



MODEL OIC



INDONESIA HOSTED THE MODEL OIC SIMULATION CONFERENCE – 2023

October 24th, 2023

The Eurasian Regional Center of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC), in collaboration with the National Youth Council Indonesia, OIC Youth Indonesia, the Santri Diplomacy Academy, and other Indonesian partner institutions, organized the “Model OIC Diplomatic Simulation Conference – 2023” within the framework of the National Santri Day, one of the most important youth days of this country, for two days in Bogor, Indonesia.

At the opening ceremony of the event, after a recitation from the holy Quran, Ms. Ani Nigeriavati, the Director of the Public Diplomacy Department of the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Tantan Taufiq Lubis, the Vice President of ICYF, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, the Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC, Ms. Astrid Nadya Rizqita, the President of OIC Indonesia, Ms. Sururoh Uthman, the Director of the Santri Diplomacy Academy, Mr. Kiai M. Yazid Dimiyati, the Leader of the Lido Islamic Center, Mr. Arsul Sani and Mr. Jazilul Fawaid, the Vice Presidents of the People’s Consultative Assembly, Mr. Zuhair Al-Shun, the Ambassador of

Palestine to Indonesia, Dr. Yassir Mohamed Ali Mohammed, the Ambassador of Sudan to Indonesia, and Ms. Woro Srihastuti Sulistyningrum, the representative of the Indonesian Ministry of Human Development and Culture made congratulatory remarks, underlining the importance of Muslim unity and the growing interest in Model OIC IR



Academy among Southeast Asian Muslim youth organizations.

In his remarks, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov stated that “In difficult times, especially during the struggle for Azerbaijan’s territorial integrity, we would like to highlight the support of our Indonesian friends. Today, Azerbaijan has successfully restored its territorial integrity in accordance with international legal norms, and we hope that other nations can achieve similar results through peaceful means.” Mr. Gurbanov also appreciated Indonesian youth for their active engagement in recent solidarity activities for Palestine, organized in the country.

On the first day of the event, the 1st-panel discussion was held on the topic of “Promoting Peaceful Coexistence through Santri Engagement” by keynote speaker, Dr. H. Jazilul Fawaid and speakers Mr. Jazziray Hartoyo, Ms. Inayah W. Wahid, and Mr. Respiratori Saddam Al Jihad. The first day of the program concluded with the topic “Santri’s commitment to Global Sustainability through Spiritual Ecology” discussed by Mr. Iwan Eka Setiawan, Dr. Hayu S. Prabowo, Dr. Fachruddin M., Mr. Widyasworo Priatmojo, and Ms. Riri Kharieh from Indonesia.

The event’s second day continued with a simulation conference of OIC Foreign Ministers on the agenda of “Regional Issues and Solidarity.”

It should be highlighted that almost 2000 young people have taken part in activities conducted in Indonesia as part of the “Model OIC” initiative.

The “Model OIC” program was implemented in Azerbaijan for the first time in 2011 at the initiative of the ICYF-ERC. Since then, this program has been successfully

implemented annually in more than 40 OIC member countries, both at the national and international levels, based on the experience of Azerbaijan. The main goal of the program is to contribute to the leadership abilities of young people operating in the OIC countries, communication and representation skills in the international arena.

ADA MODEL OIC CERTIFICATION CEREMONY

October 5th, 2023

On October 5, 2023, ADA Model OIC hosted an event to certify its members in recognition of their invaluable services.



The Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, attended the event and certified the members. Mr. Chingiz Gasimzade, the President of ADA Model OIC, presented a memorial video highlighting the team’s past events and projects.

MODEL OIC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ACADEMY 2023 IN KYRGYZSTAN

October 23rd, 2023

The Eurasian Regional Center of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC), the United Youth Organization (UYO) and the Active Volunteers Organization (PU) with

the support of the Ministry of Information, Sports and Youth Policy of Kyrgyzstan and the Youth Congress of Kyrgyzstan organized the ‘Model OIC International Relations Academy 2023’ in Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyz Republic. At the opening ceremony of the event, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, the Acting Director General of Center of ICYF-ERC



Mr. Askar Shaikidinov, the head of the Department of Youth Policy of the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of Kyrgyzstan, as well as Mr. Nurjigit Kadyrbekov, the deputy of the parliament, gave congratulatory speeches. Notable speakers emphasized global relevance, thanked supporters, and highlighted solidarity among Muslim youth. In his speech, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov thanked the United Youth Organization of Kyrgyzstan for supporting the eco-action organized by Azerbaijani activists on the Lachin-Khankendi road. He also expressed gratitude for the support shown to the people and the state of Azerbaijan during the Patriotic War. The event addressed topics like creative economy, climate change, AI, and joint initiatives among OIC countries. Attended by 100 university students passionate about international relations, discussions revolved around OIC committees' simulations, covering diverse issues like Palestine, Middle East events, and education challenges. The initiative

aims to unite youth across education, science, information, and culture, combating extremism while showcasing OIC country achievements. The 'Model OIC' program, initiated in 2011 by ICYF-ERC, aims to enhance leadership, communication, and representation skills among young OIC members, annually executed both nationally and internationally.

MODEL OIC PAKISTAN SIMULATION 2023

November 24–26th 2023

The introduction of the Model OIC Project in Pakistan had been done by Ms. Rutaba Tariq, Project Country Coordinator of ICYF. Opening Statements were addressed by Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, the Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC, Ms. Aygul Gabdrakhmanova, Board Member of ICYF-ERC and Ms. Astrid Nadya Rizqita, President of OIC Youth Indonesia. Keynote Speeches were given by Mr. Bilal Akram Shah, Director of OIC Division MoFA and Ambassador Nadeem Riyaz, President of the Institute of Regional Studies in Islamabad.



