



Professor Dusen Kaseinov. Opening ceremony speech

**DISTINGUISHED MINISTER OF CULTURE OF AZERBAIJAN,
DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT OF ISME,**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

**I GREET YOU ALL WITH MY DEEPEST RESPECT AT THE OPENING
OF THE THIRTY THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE OF ISME.**

**IT IS A GREAT HAPPINESS FOR ME TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY AS
SECRETARY GENERAL OF TURKSOY AT THIS CONFERENCE
WHICH IS A MAJOR ACADEMIC AND ARTISTIC EVENT
GATHERING HUNDREDS OF MUSIC EDUCATIONISTS FROM ALL
CONTINENTS OF THE WORLD INCLUDING AMERICA, AUSTRALIA,
AFRICA AND EUROPE.**

FIRST OF ALL, LET ME EXTEND MY GRATITUDE TO OUR AZERBAIJANI FRIENDS FOR THEIR GREAT HOSPITALITY AS WELL AS TO THE MINISTER OF CULTURE OF AZERBAIJAN MISTER EBULFES GARAYEV, THE RECTOR OF THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC OF BAKU PROF. FARHAD BADALBEYLI AND THE RECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CONSERVATORY OF AZERBAIJAN PROF. SIYAVUSH KERIMI. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR VALUABLE SUPPORT.

OF COURSE, I ALSO OWE MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ISME FOR HAVING ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSAL TO HOLD THIS MAJOR CONFERENCE IN BAKU. I BELIEVE PROFESSOR HIGGINS WILL NOT REGRET THE FACT THAT THE THIRTY THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE OF ISME IS HELD IN THE WONDERFUL CAPITAL OF AZERBAIJAN.

WITH ITS ENCHANTING BEAUTY, BAKU IS A CAPITAL OF CULTURE AND ART WHICH HOSTS MANY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS EVERY YEAR SUCH AS FORMULA ONE RACES, EUROVISION SONG CONTESTS AND MANY MORE. IT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CENTERS OF INTERCULTURAL RAPPROCHEMENT AND ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS. HENCE, I DO THINK THAT THIS IS EXACTLY THE RIGHT TIME AND THE

RIGHT PLACE FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF ISME TO BE HELD.

THIS YEAR, THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN CELEBRATES THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INDEPENDENCE AS WELL AS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THE GREAT COMPOSER OF AZERBAIJAN GARA GARAYEV. TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN IS ALSO THE TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TURKSOY WHICH IS THE SECOND UNESCO OFFERED TO HUMANITY BY TURKIC PEOPLES AS AN ORGANIZATION WHICH CARRIES OUT ACTIVITIES TO STRENGTHEN CULTURAL TIES AMONG TURKIC SPEAKING PEOPLES. ALL THESE MAJOR ANNIVERSARIES GIVE A SYMBOLIC MEANING TO THE THIRTY THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE OF ISME BEING HELD IN BAKU.

IT IS MY DEAREST WISH FOR THIS CONFERENCE OF OURS TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO PROF. UĞUR ALPAGUT AS WELL AS TO ALL STAFF MEMBERS OF ZEN, THE ORGANIZING COMPANY, FOR THEIR VALUABLE EFFORTS.

THANK YOU.