

## Top official: Main purpose of Baku International Humanitarian Forum is to further strengthen relations between peoples and countries



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The main purpose of the second International Humanitarian Forum is further strengthening of mutual understanding and respect, the relations between the peoples, nations and countries, Head of the Foreign Relations Department of the Azerbaijani Presidential Administration Novruz Mammadov told Trend today.

"This International Humanitarian Forum is being held for the second year on the initiative and co-foundation of Azerbaijani and Russian Presidents," he said. "Azerbaijan is the organizer of the forum, and as a leader in the region holds a lot of events, however this event, by its sphere and scale, gained prestige at the international arena."

Mammadov noted that the guests participating in the forum, which starts tomorrow, have been staying in Azerbaijan for several days.

"They familiarized themselves with the country and have taken part in many events in the humanitarian sphere. Azerbaijan has recently been holding such events on various topics and directions. Many influential and important events beginning from the Crans Montana Forum to tomorrow's forum have been held since the beginning of 2012. This is natural and is perceived naturally, as Azerbaijan is the leader of the region," Mammadov underscored.

Mammadov noted that the whole truth about Azerbaijan is being delivered not only to the regional countries, but to the whole world as well.

"Over 600 people from over 70 countries will attend this forum," he said. "Among them are 10 ex-presidents and 11 Nobel Prize winners. These figures are an obvious fact."

Mammadov noted that Azerbaijan is located between East, West, North and South, Christian and Islamic worlds.

"Combining these sides, Azerbaijan, as was mentioned before, is indeed a geographical, cultural bridge, a bridge of spiritual security, that connects these continents. By taking on the role of the bridge upon itself, Azerbaijan is carrying out a very sacred and important mission," Mammadov noted.

Azerbaijan, as it was stressed earlier, indeed plays the role of a geographic, political, economic and cultural bridge, spiritual security between the sides.

"More than 600 guests participating in this forum will conduct a wide exchange of views on relevant topics, demonstrate constructive positions, and also take impressions of Azerbaijan, and beautiful Baku back to their countries," Mammadov underscored.

Mammadov added that this great event, from the point of acknowledging Azerbaijan, and informing the world community about country's realities.

"I assume that the meaning of this forum is very important for Azerbaijan," Mammadov said.