Thirty selected young leaders belonging to different universities in Pakistan got a chance to participate in a three-day-long conference under the theme “Charting a greener future: OIC’s role in combating Climate Change and Protecting the Environment” enhancing their critical thinking, debating, decision-making and many other skills. Along with the

students of various universities of Pakistan, the delegation from Indonesia also participated in the conference. Therefore, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to OIC Youth Indonesia.



The project concluded with a closing ceremony and participation of the distinguished guests including H.E Khazar Farhadov, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan, Ambassador Nadeem Riyaz, President of the Institute of Regional Studies, Dr. Zulfikar Ali, Director of Programs and Projects at IOFS, Ferry Murdiansyah and Nugroho Kridasantosa, Members of Political Affairs Staff at the Indonesian Embassy in Pakistan, Tantan Taufik Lubis, Vice-President of ICYF – Asian Region (online), and Dilbar Sadykova, Chairwoman of the Academy of Youth Diplomacy in Kazan (online).

Rutaba Tariq, the Project Country Coordinator, praised participants for their efforts, stressing the need for a unified climate policy within the OIC. The event saw commendations and commitments from distinguished guests like Ferry Murdiansyah, Dilbar Sadykova, Tantan Taufik Lubis, and Dr. Zulfikar Ali, all emphasizing youth’s crucial role in various aspects, from climate policy to sustainable food security.

Ambassador Khazar Farhadov

highlighted the need for collaboration and technology exchange to reduce the impact of climate change on OIC member states. He also provided information on Azerbaijan’s active role and contributions as a member of the OIC. This included measures taken to mitigate the negative effects of climate change in Azerbaijan. He highlighted the potential in the field of renewable energy based on the concept of smart and green energy in Azerbaijan, including the territories freed from occupation, and subjected to ecocide.

In conclusion, awards were given to delegates from Qatar and UAE for their outstanding contributions during the simulation. The event concluded with discussions on the Islamabad Declaration, a policy framework to be shared for further action.

INFO-SESSIONS OF MODEL OIC CLUBS

INFO-SESSION OF MODEL OIC CLUB AT AZERBAIJAN UNIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES

November 1, 2023



On November 1, 2023, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, the Acting Director General of the Eurasian Regional Center of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC), along

with members of the ICYF-ERC team, accompanied by Anar Osmanlı, an adviser to the rector of Azerbaijan University of Languages, and Professor Aliyeva Sevdagul, the Head of the Regional Studies Department at Azerbaijan University of Languages, engaged in a meeting to explore opportunities for mutual cooperation and collaboration.

During the meeting, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov provided insights into ICYF-ERC's mission, vision, ongoing activities, and initiatives, with a particular focus on the organization's dedication to empowering youth and promoting regional cooperation.

Following this, Mr. Chingiz Gasimzada delivered a presentation on the concept of MOIC clubs. ICYF-ERC wishes to extend its sincere appreciation for the warm reception received from Azerbaijan University of Languages and its esteemed leadership.

INFO-SESSION OF THE BSLU MOIC CLUB AT BAKU STATE UNIVERSITY

December 7th, 2023

On December 7, 2023, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, the Acting Director General of the Eurasian Regional Center of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC), along



with ICYF-ERC team members and accompanied by Kenan Vakilov, Deputy dean for social issues and international relations at

Baku State University, and Mirhuseyn Tagiyev, the coordinator of BSU Model OIC Club, convened for a meeting to explore possibilities for collaboration.

During the session, Mr. Gurbanov highlighted ICYF-ERC's goals, ongoing endeavors, and commitment to empowering youth and fostering regional cooperation. Subsequently, Mr. Tagiyev presented insights into MOIC Clubs, specifically focusing on the BSU MOIC Club. ICYF-ERC expressed gratitude for the warm welcome extended by Baku State University and its esteemed leadership.

INFO-SESSION OF THE BSLU MOIC CLUB AT BAKU SLAVIC UNIVERSITY

December 14th, 2023

On December 14, 2023, an information session organized by the BSLU MOIC club took place at Baku Slavic University. Among the attendees were Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, the Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC, Mr. Elchin Huseynov, Advisor to the rector of Baku Slavic University, along with enthusiastic BSLU students.

Kicking off the session, Mr. Javid Novruzov, serving as the moderator, warmly welcomed both guests and participants. Following this, Mr. Elchin Huseynov expressed gratitude for the opportunities offered by ICYF-ERC to the youth, extending his best wishes for their future endeavors.

Subsequently, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov conveyed appreciation to the university administration for hosting the event and delved into an insightful discussion covering the historical back-

ground, mission, and various projects undertaken by ICYF-ERC.



Towards the session's closure, Javid Novruzov, the moderator, provided a comprehensive overview of the existing MOIC clubs in Azerbaijan and outlined the future goals of the BSLU MOIC club.

Wrapping up the engaging session, queries from students were addressed, followed by expressions of gratitude from the guests towards the participants. The event concluded on a positive note, fostering an exchange of valuable information and insights.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

WEBINAR: "THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT VICTORY IN THE SECOND KARABAKH WAR: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF THE POST-CONFLICT ERA"

November 7th, 2023

On November 7, 2023, the Webinar on the topic of "The 3rd Anniversary of the Great Victory in the Second Karabakh War: Challenges and Opportunities of the Post-Conflict Era" was organized by the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC).

At the opening ceremony of the webinar, Chingiz Gasimzada, Moderator of the Webinar welcomed the speakers and participants.



In the ongoing webinar, Mr. Tantan Taufiq Lubis, Vice President of ICYF and Mr. Fсахat Ul Hassan, Founder-CEO of Youth Advocacy Network (YAN) and Board Member of ICYF-ERC delivered their opening remarks. Subsequently, Mr. Tan Taufiq Lubis stated that “This victory belongs not only to Azerbaijan, but to Muslim countries.” Mr. Fсахat Ul-Hassan also highlighted that the Karabakh conflict was not a regional but a historical conflict. At the end of their speeches, Mr. Tantan and Mr. Fсахat congratulated the government and nation of Azerbaijan on the occasion of a Great Victory.

