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Azerbaijani President addresses CICA Summit in Shanghai



Washington, D.C— May 21, 2014--Shanghai hosted the fourth Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA). APA reports that the summit started with the welcome ceremony for the heads of state and government in Shanghai Expo Center.

President of the People's Republic of China Xi Jinping welcomed President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, as well as other heads of state and government. They posed for photographs.

Following this, the first meeting of the 4th Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia was held. Chinese President Xi Jinping underlined the importance of ensuring security in the world and noted that it is possible through dialogue and multilateral cooperation. He said that regional and international cooperation should be the main part of the policy pursued by the participating countries.

Jinping noted that Turkey's chairmanship at the conference was successful, very important decisions were adopted, Qatar and Bangladesh became full members of the CICA. He said that the summit is focused on the international security issues in the region and around the world.

Ahmet Davutoglu, who previously chaired the organization, said this meeting provides great support for addressing security issues in the region, inhabited by 4 billion people.

Emphasizing the opportunities of the meeting for the adoption of a new concept in terms of security, Ahmet Davutoglu also touched upon the organization's relations with other international organizations. The Turkish FM noted that China will chair the council till 2016.

President Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan also delivered a speech at the meeting.

The event on "Strengthening dialogue, mutual trust and collaboration to build a new Asia" was attended by more than 10 heads of state, high-ranking state and government officials, heads of international and regional organizations.

The CICA was initiated by Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The first and second summits were held in 2002 and 2006 in Almaty, and the third summit was held in 2010 in Istanbul. The organization has 24 members, including Azerbaijan.

The Shanghai Summit Declaration was adopted.

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