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June 4, 2007 - A delegation of business leaders from Azerbaijan visited Los Angeles to participate in the first U.S.-Azerbaijan Business Forum at the Regency Club. The May 31 event was co-sponsored by the Ministry of Economic Development of Azerbaijan, AZPROMO, the Consulate General in Los Angeles and the U.S.-Azerbaijan Chamber of Commerce. Following the welcoming remarks by the Honorable Jimmy Delshad, the Mayor of Beverly Hills, the forum included presentations by the Honorable Mikayil Jabbarov, Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Ms. Cindy Wymore, BP America's Public Affairs Director for Western Region, Dr. Asya Rudkovskaya, CISCO's Managing Director for Emerging Markets, as well as by Mr. Afgan Isayev, Vice-President, Bank of Baku, and Mr. Murad Sadykhov, SA Partnership.

While Deputy Minister Jabbarov focused on Azerbaijan's economic growth and the government's efforts to diversify the country's economy, other presenters described their experiences and existing opportunities in a variety of sectors. During the discussion and the subsequent individual meetings, forum participants were able to elaborate on specific projects with members of the visiting delegation. Overall, the forum highlighted the promise of growing Azerbaijan-California relations and emphasized the prospects of investing in Azerbaijan. For more information on economic opportunities in Azerbaijan, visit: <http://www.azconsulatela.org/forum.htm>

In the evening of May 31, the Consulate General hosted the Azerbaijan Republic Day reception at the Regency Club, which included presenting of proclamations from California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, L.A. County Board of Supervisors and LA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Also, the Orange County Board of Supervisors declared May 28 as the Azerbaijan Republic Day in Orange County and the Honorable Roy Young, Dean of the Los Angeles Consular Corp, presented Consul General Suleymanov with a certificate of recognition. As part of the Republic Day celebration, most active members of California's Azerbaijani-American community were recognized by the Consulate General. At the reception, Mrs. Demetra George-Mustafaoglu performed the national anthems of the United States and the Republic of Azerbaijan, while maestro Chingiz Sadykhov played masterpieces of the Azerbaijani music.

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