During the webinar, our main speaker, Deputy Director at the Center for Studies of the South Caucasus, Mr. Fuad Chiragov emphasized on challenges from the past to present and possible opportunities for the Post-Conflict Era. He expressed that contrary to some restatements, the Second Karabakh War was neither a conflict of civilizations nor a war of religions, while Azerbaijan shows a tolerance to all religious and ethnic affiliations. However, during the effective occupation period 63 out of 65 mosques were destroyed by Armenian forces. He also added that it’s only a conflict

of demarcation of borderlines and territorial integrity and was not in direct or indirect connection with any other metaphors. In concluding remarks, he precisely addressed the importance of continued and unwavering support of Islamic countries in rebuilding Karabakh in the future.

PROJECT SCHOOL OIC IN KAZAN

November 17-18th, 2023

On November 17-18, the Eurasian Regional Center of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC), in cooperation with the Public organization “Academy of Youth Policy” and the Tatarstan Republican Youth Movement “Selet,” organized the “Project School OIC” in Kazan, Tatarstan (RF).



The event opened with welcoming speeches by Ms. Dilbar Sadykova, Chairman of the Academy of Youth Diplomacy, Ms. Aygul Gabdrakhmanova, Director of the Tatarstan Republican Youth Movement “Selet”, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC (online), and Ms. Laysan Safiullova, Project Coordinator. The distinguished speakers emphasized that events of this nature play a pivotal role in fostering the development and empowerment of youth in the OIC region. Mr. Vusal Gurbanov conveyed

his appreciation to the organizers and the government of the Republic of Tatarstan (RF), expressing his hope that the cooperation will endure.

During the OIC Project School, ICYF-ERC's Rauf Baba-zada introduced the forum's initiatives, inviting engagement in the "Shusha OIC Youth Capital 2024". The project aimed to bolster connections, diplomacy, and knowledge exchange among youth and Russian & foreign companies. Participants tackled real company cases, proposed innovative projects, and formed teams for collaborative work. Teams presented solutions for various industry challenges, assessed by industry experts offering valuable insights. Teams like "Young Analytics" and "Sustainable Business Development" excelled, receiving prizes. The event showcased students' dedication, fostering innovation and problem-solving. Thanks were extended to all contributors, including entrepreneurs, company reps, and partners. The success stemmed from a collaboration between ICYF-ERC, 'The Academy of Youth Policy,' and Tatarstan Republican Youth Movement 'Selet.'

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ACADEMY LECTURE SERIES WAS HELD BY ICYF-ERC

December 2nd, 2023

On December 2nd, the Panel Discussion entitled “International System’s Failure to Prevail Justice and Dignity” was held at Lotfi Zadeh Technology Center by the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) with the participation of the Ambassador of the State of Palestine, H.E Mr.

Nassar Abdul Kareem and Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov.

At the opening ceremony of the panel, Mr. Chingiz Gasimzada, Moderator of the event welcomed the speakers and participants.

During the event, the main speaker- H.E Mr. Nassar Abdul Kareem- introduced the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine, addressing key regional issues, humanitarian crises, and challenges. The Ambassador highlighted the importance of International Law in solving conflicts and protecting the lives of people.



The Panel was followed by the keynote address of Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, Acting Director General of the ICYF-ERC. Mr. Vusal Gurbanov delivered a compelling keynote address, focusing on themes of Muslim solidarity and the pivotal role of youth in shaping a more just and dignified global landscape. Focusing on the importance of unity among Muslim nations, Mr. Gurbanov stressed the need for collaborative efforts to address pressing global issues. He emphasized that the strength of Muslim solidarity lies in collective action and mutual support.

After the speeches, the event continued with a Q&A session.

At the end of the event, the Moderator, Mr. Chingiz Gasimzada thanked guests and participants

for attending the event. He mentioned: The word “peace” – I believe is the most worthwhile keyword for today and the future.”

THE NATIONAL STAGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP OF EURASIAN MUSLIM COUNTRIES WAS HELD IN UZBEKISTAN

December 21st, 2023

On December 21, 2023, The national stage of the International Debate Championship of Eurasian Muslim countries on the theme of the Heydar Aliyev Oratory School was held at Tashkent State University of Economics in Uzbekistan. The championship was co-organized by the Youth Union of Uzbekistan (O‘zbekiston Yoshlar Ittifoqi) and the Eurasian Regional Center of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC), with support of Tashkent State University of Economics and the public union “Debates in Civil Society” (DVC). It is worth noting that this event commemorated the 100th anniversary of the birth of Azerbaijan’s National Leader, Heydar Aliyev, within the framework of the national stage of the International Debate Championship of Eurasian Muslim countries on the theme of the Heydar Aliyev Oratory School.



At the opening ceremony, Vusal Gurbanov, Acting Director General of the ICYF-ERC, welcomed the participants and gave brief information about the flagship projects of ICYF-ERC, such as the Model OIC IR Academy, the Debate Championships and Kazan OIC Youth Entrepreneurship Forum. Moreover, he highlighted that the championships dedicated to the 100th birthday anniversary of national leader Heydar Aliyev had taken place in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and



Kyrgyzstan. He also expressed gratitude for the support from Uzbekistan’s youth during challenging times and affirmed ICYF-ERC’s commitment to the empowerment and solidarity of Muslim youth as well as preparing future diplomats. Abdulaziz Muminov, the Deputy Chairman of the Central Council of the Youth Union of Uzbekistan, underscored the pivotal role debate plays in honing critical thinking skills, emphasizing its ability to empower individuals to articulate thoughts confidently and precisely. Furthermore, he elucidated that engaging in debate not only cultivates constructive thoughts but also instills a sense of assurance in expressing ideas without hesitation and serves as a cornerstone for intellectual growth and effective communication, fostering a culture of robust dialogue among the youth of Uzbekistan.

