

MIGRATION

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DEAR READER!

I am glad to greet you in the following issue of "Migration" journal.

Our aim is to introduce you with the activity of the State Migration Service (SMS), legislation applied in this sphere, as well as several articles along with informing you about the innovations in the sphere of migration both in our country and in the world.

We will do all our best to cover your interest in each issue of "Migration" journal.

In this issue you will get acquainted with interesting information related to innovations in the activity of the SMS, amendments made to Migration Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, advantages of "MigAz" application, cooperation with

international partners and interesting information related with regulation of migration processes in the world. Besides, new sections have also been included in the issue.

I am sure that, you will increase your knowledge with interesting and rich information on migration in the pages of this issue. I congratulate the creative staff. I wish this issue becomes very soon the real guide of the reader on trends in the sphere of migration both in Azerbaijan and in the world, contributes to informing large audience with our activity directions and innovations applied.

In recent years, under the leadership of our respected President Mr. Ilham Aliyev, very significant quantitative and qualitative changes have occurred in the development of our country and living standards of the population have risen.

Stability, economic development, multi-cultural society in the Republic of Azerbaijan, the role of our state as initiator and key participant of transnational projects, establishment of favorable business environment, as well as the works done in the direction of the development of tourism and promotion of foreign investments have increased the attractiveness of our country for foreigners. In its turn, it is one of the reasons that created necessity for flexible migration management.

Increase in the number of foreigners arriving in the country requires the improvement and development of the system for regulation of the migration processes, as well as establishment of activity of state bodies in compliance with the

modern requirements. In this regard, supporting development of the business environment by ensuring security, transparency and convenience in the field of migration is one of the main priorities of the State Migration Service.

foreigners are informed about the language, history, culture of Azerbaijan, as well as their rights and obligations through free courses.

As you know, the issues on the registration of foreigners upon place of stay, extension of

temporary staying period, issuance of temporary and

Transparency and citizen satisfaction are the key activity principles of the State Migration Service

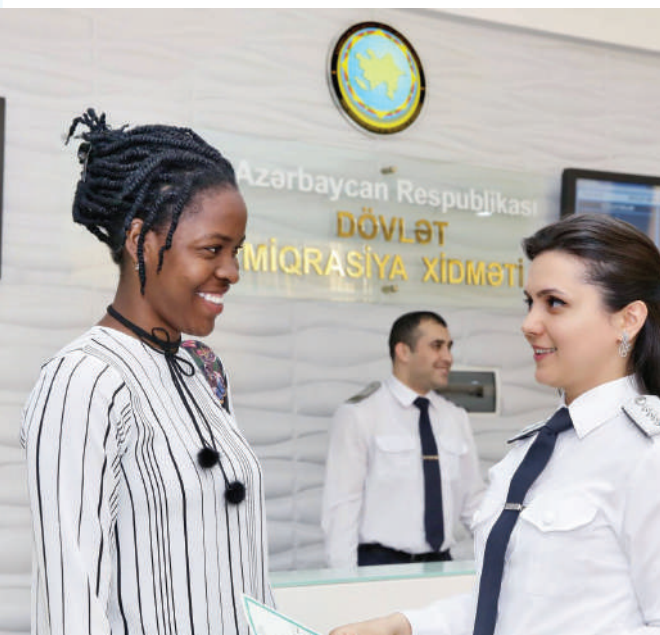


The State Migration Service is one of the state bodies where foreigners apply in the Republic of Azerbaijan. Along with providing services related to migration to foreigners by the Service staff,

permanent residence, as well as work permits to carry out paid labor activity, reception of applications related to acquisition, restoration and termination of citizenship, as well as establishment of citizenship and determination of refugee status, readmission issues and measures against illegal migration are carried out by the State Migration Service.

A number of serious steps have been taken and major activities have been carried out in the field of legislation and its application for management and regulation of migration processes. Amendments made to the migration legislation, taking into account international practice, regarding registration





of foreigners upon place of stay, their staying and residence in the country, as well as work permits are indicators of flexible migration policy and are aimed at development of the country. Thus, development of tourism and business environment is directly related to migration issues. In general, the purpose of the amendments made to migration legislation is improving conditions of citizens, foreigners, as well as migrant workers, free enjoyment of their rights, increasing their satisfaction, providing their convenience.

We are interested in informing foreigners using migration services, as well as our citizens about the procedures applied by the legislation. As our analyses prove that in some cases foreigners violate the legislation and are brought to administrative liability due to the lack of information. The role of awareness raising events is great in eliminating this problem, as well as making them feel more confident and informed. Awareness raising events, mobile

services, Open Door Days are held all over the country by the State Migration Service.

Along with the above mentioned, today, special attention is paid to ensuring citizens' satisfaction by the State Migration Service. Following the instructions and recommendations of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as in accordance with requirements of the "ASAN Service index", in order to provide

transparent and quality services to citizens, ensure their convenience, Service point of the Baku Regional Migration Department was put into operation after substantial reconstruction. At present, relevant measures are continued in the direction of providing the activity of the Service points of the Regional Migration Departments in compliance with the same requirements.

Furthermore, in order to solve the problems of foreigners who violate the requirements of migration legislation in the territory of

the country, to provide flexible and on-site services, to ensure accessibility of the provided services in the field of migration for foreigners visiting and residing in the regions, as well as citizens, to raise their satisfaction and awareness of migration legislation migration units providing 24-hour service were established at the "Samur", "Astara" and "Shikhly" border checkpoints last year. In addition, continuous activity of the Call Center - (919 telephone number) in 3 languages - Azerbaijani, English and Russian is very important in terms of ensuring the rights of obtaining necessary information and raising awareness in the sphere of migration by citizens, as well as foreigners.

Application of modern technologies and innovations in the management of migration processes, as well as development of the "MigAz" application, inclusion of a labour visa in the list of visa types in the "ASAN Visa" system serves to improving the legal status of the citizens, foreigners, as well as migrant workers, providing their convenience. Thus, we can say with



confidence that today the rights and freedoms of foreigners are fully ensured.

I want to specially emphasize one point that one of the fields which President Mr. Ilham Aliyev keeps in the center of attention is the youth policy. Specific programs are carried out by our state for the purpose of uncovering the intellectual and creative potential of young people, their education abroad, formation as a leader, taking worthy place in the society. As a result of the "Volunteer Movement" which has expanded in recent years, our young people have become irreplaceable members in the implementation of various projects among the society. A number of works have been done in this direction by the State Migration Service. So the "Migration Volunteer - You are different" project has been launched for the purpose of obtaining new knowledge and experience by young people, providing their personal skills with new opportunities. Our purpose is to support the young people who join us not only in their formation as a volunteer, but also as managing leaders in the projects. So far a number of projects have been successfully implemented with the participation of our "Migration Volunteers".

Moreover, skillful, patriotic, creative and enterprising young people cooperate with the State Migration Service, do internship, master new knowledge within the "Migration Volunteer" project which plays an important role in the development of our young people.

The purpose of the projects, events carried out in migration bodies is to serve citizens by more effective, transparent and easier ways and to ensure their satisfaction. The rendered services have been integrated into the "Electronic government" portal. Application and development of electronic services have been ensured, the application of new technologies has been expanded. The number of electronic services provided to foreigners has been increased from 11 to 14. In addition, the State Migration Service renders services in the "ASAN service" centers, as well.

I would like to mention that, at a time when the state support is strengthened to the private sector and entrepreneurship in the country, the State Migration Service holds regular meetings with employers within its competences in order to further expand the cooperation with entrepreneurs. Last year 7 meetings were held with the participation of about 800 entrepreneurs.

As a successful outcome of the implemented activities, the State Migration Service showed the highest result (68.98%) according to the report on the results of the assessment for 2017-2018 according to the "ASAN service index" in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Special attention of the country leadership to the issues of the regulation of migration processes encourages us to serve with confidence, to fulfill our service duty in front of the state with determination.

Our collective will further participate actively in protecting the interests of our statehood and ensuring our security, as well as provide high quality services to citizens of the country and foreigners.

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Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on awarding V.A.Huseynov with high special rank of III rank state migration service counselor



Guided with Article 109, Item 24 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan
I hereby decide:

Chief of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan V.A.Huseynov shall be
awarded with high special rank of III rank state migration service counselor.

Ilham Aliyev

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Baku, March 16, 2019

№ 1051



Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on awarding employees of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan “for distinction in service at migration bodies”

Guided with Article 109, Item 23 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan
I hereby decide:

The following employees of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan
shall be awarded for distinction in service and efficient activity at migration bodies with
medal “For distinction in service at migration bodies”:

Aghayev Islam Masum
Baghirov Babak Sadraddin
Alasgarli Nurlan Azar
Aliyev Rufat Tofiq
Aliyev Zamir Ramiz
Khidirov Orkhan Ismayil
Mammadov Elchin Etibar
Mammadova Vafa Yagub
Mursaliyev Elmar Mursali
Sadigov Samir Huseyn
Zeynalli Malik Bayramgulu

Ilham Aliyev
President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Baku, March 16, 2019
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THE GREAT LEADER

Heydar Aliyev. The masterpiece named independent Azerbaijan is associated with his name. A great politician who served his people without getting tired throughout his political activity! Heydar Aliyev created a new history with his endless devotion to his nation and motherland, as well as his foresight, well-thought-out and intense activity. Never ending and extensive history. Great leader Heydar Aliyev gained eternity with his unmatched services in the history of Azerbaijan. Heydar Aliyev, who ruled the state in the most difficult times, has left indelible traces in the history as one of the most prominent personalities of not only our country, but also the political elite of the world. This historic road which witnessed numerous achievements and sufferings, started in 1969. The targets set up by the genius leader from the first days stimulated the country to take a step forward in order to become an industrial country. The Azerbaijani language was ratified as a state language by the



Constitution. Military schools were established, national personnel were trained.

The end of the 1982. Heydar Aliyev, who was a member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union during that time, became the first Azerbaijani who managed to get promoted to the post of First Deputy Chair of the USSR's Council of Ministers.

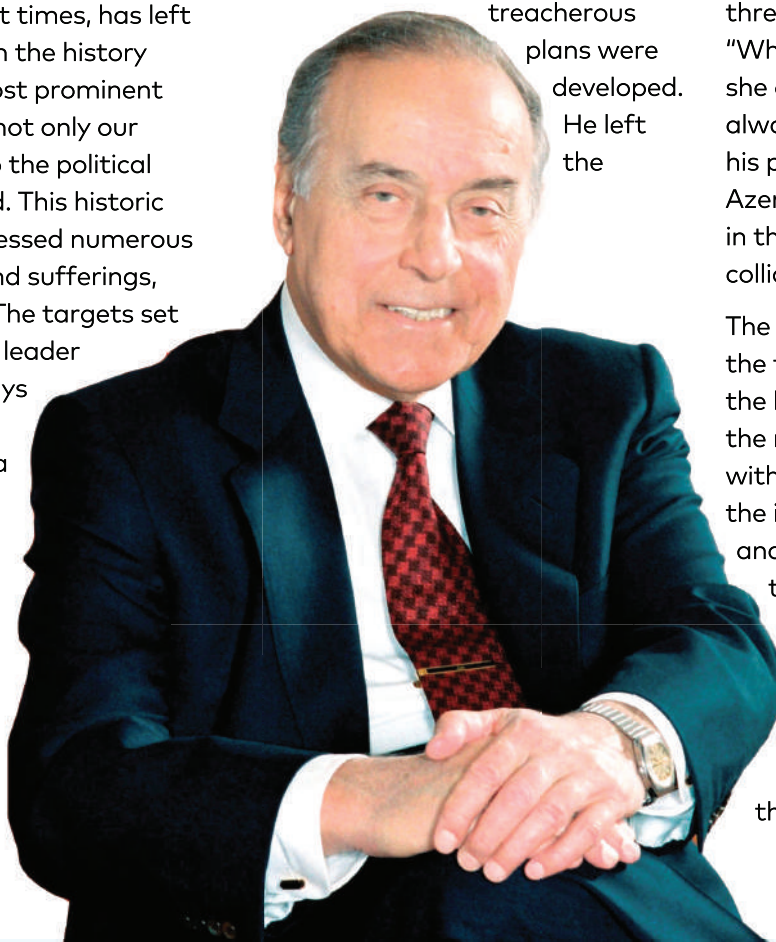
During these years, numerous plots of Armenians and their supporters were prevented. In October 1987, the biased policy pursued by Mikhail Gorbachev was strongly condemned and he resigned from all positions. Heydar Aliyev whose heart always beat with Azerbaijan demanded punishment of the criminals who committed the January 20 massacre, in Moscow, where all

treacherous plans were developed. He left the

Communist Party in protest against the dual politics pursued by the Soviet Union. But he did not leave the great politics. The hard circumstances faced by Azerbaijan made Heydar Aliyev to return to political power. In 1993, when real danger emerged for our independence, Heydar Aliyev responded the call of millions of people. He came back to Baku from Nakhchivan. And a new stage began in the history of Azerbaijan.

