

Visit of the Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Minoru Kiuchi to Azerbaijan (summary)

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Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Minoru Kiuchi visited capital of Azerbaijan – Baku on January 19-20, 2015. Meetings with President of the Republic of Azerbaijan H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov and other state officials were held within the framework of his visit. More detailed information about the meetings can be obtained below.



Courtesy visit to the President
of the Republic of Azerbaijan
H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev



Meeting with the Minister of
Foreign Affairs
Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov



Study visit to “Isuzu” automobile plant

1 Courtesy visit to the President H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev

- (1) President H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev expressed satisfaction with development of relations between the two countries and noting high potential in economic relations President H.E. Mr. Aliyev told that he expected participation and investments of the Japanese companies in Azerbaijan.
- (2) Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Minoru Kiuchi, in his turn, welcomed policy conducted by Azerbaijan, which gives priority to development of production in non-energy sphere in current year, which was declared “The Year of Agriculture”. The sides mainly discussed policy directed at strengthening of economic relations.

2 Courtesy visit to the Chairman of the Azerbaijani Parliament Mr. Ogtay Asadov

- (1) Chairman of the Azerbaijani Parliament Mr. Ogtay Asadov briefed on the strategic importance of Azerbaijan and prospects for development of bilateral relations and pointed out to the importance of inter-parliamentary exchange.
- (2) Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs agreed with what was said. Afterwards, the sides exchanged views not only on bilateral relations, but also cooperation on international arena and situation in the region.

3 Meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Abid Sharifov

- (1) Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Abid Sharifov mainly spoke about history of development of bilateral relations in economic sphere and future plans and, expressed desire to see entering of more Japanese companies to the Azerbaijani market.
- (2) Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Minoru Kiuchi highly appreciated Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Abid Sharifov's efforts made for development of relations between the two countries. Afterwards, representatives of both countries discussed current state of development of economic cooperation and future plans.

4 Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov

- (1) Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov expressed high expectations for further strengthening of economic relations for development of relations between the two countries. Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Minoru Kiuchi, in his turn, noted the importance of concretization of projects not only in energy sector, but also in non-energy one.
- (2) Representatives of the two countries exchanged views not only on diplomatic calendar and measures to strengthen cooperation on international arena, as well as regional and international issues.

5 Meeting with the Minister of Economy and Industry Mr. Shahin Mustafayev

- (1) Minister of Economy and Industry Mr. Shahin Mustafayev briefed on importance of Azerbaijan in the region, current economic relations between the two countries and future prospects covering concrete spheres.
- (2) State Minister for Foreign Affairs agreed to the potential of development of economic relations between the two countries and the two representatives had a discussion looking ahead to the establishment of business relations between representatives of the two countries in concrete spheres.

6 Meeting with Rector of Baku State University, Chairman of Azerbaijan-Japan Inter-parliamentary Friendship Group, Mr. Abel Maharramov

- (1) Chairman of Azerbaijan-Japan Inter-parliamentary Friendship Group, Rector of Baku State University, Mr. A. Maharramov briefed on cooperation between Baku State University and Japan with participation of students of Japanese language department of Baku State University. Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Minoru Kiuchi, in his turn, expressed gratitude for the Rector's efforts and spoke about possibility of cultivating new scientific exchanges in the future.
- (2) Moreover, the sides agreed to the importance of inter-parliamentary exchanges and exchanged the views on intensification of future exchanges.

7 Meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Abid Sharifov and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Khalaf Khalafov (lunch organized by the Azerbaijani side)

- (1) Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Minoru Kiuchi noted the economic potential of Azerbaijan and requested cooperation for entering of more Japanese companies into Azerbaijan. The Azerbaijani side, in its turn, expressed high expectations for entering of the Japanese companies not only in energy sector, but in non-energy sector, such as agriculture sphere.
- (2) Afterwards, representatives of the two countries exchanged views on economic situation in the region and future prospects of cooperation between the two countries.

8 Study visit to “Isuzu” automobile plant

Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Minoru Kiuchi visited “Isuzu” truck assembly plant located in suburb of the capital Baku. Mr. Kiuchi was briefed by representatives of the company on the activity of the plant and then inspected production line of trucks. Till now energy sector was prevailing in economic relations between the two countries. “Isuzu” truck assembly plant, which started production since September, 2014, is a leading project of cooperation between Japan and Azerbaijan in non-energy field. As result of this project economic relations between the two countries are expected to get further expanded.