The participants from different universities in Uzbekistan, during the debate championship, delved into critical issues, ranging from the ecological repercussions of electric vehicles to the potential prohibition of electronic devices at universities, the prospect of robotic replacement in major industries, and the efficacy comparison between online and offline education. Tashkent State University of Law triumphed as the 1st Place winner in the esteemed debate championship, with Tashkent State University of Economics securing 2nd Place and Webster University achieving the distinguished 3rd Place. Winners and participants received well-deserved certificates and valuable prizes, underscoring their exceptional contributions to this competition.

The main goals of the debate championship are to contribute to the improvement of young people's public speaking, communication, and leadership skills, to contribute to the activities of young people in the social and political sphere, as well as to achieve the recognition of the personality of Heydar Aliyev in a wider audience.

THE ACTIVITIES OF ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ICYF-ERC

REPRESENTATIVES OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS VISITED FUZULI CITY OF AZERBAIJAN

October 17th, 2023

On 17 October, representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited in Azerbaijan took part in a trip to Fuzuli to commemorate Fuzuli City Day. Emin Huseynov, Special representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the Karabakh economic region, welcomed and informed the guests about the conditions and reconstruction works in Fuzuli. The guests were informed about Azerbaijani culture, historical monuments, and ancient carpets. Later, the guests visited the "Fuzuli" corner and tasted Azerbaijani national dishes. At the end of the trip, representatives paid a visit to the State School № 1 named after Mirza Ulugbey which was funded by the Government of Uzbekistan. Acting Director General of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC), Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, represented ICYF-ERC during this trip.

The ICYF-ERC expresses its gratitude for hospitality to the Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the Karabakh Economic Region, H.E. Mr. Hikmat Hajiyev and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan for the invitation and organization of the trip.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ICYF-ERC, MR. VUSAL GURBANOV, RECEIVED MR. ASKER SHAIKIDINIOV, THE HEAD OF THE YOUTH POLICY DEPARTMENT AT THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, INFORMATION, SPORTS, AND YOUTH POLICY OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

November 6th, 2023

On November 6th, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, the Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC, received Mr. Asker Shaikidiniov, the Head of the Youth Policy Department at the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports, and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic, during his official visit to Azerbaijan. Mr. Vusal Gurbanov warmly welcomed Mr. Asker Shaikidiniov at the Center's headquarters in Baku and provided an overview of the Regional Center's primary initiatives and ongoing activities. Mr. Gurbanov emphasized the Center's commitment to enhancing relationships among the youth of OIC member states, with a particular focus on mandate countries. In response, Mr. Shaikidiniov expressed his gratitude



for the warm reception, fruitful discussions and marked the importance of the Model OIC project and International Debate Championships for the Youth of both countries.

During the meeting, the parties explored potential opportunities for collaboration between the Center and the relevant parties.

Both sides engaged in productive dialogue and look forward to fostering meaningful partnerships in the future.

Additionally, Mr. Elchin Asgarov, Chair of the Board of ICYF-ERC, held a meeting with Mr. Shaikidinov, further contributing to discussions on fostering collaborative initiatives and strengthening ties between the ICYF-ERC and the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports, and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic.

ICYF-ERC ON 5TH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF LABOUR MINISTERS

November 21th, 2023

The Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) preparatory to the 5th Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers, under the theme “Innovative Solutions and Digitalization of Labour and Employment Services in OIC Member States”, kicked off on November 21, 2023, in Baku, Azerbaijan.



Azerbaijan successfully hosted this conference at a high level and

with great professionalism. Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum and its Eurasian Regional Center took part in the meeting with honor.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ICYF-ERC ADVOCATES ISLAMIC VALUES

November 22nd, 2023

On November 22, NAYORA organized the conference “Country Where Cultures Converge” at ADA University, with the support of UNESCO and in partnership with the Youth Foundation of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

At the opening ceremony, Fariz Ismayilzade, Vice Rector of ADA University, Azer Aliyev, Chairman of NAYORA, Indira Hajiyeva, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sport, Gadir Khalilov, Acting Executive Director of the Azerbaijan Youth Foun-



ation, Anar Naghiyev, Rector of Baku Slavic University, and Revan Hasanov, Executive Director of Baku Multicultural Centre delivered congratulatory speeches, sharing their opinions with the participants. The main aim of the event was to stimulate active youth participation in the intercultural process and promote the values of multiculturalism and tolerance in Azerbaijan.

During panel discussions moderated by Ramin Habibzadeh, Secretary-General of NAYORA, Vusal Gurbanov, Acting Director General of the Eurasian Regional Center of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC), delivered a speech on the topic “Role of youth in intercultural dialogue among Muslim countries: Challenges, goals, and perspectives.” In his speech, V. Gurbanov particularly talked about the protection of Islamic values in a rapidly globalizing world and informed the participants about the activities of ICYF-ERC in the struggle against Islamophobia, as well as intercultural dialogue aimed at creating a positive image of the Islamic religion.

ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ICYF-ERC WAS RECEIVED BY H.E. AMBASSADOR OF MALAYSIA TO AZERBAIJAN

December 21st 2023

On 21 December, 2023, Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC Mr. Vusal Gurbanov was received by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamrizamil Mohd Riza, Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary of the State of Malaysia to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

During the meeting at the Embassy of Malaysia to Baku, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov briefed H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamrizamil Mohd Riza on the activities of ICYF, in particular its Eurasian Regional Center aimed at providing the necessary opportunities for the development of youth and capacity building as well as enhancing cooperation and solidarity among the youth of the OIC Member States.



Both parties discussed ways to improve youth development initiatives and boost youth participation at the local and global levels, as well as reviewing various areas of potential collaboration.