In October 3, 1993 he was elected the president of the Republic of Azerbaijan. With that, stability was restored in the country. After the conclusion of the "Contract of the Century" in September 1994, the oil strategy which brought billions to the country was set up. The Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline, which was founded by the Great Leader, changed geopolitical situation and decreased the real threats to the country. Stating "Whoever claims more than he/she can and knows, he/she will always lose" Heydar Aliyev with his pragmatic policy turned Azerbaijan into the global player in the region where great interests collided.

The National leader, who delivered the truth of Azerbaijan from the high tribunals proved to be the most prominent Azerbaijani with his work. He strengthened the idea of national solidarity and Azerbaijanism ideology in the history of statehood. As an author of the aphorism "In life, everyone chooses between honor and dishonor, personal welfare and social duty, greediness and honesty", this great politician, was a



bright example for everybody with his humanism principles. He forgave even ungrateful ones. But this time, life showed no mercy. However, Heydar Aliyev could reach the peak of immortality with his actions. The genius leader was one of those politicians who stated that "I have no right to lose in the battlefield, if the issue concerns the fate of my nation!". His foresight, high intelligence, strong charisma, the ability to make prompt decisions in the most critical moments made him the leader of all elections. Even those who believed that Azerbaijan will collapse in his absence were surprised. The care and attention paid by the National leader to any field is still commemorated with respect. If we take a glance at the history, the intelligence, thinking and wisdom of Heydar Aliyev is felt once again. From the first days of his leadership, the Great Leader was the supporter of youth and considered the establishment of new generation with common sense as a significant obligation of the state and society. Heydar Aliyev, who has earned the everlasting love of the people, will never be forgotten. His political activity will be an example for everyone throughout the centuries. Currently, the country feels the success of this policy. Thanks to President Ilham Aliyev, the worthy successor of Heydar Aliyev's policy, the country is stepping forward with confidence.

Great Leader served his country with all his might and paved the way for its development. It is the fact that Heydar Aliyev's policy has no alternative. The worthy political successor, President Ilham

Aliyev implements it successfully. The Great Leader meant this by saying "I have a firm belief in him and great expectations for his future". President Ilham Aliyev successfully accomplished to coordinate Azerbaijan with global and regional trends in accordance with rich heritage of the Great Leader. The rapid development of the country launched a new stage. Growing international prestige of Ilham Aliyev both strengthens the country and positively impacts the processes occurring in the region.

As a result of dynamic economic

growth of the country, the number of people visiting Azerbaijan from all over the world is increasing. The main reasons for that are existence of social and political stability in Azerbaijan, rapid development of the economy, fair working conditions, religious and national tolerance and other factors. The State Migration Service supports the development of statehood by successfully implementing tasks set forward by the President Ilham Aliyev, as well.



Migration is a natural process, it cannot be prevented and should not be prevented and has a positive character in general. Migration process concerns to all countries and nations around the world.

Migration legislation is improved

Amendments have been made to the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan related to migration to increase foreigner's and stateless person's (herein after – foreigner) satisfaction, to create conditions for more effective use of rights by foreigners having family ties and business relations in the country, as well as to improve the management of migration processes in accordance with the modern requirements.

The laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan on making amendments to the Migration Code and Code of Administrative Offenses dated July 14, 2018 have already entered into force.

According to the amendment to the legislation pursuant to Article 21 of the Migration Code foreigners or stateless persons who want to stay temporarily in the Republic of Azerbaijan for more than 15 days not 10 days will get registered upon place of stay.

According to the previous legislation if foreigners and stateless persons' permissions for stay and residence in the country, as well as for work are cancelled according to the relevant basis provided by the legislation, in any case those persons were being expelled from the country and their entry to the country were being restricted. Restriction on the entry of a foreigner, stateless person to the country for a certain period of



time in many cases created certain difficulties for the business sector, and entrepreneurs. According to the relevant amendments to the law, in case the grounds for cancellation of foreigner's and stateless person's permission for stay, residence or work in the country are removed, then the ban on entry of that person to the country will be lifted.

According to the previous version of the Migration Code if a foreigner or stateless person has been brought to administrative responsibility twice or more in the last three years for violating migration legislation, his entry into the country were being restricted for a period of five years. According to the changes, the provision of the Migration Code stipulating imposition of restriction on entry of a foreigner or stateless person to the territory of the country for a period of five years for the relevant grounds was repealed.

Another issue is about foreigner's and stateless person's departure and re-entry to the country who have been subjected to adminis-

trative corrective measures in the form of administrative fine for violation of migration legislation. From now on, for violating migration legislation foreigners and stateless persons who have been subjected to administrative corrective measures in the form of administrative fine without administrative expulsion will be able to leave the country without any restrictions on re-entry to the country if they do not pay the fine. In this case, their entry to the country is restricted until they pay the fine and after paying the fine restrictions imposed on their entry to the country are immediately lifted. Thus, there will be no need to additionally apply for lifting of the restriction. This approach will have a positive impact on increasing satisfaction in regulation of migration processes.

According to the amendments, when an application for a permanent residence permission is rejected, a mechanism regulating the issuance of a temporary residence permit on the basis of the documents submitted by that person is being

established. So that according to the change foreigners or stateless persons who have been rejected permanent residence permit will be able to apply to the State Migration Service with an application form without submitting additional documents for obtaining a temporary residence permit.

When it comes to addendum of new Articles 150.15 and 150.16 to the Code of Administrative Offenses if a person does not pay the fine within one month from the day the decision on application of administrative corrective measure in the form of administrative fine comes into legal force, 1 percent of the penalty amount will be charged as a late fee for each subsequent day, but not for more than 2 months. The change serves to increase foreigners' sense of responsibility.

The laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan on making amendments to the Migration Code and "Law on the state fee" have already entered into force.

According to the amendment to the legislation pursuant to Article 20.3 of the Migration Code if the citizenship of the Republic of Azerbaijan of a person who is the citizen of another state (country) along with belonging to the citizenship of the Republic of Azerbaijan has been terminated while he was in the territory of Azerbaijan Republic, that person has to leave the country within 30 days from the date he obtained official notification about it or in case of existence of grounds envisaged in article 45 of the Migration Code he has to apply

to the State Migration Service for obtaining temporary residence permit. During the period of processing such application the person is considered as temporary stayer in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan on legal basis.

According to the amendments foreigners and stateless persons temporarily staying in the Republic of Azerbaijan for more than 15 days should get registered upon place of stay within 15 days of arrival in the country. When a foreigner and stateless person changes his/her place of stay, he/she should get registered upon new place of stay within 5 working days from the date of arrival at the new address.

As we know according to the Migration Code when a foreigner changes his/her place of stay, he/she should get registered upon new place of stay. So that according to the amendment 5 days for getting registered upon new place of stay have been determined for foreigners.

Another amendment is related to the extension of temporary staying period of foreigners in the country. If according to the previous edition 4 cases were determined for extension of temporary staying period in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan, now the number of those cases is 5. So that according to the added article extension of the temporary staying period of the father, mother, spouse, child, brother or sister of a foreigner in the Republic of Azerbaijan is considered as a ground for the extension of the temporary

staying period of the foreigner or stateless person in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The number of the grounds for obtaining temporary residence permit for foreigners in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan have also been increased and 10 new grounds have been added to Article 45 of the Migration Code. Additions concerning foreigners who are considered victims of human trafficking or assist to criminal investigation bodies are the examples of it.

New clause concerning foreigners who are considered victims of human trafficking or assist to criminal investigation bodies are not required to obtain a work permit for carrying out paid labor activity in the territory of the country was also added to the Migration Code.

Another amendment is related to the issuance of temporary residence permit on the ground of depositing in the banks of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the amount of at least 100,000 manats on the basis of term deposit agreement. According to the amendment the list of foreigners, who have deposited in the banks money in the amount of at least 100,000 manats on the basis of a term deposit agreement, for obtaining a permit for temporary residence in the Republic of Azerbaijan shall be sent to the relevant bank by the State Migration Service within 3 working days. In case of decrease in the amount of term deposits of the foreigners indicated in that list is observed or the deposit

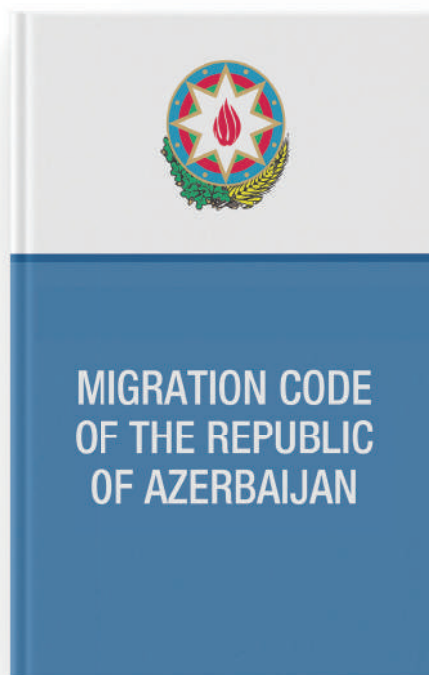
agreement is terminated, the bank should inform the State Migration Service within 3 working days.

According to the previous edition of the Migration Code when applications of foreigners and stateless persons for obtaining of a permit for permanent residence in the Republic of Azerbaijan were processed, no exception was intended for foreigners related to the requirement on checking their knowledge of rights and obligations provided for by the laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan and of state language. From now on this case shall not apply to children under the age of 18, foreigners or stateless persons who are above the age of 65 or disabled persons of group I (if the relevant confirming document is submitted) according to the amendments made to the legislation.

In order to simplify migration procedures in relation to foreigners who have invested in the economy of the country, as well as who deal with entrepreneurial activity a number of amendments have been made related to issuance of permit for permanent residence. So that foreigners who have invested at least 500,000 manats in the economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan will not be required a document confirming availability of funds required to meet minimum needs of themselves and family members staying with them in order to obtain a permit for permanent residence. Besides, according to Article 55.0.8 of the Migration Code when total number of days of foreigner's stay outside the territory of the

Republic of Azerbaijan in any year since the date of issuance of a permanent residence permit exceeds 180 days the permanent residence permit for him/her is not issued (or extended). After the amendments this Article will not be applied to foreigners who have invested at least AZN 500,000 in the economy of the country and who deal with entrepreneurial activity.

Large number of applications received by the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan related to processing



applications submitted in connection with the issuance of documents certifying the right to stay and residence in the territory of the country and the issuance of work permits to carry out paid labor activity within a short period makes necessary to pay a special attention to increasing citizens' satisfaction in this sphere.

Taking into consideration the above mentioned, amendments

had been made to the Law on "State fee" to regulate the processing of applications related to documents certifying the right to stay and residence in the territory of the country and carrying out paid labor activity within short period taking into account requirements and periods envisaged by the legislation, to improve service quality, to increase usefulness and efficiency of activity, to develop payment possibilities for services.

So that different state fees have been determined according to processing period of applications related to issuance of documents certifying the right to stay and residence in the territory of the country, as well as issuance of work permits to carry out paid labor activity depending on the intention of foreigners applied. For example, if a permission card for temporary residence in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan of an adult foreigner up to 1 year is issued or its period is extended within 15 working days, state fee in the amount of 160 manats (100 manats for minor foreigners) should be paid, but if within 20 working days 120 manats (60 manats for minor foreigners) should be paid. For work permission issued or extended to foreigners to carry out paid labor activity in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan up to 1 year within 10 working days state fee in the amount of 1400 manats should be paid, within 15 working days 1200 manats and within 20 working days 1000 manats should be paid.

