

Anniversary means more responsibility

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Dear readers, you are holding the 30th edition of IRS-Heritage magazine in your hands. This may not be a particularly high figure, but throughout the seven years we have always realized the responsibility we have for promoting Azerbaijan's material and cultural heritage in the world. Our team has been doing its best to live up to your expectations and make the magazine an interesting and valuable publication. Let me also mention that the Russian-language version of IRS is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year. Over these years, we have been published in 15 languages. Our latest edition has also been published in Amharic in Ethiopia - IRS-ጥርስ. We have plans to further expand our readership in the coming years. I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate our valued readers and team on the occasion of these anniversaries.

In contrast to the usual tradition, I would like to announce the stories we will be covering in our future editions. Over the last several years, Azerbaijan and its capital Baku have been hosting a number of high-profile sporting events. The Fourth Islamic Solidarity Games are being held in Baku for the first time this year. Baku will also play host to the next Formula-1 Grand Prix event this summer. These are the stories we will be covering extensively in our next edition.

Azerbaijan will be marking a very important anniversary next year. The first parliamentary republic of the Muslim East, the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic, is turning 100 next year. We have published numerous stories on this subject, but starting from this edition we are launching a series of publications under the heading of "Azerbaijan Democratic Republic – 100". So, as usual, do stay with us!