H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamrizamil Mohd Riza acknowledged the initiatives of ICYF-ERC and expressed his commitment to support the Center in its future endeavors.

ONLINE MEETING BETWEEN ICYF-ERC AND CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE YOUTH UNION OF UZBEKISTAN

December 13th, 2023

On December 13, 2023, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, Acting Director of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC), and Mr. Poyonov Temurbek, Chairman of the Central Council of the Youth Union of Uzbekistan (Uzbekistan Yoshlar Ittifoqi), the leading youth organization of Uzbekistan, had an online meeting where they discussed numerous important aspects, including the implementation of joint projects between ICYF-ERC and the Central Council of the Youth Union of Uzbekistan, as well as future cooperation and partnership.

The Acting Director of ICYF-ERC, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, highlighted the importance of collaboration and the implementation of projects planned for 2024. The Chairman of the Central Council of the Youth Union of Uzbekistan,

Mr. Poyonov Temurbek, provided detailed information about the Central Council of the Youth Union of Uzbekistan and particularly emphasized the development of relations among the youth.



The parties exchanged views on organizing the debate championship at the end of this year and discussed other important topics regarding current tendencies. It is also worth noting that Rauf Baba-zada, the Project Manager of ICYF-ERC, and Xojiyev Nodir Toirovich, Head of the Department of International Grant Projects in the Central Council of the Youth Union of Uzbekistan participated in the meeting.

ICYF-ERC TEAM HELD A MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

December 28th, 2023

On 28 December, the ICYF-ERC team held a meeting with the National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the Resource Center of Youth Organizations.

Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC, congratulated Mr. Rafael Hajibeyli on the occasion of being elected to the Chair position of the National Assembly of Youth Organizations.

Mr. Hajibeyli expressed his gratitude for the congratulations to the management of the Regional Center and noted that the meeting with the first international organization under his leadership took place with ICYF-ERC.

The discussions were comprehensive, exploring various pathways for future collaboration and partnership in the youth sector. Both parties expressed their dedication to nurturing connections that empower the youth and benefit the SDG17.

Underlining its pivotal role for OIC Youth, the assembly emphasized the importance of unity and cooperation with the ICYF-ERC. ICYF-ERC, in turn, appreciated the role of the National Assembly of Youth Organizations as a bridge for youth organizations and its support to many projects.



The parties agreed to hold the next meetings to prepare a road map for the discussion of future projects. Looking ahead, these negotiations lay the groundwork for unique projects and programs that have the potential to positively influence the youth.

STATEMENTS OF THE BOARD

Message of Condolences: Terrorist attack in Türkiye

We strongly condemn the heinous terrorist act outside the Interior Ministry building in Ankara, Türkiye. Such acts of violence have no place in a civilized society, and we stand united against terrorism in all its forms.



We wish a swift and complete recovery to all those affected by the recent tragedy.

October 1st, 2023

Message of Condolences: Palestine

The Eurasian Regional Center of the ICYF (ICYF-ERC) strongly condemns the recent hostilities in Gaza, particularly the egregious air strike on Al-Ahli Arab Hospital. Such attacks on civilian infrastructure are reprehensible and a blatant violation of international humanitarian law. We express our deepest sorrow for the extensive loss of civilian lives in Gaza, recognizing the profound human tragedy unfolding in the region.

In these dire circumstances, it is imperative for all parties involved to strictly adhere to international humanitarian law, prioritizing the protection of civilians and ensuring the safety of critical infrastructure such as hospitals. The indiscriminate targeting of civilian areas exacerbates an already dire humanitarian crisis, leading to immeasurable suffering for innocent people.

ICYF – ERC urges an immediate cessation of violence and calls upon all relevant sides to engage in constructive dialogue to find a lasting and peaceful resolution to the conflict. We call upon the international community to actively work towards de-escalation and the promotion of a just and sustainable peace. We emphasize the necessity of providing humanitarian assistance to those affected by the conflict and facilitating access for aid organizations to address the urgent needs of the vulnerable populations in the region.

The protection of civilians must be paramount and all parties must prioritize the well-being of innocent lives over political considerations. ICYF-ERC stands in solidarity with the civilians and calls for a collective commitment to ending the violence, upholding human rights and working towards a future where peace and stability prevail in the region.

October 18th, 2023

Congratulation of the Board: Kazakhstan Republic Day

The International Board and staff of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) expresses their cordial congratulations to the brotherly Republic of

Kazakhstan on the occasion of its Republic Day. We wish the people and Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan continuous development, sustaining peace and prosperity!

October 25th, 2023

Congratulation of the Board: Deputy Chairman of the "Jastar Ruhı"

Honoring Excellence, The Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) with immense pride and admiration, congratulates Ms. Akerke Iskenderova, Deputy Chairman of the "Jastar Ruhı" Youth Wing under Amanat party, on receiving the award of the Republic of Kazakhstan – "For hard work", by the decree of the President of Kazakhstan, H.E Mr. Kassym-Jomart Kemeluly Tokayev.

The award was presented by the Parliamentary Majilis of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Chairman of the "Amanat" party, Mr. Erlan Zhakanuly.

Her dedication to fostering positive change, empowering youth, and building bridges of understanding among nations is truly commendable. This award is a testament to her incredible leadership and vision.



Taking this opportunity, we would also like to congratulate all the members of the organization, the youth, and our friends in Kazakhstan.

We wish the "Jastar Ruhı" organization continued success with their endeavours and jointly carried out youth development projects.

Qutty Bolsyn!

October 25th, 2023

Congratulation of the Board: Türkiye Republic Day

The International Board and entire staff of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) extend their warmest congratulations to the brotherly Republic of Türkiye as it celebrates its Republic Day.

This significant occasion symbolizes the enduring spirit of the Turkish nation and its commitment to democracy and progress.

We wholeheartedly wish for peace, abundance, and prosperity to continue to flourish in Türkiye under the wise and capable leadership of its Government.