919 Call Center

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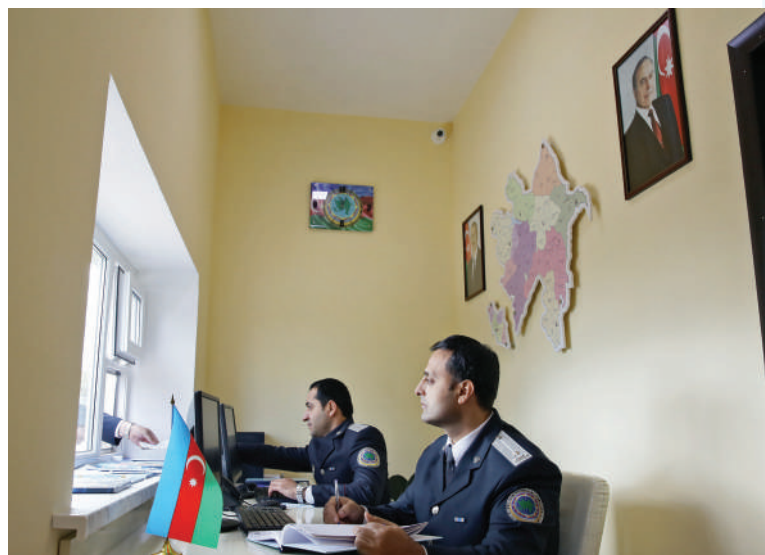
Citizens can address their questions in **3 languages** - Azerbaijani, English and Russian related to the migration legislation and services rendered by the State Migration Service to the Call Center Division **24 hours** every day of the week.

Furthermore, "Online guide" service, "WhatsApp" number (+994 55 919 50 57), official "Twitter" and "Facebook" accounts were launched.

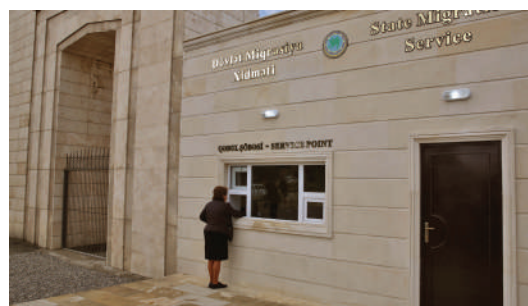


Baku Regional Migration Department

Reception center of the Baku Regional Migration Department was put into operation after substantial reconstruction in order to ensure reception of applications by the State Migration Service in accordance with the modern requirements.



The State Migration Service also launched the activity of migration units at the state border crossing checkpoints of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The following Migration units rendering **24 hours service were opened**: the **"Samur"** (the Republic of Azerbaijan – the Russian Federation), the **"Astara"** (the Republic of Azerbaijan – the Islamic Republic of Iran) and the **"Shikhly"** (the Republic of Azerbaijan – Georgia).



Regional Migration Departments

Regional Departments of the State Migration Service (SMS) operate in the regions to ensure convenience of the applicants, to prevent travelling long distance from remote regions of the country, as well as to expand the activity directions of the Service. 8 Regional Migration Departments – Baku, Shirvan, Aghsu, Yevlakh, Ganja, Khachmaz, Shaki and Lankaran are included in the system of the State Migration Service. Regional Migration Departments implement their activity in compliance with the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan.



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A hotline providing opportunity to apply directly to the Chief of the State Migration Service regarding work permit (refusal and complaints) was created at the Service.

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STATE MIGRATION SERVICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN
AZƏRBAYCAN RESPUBLİKASININ ƏRAZISİNDƏ HAQQI ÖDƏNİLƏN ƏMƏK FƏALİYYƏTİ İLƏ
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İşə cəlb edilən əcnəbi və ya vətəndaşlığı olmayan şəxs
Employed foreigner or stateless person

Soyadı _____
Surname

Adı _____
Name

Doğum tarixi _____
Date of birth

Cinsi _____
Sex

Vətəndaşlığı _____
Citizenship

Sərhadkeçmə sənədinin seriyası və nömrəsi _____
Series and number of border crossing document

Tutduğu vəziyyəti _____
Position

İş yerinin ünvanı _____
Working address

İşəgötürən _____
Employer

Hüquqi şəxs, xarici hüquqi şəxsin filial və nümayəndəliyinin/fiziki şəxsin adı _____
Name of juridical person, branch or representation of foreign juridical person /physical person

Fəaliyyət sahəsi _____
Activity area

VÖEN (qeyri-kommersiya hüquqi şəxsləri üçün qeydiyyat nömrəsi) _____
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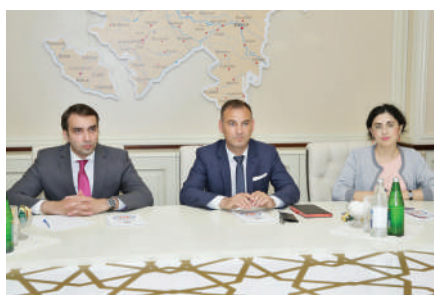
Ünvanı _____
Address

Vəzifəli şəxsin imzası _____
Signature of authorized person

Verildiyi tarix _____
Date of issue

Etibardadır _____
Valid until

M.R. _____
Stamp



Business discussions were conducted with the Members of the Advisory Board under the State Migration Service.



Migration processes in Azerbaijan amid new challenges

After independence, large scale of migration processes in Azerbaijan has become a phenomenon, which is rich with various determinants for both quantitative and qualitative indicators, as well as characterized with actuality arising from that. It is possible to assume that migration processes occurred in stages if we cast a look at the nature and manifestations of migration flows coinciding with that time. These processes can be conventionally divided into the following chronological stages: the first stage (1990-1995), the second stage (1996-2003), and the third stage (2004-2017).

In the first phase, the collapse of the Soviet Union, especially the ignition of the longest-lasting conflict in the South Caucasus - the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, as well as the bloody events on ethnic grounds in the Fergana province of Uzbekistan in relation to the Meskhetian Turks the deportation of ethnic Azerbaijanis from western Azerbaijani lands in the early 1990s, settlement of hundreds of thousands of IDP's, forcibly displaced Nagorno-Karabakh and seven surrounding districts occupied by the Armed Forces of Armenia, in other regions of the country added ethnic colour to that stage.

As the second stage of migration processes is associated more with labor migration, it is considered

to be economically motivated and the statistical data for this period are related to approximately one million Azerbaijani migrants engaged in labor activity mostly in Russia, Ukraine, Turkey and other countries.

The main part of the migration flows in Azerbaijan in terms of rates of immigration and emigration falls in the early 1990s due to known conflicts. While the quantitative indicators of those who left the country were equal to those who arrived during that period, in the second half of the 1990s the number of those who left the country was more than the number of those who arrived. However, since 2004, namely, the third stage of migration processes has started to change in the content. The nature of this stage is characterized with more consistent and institutionalized policy of the government in this field.

In a short period of time Azerbaijan turned from the country of origin to the country of destination. For this reason, the "Concept on State Migration Management Policy of the Republic of Azerbaijan", which set the main goals before executive bodies involved in the implementation of migration policy in the Republic of Azerbaijan, was adopted in 2004.

For the purpose of realization of this concept and achievement of the determined goals the Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On approval of the State Migration Program of the Republic of Azerbaijan (2006-2008)" was signed on July

25, 2006. Based on the Program, establishment of a special state body to implement a single state policy in the migration field emerged as an objective necessity.

President Ilham Aliyev signed the Decree "On establishment of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan" on March 19, 2007 taking into account that necessity.

The state policy implemented in the third phase of migration processes is also characterized



by the introduction of a number of innovations. Introduction of the "one-stop-shop" principle in the management of migration processes since July 1, 2009 in order to regulate migration processes through single and flexible procedures, to simplify documentation, establishment of the Unified Migration Information System (UMIS) – a unified system in the sphere of migration, and "Entry-Exit and registration" Interagency Automated Data Search System, and finally, adoption of the Migration Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan on July 2, 2013, provided a basis

for effective management of migration processes and these measures have once again demonstrated that migration policy is a priority for the Government of Azerbaijan.

Effective management of migration policy, as in many areas and directions, also requires active participation of civil society in these processes.

Establishment of public councils under the executive structures, in line with the "National Action Plan on Promotion of Open Government for 2012-2015", is an important event in ensuring the effectiveness of public policy implemented in this or other spheres. In this regard, organization of the activity of the Public Council under the State Migration Service, established on June 8, 2015, opened a new page on the implementation of migration policy.

Activities in organizational and structural directions covered issues, such as endorsement of the regulations of the Public Council, establishment and development of relations with government agencies, international and local public organizations, as well as establishment of working bodies of the Council. Particular attention has been paid to the establishment of effective communications with relevant executive bodies and the exchange of information in this regard.

The activity in theoretical and conceptual direction covered issues such as, strengthening of the migration policy, including expansion of the rights of foreigners and stateless persons,



protection of their legal interests, development of proposals for the purpose of improvement of legislation on regulation of migration processes and implementation of state control over migration processes, as well as other tasks in this direction. Activities in operational and tactical direction covers tasks directly related with migrants and are aimed at addressing their problems. Azerbaijani language courses were organized for 272 refugees and asylum seekers, 860 refugee families were provided with humanitarian aid and 250 refugees were provided with medical assistance by the Public Council. In addition, more than 400 migrant children who faced with education problems were provided with assistance. The Public Council pays special attention to the issues of public relations in its activity. Information sessions and "round tables" on public control, as well as video conferences on topical issues of migration with the participation of representatives of executive bodies and experts operating in the migration sphere in a number of CIS countries were organized. Articles were published in around

380 media sources, with reference to the members of the Council, as well as official page of the Public Council was opened on social networks.

The Republic of Azerbaijan managed to acquire vast experience in migration field and to build its own model in this sphere. The essential components of the policy implemented with regard to refugees and internally displaced persons, asylum seekers, as well as foreigners living and working in the territory of the country, including Azerbaijanis living and working abroad are integral elements of that model. Thanks to these elements, the state policy implemented in the field of migration in the Republic of Azerbaijan effectively addresses the problems arising in the sphere of migration and characterized with its actuality and is constantly reinforced and enhanced in to respond new challenges.

Azar Karim Allahveranov

Chief of the Public Council under the State Migration Service, PhD on Social Philosophy

“MigAz” – Novelty in the field of migration

Application of migration innovations is the demand of the day

Information technologies are broadly applied in all directions in our rapidly developing country. And this process did get past through the State Migration Service. Thus, e-services rendered to foreigners and stateless persons necessitated the development of a mobile application.

We are talking about the MigAz. The new mobile application makes prompt solution of migration issues more accessible from any part of the world.

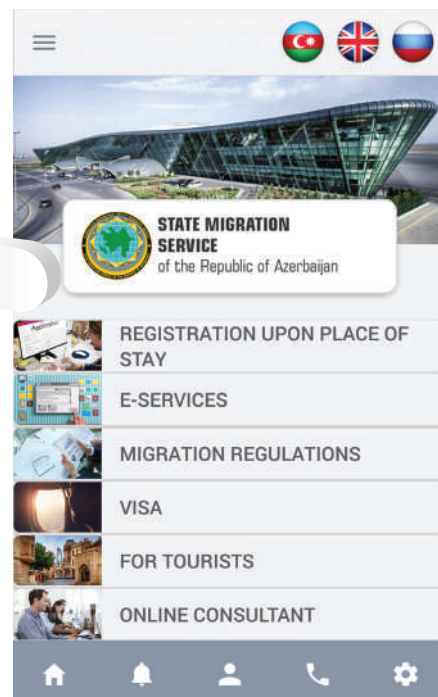
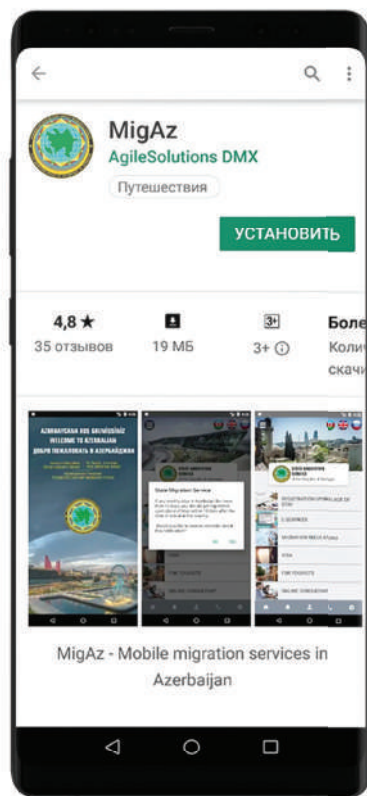
The MigAz is distinguished with numerous features. The mobile application operating in 3 languages creates opportunity to have access to services, such as registration upon place of stay, permissions for temporary and permanent residence, checking the status of application and travel ban, calculator for checking the registration deadline, online payment, online queue, ASAN visa, online guide, etc.

