October 9-13. The visit was sponsored through “Partnership for Tomorrow Program 2” funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and administered by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC).

The goal of the visit is to learn Canadian experience in managing and developing IT clusters as well as to foster the partnership between Azerbaijani and Canadian IT sectors at different levels. The Azerbaijani Delegation explored the prospect of the creation of sustainable partnerships between the Government of Azerbaijan, selected private sector organizations and academic research institutes and Canadian counterparts.

The Delegation held meetings with the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation, Industry Canada, National Research Council of Canada, Precarn Inc., Nortel and some other academic and private institutions as well as made presentation on national ITC industry during a private sector round table.

Azerbaijani ITC industry is the second FDI recipient after the oil industry, and in recent years, has shown a remarkable 35-40 percent annual growth. The Government has come up with a national strategy for the development of information and communication technologies and is focused on developing national IT education.