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### Media Release

The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Diplomatic Service was celebrated in Azerbaijan on July 06-09, 2009.

International conference “Azerbaijan in Global Policy: Formation of Foreign Policy”, presentation of a book of the same title, conferences in Nakhchivan and Ganja were held, Museum of Azerbaijani Diplomacy, a Memorial Plaque on the first building of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic were inaugurated.

The international conference brought together high-ranking officials, scholars from different countries, including Hikmet Chetin, former Chairman of Parliament and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, Bill Schneider, CNN leading political consultant, Svante Cornell, Director of the Swedish Institute for Security and Development Policy, Tedo Japaridze, Former Georgian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Artem Malgin, Advisor to Rector of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, heads of the diplomatic missions of Azerbaijan, foreign diplomats accredited in Azerbaijan and others.

The President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev signed a decree to institute Jubilee Medal “90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Diplomatic Service (1919-2009)” and Medal “For Merit in Diplomatic Service”.

The diplomatic service in Azerbaijan dates back to July 09, 1919 when the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was established by the Government of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic, which existed through 1918-1920. Azerbaijan Democratic Republic had 16 diplomatic missions abroad.

Among the first achievements of Azerbaijan's diplomacy was the participation of the delegation of Azerbaijan Democratic Republic in the 1919 Paris Peace Conference and the formal recognition of Azerbaijan by the Allied Powers on January 11, 1920, within ten days of the inaugural session of the General Assembly of League of Nations.

After regaining independence in 1991 a decision was taken by the President of Azerbaijan to celebrate annually a holiday - the Day of Diplomatic Service on July 09.

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