After downloading the mobile application, the notification on registration upon place of stay will be regularly shown in the screen. During the registration “push-notification” is sent to user. Foreigners and stateless persons intending to stay in the Republic of Azerbaijan for more than 15

days can apply for registration upon place of stay via the mobile application and receive notification on approval or rejection of their application by creating an account. The list of applications of the user is presented in the account. It is possible to view the list of addresses and to



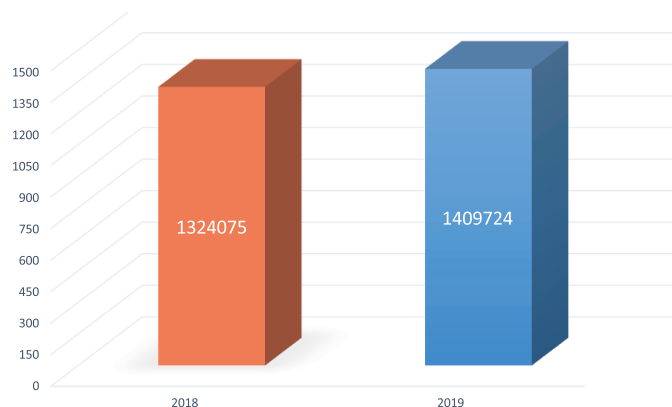
add a new address from there. The comprehensive database of the application offers users information about history of Azerbaijan, migration rules, visa types, tourist destinations in our country, as well.



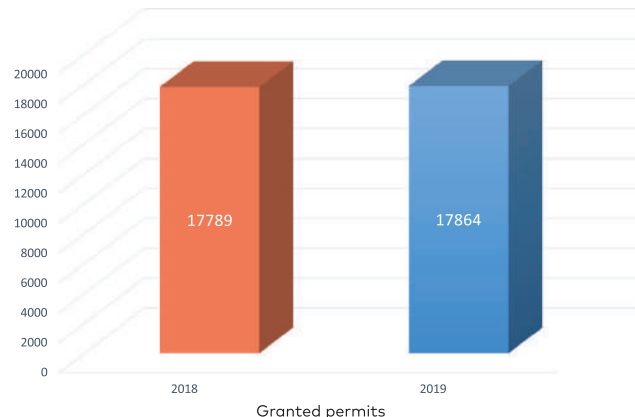
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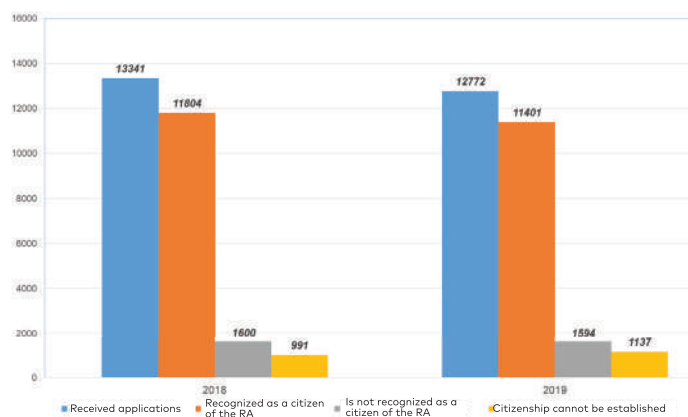
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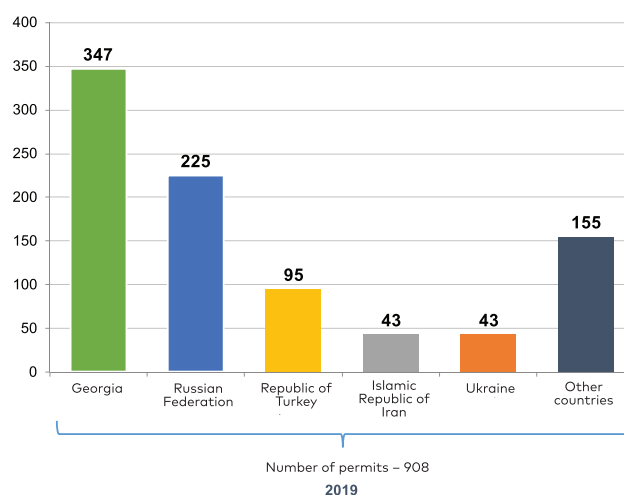
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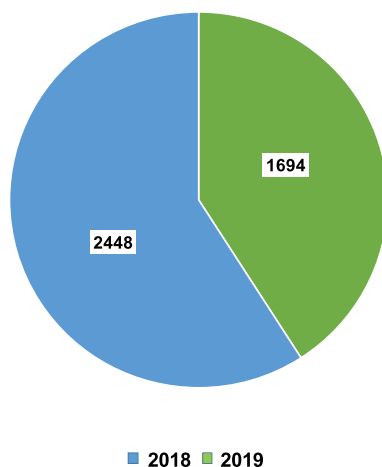
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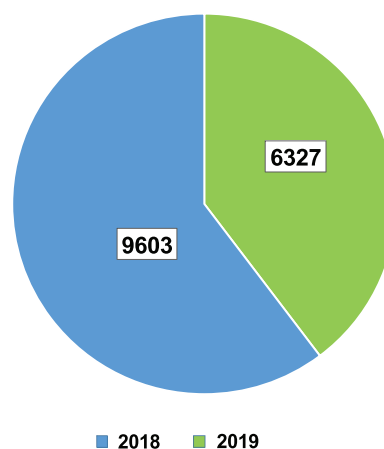
Permit for permanent residence (by countries)



Permit for permanent residence



Infringement of the requirements of the migration legislation



“15+15” AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGN

WITHIN THE CAMPAIGN THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE GOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE INFORMED ON MIGRATION RULES

15+15 awareness raising campaign held by the State Migration Service within a month made its contribution to raising public awareness.

Within the framework of the campaign cooperation with several organizations was launched. Flyers and posters prepared in different design, video clips with interesting images were presented to foreigners as well as to the public in

- “Azerbaijan Caspian Shipping” CJSC
- “Baku International Sea Trade Port” CJSC
- “Azerbaijan Railways” CJSC
- Park Cinema and Cinema Plus Cinemas network
 - “189 Taxi”
 - “Park Bulvar”
- “Dafne-Dalida” restaurants network.

Close participation of Service employees should be especially stressed in awareness raising campaign organized successfully. Delivery of 40000 flyers and 700 posters to target point was provided within the campaign.

We are grateful to each of our partners!!!



To be a volunteer is to be a hope for others, to serve the Country decently. The main aim of the measures taken in this sphere which is always in the attention of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mr. Ilham Aliyev is the formation of modern young generation resting to national-moral values, strongly tied to their nation and their country and adequately make use of the capacity of this youth for the sake of the country's progress.

"Migration volunteer – You are different!" project implemented by the State Migration Service which has established its activity in compliance with the principles of respect to human and civil rights and freedoms, rule of law, and humanism was met with interest by the youth. The main aim of the project is to create opportunities for the youth to obtain knowledge and practical skills, provide their personal development with new opportunities, familiarize them with this field by involving them in the activity of the Service. Hundreds of young people have applied with the intention of joining Migration Volunteers team.

The Chief of State Migration Service Mr. Vusal Huseynov has noted in the opening ceremony of the project that as a team member of State Migration Service, the young people will obtain practical skills and will closely communicate with foreigners. They will have opportunity to closely follow

migration processes, obtain practical skills in the foreign companies functioning in the Republic of Azerbaijan for their future career, participate in the international events, get

acquainted with the activities of the international organizations and to take part in this process. They will also have a chance to become a member of an energetic team

consisting of local and foreign youth and meet new friends.

The main privilege of the project "Migration volunteer – You are different!" is not only to promote formation of the youth as volunteers but also as future administrative leaders in the projects.



"Migration volunteer – You are different!"

Foreigners and stateless persons temporarily staying in the Republic of Azerbaijan for more than 15 days should get registered upon place of stay within 15 days from the date of arrival in the country.



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**Migration
Volunteer**

You are different!

Service employees in “Brain Ring” intellectual competition

Various sports, awareness and cultural events are held within a year for improving skills of SMS employees. “Brain Ring” intellectual competition held in the “Caspian Business Hotel” was an excellent chance for testing the Service employees’ knowledge. 12 teams

comprised of employees of the Service competed for the first place at the intellectual competition. The questions involved issues concerning migration as well as various spheres. 12 teams comprised of employees of the Service competed at the intellectual competition.

The winner of the “Brain-Ring” game which was held in tense competitive atmosphere was the “Playmaker-12” team. The “Idea” team took the second place, whereas the “Khazina” team was the third. The winner and other participants were awarded with the cup and medals. Memorial gifts were presented to the most active participants of the intellectual competition, as well.

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the State Migration
Service expand ties
with? Page 42



Winners of the "Migrant" photo and video competition awarded

"Migrant" photo and video competition was jointly organized with the International Organization for Migration on the occasion of 12th anniversary of establishment of the State Migration Service (SMS). Numerous interesting and visual artworks were presented to the competition by creative persons. Overall, 44 works of 18 authors in photo and 12 works of 11 authors in video competition were registered.

The visual artworks and video materials were rated by the chairman of the jury, Honored Art Worker Mushfig Hatamov, Chief of the State Migration Service Vusal Huseynov, members of the jury, director, Honored Art Worker Elkhan Jafarov, photographer of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Dilavar Najafov, photo reporter of the AzerTac, Honored Cultural Worker Ilgar Jafarov, Honored Artist Nargiz Jalilova, as well as head of Azvision.az website Vusal Mammadov.

Aydin Mammadov's photo on the "Migrants of the Republic of Senegal", Lala Naghiyeva's photo on the "Syrian Refugees" and Allahkarim Abbasov's photo on the "Don't go" took the 3rd place. Emil Huseynov's the "Pakistani child" and Mirnaib Hasanoglu's the "Internally displaced children from

Karabakh" photos took the 2nd place. The winner of the best photo nomination was Afghan author Ahmad Javad Akbarzadeh's the "Woman's sad feelings" artwork.

At the video nomination "M production's" video on the "You are happy" won the 3rd place.

Jeyhun Turksoy's the "Road" and Elshan Aliyev's the "The Only One" movies took the 2nd place. The



"Boomerang" movie of Mehman Rasulov won the main prize in the nomination of the best film.



Vusal Huseynov

Chief of the State Migration Service



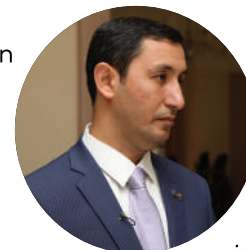
Conveying information to the public on migration processes occurring in the world, the reforms carried out in this field in the country, the measures and innovations applied by the State Migration Service via creative persons is of utmost importance, as well as efficient in terms of awareness. I hope that the geographical scale and participants of our competition will be extended in the upcoming years. I would like to express my gratitude to every participant of the competition.

Nargiz Jalilova

Honored Artist



I would not think that determination of winners could be so difficult. I was deeply touched by pictures and videos. The State Migration Service could successfully implement very significant and generous project. Congratulations.



Mushfig Hatamov

Honored Art Worker



The competition is quite significant. The initiative of the State Migration Service is an innovation. The project was spectacular. The impact of social videos is always effective and different. I am convinced that the list of participants will be increased in the upcoming years.

