

Azerbaijan - Australia relations

Brief historical information:

The Commonwealth of Australia recognized the independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan on December 26, 1991. Diplomatic relations between two countries have been established on June 19, 1992. On April 6, 2012 a law was adopted on establishing of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Commonwealth of Australia. On January 16, 2013 President of the Republic of Azerbaijan H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev issued the Decree on the appointment of Mr. Rovshan Jamshidov Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Commonwealth of Australia. On June 26, 2013 Ambassador R.Jamshidov presented his credentials to H.E. Quentin Bryce, Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

High-level mutual visits:

Head of States:

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, as a President of the National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan visited Australia on September 15 – October 1, 2000, connected with the holding of Sydney Olympic Games.

Ministers:

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Khalaf Khalafov, visited Australia on April 16-20, 2012.

The Prime Minister's Special Envoy to Eastern Europe, the Balkans and the Caucasus, Dr Russell Trood visited Azerbaijan on June 28-30 2012.

Mr. William Fischer, Ambassador of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on the issues of Struggle against Terrorism, visited Azerbaijan on September 13-15, 2013.

Inter-parliamentary relations:

On April 8, 2011, working group on inter-parliamentary relations between Azerbaijan and Australia was established in the Milli Majlis (parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Head of the working group is Mr. Imamverdi Ismayilov. Members are Sahib Aliyev, Azer Badamov, Khanlar Fatiyev, Ismail Hajiyeu.

In February 2009, Sabir Rustemkhanly, member of Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, visited Australia.

Political Cooperation:

Two countries cooperate in the framework of the United Nations and peacekeeping operations in Afghanistan. In the framework of the Partnership for Peace Program of NATO, Australia contributed nearly 50.000 USD to clearance of unexploded ordnances in Saloglu village of Agstafa region of Azerbaijan left from the former soviet military base.

Economic Cooperation:

Azerbaijan exports crude oil to Australia. Butter is imported from Australia. Foreign trade turnover volume of Azerbaijan Republic with Australia was accounted 11.81 million U.S. dollars; including volume of import 11.62 million U.S. dollars, export 0.19 million U.S. dollars in 2013.

The share of Australia in foreign trade turnover of Azerbaijan was 0.03% during the mentioned period.

Humanitarian Cooperation:

An agreement was reached to sign Memorandum of Cooperation between Australian National University and educational institutions in the sphere of music in Azerbaijan for establishment of cultural contacts and exchange of students. 35 students from Azerbaijan study in the Australian universities

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