May this Republic Day be a moment of unity and hope for the people of Türkiye, reaffirming

the nation's dedication to a bright and prosperous future.

October 29th, 2023

Congratulation of the Board: Azerbaijan's Victory Day

The International Board and whole staff of the Eurasian Regional Center of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC) cordially congratulate the brotherly people and Government of Azerbaijan on the occasion of the 3rd anniversary of Azerbaijan's Victory in the 44-day second Karabakh war.



Victory Day, established in honour of the amazing triumph of the Azerbaijani Armed Forces at the 44-day war under the leadership of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, has written new glorious pages in the history by bringing the 30-year occupation of Azerbaijani lands to an end and restoration of the state's territorial integrity.

November 7th, 2023

Congratulation of the Board: Election of chairperson of NAYORA

The Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) is delighted to congratulate Mr. Rafael Hajibeyli for being elected as the chairperson of the National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

We wish Mr. Hajibeyli continued success with the initiatives he will undertake within the organization.

November 27th, 2023

International Volunteer Day

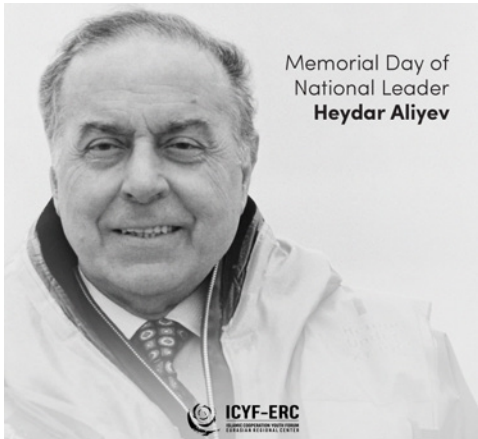
Dear volunteers, We sincerely congratulate each of you on December 5 – International Volunteer Day!

December 5th, 2023

Great Leader of modern Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev, on the 20th anniversary of his death

The Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC), with deep respect and reverence, pays tribute to the dearest memory of the genius personality and Great Leader of modern Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev, on the 20th anniversary of his death.

National Leader Heydar Aliyev was a wise leader and genius personality who devoted all his life to the development of the statehood and prosperity of the Azerbaijani nation and foundation of modern Azerbaijan.



Memorial Day of National Leader
Heydar Aliyev

May Allah the Almighty bless the soul of Azerbaijan's great leader, statesman and visionary!

December 12nd, 2023

**Statement of the Board:
32nd Anniversary of Independence
of Kazakhstan**

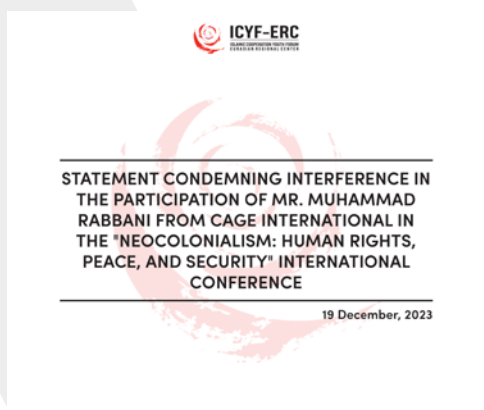
The International Board and whole staff of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) express their cordial congratulations to the brotherly Republic of Kazakhstan on the occasion of the 32nd Anniversary of Independence.

We take this auspicious occasion to wish peace, prosperity, and stability to the brotherly people and Government of Kazakhstan!

Happy Independence Day, Kazakhstan!

December 16th, 2023

**Statement by the Chair of the
International Board of the ICYF-ERC**



STATEMENT CONDEMNING INTERFERENCE IN THE PARTICIPATION OF MR. MUHAMMAD RABBANI FROM CAGE INTERNATIONAL IN THE "NEOCOLONIALISM: HUMAN RIGHTS, PEACE, AND SECURITY" INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

19 December, 2023

Elchin Asgarov
Chair of the Board of ICYF-ERC

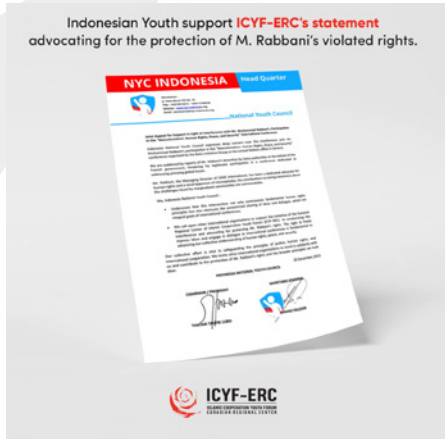


ICYF-ERC strongly condemns the unwarranted interference preventing Mr. Muhammad Rabbani, Managing Director of CAGE International, from joining the "Neocolonialism: Human Rights, Peace, and Security" conference in Geneva.

December 19th, 2023

**Indonesian Youth supports
ICYF-ERC's statement advocating for
the protection of M. Rabbani's
violated rights**

Indonesia National Youth Council expresses deep concern over the interference with Mr. Muhammad Rabbani's participation in the "Neocolonialism: Human Rights, Peace, and Security" conference organized by the Baku Initiative Group at the United Nations office in Geneva.



Indonesian Youth support **ICYF-ERC's statement** advocating for the protection of M. Rabbani's violated rights.

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December 20th, 2023

**ICYF-ERC Birthday congratulation to
H.E. President Ilham Aliyev**

The International Board and staff of the Eurasian Regional Center of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC) cordially congratulate H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the occasion of Your Excellency's Birthday.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
MR. PRESIDENT

ICYF-ERC
EURASIAN REGIONAL CENTER

Your Excellency's firm stand in boosting the development and unity of the youth of the OIC countries is indicated in Your generous and critical support in holding the Founding General Assembly of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) in Baku in 2004, supporting institutionalization and development of the ICYF as an international institution affiliated to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), hosting and upholding by Azerbaijani Government of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF (ICYF-ERC) in Baku stands as a prime example for leaders in our region. We are very proud of Your Excellency's referring to the establishment of ICYF as an international organization, as it is an important contribution of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the OIC. We, the Board of ICYF-ERC, are proud of Your Excellency's trust, support, and leadership and try our best to match the level of dedication drawn by Your Excellency.