New projects

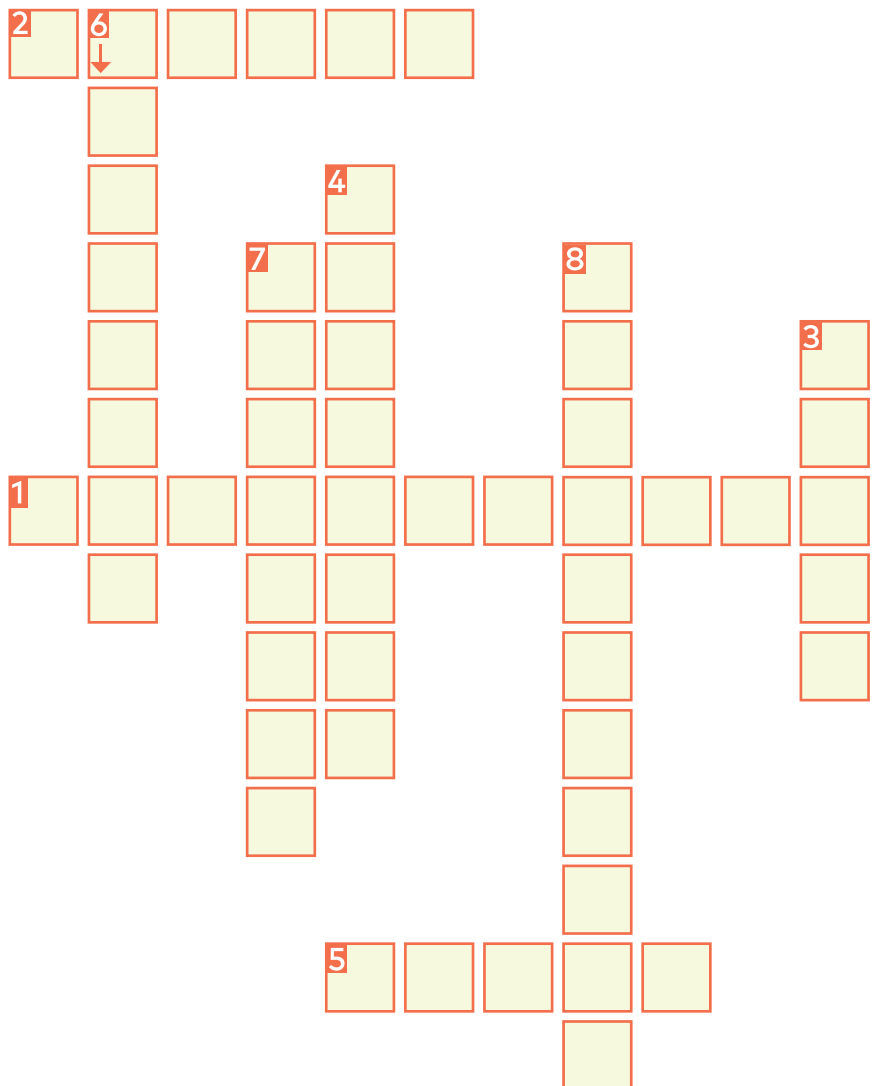
It should be noted that the presented photos were taken in Azerbaijan, Turkey, USA, the Czech Republic and Germany.

Participants of the competition demonstrated in their handicrafts both legal and illegal migrant life, lifestyle of foreigners, stateless persons, asylum seekers, refugees and other persons, benefits of migrants for the society and their integration, people's attitude to these persons, as well as socially beneficial messages.



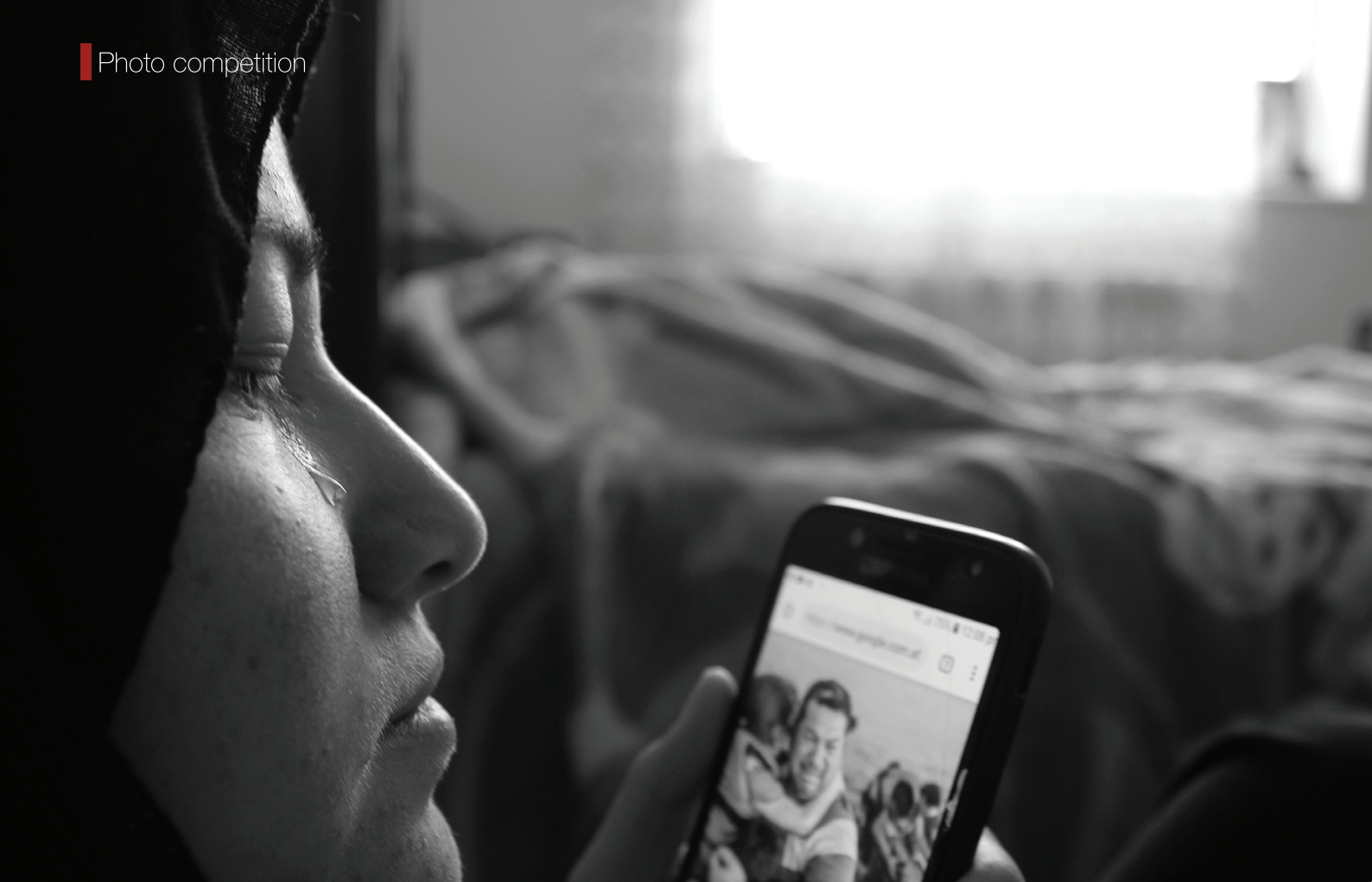
QUESTIONS

1. Contest held to determine “The best”?
2. The word which also means “dictator” in translation from Arabic?
3. Critical phase of the contest?
4. Person awarded with the special reward for significant services in science, art, agriculture and other fields?
5. Special emblem, honorary title, precious gift?
6. Wrong and distorted perception of things?
7. Lined description of quantitative situation of various processes?



AWARDED PHOTOS





Afghani refugee woman residing in Azerbaijan burst into tears while reading news about her compatriots living in intolerable condition due to war in her country of origin. The photo was taken by her husband.



Photo: “Woman`s sad feelings”

Author: Ahmad Javad Akbarzadeh

Photo: "Pakistani child"
Author: Emil Huseynov



The children growing in foreign families in Azerbaijan, which is recognized as a tolerant country around the world, are embraced with attention, care and kindness. The joy of the little girl is an indicator of care of the state not only to its citizens, but also to the children growing in foreign families.





The “neglected” years of internally displaced children from the Nagorno - Karabakh living among oil wells were demonstrated in the photo taken in 1998.



Photo: "Internally displaced children from Karabakh"
Author: Mirnaib Hasanoglu



The photo illustrates lifestyle and daily life of refugee children from Syria residing in the border with Turkey. The photo demonstrates that war and terror mostly affect children which are our future.



Photo: "Syrian Refugees"
Author: Lala Naghiyeva

Photo: "Migrants of the Republic of Senegal"

Author: Aydin Mammadov



The photo which was taken in the penitentiary facility №11 illustrates waiting of release time of foreign prisoners from Senegal granted clemency as a result of humanism policy of the head of state.





The photo was taken in Icharishahar while a foreign woman was leaving the hotel with her child.



Photo: "Don't go"
Author: Allahkarim Abbasov



**DONATE BLOOD,
GIVE LIFE!**

For the sake of life without thalassemia!

Employees of the State Migration Service have also joined with great enthusiasm blood donation campaign for patients suffering from thalassemia within the framework of the project “For life without thalassemia” by the initiative of first vice-president of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the president of Heydar Aliyev Foundation Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva. In humanist campaign held on the eve of the 12th anniversary of the professional holiday of migration bodies’ employees of the Service headed by the Chief of the State Migration Service Vusal Huseynov provided assistance to children suffering from thalassemia by donating blood.

The purpose of the campaign held within the joint venture of the State Migration Service and Azerbaijan Thalassemia Federation was to support the people, especially children suffering from thalassemia and other inherited blood illnesses and to increase blood storage stocked for them.



Employees of the migration bodies celebrated proudly their professional holiday



Ceremonial event dedicated to 12th anniversary of the establishment of State Migration Service and March 19- professional holiday of migration bodies' employees was held.

First of all the participants of the event commemorated the memory of National Leader, architect and the builder of modern, independent Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev with esteem visiting the Honorary Alley and put wreath in front of his grave. Memory of prominent ophthalmologist, academician Ms. Zarifa Aliyeva was also commemorated.

Employees of the Service also visited Alley of Martyrs. They recalled unforgettable memories of brave sons and daughters who sacrificed their lives for independence of our Motherland, put fresh flowers on their graves and laid wreath in front of "Eternal Fire" monument.





On March 19 – professional holiday of the employees of migration bodies

a group of Service employees were awarded by the Chief of the Service. Special ranks to 34 employees, "Honorary Decree" to 44 employees were presented by the Chief of the State Migration Service, III rank state migration service counselor Vusal Huseynov, 2 employees got a promotion in the service and 47 employees received a "Commendation".

International cooperation in the field of migration expands year by year



Since its establishment, the State Migration Service (SMS) has focused on expanding bilateral and multilateral relations, and ensuring its participation in international projects. It has developed cooperation with international partners in the field of migration.

Over the past period, the State Migration Service has successfully developed traditional multilateral cooperation with different organizations such as the United Nations (UN), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the European Union (EU), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), as well as within the framework of Prague, Budapest and Almaty processes and has achieved a number of effective results.

Participation of the delegation led by the Chief of the Service Mr. Vusal Huseynov in the 18th meeting of the Board of Governors of the "International Anticorruption Academy" held on September 25-28, 2018 in the



Republic of Austria, his extensive speech at the 7th session of the Assembly of Parties, his meetings are some of the most important steps taken to expand existing relations with foreign partners. During the visit, Mr. Huseynov met with Deputy Director General of the ICMPD Gabriela Abado and discussed perspectives of future cooperation between our country and this organization.

Participation of the delegation led by the Chief of the Service in the 109th session of the IOM Council (which is one of the important international partners of our

meetings with the Director General of this prestigious organization Antonio Vitorino, as well as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi made a significant contribution to the development of the State Migration Service's relations with international partners.

At the same time, the management of the Service properly represented our country



bilateral cooperation, the State Migration Service further developed relations with the authorities responsible for migration in many countries in the sphere of legal migration and effective migration management,



country in the field of migration) held in the Swiss Confederation on 27-30 November last year, his

in the Council of Heads of Migration Authorities of the CIS member states, made extensive reports on various aspects of migration during the meetings.

Over the past year, six international projects covering various aspects of migration were successfully implemented in cooperation with IOM, UNHCR and ICMPD, significant results were achieved in terms of learning best practices. At present, appropriate measures are underway to agree new projects.

