



Opening Ceremony

**Congratulatory Message of Mehriban Aliyeva,
First Vice-President of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

Dear Olympiad participants, dear students!

I warmly welcome all of you – the participants of the 31st International Olympiad in Informatics who have gathered from all corners of the world in Baku – and wish you all good luck. I am hopeful that this Olympiad will contribute to bringing out the talented young people, strengthening the youth’s interest in informatics and computer science, and increasing the number of participating countries in the future Olympiads.

ICT have turned into a major indicator of the scientific potential of our age, the age in which formation of the knowledge-based society and development of digital skills are of utmost importance. Informatics plays a crucial role in economy, science and society in general. The role of computer skills in formation of the global information network has also increased significantly.

The International Olympiad in Informatics opens new horizons in front of you. I am confident that this contest that has a special place among the most prestigious intellectual competitions in Computer Science will help you realize your dreams and define your life path.

Organization of the 31st IOI in Azerbaijan is not a coincidence. Our country takes bold steps towards formation of the information society and pays special attention to the widening of its school Olympiad movement. School students continue to achieve success in international Olympiads – a total of 160 medals were won in the past years.

During the Olympiad days, you will also get an opportunity to learn about Azerbaijan’s past and present, our history, culture and values as well as make new friends. I am confident that this Olympiad will stay with you for many years as one of the most pleasant memories.

I believe that in your future activities you will fulfill the hopes that we have for you.

The message was read out by Farah Aliyeva, Head of the Department for Humanitarian Policy Issues of the Presidential Administration, during the Opening Ceremony of the 31st International Olympiad in Informatics held on 5 August 2019 at Baku Convention Center





Did You Know?



The First Opera Performance in the Muslim East

Baku became the first city in the Muslim East where in 1908 an opera performance was staged – "Leyli and Majnun" by Uzeyir Hajibayli.



First Democratic Republic in the Muslim World

The First Democratic Republic in the Muslim World – Azerbaijan Democratic Republic – was established in Azerbaijan in 1918.



First Country in the Muslim World to grant women voting rights

Azerbaijan was the 1st country in the Muslim World to grant women voting rights in 1919, well in advance of many European countries.

Words of Wisdom

**The flag
once
raised
will
never
fall!**

in original language (Azerbaijani):
Bir kərə yüksələn bayraq, bir daha enməz!

Mahammad Amin Rasullzadeh (1884-1955) was an Azerbaijani statesman, scholar, public figure, head of the Azerbaijani National Council, founder of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic (1918-1920). His expression "The flag once raised will never fall!" became the motto of the independence movement in Azerbaijan in the 20th century.



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Schedule

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| NGA: National Gymnastics Arena | BCC: Baku Convention Center |
| AVL: Athletes' Village | HAC: Heydar Aliyev Center |
| BVH: Boulevard Hotel | Excursion |

Day 4

| Time | Contestants | Leaders | Guests |
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| 07:00-09:00 | Breakfast | Breakfast | |
| 09:00-09:30 | Transfer to Baku Boulevard (Azneft Square) | | Free Time |
| 09:30-10:00 | Walk to tours | Transfer to Baku Boulevard (Freedom Square) | |
| 10:00-11:30 | Guided tour of Carpet Museum OR Guided tour of Icheri Sheher (2 groups x 44 teams) | | Free / Shopping Time at Park Bulvar mall |
| 11:30-12:00 | Walk to lunch | | |
| 12:00-12:30 | | Walk to boat pier | |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch (Four Seasons Hotel) | Caspian boat trip with lunch box (Baku Business Center OR "Mirvari" depending on weather) | |
| 13:30-14:00 | Walk to tours | Transfer to Baku Boulevard (Azneft Square) | |
| 14:00-15:30 | Guided tour of Carpet Museum OR Guided tour of Icheri Sheher (2 groups x 44 teams) | Guided tour of Icheri Sheher (6 groups x 40 people) | |
| 15:30-16:00 | Transfer to Baku Boulevard (Freedom Square) | Walk to tours | |
| 16:00-16:30 | Caspian boat trip 2 on "Mirvari" (depending on weather) | | |
| 16:30-17:00 | Caspian boat trip 3 on "Mirvari" (depending on weather) | Guided tour of Carpet Museum (8 groups x 30 people) | |
| 16:30-17:30 | Transfer to AVL (2 groups) | | |
| 17:30-18:00 | | Walk to transfer point | |
| 18:00-18:30 | Free Time | Transfer to BVH | |
| 18:00-19:00 | | Free Time | |
| 19:00-20:30 | Dinner | Dinner (Taghiyev Room 2) | |
| 20:30-22:00 | Activity Time | GA Meeting 5: Task Selection and Translation (Taghiyev Room 1) (2+ hours) | Free Time |



Nobel Brothers' Home Museum – Villa Petrolea

Villa Petrolea was built in 1884 and served as a residence for the Nobel brothers for almost 40 years. Architects of the Villa Petrolea were invited from Europe – they constructed houses for top managers of the Brothers Nobel Oil Company, schools, theatre, hospitals, and other buildings. Also known as Branobel, the Brothers Nobel Oil Company was established in 1879 and soon turned into one of the biggest oil companies in the world. The museum, which contains possessions of the Nobel family, is the first Nobel museum outside Sweden.

Villa Petrolea is now home to the Nobel Brothers' Museum, International Conference Centre and Baku Nobel Oil Club.



Photo of the Day

IOI 2019 Opens

A musical performance on tar, a traditional national Azerbaijani string musical instrument, during the Opening Ceremony.

Photo by: Ahmad Mukhtar