As a result of Your wise policy, the restoration of complete legal control over all territories of Azerbaijan this year is the first and greatest success achieved not only in the history of Azerbaijan but also in the history of Islamic countries for the last two hundred years on the way to the liberation of occupied territories. On behalf of the youth of Muslim countries, we welcomed this victory with great joy and happiness.

The selection of Shusha city next year as the cultural and youth capital of the Islamic world is a vivid indicator of Your influence in the Muslim

world. We believe that next year, Azerbaijan, especially Shusha, will become the center of solidarity among Muslim youth.

We wish You success in the presidential elections to be held in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2024, and as the representatives of Muslim youth, we believe in Your confident victory.

On this special occasion, we have the honor of expressing our best wishes again for Your noble activities supporting the OIC solidarity and the development of the people of brotherly Azerbaijan together. Praying for the best health, success, and prosperity for You and Your family, please, the Honorable President, accept assurances of our highest consideration and continuing best regards.

Happy Birthday, Mr. President Ilham Aliyev!

December 23rd, 2023

Green World Solidarity Year

Exciting News for a Sustainable Future! ICYF-ERC is thrilled to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the brotherly Republic of Azerbaijan on its another success story, declaring 2024 as the "Green World Solidarity Year"! Under the visionary leadership of President Ilham Aliyev, Azerbaijan reaffirms its commitment as a responsible global citizen, actively combating climate change and championing environmental sustainability.

As a reliable member of the international community, Azerbaijan is taking bold strides towards a cleaner, greener future. The declaration underscores the nation's dedication to being a "Country of Clean Environment and Green Growth," with ambitious targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 35% by 2030 and 40% by 2050.



8 November
VICTORY DAY

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The liberated Karabakh, East Zangezur, and the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic have been declared green energy zones, showcasing Azerbaijan's commitment to environmental protection in the ongoing restoration processes. Innovative approaches like "smart city" and "smart village" drive ecosystem restoration in these areas.

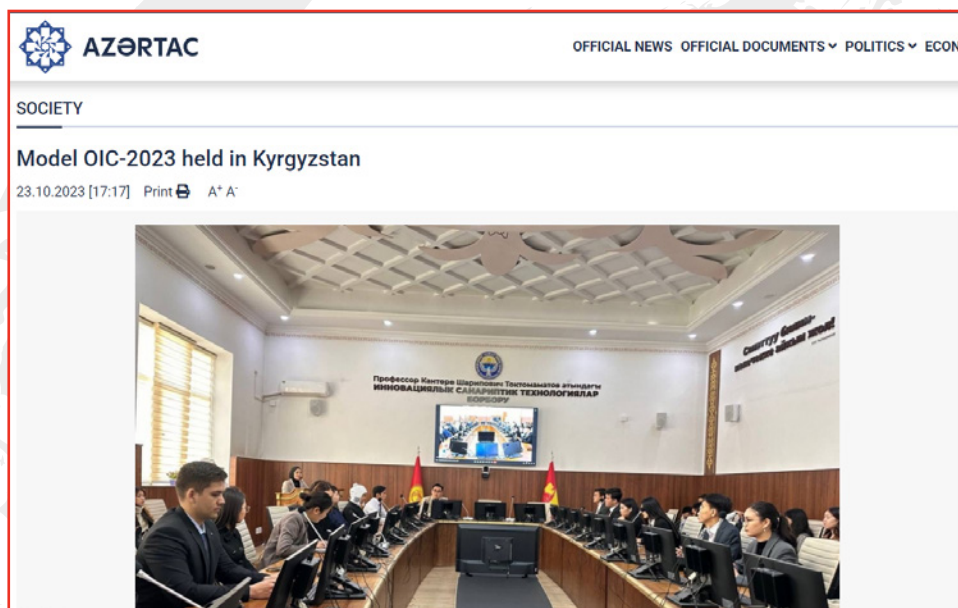
Prioritizing energy policy, Azerbaijan aims to make renewable energy constitute 30% of electricity generating capacity by 2030. The upcoming hosting of COP29 in Azerbaijan reflects the international community's recognition of the nation's dedication to environmental protection on all scales.

Join us in applauding Azerbaijan's commitment to a sustainable future! Together, let's build a world where green initiatives thrive, and our planet prospers for future generations

ICYF-ERC intends to hold numerous projects regarding Environmental Sustainability in the framework of "Green World Solidarity Year".

December 25th, 2023

ICYF-ERC IN MEDIA



The Eurasian Regional Center of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC), the United Youth Organization (UYO) and the Active Volunteers Organization (PU) with the support of the Ministry of Information, Sports and Youth Policy of Kyrgyzstan and the Youth Congress of Kyrgyzstan organized the ‘Model OIC International Relations Academy 2023’ in Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyz Republic.

ICYF-ERC in partnership with the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic, UYO, Youth Congress of Kyrgyzstan and PU is starting soon.

At the opening ceremony of the event, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, Acting Director General of the ICYF-ERC, Mr. Askar Shaikidinov, the head of the Department of Youth Policy of the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of Kyrgyzstan, as well as Mr. Nurjigit Kadyrbekov, the deputy of the parliament, gave congratulatory speeches. The distinguished speakers highlighted the role of such kinds of events in the development of leadership abilities of young people in the rapidly globalizing world. In his speech, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov thanked the United Youth Organization of Kyrgyzstan for supporting the eco-action organized by Azerbaijani activists on the Lachin-Khankendi road. He also expressed gratitude for the support shown to the people and the state of Azerbaijan during the Patriotic War. Furthermore, he emphasized the importance of solidarity among Muslim youth regarding the recent developments in the Muslim world.