Within the framework of

readmission, voluntary return, migrants' social protection and other spheres. Important steps have been taken to expand the legal framework of our country with other countries in this area, as well. Thus, "The Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of the Republic of Belarus on cooperation in the field of migration" was signed within the official visit of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev to the Republic of Belarus on November 19, 2019. It should be noted that this is the first bilateral





intergovernmental agreement on cooperation in the field of migration since the establishment of the State Migration Service. The agreement will play an important role in strengthening the legal framework for consolidation and development of mutually beneficial cooperation in regulating migration processes, exchange of statistical, scientific-methodological and other information of mutual interest in the field of migration and execution of relevant inquiries, protecting the rights of citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

At present, work on the conclusion of such bilateral agreements and memorandums with other countries of mutual interest in the sphere of migration for our country is underway.

With particular emphasis on regular meetings and dialogue with international partners, bilateral meetings were held with officials of migration authorities of several countries. Thus, a

delegation led by the Chief of the Service made an official visit to the Netherlands at the invitation of the Repatriation and Departure Service of the country on January 28-31, 2019. On the basis of our invitations, a delegation led by Talal Marefi, Chief of the General Directorate of Residency at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the State of Kuwait, a delegation led by the Chairman of the State Migration Service of Ukraine Maxim Sokolyuk, a delegation led by the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Turkey Ismail Chatakli paid a visit to our country. In addition, a delegation led by the Minister of Internal Affairs of Montenegro Mevludin Nuhodzic visited our country to participate in the 5th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue held in Baku on May 2-3 of this year at the invitation of the State Migration Service. Along with meetings in the State Migration Service during the visit to our country, the above-mentioned delegations also had discussions in the relevant state bodies of Azerbaijan.

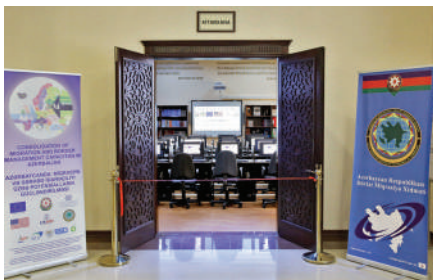
During this period, the Service also had productive meetings with the heads of diplomatic missions of foreign states and businessmen.

Meetings of the Chief of the Service with the heads of diplomatic missions of EU member states in our country, as well as

with representatives of business organizations, employers' associations and large companies operating in Azerbaijan on the establishment of the Advisory Council under the State Migration Service served to protect the rights and freedoms of foreigners and stateless persons visiting our country, living on the basis of relevant permits and engaged in paid labor activity, to solve problems in the field of migration in full transparency.

Furthermore, a public-awareness event with officials of more than 40 foreign diplomatic missions and consulates accredited in the Republic of Azerbaijan regarding innovations in the field of migration in our country held in the Service in January of this year once again demonstrated that the State Migration Service is always open to dialogue with all parties in the migration field.

Elaboration of appropriate migration policy is one of the key priorities for every state in the globalized world. Establishment of bilateral and multilateral cooperation among countries in this direction serves to safe, regular and orderly movement of migrants, as well as protection of their rights.



Inauguration of the Language Laboratory established to improve the language skills of the Service employees within the framework of the "Consolidation of Migration and Border Management Capacities in Azerbaijan" project, implemented with the main international partner of the Service International Organization for Migration, was held.

It should be noted that implementation of the "Consolidation of Migration and Border Management Capacities in Azerbaijan (CMBA)" project was launched in 2014. The project is implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the State Migration Service, the State Border Service, the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as jointly funded by the EU, BP and its partners, the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration of the US State Department, the US Agency for International Development.

Prevention of illegal migration is always in the center of attention

Establishment of strong socio-political stability, increase of prestige in the international arena, successful implementation

country. However, all of this should be regulated within the framework of the law". Thus, visa-free regime between Azerbaijan and a number



of transnational projects, strengthening of tourism potential, and support to the development of entrepreneurship has turned Azerbaijan from country of origin to the country of transit and destination in terms of migration.

Entry of 1.409.724 foreigners and stateless persons to the country was recorded at the border check points of the country during the first half of 2019 which is a clear example of the abovementioned idea.

The geographic position of the country plays a central role in case of intensification of migration processes. As President Mr. Ilham Aliyev mentioned, Azerbaijan opens its doors to all guests within the framework of the legislation: "The doors of Azerbaijan are open to each foreigner who arrives with good will. Foreigners can come, reside, work and study in our

of countries, as well as its transit role at the crossroads of Europe and Asia creates a favorable condition for illegal migration. Of course, there are illegal migration cases in all countries of the world.

Complex measures are carried out and the fight against illegal migration is always kept in the

center of attention by the State Migration Service in order to prevent such negative impacts in our country.

Because, prevention of illegal migration is of utmost importance in terms of ensuring security of our country. It is an important factor for regulation of migration flows and implementation of the rights by migrants.

As a result of taken measures and investigations just within 6 months of the current year, 6327 decisions were made by the State Migration Service regarding infringement of the requirements of migration legislation, as well as administrative legislation of the country by foreigners and stateless persons.

3543 of the decisions were about the application of administrative fine without an administrative expulsion from the territory of the country for infringement of the requirements of the relevant articles of the Code of Administrative Offenses. 2337 out of them were about leaving the territory of the country, and 1206 were about the legalization of the





residence in the territory of the country.

Persons who illegally reside in the territory of the country, as well as who intend to obtain refugee status are placed at the Detention Center for Illegal Migrants of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Baku and Yevlakh cities, that meet international standards, for a period specified in the law until their legal status is determined, measures are implemented in the framework of the law, relevant decisions are made.

Furthermore, the State Migration Service always keeps in the spotlight organization of awareness raising campaigns on essence of illegal migration, its consequences and migration legislation. It is not a secret that one of the most effective tools against illegal migration is awareness raising events. Currently, notifications on registration upon place of stay prepared by the Service in Azerbaijani, Russian, English and Arabic are presented to foreigners and stateless persons entering to the country at the border crossing checkpoints, and various

awareness raising campaigns are conducted from time to time.

Moreover, information booklets on registration upon place of stay, extension of the temporary staying period, work permit, temporary and permanent residence rules, as



well as state fees were prepared and relevant measures were taken towards delivering them to the target groups.

At this moment it should be noted that the State Migration Service also pays special attention to the utilization of the opportunities of social networks.

The Service informs the public via its "Twitter" and "Facebook" accounts, "Youtube" channel, benefits from the opportunities of internet resources for preventing unawareness which is the first reason of illegal migration.

Furthermore, the Service's official webpage was improved in terms of content, technical and visual aspects, as well as accessibility.

The State Migration Service contributes to the national security of the country by timely and correctly implementing its duties, as well as taking effective measures against illegal migration.

Training of highly-qualified personnel in the sphere of migration is at the center of attention

The year of 2019 was declared "Training year" in the State Migration Service. Monthly and quarterly trainings have been organized to improve professional skills of Service employees in all structural units included in the system of State Migration Service. Trainings are implemented by highly-qualified, professional teachers.

In accordance with the Work Plan of Training Center of the State Migration Service courses embracing all activity directions of the Service are organized. The courses are held according to the following directions:



Foreigners and stateless persons engaged in entrepreneurship activity in the Republic of Azerbaijan are not required to obtain work permit.

- Organization of training process at a high level;
- Formation of moral and professional qualities;
- Preparation of teaching-methodical materials;
- Development and improvement of material-educational base;
- Preparation of qualified personnel in the sphere of migration;
- Organization of capacity building and qualification courses.



Training Center of State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan also organizes courses for foreigners and stateless persons intending to obtain permit for permanent residence in the Republic of Azerbaijan in order to get acquainted with the language, history, culture of Azerbaijan, as well as legislation on rights and duties of foreigners and stateless persons. Persons willing to participate at the courses can apply by calling the following telephone number from 09:00 until 18:00 on working days:

Phone : (012) 566 - 37 – 74

Significant international documents concluded in the field of migration

On December 17, 2018, "The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration" was approved with 152 votes and "The Global Compact on Refugees" was approved with 181 votes by the UN General Assembly. These international documents drafted under the auspices of UN and approved by the governments cover all aspects of global migration. The agreements are non-binding documents indicating support to the international cooperation in the field of migration and respecting the sovereign right of the states.

On September 19, 2016, heads of States and Governments came together for the first time ever at the global level within the UN General Assembly to discuss issues related to migration and refugees. At this meeting, the "New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants" emphasizing the importance of enhancing comprehensive approach to the migrants' mobility by the UN Member States and cooperation at the global level was adopted. As a result, by taking into account the large-scale mobility of refugees and migrants, development of universal documents in the field of migration ("The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration" and "The Global Compact on Refugees") was agreed in the Declaration.

The key goals of "The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration" are as follows:

- To support international cooperation on the governance of international migration;
- To provide a comprehensive menu of options to address some of the most pressing issues around international migration;
- To give states the space and flexibility to pursue implementation based on their own migration realities and



capacities.

"The Global Compact on Refugees" is a framework for more predictable and equitable responsibility-sharing, recognizing that a sustainable solution to refugee situations cannot be achieved without international cooperation.

This Agreement is a referral document for governments, international organizations and other partners with the purpose of providing necessary support to refugees in their communities and living an efficient life. Furthermore, the Agreement is a unique opportunity for changing attitude of the world to the refugee problem by benefitting both refugees and the communities that host them.

The four key objectives of "The Global Compact on Refugees" are to:

- Ease the pressures on host countries;
- Enhance refugee self-reliance;
- Expand access to third-country solutions;
- Support conditions in countries of origin for return in safety and dignity.

We would like to emphasize that the Republic of Azerbaijan has demonstrated full support both to the discussion and adoption process of the Agreements, as well as voted for their adoption.

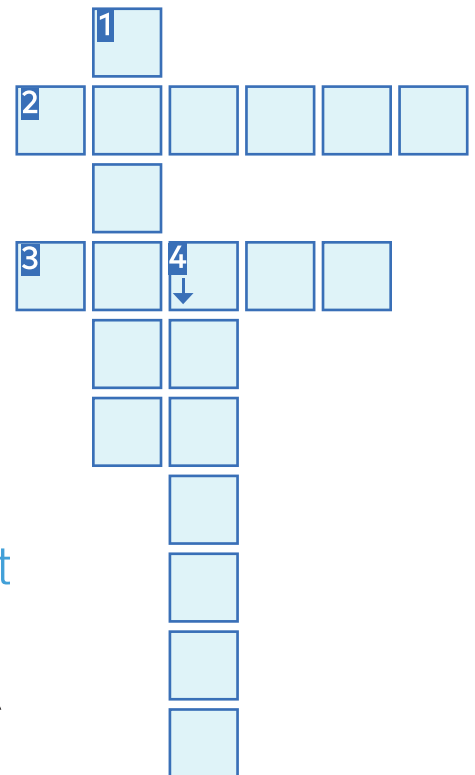


France proposes to reduce Schengen zone

President of France Emmanuel Macron expressed the idea to reform the Schengen zone. Condemning several states on not being quite solidary in the field of migration policy Macron, noted that "Common borders, Schengen and Dublin Agreements no longer work".

QUESTIONS

- 1) Which language family does the Turkish language belong to?
- 2) Which team lost the 2011 UEFA Champions League Final?
- 3) What is the national currency of Turkmenistan?
- 4) In which city is the longest subway system in the world?



The photo of the girl crying for her mother at the border became “The best photo of the year”

The photo of Honduran toddler Yanela crying at the border between USA and Mexico was named as the winner of “The best photo of the year” nomination by the “World Press Photo” organization.

Photographer John Moore’s winning image shows crying of daughter of Honduran woman Sandra Sanchez while U.S. Border Patrol officer pats down the child’s mother. According to the words of Sanchez, she lost a month while crossing the territory of Central America and Mexico in order to reach USA for seeking asylum.

As a reminder, Trump Administration applied the policy of separating parents arrested during illegal crossing of U.S.-Mexico border from their children. However, public resonance and numerous criticisms occurred after this photo resulted with the revocation of the decision on June 20, 2018.





The Global Migration Information Portal: An innovative electronic tool

It's been said that "data is the new oil", because like oil, data can generate value. However, it's the processing of data—from collection, analysis, and dissemination and use that generates the real value. "Big data" (large-scale data collection) cannot create real value alone. In the field of migration, data (big data or vice-versa) reaches the highest value when it can be applied to better understand the complexities of migration and make policy decisions to address migration challenges.

Innovation addresses migration data challenges

Innovation is possible at each step of migration data processing, and if achieved, increases data's value. But, what is innovation in migration data?

Put simply, innovation in migration data are novel solutions to migration data's biggest challenges that allow data producers and users to obtain the most value or impact from data.

