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The Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in collaboration with Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University inaugurated on January 20, 2009 the Azerbaijani Corner at the Faculty of Adab and Humanities of the University which was followed by a seminar “Azerbaijan Today”.

During the opening ceremony Vice-rector of the University Sudarnoto Abdul Hakim and Dean of Faculty of Adab and Humanities Abdul Chair highly appreciated the opening of the Azerbaijani Corner, expressed confidence that it will contribute to the development of Azerbaijani-Indonesian relations and pointed out the necessity to expand the cooperation with the University.

Ambassador Ibrahim A. Hajiyev emphasized the importance the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev was attaching to the relations between Azerbaijan and Indonesia. He expressed hope that the Azerbaijani Corner will serve the needs of Indonesian students, scholars, public at large about friendly nation of Azerbaijan and such corners would be established in other educational centers in future.

The Corner has a collection of books on history, art, culture, business, education and other topics, is equipped with computer and audiovisual facilities.

During the seminar “Azerbaijan Today” Ibrahim A. Hajiyev presented information on Azerbaijan, its geopolitical, geoeconomic, geostrategic importance, history, people, religion, culture, tourism, economy, regional and international cooperation and took questions from the audience. Special accent in his presentation was on the tragic events on January 20, 1990 when Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan was attacked by Soviet military forces during which 137 civilians were massacred, 841 were arrested, 700 wounded.

Ibrahim A. Hajiyev informed the audience of Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict and occupation of 20 % of Azerbaijani territory by Armenian military.

Hikmat Moeljawan, official of the Department of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia commented that the opening of the Azerbaijani Corner was a good and positive sign in the development of the Azerbaijani-Indonesian bilateral relations and expressed confidence that it would contribute to the development of people-to-people contact, cooperation between friendly countries and promotion of Azerbaijan in Indonesia.

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