The topics of the simulation conference included ‘Creative Economy and Development of Cultural Industry in OIC Countries,’ ‘Economic Aspects of Combating Climate Change and Sustainable Economy,’ ‘International Cooperation in the Field of Creative Economy and Artificial Intelligence,’ and ‘Possibilities of Launching Joint Scientific and Technical Initiatives in OIC Countries.’ The event, conducted in English and Kyrgyz languages, was attended by 100 young people representing various universities in Kyrgyzstan, primarily interested in international relations and diplomacy. The debates took place on the basis of the simulation of the Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs (ICECSA), the Council of Foreign Ministers of OIC (CFM OIC), and Standing Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH). In addition to these topics, discussions also covered the Palestinian problem, recent occurrences in the Middle East and challenges in the field of education and science in Muslim countries.

The main goal of this project, held in Kyrgyzstan, is to strengthen the solidarity among youth in education, science, information and cultural fields, to prevent extremism and inform young people about the successes achieved in OIC countries.

It should be noted that the “Model OIC” program was first proposed as an initiative by the ICYF-ERC in 2011, and since then, this program has been successfully implemented every year at both the national and international levels. The program’s main goal is to contribute to the leadership abilities, communication and representation skills of young people of the OIC countries in the international arena.

ICYF-ERC IN MEDIA



The Eurasian Regional Center of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF-ERC), in collaboration with the National Youth Council Indonesia, OIC Youth Indonesia, the Santri Diplomacy Academy and other Indonesian partner institutions, organized the “Model OIC Diplomatic Simulation Conference – 2023” within the framework of the National Santri Day, one of the most important youth days of this country, for two days in Bogor, Indonesia.

At the opening ceremony of the event, after a recitation from the holy Quran, Ms. Ani Nigeriavati, the Director of the Public Diplomacy Department of the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Tantan Taufiq Lubis, the Vice President of ICYF, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov, the Acting Director General of ICYF-ERC, Ms. Astrid Nadya Rizqita, the President of OIC Youth Indonesia, Ms. Sururoh Uthman, the Director of the Santri Diplomacy Academy, Mr. Kiai M. Yazid Dimyati, the Leader of the Lido Islamic Center, Mr. Arsul Sani and Mr. Jazilul Fawaid, the Vice Presidents of the People’s Consultative Assembly, Mr. Zuhair Al-Shun, the Ambassador of Palestine to Indonesia, Dr. Yassir Mohamed Ali Mohammed, the Ambassador of Sudan to Indonesia and Ms. Woro Srihastuti Sulistyaningrum, the representative of the Indonesian Ministry of Human Development and Culture made congratulatory remarks, underlining the importance of Muslim unity and the growing interest in “Model OIC” IR Academy among Southeast Asian Muslim youth organizations.

In his remarks, Mr. Vusal Gurbanov stated, “In difficult times, especially during the struggle for Azerbaijan’s territorial integrity, we would like to highlight the support of our Indonesian friends. Today, Azerbaijan has successfully restored its territorial integrity in accordance with international legal norms, and we hope that other nations can achieve similar results through peaceful means.” Mr. Gurbanov also appreciated Indonesian youth for their active engagement in recent solidarity activities for Palestine, organized in the country.

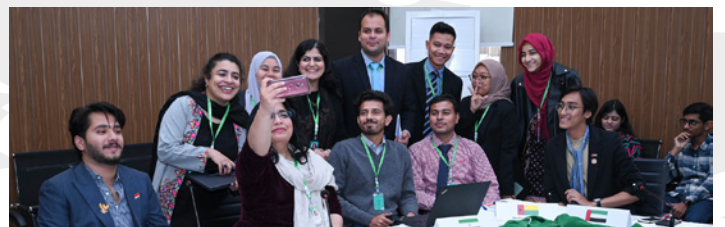
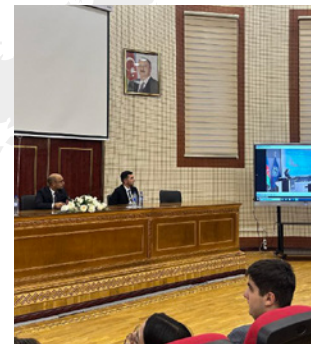
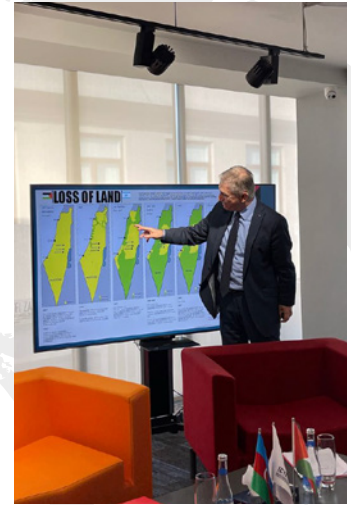
On the first day of the event, panel discussions were held on the topics of “Promoting Peaceful Coexistence through Santri Engagement” and “Santri’s commitment to Global Sustainability through Spiritual Ecology”, moderated by experts from Indonesia.

The event’s second day continued with a simulation conference of OIC Foreign Ministers on the agenda of “Reviewing the OIC Foreign Ministers’ Priority Agenda on the Regional Issues and Solidarity.”

Almost 2000 young people have taken part in activities conducted in Indonesia as part of the “Model OIC” initiative.

The “OIC Model” program was implemented in Azerbaijan for the first time in 2011 at the initiative of the ICYF-ERC. Since then, this program has been successfully implemented annually in more than 40 OIC member countries, both at the national and international levels, based on the experience of Azerbaijan. The main goal of the program is to contribute to the leadership abilities of young people operating in the OIC countries, communication and representation skills in the international arena.

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