There are plenty of opportunities for innovation in migration data as the challenges in the organization of data are many.

For instance, migration data can be:

- fragmented and scattered
- not timely
- not comparable
- not disaggregated
- not accessible
- too complex to understand

Even when migration data does exist, institutions may have limited statistical capacities to analyze data and disseminate information, or data systems containing migration-relevant data may work in siloes or be outdated, leaving migration data's vast potential untapped.

These data challenges were reiterated by the Prague Process Member States during the Tour-de-table at the Workshop on Gathering, Analysis and Sharing of Data, as well as participating representatives from several international organizations, in October 2018.

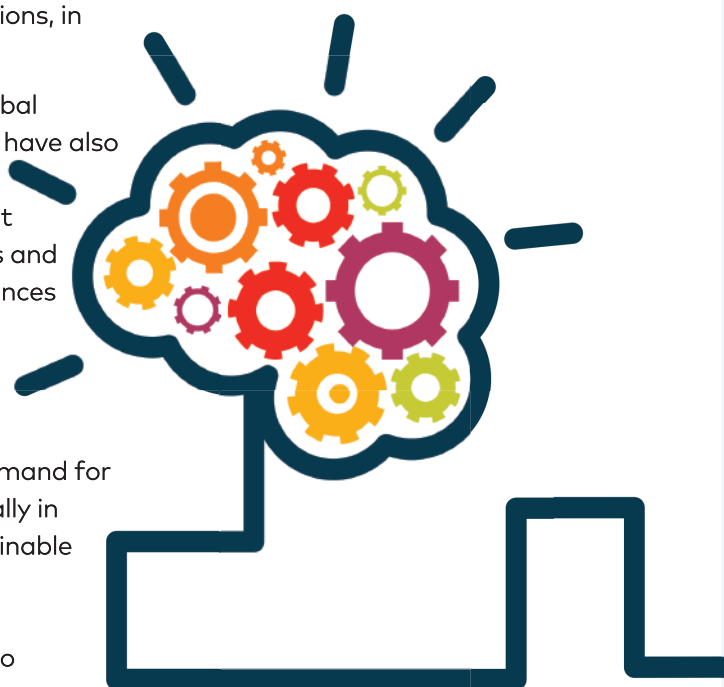
IOM staff from the Global Migration Data Centre have also heard echoes of similar data challenges while at data capacity-trainings and migration data conferences across the globe.

Innovation in migration data is burgeoning

With the increase in demand for migration data, especially in light of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, these migration data challenges have come to the forefront, highlighting a need for innovation that will allow data producers and users to reveal data's potential. Recently, innovative efforts in migration data have been burgeoning. Here are a few examples to illustrate:

Currently, several regions are creating migration observatories, such as the Prague Process Migration Observatory that consolidates migration regional data, analysis and information to

inform the Member States' policy makers and experts. Regions are also launching online migration data platforms, such as IOM's Mesoamerica and Caribbean data platform that will be released in April 2019 and focuses the analysis, visualization and sharing of administrative data. Furthermore, initiatives that use big data or combine big data with traditional migration data sources have helped to forecast forced migration, to ensure better immigrant integration, and estimate migrant stocks.



The Global Migration Data Portal as Innovation

Innovation is also happening at the global level. IOM's Global Migration Data Portal pulls together data, data sources, and information covering multiple migration topics in one place to help policy makers, national statistics officers, journalists and the general public interested in the field of migration, navigate the

increasingly complex landscape of international migration data.

- Making migration data easier to understand and information more digestible;
- Enhancing migration data capacity and literacy;
- Making migration data and information more accessible.

The Portal aims to address key migration data challenges and adds value by:

The Portal makes data easier to understand

Migration data and information should not be so complex that only data scientists and experts can understand, but that is sometimes the case. Visualizations of migration data are a powerful tool to reduce this complexity and help audiences grasp complex sets of ideas.

The Portal intends to simply migration data for all types of users through the interactive map's visualizations of data,

as well as the infographics found on the migration thematic pages. All infographics are available for downloading.

In addition, videos and blogs make the Portal a user-friendly resource to learn about migration data trends and current migration issues without having to scour countless academic journals and research papers.

The portal makes data more accessible

Migration is a cross-cutting issue and is increasingly being streamlined into a wide-range of policy areas, including development policies. However, migration-related data is usually not streamlined.

Currently, the most-frequent question from Portal visitors is where to find migration datasets or information on specific topics.

To make migration data more accessible, the Portal gathers together more than 75 indicators on international migration from 20 data providers in one interactive map.

As a result, users have the opportunity to perform more detailed research and analysis. Users can disaggregate the data by country, sub-region and region for more refined research and analysis, and by year using a sliding scroll bar.

Overviews of key migration statistics by region or country are also available. Portal users can also access key global, regional, and in some cases, national data sources for over 30 migration topics.

For policy and decision makers, the Portal provides a mapping of data sources available for all 23 commitments of the Global Compact for Migration. It also allows users to explore migration-related Sustainable Development Goals and relevant data sources by clicking on SDG

wheel.

Raising innovation is a main condition

Since December 2017, the Portal has grown its visitors to 500,000 users across 200 countries, signaling demand for migration data and statistics.

The Portal has also expanded its content and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. In 2019, new sections on regional migration data, more datasets, thematic pages, tools, and blogs will be added.

But scaling innovation in migration data, like in any other field, is not without risks. One possible risk for initiatives that pool and share migration data and statistics is to become data graveyards.

This can happen for a variety of reasons, including the lack of resources. It can be difficult to make a case for investing in migration data innovation if it's not clear or convincing what real value or benefits will come of it.

Another possible risk is the breach of privacy and personal data rights. All innovations in migration data, especially those involving big data, should uphold privacy rights, ensure ethical standards and protect personal data.

Yet another possible risk is duplication. Partnerships are an ideal tool to avoid such cases.

Potential innovations for scaling data and issues regarding IDPs in the future, will play a significant role both in addressing challenges and development of relevant policy program, in any case.

<https://migrationdataportal.org>

The State Migration Service consolidates cooperation with the private sector

Long-term and systematic activities in the field of sustainable and competitive economic development are carried out in the Republic of Azerbaijan. As a result of ongoing economic reforms and policies of economic diversification, development of the non-oil sector was ensured and significant progress was made in this area.

Minimizing dependence of the economy on oil and enhancing competitiveness based on development of entrepreneurship, improvement of business and investment climate were identified as one of the key strategic objectives.

In its turn, the State Migration Service contributes to the development of relations with the private sector and holds regular

meetings with entrepreneurs operating in our country, always focuses on creating favorable conditions for businesspersons, as well.

A hotline was established to allow direct contact with the management of the State Migration Service, as a result of numerous meetings, in order to improve the process of issuing work permits, increase transparency and ensure prompt consideration of entrepreneurs' appeals. Inquiries received through the hotline are promptly answered by the Service.

Furthermore, the Advisory Council was established under the State Migration Service for the purpose of analyzing the difficulties that employers face, assessment of the impact of migration legislation requirements on the business environment in the country, and preparation of proposals aimed at supporting entrepreneurship.

The Council includes representatives of the State Migration Service, non-governmental organizations, as well as individuals and legal entities engaged in entrepreneurial activities involving foreign labor force. Meetings of the Council are held regularly. In addition, separate meetings were held with members of the Caspian European



Club, the American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM), the German-Azerbaijani Foreign Chamber of Commerce, the Turkey and Azerbaijan Public Association of Businessmen and Industrialists. The participants were informed about the changes in migration legislation, application of innovations, innovative approaches, perspective directions and numerous questions were answered during the meetings.

Taking into account proposals from business circles, in order to ensure the comfort of the persons arriving in our country to engage



in paid labor activity in Azerbaijan, employment visas were included in the list of electronic visas issued through the "ASAN Visa" system. The simplification and facilitation of this process will serve to the satisfaction of foreigners and stateless persons visiting the Republic of Azerbaijan for paid labor activity, as well as employers applying to the State Migration Service for work permits.

According to the Migration Code, the main grounds for foreigners and stateless persons to engage in paid labor activity in the Republic of Azerbaijan are the availability of a vacancy that cannot be filled by a citizen of the Republic of Azerbaijan who has the professional skills or qualifications required for such job and the inability of employment services to meet employers' needs in labor force at the cost of local labor resources.

Employers, in turn, must follow established procedures for

engaging foreign workers in paid labor activity. Violation of law should be avoided. They are simply required to respect the laws of the country.

Foreigners and stateless persons possessing permit for permanent residence in the Republic of Azerbaijan are not required to obtain a work permit for carrying out paid labor activity in the territory of the country.



QUESTIONS

1. Which city is the headquarters of "Apple" Inc. located in?
2. The poems of Mirza Alakbar Sabir were collected under this title.

- I'm citizen of the Arab Republic of Egypt and have been admitted to the higher educational school in the Republic of Azerbaijan for bachelor level. How much state fee should I pay for obtaining permit for residence here during my education period?

- The fee for issuance and extension of the validity period of permit for temporary residence to the citizens of other countries receiving full-time education in higher educational institutions within 15 working days is 60 manats, if the period is 20 working days the fee will be 40 manats.

State Migration Service in social networks

www.facebook.com/miqrasiyaxidmeti



www.twitter.com/MigrationAZE



www.youtube.com/azresdmx

"Nostalgia"

The article you are reading is based on a true story. The hero of the story is an asylum seeker who has been accommodated in relevant center of SMS voluntarily. She has found shelter in Azerbaijan escaping from the tortures she suffered from in her country. With hope of living safe, healthy and happy life in our country....

"The city of winds" has embraced her saving from the vise of hot, sandy land. It was the last hope of Elmira. My interviewer Elmira Mammadova (the name is symbolic) narrates:

- I'm the citizen of X Republic. My father was born in Baku in 1938. After graduating from Maritime Academy here he has entered Hashtarkhan Maritime Academy.

He has come back after finishing his education and worked in former Caspar port. "My father has lived in Icherishahar. Later he was sent on an official journey to X country. He has worked there as a captain. He met with my mother in that country. My mother worked at polyclinic at the sea port then. They got married after a time."

Elmira is one of three children born from this marriage. The youngest child of the family. My interviewer recalls her childhood as a happy one. Memories related to Baku also exist in her unforgettable years:

- I have spent all my summer holidays in Baku, at my grandmother's. I knew every corner of Old City, streets at "5 martaba" and Boulevard very well. I still remember me going by tram from H.Hajiyev street

to "Shamakhinka". There was a bazaar in the area referred to as "5 martaba". It was called "Shamakhinka" then. There were carousels, bridge heading to the sea and small restaurant "Sadko" at the bottom of the bridge. (She is lost in thought).

Elmira makes an imaginary journey to those years through the bridge heading to the sea. Old Baku, benevolent, kind people and songs of Muslum Magomayev, Polad Bulbuloghlu playing in the balconies.

- Though I was born in X Republic, I was always a stranger there. Very hot and sandy land. I got married in X Republic, my children were born there. In spite of this, I have always been connected with Azerbaijan, with Baku spiritually. This love has influenced my children as well.

Elmira has inherited this love from her father. She says her father who was a ship captain has travelled various countries. But he has always noted that he has never been to any place more beautiful than Azerbaijan, than Baku port.

Years pass away. After the downfall of USSR many people with Azerbaijani nationality like Elmira are deported from their places of residence. The spring of life which was like a fairy tale was replaced with defoliation of the autumn.

- We were openly told that, there was no place for us in that country, we had to return to our Motherland. We lost our jobs as it was written "Azerbaijani" in our passport. People had to leave the country selling their property cheaply. My brother was an entrepreneur. He was killed and we were expelled.

Elmira struggles for surviving

and takes refuge in her beloved Azerbaijan. She comes to her sister who has lived for 33 years in Baku and who was the citizen of Azerbaijan. She also buries her parents in Baku. Now Elmira hopes for the best future leaving behind all the difficulties she has faced.

- I have great expectations for obtaining Azerbaijani citizenship. I have a firm belief that my wishes of living and working in the country I have been proud of, I have believed in since my childhood will come true.

The hero of the story is Adara (conditional name), a girl who was able to carry the hardships of life on her delicate shoulders from a very early age. She was a resident of a society dominated by strange customs. Instead of going to school as her peers, she was married by her family at a very early age... Strangely enough, in the XXI century we still have "parents" who marry their daughters for money and property.

Adara remembers this event: *"When I was 13, my father married me to a man named Firat (conditional name) in exchange for a bride wealth. I lived with him for four years. I was young and I didn't know what marriage, family, husband was, but I was playing with my doll. That is why my husband beat me and repeatedly hit my head on the wall".*

At that time Adara gets pregnant. Despite the doctors' ban, she has to keep the baby at her husband's insistence and she undergoes a surgery that almost costs her life.

Adara becomes a mother at an age when she still needs her mother's love and affection. But she is unlucky again. The

worst punishment for a woman is the loss of her baby, her longing for the smell of her baby *"My husband didn't show me my daughter. He took the child away from me, did not let me breastfeed the baby and take her in my arms, he wanted to "teach" me a lesson for no reason. My husband's aunt took my daughter away from me somewhere".*

Fate leaves our hero alone and teary at a very early age in times of stress and distress. Adara, who couldn't endure suffering, gets divorced and leaves the village, she decides to look for her parents. In spite of her struggle and resolute attempts, she cannot find her close relatives. Strangely enough,

"THE SECOND CHANCE"

her relatives do not even mention whereabouts of her parents, who changed their address and she is directed to the wrong address - to other cities and towns in a foreign country. Wandering the cities with hope, Adara goes to her maternal uncle's house:

"I went to that city and asked my uncle's wife. She also sent me away, saying, "I don't know, maybe they have returned to their home country". The last hope of an alien girl living in need is the police station of a foreign country. She asks

the police for deportation with a desire to return to her country, return to her native city and at least walk the streets and roads that she knows, with the desire for mercy, ordinary humanity and care in her homeland, and most importantly, with the desire to meet her sister. The deported Adara has to stay at a police station in the border area of her homeland for a while.

According to her family and relatives who have become "slaves" to traditions, Adara was a disgrace by divorcing from her husband and leaving the house. Adara's hopes come to nothing again and she loses all hope in her family, she becomes the lonely inhabitant of the great world: *"You have disgraced all of us by leaving your husband's house. You have no place in our house", my sister said to me".*

People who do not know her help the lonely woman rejected by her close relatives, they show her what the right thing is to do and support her to succeed in life. She takes refuge in one of the small towns and starts working in a beauty salon, her face is gradually smiling. After a while she starts to work as an ordinary policewoman. Adara, who is afraid to face immoral suggestions at work, even hides that she has ever been married before, often changing her address. In spite of all these, her ex-husband does not leave her alone here. Although she moves to a new address, every time her ex-husband finds her, threatens her, beats her and tries to burn her.

Adara is very happy when she learns from her boss that she

can go abroad to improve her education to become an officer. She is now thinking confidently of future with new plans. She is going to apply to the police of the country where she is going, she thinks this will save her from her husband's threats. Unfortunately, persecution does not stop there.

Adara returns to her country and complains to the local police. Even though they detain her ex-husband 2-3 times for that, they have to release him again. Living with impunity at the expense of high-level contacts and acquaintances, Firat does not abandon his evil deeds.

Adara: *"My ex-husband was very rich. One day, he came in and talked to my new boss and had me assigned to a very dangerous area. The area was a place under the control of armed extremists and if I were to go there, I might not come back..."*

Today everything remains in the past for Adara, whose life was turned into hell by her family in the cities where she went to save her life. She is brave and capable of fighting for her life. *"I am not a woman who you can entertain with, if we are going to marry, I agree, but I will never meet you otherwise"* these words of her made her to be loved and united with a man whom she loved too.

After her marriage, she and her husband arrived in Azerbaijan where stability and tolerance prevails. They are here for the second chance of their lives with the hope of a healthy, happy future to live together...

Adara says she is convinced that Azerbaijan is the only country where they will be happy.

DO YOU KNOW?



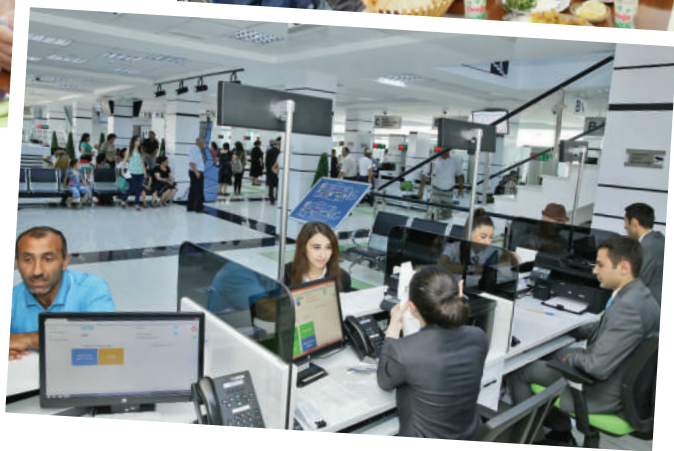
Foreigners and stateless persons married with the citizen of the Republic of Azerbaijan are not required to obtain a work permit for carrying out paid labor activity in the territory of the country.

Investment in the amount of at least 500.000 manats to the country's economy by foreigners and stateless persons is a ground for issuing them permit for temporary residence in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the duration not exceeding 3 years.

In case labor contract between an employer and foreigner or stateless person prematurely terminated, employer should inform the State Migration Service within 5 working days about this.

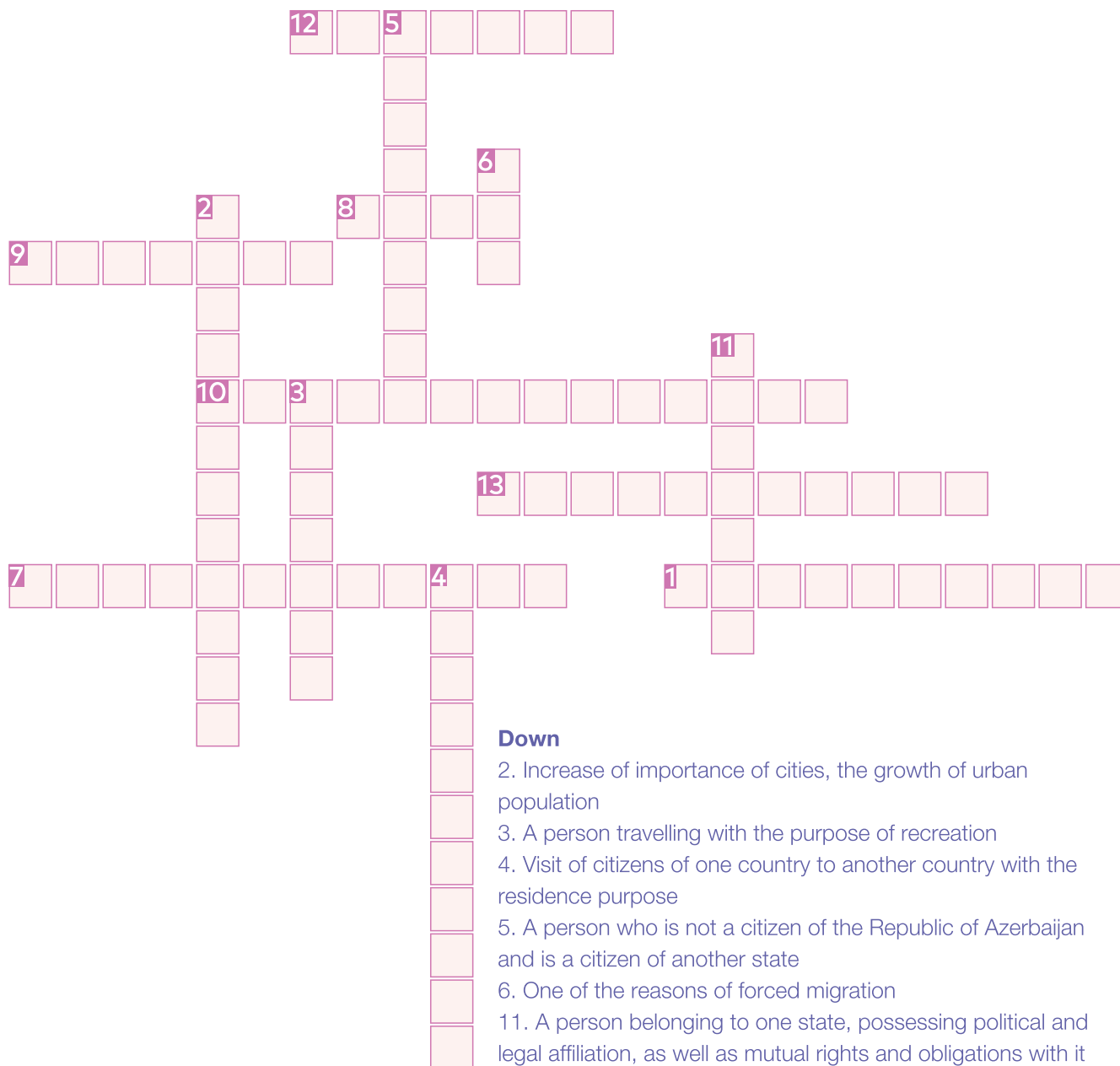
Foreigners and stateless persons residing in the Republic of Azerbaijan can apply to the Training Center of the State Migration Service in order to get acquainted with the language, history, culture of Azerbaijan, as well as legislation on rights and duties of foreigners and stateless persons. We would like to notify that, the courses are free of charge.







Crossword



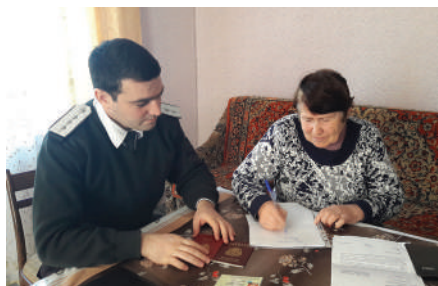
Down

2. Increase of importance of cities, the growth of urban population
3. A person travelling with the purpose of recreation
4. Visit of citizens of one country to another country with the residence purpose
5. A person who is not a citizen of the Republic of Azerbaijan and is a citizen of another state
6. One of the reasons of forced migration
11. A person belonging to one state, possessing political and legal affiliation, as well as mutual rights and obligations with it

Across

1. Fear or hatred to foreigner
7. The return of refugees, prisoners of war and civil prisoners to their country of origin
8. An official document authorizing a foreigner or stateless person to enter or to leave the other country, and to stay temporarily in the country for the period indicated in that document
9. Persons who are not citizens of any country
10. Obtaining citizenship of another country
12. A person who is a victim of persecution due to his/her race, nationality, religion, affiliation with any social group or political convictions, leaving his/her residence country and cannot or do not want to return back
13. Accepting back the persons illegally entered and resided in the territory of another country by the State

Mobile services



With the purpose of receiving and promptly processing of applications made to the State Migration Service (SMS) mobile services are regularly organized in the regions.

A mobile service ensures access to the services rendered by the SMS for citizens residing in remote villages and encountering challenges to apply directly to the Regional Migration Departments of the SMS.

While 20 mobile services were rendered in 2018, this number was 16 during the first half of 2019.



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QUESTIONS

- 1) What is the capital of Australia?
- 2) Water hardness is affected by this mineral

I read – I knew

I have come to Azerbaijan for vacation with my family members and we have 5 days left before expiration of our visa. I suppose we will be unable to leave the country in time due to sudden health problem of my child. Can we extend our visa on this ground?

- In compliance with the Migration Code temporary stay of a foreigner, his father, mother, sister and brother can be extended up to 60 days when urgent medical treatment is required.

I have rented my flat to a foreigner in compliance with the legislation and have submitted an application for his registration. But that foreigner has moved from my flat violating the contract. Which measures will be taken in compliance with the legislation in case of submitting application for deregistration of that person?

- In compliance with the migration legislation in case the person who has applied for the registration of a foreigner has submitted an application for deregistration of that foreigner, that foreigner has to submit documents certifying his registration in other settlement within 10 working days, otherwise, he will not be issued temporary or permanent residence permit or its period will not be extended.

I have to pay a business visit to a foreign country. Temporary residence permit for a year in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan is required for obtaining visa from the relevant embassy. Is it possible to obtain that permit within a short period by paying state fee?

- In accordance with the law on state fee you can obtain temporary residence permit within 15 working days by paying state fee in the amount of 160 manats.



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